

# Lever House Newsletter

Updating you with our school news

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## School News

The summer term is now well underway, and our calendar is filling up quickly. Attached to this newsletter is the 'End of Year Calendar of Events', which we hope will help you stay organised during what promises to be a busy and exciting period. While we aim to keep to these dates wherever possible, please note that they may be subject to change.

Emails will be sent out in due course with more information around some of the events on the calendar. Please make sure [office@leverhouse.net](mailto:office@leverhouse.net) is in your favourites so you don't miss important communication from us.

Mrs Dawson

## Enrichments: Trips and Visitors

Unfortunately, due to insufficient voluntary contributions of £2 from families, we have had to make the really difficult decision to cancel the Roman history workshops for Years 3 and 4 that were scheduled to take place in school this week. Staff had spent time carefully planning for these visitors, and despite several reminders, we did not receive enough responses



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**Please refrain from using the staff car park at all times. Pass this onto family members who may also collect. Many thanks!**

Medical Records  
Please make sure you inform school of any changes to your child's medical records, including, taking things off like, asthma (no longer needs an inhaler in school)

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to make the workshops viable.

We know from parental feedback that there is a strong desire for more enrichment opportunities, including trips and special experiences. We are mindful of the need to keep costs manageable, which is why we aim to offer a balance of off-site visits and in-school experiences. While all contributions are voluntary and there is no obligation to pay, these events can only go ahead if we receive sufficient support. We always strive to keep costs as low as possible; however, given the current financial pressures on school budgets, contributions from families are essential in enabling us to provide these valuable opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding voluntary parental contributions, as this will help us better understand any challenges and plan more effectively for future events.

### FRIENDS - Easter Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic support in selling Easter raffle tickets. Together, we raised an impressive £1,650, which will go directly towards enhancing your child's educational experiences.

Congratulations to all of our winners—there were certainly some very happy children when they discovered just how much chocolate they had won!



## London Marathon 2026

We are incredibly proud to share that Miss Mitchell (Class Teacher of Silver Birch) successfully completed the London Marathon at the weekend!

Miss Mitchell has shown outstanding determination, resilience and commitment throughout her training, even when things became challenging. Although understandably nervous, she absolutely smashed it on the day.

Despite the heat, she achieved a fantastic time and staff at Lever House spent the afternoon eagerly following the live stream, cheering her on and waiting for her finish.

Well done Miss Mitchell, and thank you for inspiring us all by demonstrating that with hard work and perseverance, anything is possible. You truly are our very own superhero!



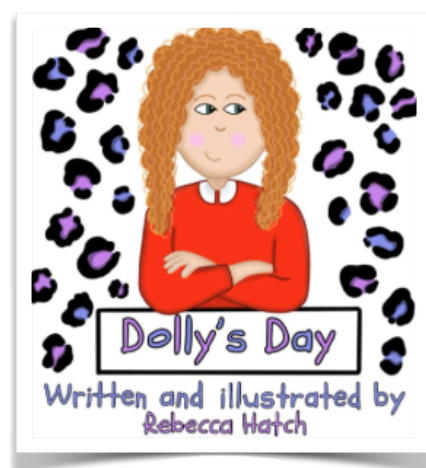
## Autism Awareness - Dolly's Day

We are delighted to shine a spotlight on another very talented member of our Lever House team, Mrs Hatch, Teaching Assistant in Horse Chestnut class.

Mrs Hatch is the author and illustrator of *Dolly's Day*, a beautifully written and illustrated book created to raise awareness of autism and to promote kindness, understanding and acceptance of others. Mrs Hatch explains:

“It’s a rhyming storybook about a girl who has autism and some of the daily struggles she faces. Hopefully it will help others understand how Dolly sees the world.”

Following the success of *Dolly's Day*, Mrs Hatch is now in the process of writing and publishing another book. She has very kindly invited the children at Lever House to help design some of the characters for her new story, and as you can imagine, they are extremely excited to take on this wonderful creative challenge!



## DT around school!

Both KS1 and LKS2 are fully immersed in this term’s Design and Technology topics.

In KS1, pupils are currently researching different types of puppets, exploring their uses, designs, and how they are made. This research will support them in designing and creating their very own puppets. Meanwhile, Years 3 and 4 are developing their sewing skills by practising a range of stitches in preparation for their final product: a Roman purse.

Our children continue to show great enthusiasm for creativity and enjoy taking on new challenges. Watch this space...



## Holly's Fundraising

We are very proud to share that a pupil of ours, Holly in Year 4, is currently fundraising for Cancer Research.

Holly says - "I would like to fundraise because my mum used to have cancer too. It's really important because lots of people are affected by this nasty disease and we should support research into helping get rid of it. I hope no more people suffer from it."

