

# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is just a flavour of the experiences our pupils have enjoyed already this term....



Do you recognise these Roman soldiers who are ready for night patrol on the wall!



Our junior pupils enjoyed the crate-stacking challenge at Great Tower earlier in the term!



Reception out and about at Woodmatters where they learnt new skills and enjoyed caramelised apples cooked on their campfire.

Our Screen-Savvy pupils from Class 4 with their winning designs and our school banner!



Everyone wore red last Friday to mark our support for Anti-Racism!



Eva visited all the classrooms to share her journey and answer any questions on our GD fundraising



**Fundraising and Charity Work:**

Thank you so much to everyone for all your support for our charity work this term so far! School Council led such a wonderful 'Guide Dog Fundraising Day' with a little help from our GD pup, Eva, who helped lead assembly and visited classrooms throughout the day to raise awareness about the charity; what it is like to have sight-loss; and describe her journey towards being a fully-trained guide dog, hopefully by the end of the summer term 2026. We raised a staggering £150 and will soon be holding an election for all our pupils to vote for which puppy they would like school to sponsor.

Thank you also for all your generous Harvest Gifts that have been collected from church by our School Councillors who are currently sorting and labelling the groceries ready for collection to go to our local foodbanks.

Coming up after half term is Children in Need day! Further news to follow!

**Remembrance:**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we will be walking down to St. John's to take part in a special service to remember those affected by war. We have started to talk about remembrance in our worship this week as part of our ongoing focus on our Christian Value, Peace. Children and staff are being encouraged to make and wear their own poppy after our half term break in a colour of their choice. In school this week, we have been talking about why some people choose to wear a white poppy.

**Collecting pupils from school at 3.15pm:**

To try to support parents and families with last minute changes to arrangements for collection at 3.15pm for children in Reception upwards, we no longer require you to inform us if children are to go with someone who is already known to us and to your child.

We will always ensure that handover to adults on the school playground is carried out with the same level of care as we have always tried to ensure; and only introduce a further level of caution when the person collecting your child is not known. In these situations, please do email ahead to let us know.

In addition to this, please can I remind all parents and carers that all children should be accompanied on and off the site by their responsible adult, unless in year six, and children should push bikes and scooters on and off the playground to ensure the safety of everyone at busy pick up and collection times.

**Move to Arbor School Management System:**

You will have recently received some documents to ensure we have the most current contact information and permissions for your child. Please can we request that these are completed as soon as possible.

We do not envisage any difficulties for parents during our migration to a different system, but please note that when you receive emails from Arbor, these are non-reply inboxes and contact with the school office needs to continue to be via [office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk)

**Clubs taking place after half term:**

Bob continues with his current group of budding artists after halfterm, but Robbie is looking for new recruits to join his Badminton club on a Friday; and his gymnastics club on Thursdays. We also have chess club starting after half term, so if this club applies to your child's year group please sign up before all the places go.

**FOLS:**

The FOLS AGM took place this month and was attended by committee members and staff. We are so delighted with all the support and commitment from so many members of the community for supporting extensive provision for our current pupils.

There are many events already planned for the coming year, including our popular Christmas Fair, now scheduled to take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm in school. Please do let the FOLS team know if you are able to help on the night. We are also planning a school disco in the spring term and the swimathon.

FOLS have also already committed further investment in some resources for school and support to families with the cost of trips offsite. This includes a £300 donation for our design technology curriculum; a very substantial contribution to our outdoor adventure days and Class 4's residential trip to Ullswater; payment for our coaches to Theatre by the Lake; and renewed subscription to our online maths learning platform *Mathletics* and much more!

Particular thanks to Amy Barrington, Fiona Bond and Jan Mason for committing to leading FOLS again this year. If you have questions or would like to get involved in supporting school and networking with other parents, please do let us know.

**Nursery Places from January 2025:**

If your child is in nursery and you would like to access more sessions from the start of the spring term, please email the office as soon as possible – we do have some available spaces! The new Nursery application window is also now open so please spread the word if you know of any families who are hoping to start nursery in the new year.

**Events:**

Next half term is already looking busy in the build up to our Christmas events, including our nativity performances and our service at St. John's. Please keep your eye on our calendar to ensure you are kept informed.

And finally, wishing you all a happy, restful and enjoyable half term break whatever your plans. School closes at the usual time of 3.15pm today and we look forward to seeing you again from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

With my very best wishes,



Jane Farraday