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17th November 2023

### School Times:

8.55am—3.15pm

### Nursery:

Morning: 8.45-  
11.45am

Afternoon: 12.15—  
3.15pm

### Term Dates:

Tues 5th Septem-  
ber to Tues 19th  
December

### Remaining PD Days:

Fri 16th Feb

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

## Dear parents and carers,

We had an exciting afternoon today, watching the Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, organised by our brilliant PTA. The children really enjoyed it!



## Well done to Mrs Carlton!

We are extremely proud of Mrs Carlton, the Executive Head Teacher of Bewley and Kirklevington Primary Schools, within The 1590 Trust.

This week, on 'The One Show' she was announced as 'Headteacher of the Year in a Primary School' in the National Pearson's award. What an amazing achievement!

You can see the video link on our Twitter/X— @LevendalePri

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NATIONAL  
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AWARDS

The Award for  
HEADTEACHER OF THE YEAR  
IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOLD AWARD



## **Christmas Carols at Mary Magdalene Yarm—Mon 4th Dec**

Save the date: Monday 4th December, 5.45—6.45pm!

The children may come dressed in 'party' clothes/Christmas jumpers for this event.

## **Christmas Parties in school**

The week beginning 11th December, each class will be having a Christmas Party.

Children may wear non-uniform or 'party' clothes on this day.

They can bring with them their own party snacks—we suggest a sandwich, packet of crisps and a cake/biscuit. They can bring an additional drink or use their water bottle.

Please no sweets or fizzy drinks. They will get some sweets at the party.

For those entitled to free school meals, please send an email to [Levendale@levendale](mailto:Levendale@levendale) asking for a party meal, if required. (This is additional to their normal school lunch)



Nursery and Reception	Tuesday 12th December—Morning
Year 1 and 2	Wednesday 13th December—Afternoon
Year 3 and 4	Tuesday 12th December—Afternoon
Year 5 and 6	Thursday 14th December—Afternoon

## **Christmas Craft Sale—Tues 5th Dec**

On Tuesday 5th December, at 3.15—4.00 pm, we will be holding a Craft sale in school.

The children are busy making festive items and we will also have a cake stall.

Donations of cakes on the day, would be appreciated!

On this day, we will let the children out, as normal, at home time and then invite you to pop in and see what each class has been up to.



## **Reindeer Walk—Wed 13th Dec**

Our Sponsored Walk in aid of Teesside Hospice will take place on Wednesday 13th December. Children will walk around the Levendale Estate. Early Years and KS1 will walk approximately 1km while KS2 will walk 2km. We would love your child to get as many people to sponsor them as they can. Please return your sponsorship form with the money by Monday, 10th December.



## Holidays are Fun—bookings are live

All school aged children from Reception to Year 11, who live in Stockton-on-Tees and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are eligible to take up a place for holiday activities, including a meal, over the School holidays.

Family Hubs are running a craft session followed by panto at Billingham Forum –

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/5816/Holidays-Are-Fun-HAF-Programme>

21<sup>st</sup> December. Currently, there are quite a few spaces available for Thornaby Families. Eligible families must contact the Hub direct on 01642 528525 to book spaces.

## Supporting our families

We are always keen to support charities but recognise that this can be a financial burden on parents.

We would like you to know that our charity work is entirely optional and children are always included in our events, irrelevant of donations.

Children from low income families are also able to apply to Stockton for Free School meals:

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/article/2540/Apply-for-free-school-meals>

## Stockton Council: Donate to the Christmas Gift

We have a box in our main entrance for donations for a Stockton Council run charity 'The Christmas Gift.' This is aimed at vulnerable people and families across the borough.

Donations can include:

- Toiletries (sets) and sanitary products
- lip balm
- hats, scarves and gloves
- alarm clocks and other gifts
- chocolates, biscuits and sweets
- \* shampoo and conditioner
- \* socks and slippers
- \* hairbrushes and accessories
- \* toothpaste and toothbrush
- \* hand cream

## Christmas Jumper Day—Thurs 7th Dec

On Thursday 7th December, for a donation of £1 towards 'Save the Children', children can wear a Christmas Jumper, including one hand-decorated!

A prize will be given to two children in each class for the most original Christmas Jumpers.

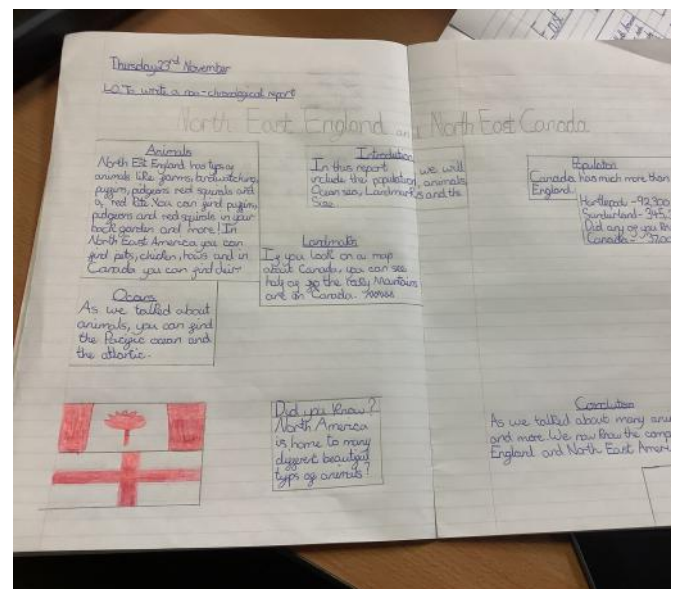
This will also be Christmas Dinner Day in school.