You can support Holly by following this link to his Just Giving page - <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hollys-race-4-life-2026>



## Important Reminders:

- Please clearly name all of your children's belongings (including snack boxes). We end up with piles of jumpers each summer term with no names that are quite often brand new.
- **No earrings** are to be worn during PE, so we will ask that they are removed for children's safety. Please make sure your child does not come to school with earrings in on their PE days. As our Uniform Policy states, LCC do not advise earrings to be taped either.

**No jewellery** is allowed in school except for 1 pair of plain earring studs. These must be removed for physical activity before they come to school on PE and swimming days. We ask therefore that you only have your child's ears pierced at the beginning of the summer break.

# Sports News

## Tag Rugby

Over the past few weeks, a group of pupils from Year 5 and 6 have been taking part in tag rugby training with Mr Rodgers and Miss Thornley. Throughout the sessions, the children have demonstrated fantastic commitment, dedication, and resilience. They have developed key skills such as passing and defending, while also enjoying competitive 7-a-side matches against one another.



The team is now fully prepared and excited to take part in three weeks of inter-school fixtures at St Mary's High School. We look forward to sharing the results soon - come on Lever House!

## The Dance Team

It's been wonderful to welcome Sue and Annie back into school this term. They have been leading dance sessions with our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils, and the enthusiasm from the children has been fantastic. The Dance Team always brings great energy, and I've seen some brilliant moves being showcased in the hall!

Key Stage 1 pupils are currently learning a dance inspired by their African Adventure topic, while our EYFS children are exploring movement through dances linked to traditional tales. It's been a joy to see their creativity and confidence grow.

# Health and Wellbeing



## Picture News For Parents



April 2026

### Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to! Let's get started...



### What's been in the news?

Topics schools have explored this term!

#### Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?

2nd March 2026



News about a school in Wales deciding to remove skirts as a uniform option was the focus of this resource. This news led to discussions about having a choice, how uniform can help us feel part of a community, and learning about school uniforms around the world.

#### How might robots change our daily lives?

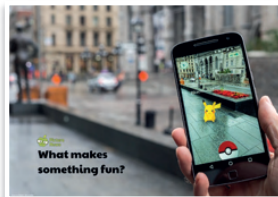
9th March 2026



Humanoid robots dancing for China's Lunar New Year gala made headlines, and got children thinking about what robots can do, what impact they can have on our lives, and how they might change in future!

#### What makes something fun?

16th March 2026



Pokémon is 30! This news inspired children to think about what they like to do for fun, whilst finding out more about how the brand is celebrating its birthday, and reflecting on how Pokémon has changed over time.

#### What should represent a country?

30th March 2026



The Bank of England's decision to include wildlife on future banknotes was this week's focus. This led children to discuss what they think should feature on the new notes, find out about other countries' currencies, and consider what banknotes can represent.

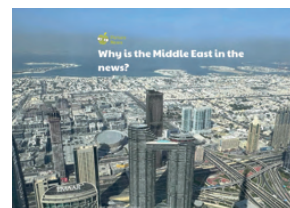
### At home support: Talking about the Middle East

Conflict in the Middle East has made headlines throughout the term, and our team at Picture News are here to support teachers and parents.

Handling conversations about war and conflict can be tricky, but there are some key approaches to keep in mind. We can't control the events and headlines, but as parents and carers, we can choose our response and how we choose to use this moment to support children and highlight some key lessons.

You might find our support blog useful, offering some advice for navigating news about the Middle East with children.

We hope this helps. ♥



Middle East news support here

## Office News

### Welfare Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our welfare team. The post is for 1 hour everyday, Monday - Friday. Please speak to our school office if you are interested in applying.

### Parent Pay

Can all parents please ensure that they keep their ParentPay accounts up to date throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office with any queries.



### Fundraising made Easy!

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. **It's easy and FREE!**



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## Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Please have a read of our Pupil Premium page on our new website to see if your children are eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. All children in EYFS/Y1 and Y2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals but they may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding as well (<https://www.leverhouse.net/page/?title=Pupil+Premium&pid=19>)

The link to apply is: [https://www21.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/2047GBLSM1?context\\_record\\_id=1839187&webpage\\_token=0d4327ceb6a7b04a99393221d0f6edb03a22a2f3c06284eb6c6190a495b3f070](https://www21.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/2047GBLSM1?context_record_id=1839187&webpage_token=0d4327ceb6a7b04a99393221d0f6edb03a22a2f3c06284eb6c6190a495b3f070)

## We are a Nut Free School

Like most schools, Lever House is a nut free school. We have several staff members and pupils who are allergic to nuts and could have a serious reaction if they came into contact with them. **Please remember not to send any nut products to school, including Nutella.**



## **Key Dates:**

*Details for any event will be sent by email - please contact the school office if you have any queries.*

*Please see the 'End of Year Calendar of Events 2026' which was attached alongside this newsletter*