



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Levens CE School is a happy, safe and inspiring place to grow and learn, where we enjoy the learning experiences each new day brings. Everyone is supported and nurtured through our distinctively Christian ethos and shared Christian values.

It is our aim to develop and sustain a life-long love of learning by building for our future in a diverse and ever-changing world. Rich and wide-ranging experiences enable everyone in school to be creative and develop the personal skills required to be responsible, confident and considerate; taking pride in all that we do.



## Welcome to Nursery 2026

At Levens CE School

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Choosing the right nursery for your child is a very important decision. At Levens CE School, we provide wonderful learning experiences every day in a safe, secure and happy environment. Our specialist EYFS staff team is committed to ensuring the very best education and care for your child, helping them to feel confident, valued and ready to learn.

Our Nursery opened in September 2016 and is the only pre-school provision within a three-mile radius. We are proud to offer flexible, high-quality early years education rooted in our strong Christian values and community spirit.

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## Our Nursery Provision

Levens Nursery is part of Levens CE Primary School, which educates children aged 3 to 11 years. Our Nursery children are part of Class One, learning alongside our Reception pupils in a mixed-age setting.

Our spacious classroom and outdoor learning area are carefully resourced to inspire curiosity, creativity and independence through purposeful play.

For funded sessions, children can start Nursery from the term after their third birthday:

- September
- January
- Easter

We strongly recommend that children attend a minimum of two half-day sessions per week on different days, to help them settle and make strong progress.

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## Session Times

Each Nursery session lasts **3 hours**.

### Available sessions:

- **Morning session:** 8.45am – 11.45am
- **All day session:** 8.45am – 3.00pm

Up to **10 sessions per week** (30 hours) may be available, subject to capacity. Our sessional offer is reviewed annually and reflects demand.



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## Applying for a Nursery Place

Applications for Nursery places must be submitted using the online Nursery application form, which is available on our website or from the school office.

If you would like to express an interest in your child attending our nursery, please contact the school office and they will ensure that you receive details of how to apply once applications open. Please note that places cannot be reserved before your child becomes eligible.

## Funded Nursery Entitlement

From the term after their third birthday, all children are entitled to **15 hours of free Nursery education per week**.

Some families may be eligible for **30 hours free childcare** if they:

- Have a child aged 3 or 4
- Both parents work at least 16 hours per week
- Have a household income below £100,000
- Live in England

### How funding works:

- 15 hours = up to **5 free sessions per week**
- 30 hours = up to **10 free sessions per week**  
(depending on whether your child attends another setting in addition to Levens)

Further information can be found at:

- [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)
- [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator)

Families eligible for 30 hours must provide:

- Eligibility code (DERN number)
- National Insurance number
- Date of birth



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## Charges for Additional Sessions

If your child is eligible for 15 funded hours and you would like them to attend extra sessions, or if your child has recently turned three and you would like them to start **before** the beginning of the following term, additional sessions may be booked subject to availability. Please note that any additional sessions must be booked as regular weekly sessions and cannot be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

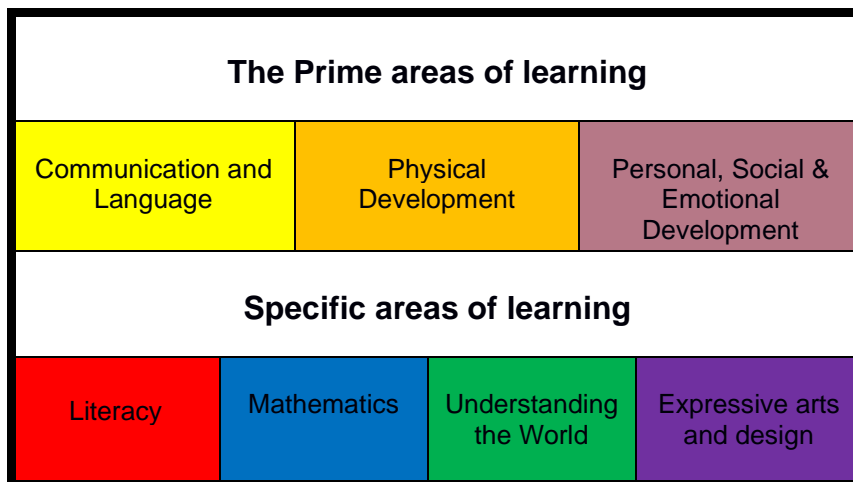
Session fees are as follows:

- **£18.75 per morning**
  - **£37.50 per full day**
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## Our Learning Environment

Learning is based on the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** Framework and is carefully planned around our three-year rolling EYFS curriculum, children's interests and age-appropriate texts.

The Framework is divided into Prime and Specific areas of learning:



Children benefit from:

- A named Key Person
- Short, interactive phonics and maths sessions
- Opportunities for personal, social and emotional development
- Rich communication and language experiences
- Physical development through indoor and outdoor play

Our free-flow outdoor area plays a vital role in developing physical, creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



## Monitoring Your Child's Progress

The Children's learning is captured in two ways within our Foundation Stage:

- **Tapestry** – an online learning journal which can be viewed and added to by both staff and parents.
- A **whole-class learning journey scrapbook** which displays and details adult-led and child-initiated work and activities.

