



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new term and we hope you have all enjoyed a very happy, healthy and relaxing Easter break. A particularly warm welcome to our new families joining us this term.

Please do take the time to read some important updates and relevant information for all our families.

Class News:

All four class teachers have been very busy updating their website class pages, writing their summer term newsletters and curriculum maps. Please do take time to read them so that you and your child are fully informed and prepared for the term ahead.

Snacks in School:

Please may I politely remind all our families that it is essential that all snacks and packed lunches brought into school do not contain nuts of any kind. Unfortunately, we continue to have occasions where we discover that children have nut-based ingredients in their snacks/lunches and this causes a significant risk to some of our pupils. Please ensure you remain vigilant.

If your child is in the juniors and brings a morning snack to school, please may I remind you that this should be a piece of fresh or dried fruits or vegetables, rice cakes, bread sticks, portions of cheese etc. and stored independently to their lunch boxes.

Attendance:

This week in our Celebration assembly on Friday we will be celebrating good attendance at school with certificates and prizes.

A reminder please that pupils should not be coming out of school to attend routine dental or doctor appointments as it disrupts their learning and can be unsettling.

Term dates for next year are already published on our website.

Baby News:

We are very excited to let you know some amazing news! Miss Heaton, and her partner Jack, are expecting a baby this August. During this term, we will be taking really good care of her before she finishes for her maternity leave at the end of this term.

Arrangements to cover Miss Heaton's maternity are already underway so please expect further information about class arrangements for next academic year later this term.

Nursery Places – September 2026

As our current Nursery group begin their transition into Reception for September, I can advise that the September 2026 Nursery application window is now open and everything that you need to apply for a place for your child is on the school website. Please complete your

application in good time to have the best chance of being allocated your preferred sessions. This is also a good time for parents of Nursery pupils who are not transferring to Reception, to request any increase in hours from September. If you have any queries please get in touch.

On the morning of Wednesday 1st July, we are holding a very special 'come and play' session for pre-school children and their parents/carers. Please save the date; more details to follow very soon.

Sun and Warm Weather Safety:

As the weather starts to get a little warmer and brighter (fingers-crossed) please can we remind families of our sun safety procedures and advice.

- Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before they come to school. Lotions should not contain any almond or other nut ingredients, they should offer very high protection: 30+ SPF, and they should be a screen that will last for 12hours+ so repeat application is not required in school.
- If you wish your child to reapply sunscreen in the school day, this should be labelled with the child's name and stored centrally in the classroom.
- For children in early years, please also apply lotion in the morning before school, as staff do not apply sunscreen and can only support and encourage pupils to do this independently.
- All pupils should have a water bottle and hat in school at all times. Sunglasses are not suitable to be worn in school, unless your child has severe hayfever and the wearing of glasses reduces irritation to the eyes.
- Children should wear comfortable school shoes, not trainers or pumps, and not open toe sandals please as these are not appropriate for playing outside.
- On occasions when the weather becomes extremely hot, there will be a relaxation in our uniform expectations and parents/carers would be informed accordingly.

Our Christian Value for the summer term is Koinonia:

Koinonia comes from the Greek word meaning community or fellowship. This shows the special relationships we have with one another. Together we grow in relationships with one another and with God.

Thessalonians 5:11 'Encourage one another to build one another up, just as you are doing.'

Diary Events:

Please do take time to check in on our online calendar regularly to ensure you have early notification of events. This term's celebration assemblies and other events later in the term will be added in the next few days - so watch this space!

Thank you for taking the time to read these important updates.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday