



Levendale Primary School

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Yarm

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School Times:

8.45am—3.15pm

Nursery:

Morning: 9.00-
12.00am

Afternoon: 12.00—
3.00pm

Term Dates:

Tues 3rd Sept—Fri
20th Dec

**Remaining PD
Days:**

Thurs 20th Feb

Fri 21st Feb

Mon 21st July

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NEWSLETTER: 11

22nd November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Our Y5 and Y6 girls played wonderfully at the Conyers Girls Cup Football competition. All three teams demonstrated teamwork, resilience and encouragement throughout.

Levendale United didn't concede a goal across all five matches, won the semi-final and then went on to win in the final! They have made it through to the next round of the competition. Fantastic playing girls!



Christmas Jumpers

We will take any unwanted, pre-loved Christmas Jumpers to pass on to others. Please send them to the office, thanks!



It's the most wonderful time of the year....!



Christmas Event at the Church

We are pleased to invite everyone to our whole school production at Yarm Church (St Mary Magdalen, TS15 9QT) on Monday 9th December, to start at 5.45pm. Our amazing Y6 will be leading our Christmas Event and children from Y1 to Y6 will be singing some wonderful Christmas Songs to get us in the festive spirit! The event will last about an hour and children can come in Christmas Jumpers/non-uniform.

Year one and two Performance

Y1 and 2 parents are invited to their Christmas Performance on Tuesday 3rd December at 2pm and 5.30pm. Children should come back to school for 5.15pm.

Nursery and Reception Performance

Early Years Parents are invited to our Nursery and Reception Performance on Friday 13th December at 10am and 2.00pm.



Christmas Parties

Children will have Christmas Parties at the end of Term. They may bring in their own snacks and come in non-uniform on the day.



Nursery and Reception	Tuesday 17th December a.m.
Year 1 and 2	Thursday 19th December p.m.
Year 3 and 4	Monday 16th December p.m.
Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 18th December p.m.

Christmas Crafts Sale

Classes are busy making Christmas treats to sell straight after school on Thursday 12th December. Parents and carers are welcome to come into school at home time. We will also have a cake stall and donations would be welcome on that day.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

We will have Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 10th December. Children who normally stay for packed lunch can pay for a meal that day if they wish to, on Arbor. We invite children to wear Christmas jumpers/non-uniform too.

Panto

The PTA have kindly paid for us to have a Panto in school, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th December.

Non-uniform Day

Friday 20th December is the last day of term children are invited to come in non-uniform. They don't need to make a donation for this. Christmas jumpers and attire welcome!



PTA Christmas Activities



Christmas Raffle

Tickets are on sale in school from Monday 2nd December and at the Christmas Family Night for £1 a ticket. If any of our parents/carers run a business and would like to donate a prize for the raffle please take your donations into school, thank you! The draw will take place at the Family Christmas Night.

Secret Santa Shop – Friday 6th December

This is always a favourite with the children, they can pick gifts for family and friends for £4 each.

All the gifts are pre-wrapped and labelled and profit goes to the PTA.

We are once again asking this year for you to **Pre-Pay for Gifts** using the payment slip below.

We will again be accepting cash and bank transfers to our Levendale School PTA bank account, if you are using this method to pay, please use your child's name as a reference **and** also return the slip below.

All pre-payments must be received by Friday 29th November, thank you

Family Christmas Night – Wednesday 11th December 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Join us for a lovely festive evening for all the family! Free Entry.

We will be serving glasses of chilled fizz, warm mulled wine, mince pies, tea, coffee and soft drinks alongside a selection of Christmas themed stalls and games. You can also visit Santa in his Levendale grotto!

We would appreciate if any bottles for the Bottle Tombola and Tombola Prizes can be brought into school from **Monday 2nd December**.

"Special" Non-Uniform Day – Friday 20th December

At this busy time of year, we are aware that there are a lot of requests for donations (financial and otherwise!).

Therefore, we have decided not to request a donation for our Christmas non-uniform day. The children can still come to school in clothes of their choice but, instead of requesting a donation, we are providing a special treat for each child as a "Merry Christmas & Thank You" from the PTA!

We wish you all a lovely festive break and thank you for your support!

Y4 Class Assembly

We have Y4 class assembly for Parents and Carers on:

Thursday 5th December at 2.45pm

Visitors please come to the main entrance. Please don't arrive before 2.40pm as due to the hall being in use, we can't open the doors any earlier.

Years 3 Science

Year 3 have been learning about rocks & their properties this week in science. They've looked at density, durability & if they are permeable or not.



Christmas Movie Nights

Years 1, 2 and 3



Y1, 2 and 3 movie night is **Thursday 28th November** and finishes at **4.45pm**.

