Lever House Newsletter

Updating you with our school news

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✨ A Brilliant Start to the School Year!

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year! It has been wonderful to see our pupils across school already showing their **Lever House SPARK** and embracing everything that a new year brings.



Our youngest children in EYFS have made a particularly wonderful start. They have shown real confidence, resilience and courage as they have learned new routines, explored their new surroundings and begun to build new friendships. We are incredibly proud of how quickly they are becoming part of our Lever House family.

A new school year is also a time for new beginnings, new challenges and big ambitions. Across school, our pupils have been thinking about what they would like to achieve this year – and some of their ambitions reach far beyond the classroom! We have aspiring footballers, doctors, dancers, vets, scientists, artists and so much more already setting their sights on the future.

At Lever House, we want our children to believe that **anything is possible when we are ambitious, work hard and believe in ourselves**. Whether it is mastering something new, overcoming a challenge, trying something for the first time or discovering a passion that could shape their future, we want every child to find their own spark and let it shine. It has been a joy to see our children being **Safe, Positive, Ambitious, Respectful and Kind** in these first few weeks. We cannot wait to see where their SPARK takes them this year! 🌟

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Vacancies:
L2a TA UKS2

We welcome applications from experienced TAs. This role is based in UKS2 initially supporting individuals and groups alongside or experienced team.

This will shortly be advertised on Lancs non-teaching vacancies.

1 LEARNING

2 CREATIVITY

3 FUN!

Harvest



As we look forward to Harvest Festival 2026, we are delighted to launch our annual Harvest Appeal. Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Monday. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for us to think about others and to show our Lever House SPARK by being kind, generous and caring members of our community.

We are asking families to donate non-perishable food items which will be collected and donated to our local food bank 'Leyland Foodbank', helping to support local families who may be experiencing difficult times.

Every donation, however small, can make a difference. If you are able to contribute, please send items into school ***between Monday 28th September and Friday 2nd October 2026.***

Thank you for helping us to share our harvest and show kindness to others in our local community. 🌾

Prospective Parents Look-Around Sessions



We are really looking forward to welcoming prospective families into Lever House over the coming months and showing them what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Our Prospective Parent sessions are a great opportunity to look around our wonderful school, meet members of our team and get a feel for life at Lever House.

Details of upcoming sessions can be found on our school website and social media pages. If you know a family with a child starting school in September 2027, please spread the word and let them know about our upcoming visits. We would love to welcome them! ❤️

Parents Workshop - Reception Parents (Ash and Beech Class)



On Wednesday 30th September, we will be holding our Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for our new Ash and Beech parents. Our parent workshops have been very well attended in the past, and we have received lots of positive feedback from parents who have joined us.

The workshop will give you the opportunity to find out how we teach children to begin their reading journey, as well as learning more about our systematic phonics scheme and how you can support your child at home.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this important part of your child's learning journey with you! We hope to see you there!

Trips, Visits and Visitors - Autumn Term

Literacy Kicks - Gareth Walker (UKS2)



We are delighted to welcome Gareth Walker from Literacy Kicks back to Lever House! Gareth is working with our budding sports journalists in Years 5 and 6, helping them to develop their writing skills through the exciting world of sport.

The children are learning how to write like real sports reporters, developing their ability to research, select key information, capture the action and report on sporting events and achievements. They are putting their skills into practice by producing their own reports based on recent sporting events. Who knows… we may have some future sports journalists in the making!

Florence Nightingale (KS1)



We were delighted to welcome Adele from Delve in to History to Lever House, who brought history to life for our pupils with a fascinating session all about Florence Nightingale.

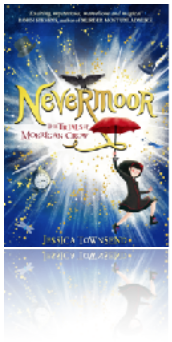
Through stories, activities and historical artefacts, the children were able to step back in time and discover what life was really like for Florence, learning about her pioneering work as a nurse and the incredible impact she had on healthcare. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and curious as they became historians for the day!

Rocksteady (whole school)

We are looking forward to welcoming Rocksteady Music School to Lever House for a fantastic musical assembly! Our pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy some brilliant live performances and find out more about what it is like to learn an instrument and play as part of a band.

We are sure the assembly will inspire our budding musicians and show them what can be achieved through practice, teamwork and confidence. We can't wait to rock out together!

Jessica Townsend - Author Visit (Y6)



We are very excited that some of our pupils will have the opportunity to visit Kirkham Grammar School to meet the brilliant author Jessica Townsend, best known for her hugely popular *Nevermoor* series.

The children will hear about Jessica's journey as an author, discover more about the inspiration behind the magical world of Nevermoor and have the chance to learn about the writing process from the author herself.

We are sure it will be an inspiring experience for our young readers and writers – and perhaps spark some future authors of our own!

‘Invasion Invasion’ - Anglo-Saxon Day (LKS2)

Our pupils will be stepping back in time for an exciting Anglo-Saxon Day!

Children will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as Anglo-Saxons, bringing their history learning to life as they explore what life was like during this fascinating period.

There will be plenty of outdoor learning, practical activities and hands-on experiences, giving the children the chance to develop their historical knowledge while having lots of fun along the way. We can’t wait to see LKS2 transformed into an Anglo-Saxon settlement for the day!

Imperial War Museum (UKS2)

We are looking forward to taking our pupils on an exciting educational visit to the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester.

The children will have the opportunity to explore the museum’s fascinating collections and exhibitions, helping to bring their history learning to life. They will discover more about the experiences of people affected by conflict and explore a range of historical objects and stories.



