

LEVENDALE PRIMARY

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SCHOOL TIMES

8.45am - 3.15pm

Nursery:

8.45am - 11.45am

12.30pm - 3.30pm

Wraparound:

7.45am - 8.45am

3.15pm - 4.30pm

3.15pm - 6.00pm

TERM DATES

Tues 2nd Sep - Fri 19th Dec

Remaining PD Days:

Mon 5th Jan

Mon 20th July

Tues 21st July

PE DAYS

Rec/Y1: Wed and Fri

Y1/2: Mon and Fri

Y3: Mon and Tues

Y4: Tues and Wed

Y5: Thurs and Fri

Y6: Tues and Thurs

Dear parents and carers,

A really busy week, with children working really hard and lots of Christmas fun!

A big thank you to those who joined us at the Church on Monday, our year 6 children were fantastic and all children sang beautifully!

Thank you to our amazing PTA volunteers for your hard work organising and running the Christmas Family night. It was a great event and appreciated by everyone.

Staffing update

As you may be aware, Mrs. Kirk, our lovely year 6 teacher, and Mrs. Priestley, our wonderful nursery Teaching Assistant, have both made the difficult decision to leave us at the end of the term, to spend more time with their families.

From January, we will have some new faces on our staff team:

Mr. Goad as Year 5 teacher;

Mrs. Stuart as a teaching assistant working in Key Stage 2;

Miss. Birtwhistle as a teaching assistant in nursery.



Children enjoyed the Reindeer Run today!



Reception were amazing during their nativity this week!



Wraparound enjoyed Beans on Toast for breakfast!



Thank you to Conyers students, who performed for Key Stage two pupils on brass instruments this week, including ex-pupils Alice, Evie and Charlie!



Christmas Parties – information for next week!

Please can your child bring in their own packed tea on their party day – No nuts please, e.g. sandwich, crisps and a biscuit/cake.

They may come in party clothes that day but please ensure they are wearing clothes and shoes suitable for outdoor play.

Nursery – Tues a.m.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Wed p.m.

Y5 and Y6 Thurs a.m.

Y3 and Y4 Thurs p.m.

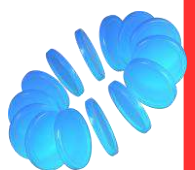
Advent Calendar

Children chosen for having excellent behaviour for Mrs. Lewis' advent calendar! I will catch up with them on Monday!

6 th Dec	Erin B in Reception
7 th Dec	Isla M-J in Y1
8 th Dec	Milo G in Y2
9 th Dec	Alex G in Y3
10 th Dec	Charlie E in Y4
11 th Dec	Scarlett H in Y5
12 th Dec	Hannah S in Y6

TESCO stronger starts

Our application for funding to develop our Early Years Garden has been selected as a project for tokens in Tesco stores at Yarm/Egglescliffe, TS16 0PE and Ingleby Barwick Superstore, TS17 0WA. This will be from the first week in October until mid-January, so please vote for us!



Nursery out in their puddle suits!



ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Ada W in Y3	Won a special award for being 'Most Fearless' at her gymnastics presentation evening – fabulous!
Elizabeth C in Y3	Won two Tennis tournaments last weekend winning two trophies – What a star!
Georgia G in Y4	Achieved 3 badges at Brownies – excellent!
Jayati G in Y6	Competed in a swimming gala and won 2 nd place in front, back and butterfly, and 4 th in breaststroke- amazing!

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'. Each week in school, we discuss an article from the Convention on the Rights of the Child with the children and what this means to them. This week, we have looked at three articles: Article 19, 20 and 21.



Article 19, 20 and 21

Governments must protect children from violence.

When children can't be looked after by their own family, they deserve the right to be looked after properly by other people who respect them.



Happy Birthday month to: Esme B, Olivia B, Frankie B, Ali C, Ava C, Alfie C, Oliver C, Noreen E, Grace G, Lucas G-M, Scarlett H, Lila H, Amelia K, Holly K, Paul M, Aoife P, Adriano R-C and Alisha S

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 3 this week!



Class	Attendance Winners
Rec/Y1	1
Y1/2	3
Y3	2
Y4	4
Y5	2
Y6	1

TEAM CAPTAINS

Our team captains count our team points each week and the winning team was Sapphire! Each term, the overall winners will get a reward! **It's very close going into the final week!!**

Teams	Captains	Winners
Emerald	Hannah S	4
Topaz	Sam R	3
Sapphire	Jayati G	3
Ruby	Amara M	3



Lower Key stage 2	Henry M
Upper Key Stage 2	Oliver L

AWARDS IN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

LEVENDALE GOAL: Pupil Voice



Rec/Y1	All of Year 1!
Y1/2	Evelyn G
Y3	Jack B
Y4	Jessica F
Y5	Ryan H
Y6	Annabelle S



MATHS STARS

Rec/Y1	All of Year 1!
Y1/2	Olivia K
Y3	Orla Sh
Y4	Henry M
Y5	Georgia G
Y6	Henry M



ENGLISH AWARD

Rec/Y1	All of Reception!
Y1/2	Izzy R
Y3	Chester M-M
Y4	Harry H
Y5	Paddy L
Y6	Bertie R



DIARY OF EVENTS

Date	Event
w/b 15/12/25	Christmas Party Week: Nursery – Tues a.m.; Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Wed pm; Y5 and Y6 Thurs am; Y3 and Y4 Thurs pm
16/12/25	Dick Whittington Panto at Levendale funded by the PTA
19/12/25	Last day: children may come in non-uniform and Festive clothing!
Mon 5 th January	PD children- closed to children
Tues 6 th January	Return to school

Winter Gritting Plan



In the event of icy or snowy conditions, the following routes will be gritted, in order of priority.

In extreme conditions, such as a lot of snow, it may be that only priority one and two would be open for access to the school.

Please stick to the gritted paths only, in icy conditions.

Please do not arrive school before 8.40am, particularly on rainy and icy days as due to wraparound we are unable to bring children into the main areas of school.

