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School Times:

8.55am—3.15pm

Nursery:

Morning: 8.45-
11.45am

Afternoon: 12.15—
3.15pm

Term Dates:

Monday 15th
April—Friday 19th
July

**Remaining PD
Days:**

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

Return to school:

Tuesday 3rd Sep-
tember

**PD Days for 2024-
2025:**

Mon 2nd Sept

Fri 25th Oct

Thurs 20th Feb

Fri 21st Feb

Mon 21st July

Dear parents and carers,

We were so lucky to have a gloriously sunny Sports Afternoon on Monday! Well done to Emerald who were overall winners!





Silver Rights Respecting School Award

Our Rights Respecting champions were brilliant during our recent accreditation visit! A big well done to Mrs Kirk, the champions and everyone who supports our teaching and learning about the convention on Rights of the Child.



2024 – 2027



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Important September updates



Change to school start time

In September, we will be increasing the length of our school day by 10 minutes in line with National DfE Guidance to deliver a 32.5 hour school week.

Our school day will start at **8.45am**, instead of 8.55am.

This will mean the whistle on the key stage one and two playgrounds will be blown at 8.45am, and children will be brought in at this time. This will be followed by a 10 minute window to complete registers and will mean that anyone arriving after 8.55am will be marked as late.

The door next to the nursery classroom, for Nursery and Reception children, will also be opened at 8.45am.

We will use this extra time in school for academic purpose such as reading, spelling practice, mindfulness activities, times tables practice or fluency activities.

Attendance legislation Changes

New legislation comes into force from August 19th 2024. These changes will affect all unauthorised absence after this date.

Please note that we cannot authorise holidays during term time.

The following changes will be made:

- 10 sessions (equivalent of 5 days) of unauthorised absence over a longer time period—increased from 8 to 10 weeks—is referred to the Local Authority
- The number of penalty notices that can be issued to a parent, in respect of the same child, will be two penalty notices within a 3-year period, before proceeding for prosecution.
- Schools can still refer to the Local Authority, even when parents have not requested Leave of Absence, where there is knowledge of a 10 session holiday taken in term time.
- The penalty increases from £120 to £160 (if paid within 28 days) or £60 to £80 (if paid within 21 days) for the first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of the same child in a 3-year period.
- Any second penalty notice, issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date that the first penalty notice was issued, increases to £160 to be paid within 28 days. No discount is offered.
- Further absences will proceed for prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty was issued.
- There will be systems to transfer notice of penalties between schools and local authorities.
- Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance?scrybrkr=a3339ffc>



Stockton School Partnership Sports Awards

A huge well done to Will and Rosie, who both collected awards for Y6 Sports Personality of the year at an event on Tuesday. They were nominated for their positive outlooks, sporting capabilities and team work!



RIGHTS RESPECTING READ

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

As part of our work on being a SILVER Rights Respecting School, we would like to share with you our 'Article of the Week'. This week in school, we have revisited three articles from the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children were superb when talking about what these articles mean to them. The articles we have revisited are Article 17, 24 and 31.





Achievements

We love to celebrate children's achievements, including those outside of school. Please let us know if your child does something that makes you proud!

Aanya S in Y6	Achieved her Red Belt in Kickboxing—Fabulous!
Oliver H in Y2	Completed Level 4 at swimming and his 20m certificate—Excellent!
Casey C in Y5	Took part in a swimming gala at the weekend, achieving: Bronze 50m Breaststroke Bronze 50m Backstroke Bronze 200m individual medley Gold 100m freestyle Gold 50m freestyle Amazing job, Casey!
Y3 swimmers	5m—Fynn, Alexa, Christie 10m—Ryan, Freddie, Alex, Ava, Eleanor, Ella H-J, Evelyn B-L, Franklin, Felicity and Max 25m—Sophia, Olivia, Norman, Luca, Holly K, Holly I, Harry, Georgia, Freya, Ali, Ella F and Emma L3—Christie and Alexa L4—Felicity, Franklin, Ella H-J, Eleanor, Ava, Alex, Freddie, Fynn, Max and Ryan L6—Evelyn B-L, Sophia, Emma, Ella F, Ali, Freya, Georgia, Harry, Holly I, Holly K, Luca, Olivia and Norman
Isla H and Zarina F in Y6	Attended a football tournament in Trimdon, with their team TIBS. They went unbeaten throughout and won the tournament! This follows winning the TJFA league for the season—Super!
Rosie H in Y6	Rosie has gained a place in the South Durham & Cleveland U13 County Player Development Programme—Amazing!





Awards given in Celebration Assembly this week....

Levendale Goal— Pupil Voice

Y1	Alex G
Y2	Finley R
Y3	Freddie S
Y4	Lucas T
Y5	Sienna D
Y6	All of Year 6!



Maths Stars

Y1	Ada W
Y2	Jacob T
Y3	Emma A
Y4	Amelia K
Y5	Holly R



English Award

Y1	Bonnie G
Y2	Oliver H
Y3	Christie D
Y4	Lillie-Mae N
Y5	Leo D





Attendance

'Class of the Week' celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class, across the term, will get a treat they can negotiate with their teacher! **Well done to Year 1 this week!**

Attendance	Winners
Reception	2
Year 1	3
Year 2	3
Year 3	4
Year 4	5
Year 5	5
Year 6	1

Times Table Rockstars

Each week, we will be looking for Stars of the Week, dependent on time spent of TTRS, accuracy, coins earned and improvements! Winning children will be able to choose between a TTRS pencil or badge!



	TTRS Star of the week
KS1	Jacob T in Y2
Lower KS2	Amelia K in Y4
Upper KS2	Thomas C in Y5

Team Captains

Our team captains counted our team points this week, well done to **Ruby** who won this week!

We keep a score and the winning team each term will get a reward!

Teams	Captains	Winners
Emerald	Mila R	2
Topaz	Sam M	4
Sapphire	Rosie H	3
Ruby	Roukaia N and Sophia F	3



Diary of Events

We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

More information will be provided, closer to the time of events.

Date	Event
16/07/24	Discos after school—All pick ups at front of school
18/07/24	Y6 Leavers performance to parents 2pm
19/07/24	PTA Non-uniform—Break the rules day!

All children are to be dropped off and collected unless parents are volunteering or have prior permission to walk home.

LEVENDALE
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SUMMER DISCO

TUESDAY, 16TH JULY 2024

RECEPTION, Y1, Y2
6 PM TO 7 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 5:45 PM)

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
7:15 PM TO 8:15 PM

ADMISSION £2.50
INCLUDES DRINK, BISCUIT
&
PARTY GOODIES



July Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Hannah B, Alfie C, Jessica F, Harry F, Kennie G, Jack H, Ellis L, Amelia L, Oliver L, Layla and Lottie M, Henry M, Chester M-M, Frankie N, Ava N, Sophia R and Emily R

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Will C, Seb D, Oliver Hi, William H and Oliver Hu

AGED 8-13

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FOR ALL MUSIC ABILITIES & NON-PLAYERS

WED 24th
THUR 25th
FRI 26th
JULY



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