

# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24th April 2025

Summer 1 Term

Hello everyone

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a nice Easter break. This half term's topic is 'Fallen Fields' and detailed information about the curriculum has been sent out this week.

We finished last term with a wonderful house team event by way of our gardening afternoon. Each house team visited the allotment, painted a stone for the sensory garden, made a bird feeder as well as planted various fruits, plants and flowers for our gardens.



The children thoroughly enjoyed being in their teams as well as embracing one of our school values of 'Look and Learn beyond the classroom'. Speaking of planting, Mrs Peel and I are looking forward to our next 'Tea and Talk' session which will take place next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at our school allotment. There will be further comms about this later in this newsletter.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

My best wishes

Sian Mitchell

## School Attendance

**31 March 2025 - 04 April 2025**

**Our school weekly attendance was: 92.0%**

This was below the primary national average of **92.1%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **98.3%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **98.3%**

## TERM DATES

### APRIL

**30/4/25** KS2 Cross Country & Rounders. Leaving school 12.30pm

**Please respond EITHER WAY for your child to attend/or not for planning purposes**

<https://forms.gle/WfM355QQwPsJJD3f8>

### MAY

**2/5/25** Tea & Talk Event at Leavening Allotment. 9-10.30am  
Meet at school at drop-off time.

**W/C 12/5/25** KS2 SATS Week

**22/5/25** FOLS Family Quiz  
5pm-6.30pm. All welcome!

**W/C 26/5/25** Half term week

### JUNE

**W/C 2/6/25** Extra-Curricular clubs run for 6wks to w/c 7/7/25

**W/C 9/6/25** Yr1 Phonics

Screening

**12/6/25** Sports Day. Round-robin events (am). Parents/carers are invited to the field at 1pm for afternoon races to begin at 1.15pm

**18/6/25** Yr3/4 Basketball

Tournament. Leave school 12.30,

**19/6/25** Reserve Sports Day

**20/6/25** Scarecrow Village Festival

**24/6/25** Seeing is Believing (Conkers & Oak Trees) plus

Stay & Play(EYFS). Parents/Carers welcome. Further details to follow

### JULY

**3/7/25** Reports out

**4/7/25** Summer show 9.30 & 2pm

**5/7/25 and 6/7/25**

Leavening BBQ & Fete

**W/C 7/7/25** Transition week.

Children move classes in preparation for Sept 2025.

**16/7/25** Yr 1/2 Summer Sports Tournament. 1pm start.

Leaving school 12.30pm

**17/7/25** Yr 6 Treat Day. Details tbc

**18/7/25** End of year celebration assembly followed by rounders & parents lunch for Yr6 pupils

**18/7/25** Last day of term

## Our Safeguarding Team at Leavening CP School:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Mitchell**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Bennett** | Our Safeguarding Governor is: **Mrs Isaacs**

# Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

### Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

### Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

**94.7%**



## Good attendance affirmations...

- Good attendance at school is not just about learning, it's essential for your child's wellbeing.
- Good attendance will help your child make friends and develop social skills.
- Good attendance will help your child learn life skills, team values and have fun.
- Good attendance will support your child with a more well-rounded cultural awareness.
- Good attendance will support your child in learning more about possible career pathways.

## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. If you do keep your child at home, you must phone the school office and report their absence by 8.30am.

For further NHS guidance, please see their website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>



# **SCHOOL AND VILLAGE COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

## **Leavening Summer Community BBQ and Fete - 05/07/25 and 06/07/25**

Leavening Parish Council and Events team are organising this over the weekend of 5th July. There will be a community BBQ with music on the Saturday evening and the full village fete with games, performances and stalls on the Sunday. We are in talks with the committee for Leavening School choir to participate. Confirmed times and details TBC. We will also be selling ice lollies and running a 'hook a duck' stall raising funds for FOLS.

**If you can help with this for a short time (we can create a rota), please get in touch with the office.**

Your support would be very much appreciated.

## **VE Day Beacon Lighting - 08/05/25 at 9pm**

This will include a short commemoration ceremony at the Picnic Site

## **Scarecrow Fest in Leavening - 20/06/25**

This opens in the Village – its back this year with the them of characters from Children's literature with a trail and prizes to be won – announced at the Village Fete

## **Parent and carer 'Tea and Talk' 02/05/25 at 9am at our allotment**

Mrs Mitchell would like to warmly invite as many of you as possible to our next 'Tea and Talk' parent and carer session which will be held on Friday 2nd May at 9am.

This time, we will be heading to the school allotment to get our hands dirty and tend to our plot with some weeding, planting and chatting.

In return we will equip you with a breakfast bap and a hot drink before we start, sat at the allotment enjoying the magnificent views of the Wolds.

We will meet in the hall at drop off and make hot drinks/gather our equipment etc before we head off together at 9am. All we ask is that you bring your wellies and a lidded mug/thermos flask/camping chair and let the office know in advance if you can join us and whether you would like a bacon bap, sausage bap or veggie sausage bap.



