

# LEVERINGTON



## newsletter

JANUARY 2026

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

Welcome back to what is going to be a very busy Spring term! We are excited for the range of inspiring opportunities we have for our children this term, as well as time to invite parents in to share in our fantastic learning.

Year 3 have given Mrs Shayler a warm welcome to Desert Explorers Class and they have had a wonderful start to 2026! Mrs Ablett has also joined the team, supporting Mrs Shayler.



Our Year 6 children had a wonderful time at Young Voices in Birmingham, returning full of smiles and memories! We were lucky enough to miss the worst of the snow, which meant everyone could travel safely and enjoy this amazing concert. The children sang their hearts out, filling the arena with energy, confidence and joy! It was a wonderful experience that they will remember forever. A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper for teaching them the songs with such passion!



# whole school events this term



## **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: 9:00am to 9:30am Coffee morning**

Talk about....attendance and support at home. We are trying to focus our sessions around a particular theme, so if you need support with your child's attendance or implementing routines at home, please come in.



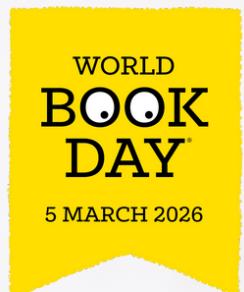
## **Wb 9<sup>th</sup> February: Make and buy gallery**

Following the success of our last event, each child will be making a Valentines themed gift in school that will be available for you to browse and buy at one of our after-school gallery sessions, from 3:30pm in the art room:  
Reception, Year 1 and 2: 11<sup>th</sup> February; Year 3 and 4: 12<sup>th</sup> February; Year 5 and 6 13<sup>th</sup> February

## **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day**

Our children will be taking part in Safer Internet Day by learning how to make smart choices online, understand their digital footprint and use new technologies, including AI, safely and responsibly. They'll explore how to stay in control, think critically and enjoy the digital world with confidence. Parents are then invited to a 2:00pm talk - on Thursday 12th February - in the school hall from an ICT specialist to learn more about supporting safe online habits at home.

**World Book Day** is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** this year. As we are passionate about reading for pleasure and ensuring all children have access to high-quality books, we are thrilled this year's theme is 'You are a Reader'. Throughout the day, we will obviously be doing plenty of reading as well as book-based activities. Children are invited to dress as their favourite fictional character to celebrate (this theme or uniform only).



**Keep an eye on Class Dojo for information on the above and more events to follow....**



# Safer Internet Day

**Safer Internet Day** takes place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, with celebrations and learning around the theme '**Smart Tech, Safe Choices - Exploring the safe use of AI**'.

We are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm, we will be holding an event in the school hall for parents/carers.

This session, in partnership with Internet Matters, will provide parents/carers with an understanding of how they can best support their children when they are online. It will cover parental control options, effective online safety conversation topics and will signpost you to resources you can access for the future as your children grow up and the online landscape changes.

Please sign up on Arbor if you are interested in attending this event. This will be under 'Trips' - just add your child's name to reserve your space.

Refreshments will be available.

**Because children deserve a safe digital world**

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For further information, please look at: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

# Diary dates...

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Coffee morning - attendance and support at home
Wb 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Make and buy galleries R, 1, 2: 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb; Y3/4: 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb; Y5/6: 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2:00pm Parent/carer event in the hall - sign up on Arbor
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February	Back to school Year 6 start swimming
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - dress as favourite fictional character (or uniform only)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Young Carers Action Day
WB Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Musical Theatre Week 20 <sup>th</sup> March 9:30-2:45 Big Dance performance at the Angles Theatre (more to follow)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day - chocolate donations please!
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 Careers event at Thomas Clarkson
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Make and Take - 2:30pm Parents invited in to class
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady concert for parents (only those taking part in Rocksteady sessions) 2:30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations - 3:30pm to 7pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent consultations - 3:30pm - 5:45pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Chocolate tombola
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school - Summer Term starts

# PE

Please ensure that children bring their full school PE kit into school every day. Timetables may change at short notice, and having their kit in school means they can take part in all activities safely and comfortably. PE is a statutory part of the national curriculum, and all children are expected to participate unless there is a valid medical reason.

A reminder that PE kit must be the official school PE uniform; hoodies, patterned t-shirts and football kits are not permitted.

Thank you for your support in helping every child take part fully and be prepared for learning.

## Attendance



Strong attendance is vital to every child's learning, and we continue to encourage all pupils to be in school every day, aiming for our whole-school target of 96%. Mrs Willett monitors attendance closely and will contact parents, sometimes by letter or by inviting them to a meeting, if a child's attendance becomes a concern, so that support can be offered early. To help families stay informed, the office sends out weekly emails showing each child's current attendance, ensuring parents are always aware of their child's progress. School and home working together plays a key role in improving school attendance, so please reach out to Mrs Willett if needed.

### School day timings:

Gate opens at 8:45am

Gate closes at 8:55am

Registers open at 8:45am and close at 9:15am.

If your child arrives after the gate has closed, but before 9:15am they will be marked as 'late'.

Children arriving after 9:15am will be marked as 'U' which is unauthorised.

Parents need to fill in the late book at the school office, explaining why their child is late.

School day finishes at 3:25pm. All children must be collected at 3:25pm from the playground unless otherwise agreed by a member of SLT.

Should you need to make alternative pick-up arrangements for your children, we ask that you please aim to let the school office know by 3pm who will be picking your children up at the end of the day.

## *Young Carers*

Young carers are children who help look after someone at home or live with someone who has an illness, disability, mental health difficulty or substance-misuse issue. Many young carers don't realise their role, and families may be unsure whether to share this information, which means some children go without the support they need. In school, young carers may sometimes appear tired, worried or distracted, and they can find it harder to keep up with work or attend clubs.

Our school is committed to identifying and supporting young carers so they can thrive both academically and emotionally.

Once identified, ongoing support will be provided by our Young Carers champion. Attendance and attainment will be closely monitored and the data used to implement early support or intervention. A range of extra-curricular opportunities matched to their needs will also be provided.

If you think your child may have a caring role, or if you would like to talk to us confidentially, please speak to Mrs Willett, our Young Carers Champion. We're here to help every child feel understood and supported.

## *Communications with staff*

Our school rules are Be Ready, Be Safe and Be Respectful. This applies to staff and parents, as well as the children.

At our school, we value open, respectful communication between families and staff. Whether speaking with us in person or contacting us by email, we ask that all conversations are conducted calmly and courteously so we can work together effectively. Every decision we make is guided by what we believe to be in the best interests of the children, both individually and as a community. We recognise that parents may sometimes have questions or concerns, and we welcome constructive dialogue. However, we rely on your support and trust rather than ongoing challenge, so that we can maintain a positive, collaborative environment where every child can thrive.

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher with any questions or concerns, please contact the school office to arrange a time convenient for both yourself and the teacher.