It promises to be a fascinating and memorable day, giving our pupils the chance to learn, ask questions and develop their understanding of history beyond the classroom.

Christmas Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk on ice! (whole school)



We are incredibly excited to be taking the whole school to Planet Ice in Blackburn for a very special Christmas treat! Our pupils will enjoy a fantastic Christmas pantomime, giving everyone the chance to enjoy some festive fun, laughter and plenty of Christmas magic together.

This special experience will be part-funded by our wonderful FRIENDs group, whose continued support helps us to provide memorable opportunities for our pupils. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the whole Lever House family to celebrate the festive season and make some special memories together. We can’t wait!

Mobile Phone Policy - Reminder



Please be reminded of our mobile phone policy in school. If pupils need to bring a mobile phone into school for walking home purposes, phones must be switched off before pupils enter the school grounds and handed directly to their class teacher. Phones will then be stored safely by school until the end of the school day. **Mobile phones must not be in pupils' possession at any point during the school day.** Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to ensure that our school remains a safe and focused learning environment.

Parent Code of Conduct

Please find attached, alongside this newsletter, our new and updated Parent/Carer Code of Conduct.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take the time to read this carefully. The Code of Conduct sets out our shared expectations for respectful, positive and effective communication between home and school. We greatly value our partnership with parents and carers and believe that working together, with respect, kindness and open communication, ensures the very best outcomes for our children.

Thank you for taking the time to read and support our Code of Conduct.

Volunteers Needed!

Calling all parent and family volunteers. We are reaching out to see if anyone would be interested in volunteering to support our school trips and enrichment activities through the year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please get in touch with Mrs Dawson via the school office or email deputy@leverhouse.net. Thank you in advance!



Sports News

Pool to School

What a fantastic success our Pool to School programme has been! Over the past few weeks, all of our KS2 pupils have had the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons and develop their confidence and water skills.

It has been wonderful to see the children challenging themselves, overcoming fears and making fantastic progress in the pool. For some, this has meant learning to swim, while others have been working towards becoming stronger, more confident swimmers.



A huge well done to all of our KS2 pupils for showing such determination, resilience and ambition. We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made!

A special thank you to our support staff, especially Mrs Brindle and Mrs Kearsley for making the programme such a success – we have certainly made a splash! 💦👏

Football

A huge well done to Archie, Harrison, Joshua, Nathan, Oscar, Luca, Arthur, Idris, Charlie and Alfie, who have been competing in the Year 6 Football Tournament at St Mary's over the last few weeks.



They have been doing brilliantly! Across their six games, they have only lost one – what an incredible achievement! 👏⚽

We are so proud of them all, not only for their football skills, but also for their teamwork, determination, sportsmanship and commitment. They have represented Lever House brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils are currently taking part in Bikeability, developing their cycling skills and learning how to stay safe and confident when riding on the roads.



The children are putting their skills into practice, learning about road awareness, signalling, positioning and making safe decisions while out and about.

Well done, Year 6 – keep pedalling and stay safe!

Bike Fix

We were delighted to welcome **Doctor Bike** to Lever House for a special **Bike Fix** session! Our pupils' bikes were given a thorough check by the experts, who inspected them to make sure they were **safe and roadworthy**.

It was a great opportunity to ensure our children's bikes are in good working order and ready for safe cycling adventures! 🚲🔧

Health and Wellbeing

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Please see our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, which can be found on our school website.

The policy outlines our key procedures and processes for keeping children safe at Lever House Primary School. It also includes important information about our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs), their roles and responsibilities, as well as key contacts and sources of support for children and families.

We encourage all parents and carers to take the time to read the policy so that you are familiar with our safeguarding procedures and know who to contact should you have a concern or need support.

Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.

Other Support you may wish to access:

Food Bank – Leyland St Marys church - Community Centre – Broadfield Drive, PR25 1PD - ***Monday to Friday 10am to 11:30pm.***

The Base Community Shop - Bannister Drive, Leyland, PR25 2GD, Phone: 01772 422039, Email: andreaa@keycharity.org.uk (£2.50 a visit for up to 10 items) ***Wednesday 10am till 5pm***

Wade Community Shop - Wade Hall Community Centre, 73 Royal Avenue, PR25 1BX , Phone: 07565144157 (£3.50 a visit for up to 10 items, 1 shop per member per week) M***onday and Tuesday 2.30pm till 6.30pm.***

FAMILY HUB – Contact Details: West Paddock Family Hub And The Zone, Phone: 01772 532930, Email: southribblefamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk, Website: https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/

Office News

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Please be reminded there is no after school club this Wednesday due to whole staff safeguarding and child protection training.

Full-Time Teaching Assistant – Level 2a

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring and committed Teaching Assistant to join our wonderful team at Lever House Primary.

The successful candidate will have experience of working with children in Key Stage 2 (particularly Y5 and Y6) and will be passionate about supporting pupils to achieve their very best. We are looking for someone who is positive, nurturing and able to work effectively as part of a team.

If you are looking for an exciting opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of our children, we would love to hear from you!

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!**

You can get started at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-lever-house-primary-school/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n2

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Update – Free School Meals

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, **all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit** will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM** - pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.

- **Expanded FSM**, a **new category** for pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400.

Transitional protections for **older** FSM eligibility will cease at the end of the 2025/2026 academic year. Rechecks will be carried out to confirm if pupils in receipt of FSM continue, to meet the eligibility criteria.

Please keep an eye on your emails for further information.

UIFSM - Universal Infant Free School Meals (non-benefit related) continues for all pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.

However, it is important for all families who receive Universal Credit to still apply for Expanded FSM, even if your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2. Funding for school is dependant on the amount of families who claim free school meals.