**Please can all interest be expressed by Monday 28th April**

**These sessions have been really well attended this year and we are keen to carry them on but with a different take in the warmer weather.**

## **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to Everlie's dad who kindly brought in Easter eggs for all the children on the last day of term.

It was very kind and very much appreciated 😊

## **FOLS CHOCOLATE BINGO SUCCESS!**

A huge thank you to all those who attended our Chocolate Bingo event at the end of last term. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all. We raised a fantastic £277 towards school funds which is a brilliant result!

## **ROCKSTEADY - SPACES AVAILABLE!**

We are very excited to be able to continue with the fantastic RockSteady programme here at Leavening School! This is a fun and inclusive opportunity for rock and pop band lessons for children in Reception to Year 6. Sessions will take place on Monday mornings.

The cost to parents/carers is £75.00 for the full term. Further information about RockSteady can be found here: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents/>





# Stay & Play

Leavening Community Primary School

Come and join us every Monday  
9.30am - 11am for a cuppa and a chat.

FREE for all parents and carers with  
children age 0 - 4 years

Back Lane, Leavening, YO17 9SW



Starts Monday 12th May

Any questions please contact Emma

[Eisaacs@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:Eisaacs@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk)



# Early Adopter FREE breakfast club offer

This new scheme will offer FREE daily breakfast club provision to ALL children in **Reception to Year 6** from **8.05am-8.35am**. After this time, they will be supervised until the start of school at 8.45am.

Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast **at no cost**.

This includes a choice of **cereal, toast with preserves, fruit, yoghurt, fresh juice and water** along with themed breakfasts on special occasions.

Food allergies are catered for.

Breakfast club takes place in the Learning Zone.

Engaging activities are planned each morning and led by our existing school staff; Miss Woodcock, Mrs Isaacs, Mrs Taylor and Ms Kemp.

Breakfast club will still continue to run as usual from **7.30am** for those needing provision at an earlier time.

For the duration of this scheme for the summer term-

Any child (Reception-Year 6) that arrives **before the free 8.05am** session- will be charged at a **reduced** rate of **£3.50/child** (usual rate: £4/child).

**To book your child into Breakfast club** and take advantage of this scheme, please email the office- **admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk** giving at least 24hrs notice before the date of the booking. Remember, you may book in for the **occasional morning or just for a couple of mornings a week**; it does not have to be a regular commitment.



***"Out of 10, I would  
give Breakfast Club  
an 11"***

(Jenny, a regular pupil  
at Breakfast Club)





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ZEPETO

FOR SALE

AGE RESTRICTION  
14+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ZEPETO is a fast-growing app blending social networking with a virtual world experience – attracting around 20 million monthly users, with 15% from Europe. Players create 3D avatars to explore immersive environments, play games and interact with others; however, with minimal safety controls, anonymous chat and monetised content, ZEPETO poses a number of online safety concerns that parents and educators should be aware of.

### NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

Although ZEPETO is intended for users aged 14 and up, it lacks built-in parental controls or age verification, instead relying on safety features on the device it's played on. This lack of a parental controls feature raises concerns about whom children may be interacting with on the platform.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a mix between a virtual world and a social media platform, ZEPETO features a wide range of user-generated content. Some areas may reference mature themes, such as TV series aimed at adults, or include inappropriate material created by other users – all of which children may stumble across without warning.

### STRANGER DANGER

By default, users can message and interact with anyone else. This open communication creates an environment where predatory individuals can pose as peers to gain trust, potentially leading to grooming, scams, and exploitation, such as blackmail.

Hi there...

### CYBERBULLYING RISKS

As with many social platforms, children can be targeted for bullying, harassment or exclusion by both strangers and their peers. Unfiltered chat and avatar-based interaction can allow bullying and other forms of harassment to continue, impacting children's wellbeing and mental health.

### ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY

Daily log-in rewards, such as coins, and in-game incentives can encourage compulsive behaviour, with some users feeling pressure to check in constantly to avoid missing out. This can lead to excessive screen time and conflict with schoolwork or offline hobbies or commitments.

### SPENDING REAL MONEY

While the game is free to play, ZEPETO includes a store offering virtual clothing and accessories for avatars. These items are bought with 'ZEMs' – a paid currency – and the appeal of exclusive items or branded collaborations can make it easy for children to overspend.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Visit the child's profile settings to restrict who can send messages – options include Everyone, Followers Only, or No-one. Encourage children to avoid sharing any personal information on their profile, as this is visible even on private accounts.

### LIMIT IN-APP TIME

Use parental controls on Android (Google Family Link) or iOS (Screen Time) to restrict app usage by setting hours or daily limits. Encouraging breaks can help children develop healthier habits and reduce app dependency.

### CONTROL SPENDING

To prevent accidental purchases, set up purchase approval systems such as Apple's Ask to Buy or Google's Purchase Approvals. Alternatively, consider removing payment methods or using pre-paid cards with set budgets.

### HAVE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about whom they interact with online and the kinds of things they see or experience. Encourage them to speak up if someone makes them uncomfortable or if they come across inappropriate content. Teach them how to recognise red-flag behaviours such as asking for secrets, giving gifts, or requesting personal information.

## Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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