

LEVERINGTON



newsletter

JANUARY 2025

"January is for dreamers—the ones who believe anything is possible in the year ahead."

Welcome back to what has already been a busy Spring term! We are excited for the range of exciting opportunities we have for our children this term as well as time to invite parents in to share in our fantastic learning.

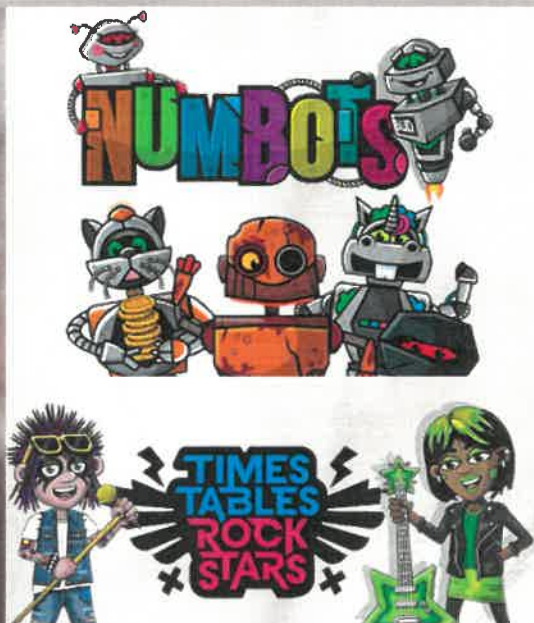
Year 4 have given Mrs Langley a warm Leverington welcome to Rauf Class and have had a wonderful start to 2025. They have been exploring stop-motion on Friday mornings in their Twenty20 workshops and welcome the team back last week for an environmental workshop. Both Mrs Langley and Mrs Webb have been amazed by their enthusiasm and engagement in these topics.

Continuing the environmental theme, a group of Year 6 children taking part in the PYE project attended a workshop with Mr Copeman to learn about the impact solar panels have on our climate as well as finances! Mr Copeman was extremely proud of their participation.

Thank you to the children, parents and staff who made a cold January evening that much brighter by taking part in our Bed Time Stories event!



whole school events this term

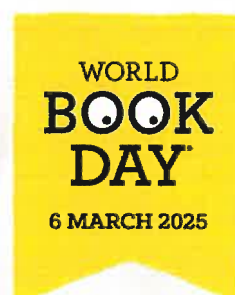


Friday 7th February is the NSPCC Number Day, which we aim to celebrate every year. This year, we are giving our day the theme of **Rock Stars and Robots** to promote the use of Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots, both in school and at home. Children are invited to dress as a robot or rock star for the day, but this is optional and we hope to see home made costumes and hairstyles to keep costs down for families.

Parents are invited into classrooms at the start of the day - from 9:00am until 9:30 - to kick start our maths day with some fun activities!

World Book Day is on **Thursday 6th March** this year. As we are passionate about reading for pleasure, we are thrilled this year's theme is 'Read your way'. Throughout the day, we will obviously be doing plenty of reading as well as book-based activities. We would like to **invite parents in at the end of the day, from 2:45pm,** to listen to a story with their child in class then spend time sharing books together.

We are very aware that fancy dress days have serious financial, time and environmental implications which is why we try to limit these and focus on the reading element of World Book Day. However, by popular demand, we have decided to celebrate book day with a fancy dress day this year. We would love to see home made costumes for our **Wear a Word** theme. We use Mrs Wordsmith resources in school to learn new vocabulary so would love children to dress as their favourite Mrs Wordsmith word. We will be sharing lists of our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 words learned this year, as well as some ideas for costumes, in the next few weeks. Keep an eye on our Dojo story for inspiration!



Diary dates...