If you have any pre-loved Christmas Jumpers that are no longer needed, please send them in to school.





In Geography, Year 5 have been learning about Northern America and comparing it to the North East of England. In English, the children have written a report comparing the two regions.



## National Campaign—The Big Ambition

The Children's commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza, is hosting a national campaign to ensure children have their voices heard, in every part of the country.

There is a survey that children or parents can complete:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

## Anyone have a spare Christmas Tree?

Some of the Teachers have asked if anyone has any spare Christmas Trees or decorations that they no longer want, to refresh some of the older ones that we put up in our classrooms! Please send them in to the office, if so!

## Stockton-on-Tees Residents survey

Message from Stockton Council:

We have recently launched our Stockton-on-Tees Residents Survey and we want to hear from residents who live within Stockton-on-Tees. Your views and input will help to shape the future of our Borough and ensure it is a great place for everyone to live and work.

You can complete the survey online below or collect a paper copy from a library. Don't forget to get your friends and family to take part too! The closing date is 5th January 2024.

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and there's a space at the end for you to leave your contact details to be involved in further conversations.

[Residents can complete the survey online here.](#)



*'Be the Best that you can be.'* Come and join us!

Places available for children, aged 3 and 4, in our creative and welcoming Nursery.



"Pupils have an enthusiasm for school that greets you when you enter the building. They feel safe, happy and enjoy coming to school." Ofsted, July 2023



Contact the school office to arrange a visit or for an application pack.

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Year 2 had a fantastic active afternoon at the multi-sports festival on Tuesday. They enjoyed parachute games, hula hooping, martial arts, tennis, gymnastics and relay races! Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for joining in as well!





## 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!

A huge well done this week! Fantastic achievements!

Mila R, in Y6

Achieved a medal for performing at a dance competition and a trophy for her overall Jazz performance—amazing!

Lucas M in Y1  
And Zoe M in Y5

Achieved their Rise Explore core skills  
Lucas achieved Level 1 and Zoe Level 3—Well done!

## PTA events

**Christmas Hamper Raffle**—From Monday 28th November and at the Christmas Family night, you can buy a raffle ticket for £1 strip/20p ticket.

**Elfridges**— On Friday 1st December a.m. children can pick gifts for family and friends for £3 each, they will be wrapped for the children.

Prepayment needs to be made, which can be done via the The Levendale School PTA bank account or by sending money into school in a named envelope. Please complete the prepayment form on the letter sent home by the PTA.

**Christmas Family night**—On Monday 11th December 6.00pm to 7.30pm, there will be refreshments, stalls and games and an opportunity to visit Santa. Donations of bottles from Friday 1st December—from Wine to Washing up liquid—appreciated!

Donations of cakes and bakes can be brought into school on Monday 11th December.

**Christmas non-uniform day**—Tuesday 19th December, for a donation of £1.



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## November Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Alice A, Harry C, Leon D, Ayesha F, Yassin F, Hugo K, Livvy K, Anna K, Beau L, Isla M-J, Ali N, Roukaia N, Georgia R, Norman R, Finley R, Harriet S and Lucas T.

## Awards given in Celebration Assembly this week....



### Levendale Goals—Aspirations

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Chester M-M</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Matilda M</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Holly I</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Olivia L</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>George S</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Rhys T</b>



### Maths Stars

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Beau L</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Ellie B</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Luca D and Norman R</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Samuel R</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Ella K</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Joshua H</b>



### English Award

<b>Y1</b>	<b>Orla S</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Melody B-L</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Alexa S</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Esme B</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Sienna D</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Isla H</b>





## 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 again this week!**

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

## Times Table Rockstars

A huge well done to our winners this week...



<b>Most improved</b>	<b>Franklin M in Y3</b>
<b>Highest Earner</b>	<b>Ava N in Y5</b>
<b>Star of the Week</b>	<b>Emma A in Y3</b>

## Team Captains

Our team captains counted our team points this week and the winning team were Emerald!

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

Teams	Captains	Winners
<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Ellis L</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Topaz</b>	<b>Jack P</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>Rosie H</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Benjamin H</b>	<b>2</b>



## Diary of Events

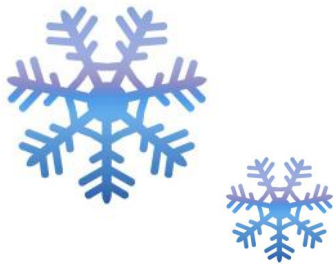
We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

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

Date	Event
28/11/23	Pupil Ambassadors from other schools visit Levendale, hosted by Ella and Sulaiman
29/11/23	Y6 Indoor Athletics Finals
29/11/23	Phototronics in school a.m.
30/11/23	EY Christmas performance to parents—10am and 2pm
01/12/23	Elfridges Christmas Shop—PTA event
04/12/23	Christmas Carols at Mary Magdalene, Yarm Church, Westgate—Y1 to Y6: children and families 5.45pm-6.45pm
05/12/23	Y4 parents invited to come and watch their Egyptian Dance 10.25-10.45am
05/12/23	Christmas craft sale (made by the children) 3.15pm—4.00pm
06/12/23	Y1/2 Christmas performance to parents—2pm and 5.30pm
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day 'Save the children' Charity.
07/12/23	Christmas Dinner
11/12/23	PTA Christmas Family Night
w/b 11/12/23	Christmas Parties in school
13/12/23	Reindeer Walk for Teesside Hospice—a.m.
15/12/23	Choir 'Levendale Lyricals' at Snappy Christmas Event
19/12/23	Last Day before Christmas Break—Non-uniform Day Christmas Jumpers optional!



## 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 school.

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