There are opportunities throughout the year when you will be able to formally meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning and progress. If your child is due to move to Reception then you will receive your child's End of Year Report during the summer term.

We pride ourselves on being approachable and are always happy to discuss your child's development.

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## Children with Special Educational Needs

At Levens CE School we provide equality for all children, including those identified as having any additional needs. Our setting, our curriculum and the expertise of our staff ensures all pupils are able to breakdown any barriers to learning in order to access a rich and broad curriculum developing skills and their understanding to make good progress.

*"Leaders are quick to spot the additional needs of pupils with SEND, including in the early years."*  
**Ofsted, January 2023**

Further information about provision for SEND is available on our website or by speaking with:

- **SEND Lead:** Mrs Helen Haslam
- **Headteacher:** Mrs Jane Farraday

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## What Your Child Will Need

- Optional school uniform (many children choose to wear it) or easy on / off clothing e.g. joggers / leggings
- Velcro shoes
- Three sets of spare clothing
- Weather-appropriate clothing, but nothing precious!
- Puddle suit and wellies
- Water bottle
- Small rucksack / book bag useful

Please ensure **all items are clearly named**.



## Uniform Prices (Optional)

- Sweatshirt: £11.10
- Cardigan: £12.35
- Fleece jacket: £16.00
- Book bag: £6.50

Uniform can be ordered online via **Coniston Corporate**, by [clicking here](#) or by using the link on our website.

Pre-loved uniform swaps are held regularly.

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## Start dates

Nursery opens at 8.45am on the following dates:

- **September 2026** - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- **January 2027** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- **April 2027** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Families will be contacted in advance to arrange a home visit with Mrs Haslam (Class Teacher) and a member of Class One, allowing us to get to know your child in a familiar environment and ensure a smooth start.

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## Arriving at School

Children enter through the **Class One gate**, to the left of the main entrance. Morning routines encourage independence through self-registration, choosing lunches and engaging in calm morning activities.

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## Fruit, Milk & Lunchtime

Children are offered a daily piece of fruit or vegetable and milk as part of our healthy eating plan. Snack time is also an important social occasion for Class One. Children are encouraged to try new foods, develop independence, and learn from one another. Adults join in to model positive behaviours, engage in conversation, and support children in reflecting on their learning experiences.

- Fruit is free for all infants
- Milk is free until a child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

Lunch runs from **11.45am – 12.45pm**. Nursery children eat with Reception in the dining hall. Children attending all day may bring a packed lunch or have a school meal (£3.95 per day). Menus are available on our website.

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## Potty / Toilet Training

We expect that most children in Nursery will be able to use the toilet independently. However, if your child is not yet toilet trained, please discuss their individual needs with us before their start date so we can provide appropriate support.

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## Safeguarding & Welfare

Safeguarding is a top priority at Levens CE School.

*“Leaders have established a strong safeguarding culture at the school. Staff and governors receive regular safeguarding training. They know how to spot the signs that pupils may be at risk of harm and act promptly to report any worries that they have. Leaders are quick to respond if such concerns are reported” Ofsted, January 2023*

At our school, the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is of paramount importance. Parents entrust us with their children each day, and we are committed to providing a safe, secure and nurturing environment in which all pupils can flourish.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Farraday, and in her absence the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mrs Haslam. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please speak to a member of staff immediately.

At Levens School, we take all concerns seriously. If there is reason to believe that a child may be at risk of harm, ill-treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, staff will respond promptly and take appropriate action in line with safeguarding procedures.

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## Health & Attendance

Prescription medication can be administered with completed paperwork. Please inform the school of any medical conditions, including asthma and allergies.

If your child is unwell, please notify school on the first day of absence by emailing [office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk) or if email is not possible then by phone between 8.30am and 9.00am.

Please note that if your child experiences diarrhoea or vomiting (D&V), they are unable to attend Nursery until at least 48 hours after their last experience of D&V.

If your child becomes unwell at school or is involved in an accident that may require hospital treatment, we will contact you immediately using the details you have provided. If your child receives first aid during the school day, you will be informed via a ‘First Aid’ or ‘Head Bump’ letter outlining what has happened.

As part of our safeguarding procedures, please provide us with at least three emergency contacts with parent responsibility who we are able to contact in an emergency or if your child becomes unwell.

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## Communication with Parents

We value strong partnerships with parents and carers. Communication includes:

- School website and class blog
- School calendar (via the school website)
- Monthly newsletters
- Email and text alerts. As we are only able to link one family mobile number to the text system, please ensure you provide your preferred contact number and can pass on messages to anyone collecting your child.
- ParentPay for online payments (please contact the office to set up an account)

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- **Instagram:** @LevensCESchool

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