Children will be watching some shorter features, including 'The Snow Man and the Snow Dog' and 'Wallace and Grommit', alongside having snacks, such as hot dogs, popcorn, crisps and sweets. Tickets are £3.50 and bookable on Arbor.

Children will be taken straight into the hall after school and should be collected at 4.45pm from:

Y1—The Y1 classroom door

Y2—The room, in between Y1 and the main entrance

Y3—The main entrance

All children must be collected by an adult.



Wraparound will be on as normal during Movie Nights

Wraparound will be on for children as usual, in all year groups, on Movie nights.

Children who wish to attend wraparound, instead of the movie night, can do so by booking on Arbor as usual.

Those who want wraparound after the movie can book on the second session on Arbor.

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancy

Come and join our caring team!

We have a vacancy for a lunch time supervisor, daily from Monday to Friday, from 12.00 to 1.00pm, term time only. Please contact the office for more details. All vacancies are subject to recruitment procedures and safeguarding checks. Please spread the word!





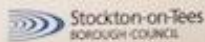
The Community Gift donation point

Thank you for your donation – please leave your gifts in the box provided.

What we need:

- Toiletries (sets) and sanitary products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Lip balm
- Hand cream
- Socks and slippers
- Hats, scarves and gloves
- Hairbrushes and accessories
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Chocolates, biscuits and sweets
- Other gifts

For more information, visit www.stockton.gov.uk/the-community-gift



RIGHTS RESPECTING READ

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

As part of our work on being a 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 they can negotiate with their teacher! **Well done to Year 1 this week!**

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

Team Captains

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

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

Teams	Captains	Winners
Emerald	Kennie G	3
Topaz	Lila C	4
Sapphire	Thomas C	2
Ruby	Gracie H	2



Lower KS2 Star	Olivia G in Y4
Upper KS2 Star	Alex K in Y6

Awards given in Celebration Assembly this week....

Levendale Goals—Healthy and Safe

Y1	Hannah B
Y2	Ada W
Y3	Evie C
Y4	Max R
Y5	Samuel D
Y6	Lottie P



Maths Stars

Y1	Leon D
Y2	Anna K
Y3	Ethan L
Y4	Ella F
Y5	Eva D
Y6	Alfie C



English Award

Y1	Aoife P
Y2	Alisha S
Y3	Adriana R-C
Y4	Harry C
Y5	Esme B
Y6	Harry F





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!

Freya L in Y2	Was Star of the Week at Gymnastics—Well done!
Harriet Sh in Y1	Achieved Artist of the Week at her Art Club—Fabulous!
Casey C in Y6	Won a trophy at a swimming gala competing in 100 IM—Excellent!
Georgia G in Y4	Got a badge at Brownies for her work on local landmarks—Super!
Elizabeth C in Y2	Won an 8 and Under Tennis tournament at Tennis World—What a star!
Sienna T in Y5	Achieved Level 8 at Ice Skating— Great job!
Evelyn in Y4 and Melody and Gabby in Yr3	Took part in a horse riding competition—Evelyn came 2nd, Melody came 5th and Gabby came 4th– Brilliant!

Board games/indoor toys

If anyone is having a clear out before Christmas, we would appreciate any donations of good quality toys, e.g. dolls and clothes, board games, jigsaws, building blocks, (no soft toys please!) for use in wraparound clubs or golden time. Many thanks!



November Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Alice A, Harry C, Leon D, Ayesha F, Yassin F, Olivia K, Anna K, Beau L, Zara P, Georgia R, Norman R, Finley R, Harriet Sh and Lucas T.



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
25/11/24	PTA: Christmas Wreath making: 6-8pm
27/11/24	Phototronics—Nursery to Y6
28/11/24	Y5 and 6 watching 'Nativity the musical'
28/11/24	Christmas movie night for Y1, 2 and 3: 3.15-4.45pm
28/11/24	PTA: Christmas Wreath making: 6-8pm
3/12/24	Y1 and 2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm and 5.30pm
11/12/24	Y1 and 2 at the Arc watching 'My Son Pinocchio' a.m.
5/12/24	Reindeer Run—a.m.
5/12/24	Y4 Class Assembly for parents to watch—2.45pm
6/12/24	PTA: Secret Santa Shop
9/12/24	Christmas Carols at the Church 5.45pm
11/12/24	PTA: Christmas Family Night 6.00-7.30pm
11/12/24	Snappy Christmas—Levendale Lyricals
12/12/24	Christmas Crafts Sale 3.30—4.30pm
13/12/24	Early Years Christmas Performance 10.00am and 2.00pm
20/12/24	Last Day before Christmas Break—non-uniform (Christmas Jumper 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.

As the school day starts at 8.45am, children should not arrive at school before 8.40am, particularly on rainy or icy days, as we are unable to bring them inside of the building, due to Early Bird Wraparound using the main areas in school.

