

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> Jan- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Half term: 23-27/02/26

Remaining PD Days:  
Mon 20th July  
Tues 21st July

## PE DAYS

Rec/Y1: Thurs and Fri  
Y1/2: Tues and Fri  
Y3: Mon and Tues  
Y4: Wed and Thurs  
Y5: Tues and Thurs  
Y6: Wed and Thurs

Dear parents and carers,

This week, children in Mrs. Stonehouse's class cooked pancakes on an open fire! They have also been learning about Lunar New Year, tasting Chinese food and using pastels to create artwork of fire horses, to celebrate the year of the Horse.



**Year 1/2 have worked hard during their Art Unit 'Stick Transformations!' They have created pieces including stick people and miniature tree houses! Thank you to our grown-up helpers!**



## World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to come dressed as a book character or with a link to a book. It is the National Year of Reading and teachers have some wonderful activities planned for the week - we can't wait to have lots of fun! Next week, children in KS1 and KS2 will be coming home with challenges to take part in!

Reading has so many benefits, including opportunities to learn about the world, other people's points of view and to learn new vocabulary. Being able to read well has direct links to achievement in school so please keep reading at home!

We will also have the Scholastic Book fair that week, with purchases earning money for the school to buy books.

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5 MARCH 2026

## Golden Anniversary Celebration Week: 16-20<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating our school turning 50 this academic year. We hope to have lots of activities for the children to take part in to make it a memorable event. We are going to focus on learning about the 70s including in Music, Art and History.

### Dress-up

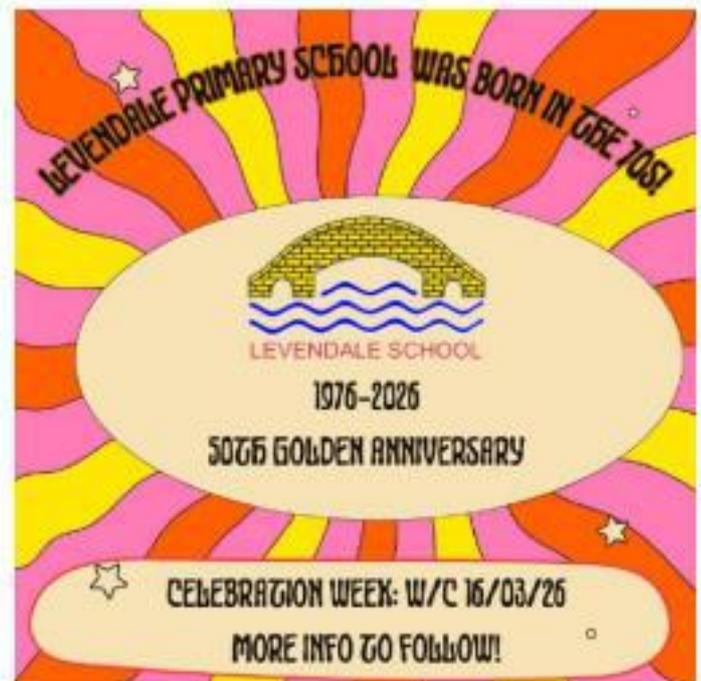
We invite the children to dress up in 70s attire (anything goes!) on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, please make sure it's suitable for outdoor play, including shoes! *We are also planning a surprise to share with people who collect at home time that day!*

### Coffee morning

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, pupils in Y6 will also host a coffee morning in the hall for parents from 9.00am-10.00am, which you are welcome to attend. Cake donations welcome!

### Memories of Levendale

Do you know any past pupils who attended Levendale? We invite them to share a photograph, story or memory with us – please send them to our school email: [levendale@levendale.org.uk](mailto:levendale@levendale.org.uk)



# Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Durham Oriental Museum on Thursday!



Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a netball competition and had a great time! They showed excellent teamwork and determination. Year 5 qualified for the next round – Well done!



# 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!

Elizabeth C in Y3	Got a Gold medal for coming 1 <sup>st</sup> in a Tennis tournament – excellent!
Georgia G in Y5	Was chosen to take home Brownie Bear for the week – great!
Harriet Sh in Y2	Was player of the day at football – Well done!
Izzy R in Y2	Got outstanding star of the week at Spark Sports Conyers – Amazing!