Thursday 30th January Year 6 Young Voices concert

Friday 31st January Non-uniform day - donations of prizes for bingo night

Friday 7th February Rock Stars and Robots non-uniform maths day. Parents invited into classrooms from 9:00 - 9:30 am

Tuesday 11th February
9:15am School Hall Year 6 Class Assembly

Thursday 13th February
6pm School hall Valentine's Bingo Night

Monday 17th - Friday 21st
February Half term

Monday 24th February Back to school

Tuesday 4th March
9:15am School Hall Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 5th March Reception trip to Pizza Express
Year 5 trip to Future Fens (morning)

Thursday 6th March World Book Day - Wear a Word fancy dress day.
Parents invited into classrooms for sharing books from 2:45pm

Friday 7th March Year 6 trip to Future Fens (afternoon)

Monday 10th March Year 6 Careers convention at Thomas Clarkson

Thursday 20th March Year 4 trip to Botantic Gardens
Parents' Evening - 3:45 - 7 pm

Friday 21st March Non-uniform day - donations of prizes for chocolate tombola

Thursday 27th March Parents' Evening - 3:45 - 5:30 pm

Dates continued...

Week beginning 31st March	Year 5 Bike Ability
Tuesday 1st April	Chocolate tombola
Wednesday 2nd April	Class photographs
Thursday 3rd April	Parents invited into classrooms for Easter 'make and take' workshops

reminders



Please ensure debts for dinner monies, breakfast club and wrap around club are cleared and that these services are paid for in advance. Families who regularly run up large debts may be unable to book clubs until their accounts are cleared. If you are struggling to pay for school meals, please speak to Mrs Hanlon in the office who can advise and support you with applying for Free School Meals.



We are very fortunate to have been offered several trips for classes at no cost for the workshops and events provided. The only cost is for transport which is becoming increasingly expensive. Although we try to subsidise trips and use school budgets as much as possible, we still require contributions from parents. Please ensure that if you sign your child up for a trip, that you make payment on Arbor at the same time or speak to Mrs Hanlon in the office if you are unable to make the full payment.

We will be unable to run class trips in the summer term for all classes if payments are not made by all parents.

We appreciate those who always contribute in a timely manner.

January is usually the time for healthy eating! Can we please remind parents and carers that snacks for break times must be healthy snacks. These may include fruit, yogurts (tubes or pouches rather than pots which require a spoon), rice cakes, cheese or cereal bars. These should not contain chocolate or nuts. Biscuits, crisps and sweets are not appropriate for a morning snack but could be included as the single 'treat' item in lunch boxes. Please make sure your child knows what their break time snack is if they are stored in their lunch box.



Communications with staff

Our school rules are Be Ready, Be Safe and Be Respectful. Because of these, we use a therapeutic approach to behaviour and teach children how to have positive, respectful and restorative conversations.

This applies to staff and parents as well as the children.

We aim to collaborate with parents and families to create a supportive environment for all.

We want to support all children and their parents with any issues they may have, however we kindly ask that you take the time to calmly explain any concerns in order to work together to find a solution.

We would like to politely remind you that threatening or aggressive language or behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.

A letter from our chair of governors

Please may I take this opportunity to wish all parents and children a Happy New Year and hopefully you all enjoyed the many Christmas activities organised by the school. I certainly did.

I apologise for the lateness of this report but our Autumn meeting did not occur until November because of Miss Garner's illness and so visits mainly start in January as December is such a busy month in school.

Having shared the School Development Plan, the Governors are going into school to look at the following areas:

Early reading

Improving outcomes in writing

SEND and PP attainment

Attendance and to attend a School Council meeting

To improve outcomes in maths

Developing outdoor provision through forest schools

So, as you can see, we are going to be very busy this term!

We shall also have our termly LGB meeting in February where we shall spend time looking at the overall attainment of the children. We shall all attend training and briefings which are provided by the Trust.

Very sadly, Wendy Neale, a long serving and dedicated governor of your school has decided that it is time to retire. Her expertise will be greatly missed at both our meetings and when visiting the school. We sincerely thank her for her years of service.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Community Governor, please do let the school know as we now have a vacancy.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jane Goose
Chair