

# 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,



We have begun our Christmas festivities in school and Early Bird children decorated our Hall tree beautifully!

On Wednesday, Reception will entertain parents and carers in their Christmas Play at 2.15pm.

On Thursday, Year 4 invite parents to watch their Egyptian Dance, at 9.30am.

On Thursday, between 3.15 – 4.00pm, please come into school and purchase our Christmas Crafts made by the children. Those in wraparound, or not able to attend may bring in money to buy their items. We will also have a cake stall – donations welcome next week! Funds raised will go towards art supplies for the children.



On Friday morning, our amazing PTA are hosting Secret Santa Shop, where children can buy gifts for their loved ones for £4 using the pre-payment form, which you should have received.

## Ralphy, our Right Respecting Mascot!

Ralphy is having a wonderful time going home with members of our Levendale family and enjoying lots of different adventures whilst helping to share information about children's rights!

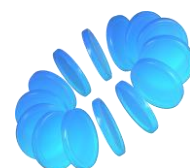


### Christmas Jumpers

Any jumpers that are too small this year?! We will take any pre-loved Christmas Jumpers to pass onto others. Please send them to the office, thanks!

### 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!





**Year 3 have enjoyed creating asymmetrical balances in PE!**



**Year 5 worked brilliantly as a team and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Athletics Competition!**





## DURACELL BUNNY BATTERY COMPETITION

Green Team are collecting used batteries to be recycled up until 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025. If you have any laying around at home, please bring them in to school and give them to the class teacher or drop them into the box in the main entrance!



They can be any battery,  
not just Duracell!



### Prizes on offer:

- A visit from the iconic Duracell Bunny to host an Easter recycling workshop at your school.
- A personalised certificate for your winning pupil(s).
- Plus, one of 10 £30 Amazon vouchers just for you!

National Schools Partnership is running 'The Big Battery Hunt' again this year and this time, we are joining in! They are offering the above prizes for the school who collect the most batteries.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Sadie P in Y6	Came 4 <sup>th</sup> in a gymnastics competition – Well done!
Ada W in Y3	Competed in her first gymnastics tumbling competition and came 2nd – Brilliant!
Priya T in Y3	Came 1 <sup>st</sup> in an Acro competition – Excellent!
Harriet C in Y3	Was Star of the Week at dancing – Fabulous!
Charlie E in Y4	Most Valuable Times Tables Rockstar Player
Jacob T in Y4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Valuable Times Tables Rockstars Player

## 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 Article 42.



Governments should actively tell children and adults about the convention so that everyone knows about children's rights.



Happy Birthday month to:

Louie A, Harry C, Olivia D, Leon D, Ayesha F, Millie H, Olivia K, Anna K, Evie K, Beau L, Isla M-J, Zara P, Georgia R, Norman R, Finley R, Harriet Sh, and Lucas T

## 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 6 this week!



Class	Attendance Winners
Rec/Y1	1
Y1/2	3
Y3	1
Y4	2
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!

Teams	Captains	Winners
Emerald	Lucas G-M	4
Topaz	Samuel D	3
Sapphire	Sienna T	2
Ruby	Aria McC	2



Lower Key stage 2	Charlie E in Y4
Upper Key Stage 2	Harry C in Y5

## AWARDS IN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

### LEVENDALE GOAL: Respect



Rec/Y1	Alex M
Y1/2	Aoife P
Y3	Ada W
Y4	Leah H
Y5	Ava C
Y6	Samuel R



### MATHS STARS

Rec/Y1	Aidan S
Y1/2	Eva M
Y3	Freya L
Y4	Jacob T
Y5	Max R
Y6	Eva D



### ENGLISH AWARD

Rec/Y1	Ethan S
Y1/2	Skye R
Y3	Lincoln W
Y4	Sam Th
Y5	Eleanor L
Y6	Olivia L



## DIARY OF EVENTS

Date	Event
02/12/25	Levendale Lyricals at Snappy Christmas Event
02/12/25	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visit to the Arc – A town called Christmas
03/12/25	Reception children only: Christmas Production to parents - 2.15pm
04/12/25	Year 4 Class Assembly for parents - Egyptian Dance 9.30am
04/12/25	Class Christmas Crafts Sale – Cake donations welcome! 3.15pm – 4.00pm Children have made Christmas crafts to sell after school!
05/12/25	PTA Secret Santa Shop – children can buy Christmas presents for loved ones!
Sun 07/12/25	Y5 and Y6 pupils from Levendale Lyricals singing at Lighting of Yarm Christmas Tree
08/12/25	Y1 to Y6: Carols at the Church 5.45 - 6.30pm – Everyone invited!
09/12/25	Nursery Craft Afternoon for children and parents: 2.00 – 3.00pm
10/12/25	Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas jumpers/non-uniform welcome!!
10/12/25	PTA Family Christmas Night: 6.00 – 7.30pm
11/12/25	All Y1s (from both classes) and Y2 Christmas Production to parents - 2pm and 5.30pm
12/12/25	Reindeer Walk
w/b 15/12/25	Christmas Party Week: YR, Y1 and Y2 – Wed pm; Y5/6 Thurs am; Y3/4 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!

### Get festive with Stockton Sparkles

Start your Christmas celebrations with the Stockton Sparkles Launch on Thursday 27 November. From 5pm, Stockton High Street will come alive with festive fun, live music and the dazzling light switch-on. The celebrations continue with a Weekend with Santa on 29–30 November, the Christmas Market and free Victorian Fair from 5–7 December, and the magical Lantern Parade on Sunday 7 December at 4pm. For more information visit **Stockton Sparkles**.





## 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.