A fantastic effort by children in Mrs. Stonehouse’s class who took part in a home reading challenge. Keep up the AMAZING work!



Happy Birthday month to: George A, Emma A, Felicity A, Jack B, Jayati G, Rasan H, Ella H-J, Edie H, Holly I, Olivia L, Nriti N-R, Jaime N, Maria O-L, Priya T and Freddie W.

## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

As per Government legislation from August 2024, a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays during term time.



- Where a pupil misses 10 sessions (equivalent of 5 school days) that are unauthorised within a 10 week period, this will be referred to the Local Authority for a penalty, per child, per parent.
- Penalties charges are £160 (within 28 days), per child, per parent, or £80 (within 21 days) per child, per parent – this price reduction applies for only the first penalty notice within a three-year period.
- Any second penalty notice, within a three-year period, issued to the same parent, for the same child, will be £160 per parent and child.
- The number of penalty notices that can be issued per child is two, within a three-year period, before proceeding for prosecution at a Magistrate Court.

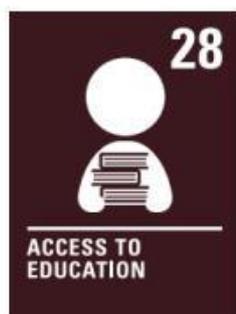
## PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

A reminder that ball games and sports equipment are not allowed on the school playgrounds before and after school times. This is because there are too many people walking through or standing waiting, including with young children, and it is not safe for them. We really appreciate parental support on this, thank you.

### 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 28.



#### Article 28

Children have the right to an education.

This is a right which a lot of the classes have chosen to be a part of their class charters.

## ATTENDANCE

'Class of the week' celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class, across the term, will get a treat! Well done to Y4 this week!



Class	Attendance Winners
Rec/Y1	1
Y1/2	0
Y3	2
Y4	1
Y5	1
Y6	1

## TEAM CAPTAINS

Our team captains count our team points each week and the winning team was Topaz!  
Each term, the overall winners will get a reward.

Teams	Captains	Winners
Emerald	Bertie R	2
Topaz	Andrew S	3
Sapphire	Oliver L	0
Ruby	Theo J	1



Lower Key stage 2	Eli G-M in Y3
Upper Key Stage 2	Norman R in Y5

# AWARDS IN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



## LEVENDALE GOAL: Independence

Rec/Y1	Emiliya B
Y1/2	Hannah B
Y3	Freya L
Y4	Olivia B
Y5	All of Year 5!
Y6	Bertie R



## MATHS STARS

Rec/Y1	Eleanor C
Y1/2	Sara E
Y3	Amber D
Y4	Zayden M
Y5	Franklin M
Y6	Theo J



## ENGLISH AWARD

Rec/Y1	Florrie W
Y1/2	Henry B
Y3	Tom P
Y4	Arlo P
Y5	Max R
Y6	Aria McC



## DIARY OF EVENTS

Date	Event
Thursdays	Weekly SATS Booster Sessions for Y6 – collect from main office 4.30pm
w/c 02/03/26	Bungalow demolition continues Parking around school may be affected, please consider local residents
w/c 02/03/26	Reading Week and World Book Day (05/03/06) Children may dress up for World Book Day, please make sure they have sensible shoes and clothes for outdoor play.  Scholastic book fair – 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March
03/03/26	Y6 Baking – 9-11am – parents invited to support
06/03/26	Y4 Pizza Making – 1-2.30pm - parents invited to support
10/03/26	Y5 Boys' Football final
w/c 16/03/26	Levendale Golden Anniversary – 70s 20/03/26 Dress-up, theme day , Y6 hosting coffee morning for parents 9am 3.15pm-3.30pm Surprise event in KS2 playground! More info later!
16/03/26	PTA adult after-school event: Sound bath
18/03/26	Mobile Library
26/03/26	Y5 Pupil Ambassadors visit Chandlers Ridge
26/03/26	Y5 Planet Making event
27/03/26	MND Stockton-Wide Walk for Motor Neurone disease, more info to follow
01/04/26	Mrs. Stonehouse's class: Easter Crafts
01/04/26	April fool – school dinner!
01/04/26	Singing event – Stockton Globe
02/04/26	Y3 parents invited to support DT
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last Day before Easter, non-uniform day – return Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April

# 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.

