

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th June 2025

Summer 2 Term

HELLO FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy fortnight, I want to say a big thank you to all the children who have thrown themselves into our Readathon – it's been brilliant to see so many of them reading for pleasure and sharing stories with one another. Well done, everyone!

Thank you also to the parents and carers who attended our recent 'Seeing is Believing' open classroom sessions. Your engagement and support mean so much to us and to the children – it really does bring our school vision of 'Together We Can' to life.

Our Year 6 pupils have had an exciting time attending their secondary school transition days. They've come back full of enthusiasm and stories to share, and we're so proud of the way they've represented Leavening.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,



Sian Mitchell

Upcoming Reminders

Our school play 'Pantastic' will be performed next week: Friday 4th July at 9.30am and 2pm.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Weds 2nd July.
Please ensure your child has their outfit in school.

School Attendance

16 June 2025 - 20 June 2025

Our school weekly attendance was: 96.8%

This was above the primary national average of **94.9%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **95.8%** | Attendance **this term** so far: **94.2%**

DIARY DATES

JULY

2/7/25 Dress rehearsal

3/7/25 Reports out

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

5/7/25 and 6/7/25

Leavening BBQ & Summer Fete

W/C 7/7/25 Transition week.

Children move classes in preparation for Sept 2025.

8/7/25 New Reception starters(Sept) parent info session 3.30pm

10/7/25 Yr 6 Treat Day:
Allerthorpe Lake-Aqua park

10/7/25

FOLS Sausage Sizzle from 5pm

11/7/25 Second-hand uniform stall See Page 4!

15/7/25 Bikeability (Yr 6 pupils)

16/7/25 Yr5 Taster Day:
Norton College. Remember packed lunches!

16/7/25 Yr 1/2 Summer Sports Tournament: Malton Sports Centre. 1pm start. Leave school at 12.30pm.

18/7/25 End of year celebration assembly 9.30am
All welcome!

This is followed by Yr6 Kids vs Parents Rounders and then Yr6 Parents lunch with their child

18/7/25 Last day of term

SEPTEMBER

1/9/25 Training day

2/9/25 Term starts

5/9/25 First Aid Workshops for Conkers & Oak Trees pupils

8-10/9/25 Peat Rigg Residential (Oak Trees)

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**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS SCHOOL

Basketball and Netball Tournament

“On the 18th June, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils set out for a mixed basketball and netball tournament! They were brilliant at representing the school and conducted themselves with great sportsmanship. All the effort put in was amazing - even scoring Leavening a trophy for winning the netball tournament! Great effort from both teams! Go Leavening!”

-Miss Templeman (Oak Trees)

Money Matters

“Oak Trees classes enjoyed listening to the great advice about money by visitors from the Yorkshire Building Society who visited school. They learnt lots of different things such as how to barter like a caveman, what Romans did with their gold and silver and the importance of keeping your online banking secure. Thank you to the Yorkshire Building Society for their lovely workshop.

-Miss Templeman (Oak Trees)

*“On Monday, we were lucky enough to welcome James and Helen from the Yorkshire Building Society into our classroom! The children learned all about the history of money, how to look after our money and how to hold onto our money. Then session was wonderfully interactive and the children learned a great deal! “ - **Mrs Bennett (Conkers)***

Seeing Is Believing Event

On Tuesday, we welcomed some of our wonderful families into our classroom! We were very excited and showed off our phonics and writing skills beautifully. Unfortunately, our visit to the woodland for a Science lesson on 'habitats' was cut short due to the uncooperative weather, but we switched plans and instead showed off our fabulous imaginative work for writing! A huge thank you to all families who attended - the children love to share what they can do!



Sports Day: 12/06/2025

Well done to all our children for another magnificent display at Sports Day this year. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for their help. It's always very much appreciated!



Scarecrow Fun!

Looking for something to do this weekend? Come along to the Leavening Scarecrow Trail around the village and visit the allotment to see this guy the school made...



Well done to the pupils and staff and all their amazing efforts!

VILLAGE COMMUNITY NOTICES

Leavening Community Summer BBQ (5th July) and Village Fete (6th July)

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.

Leavening School choir will be performing at the fete. Letters have gone out to choir members.

Please return the completed consent form to school by Friday 4th July (latest).

FOLS will be selling ice creams and ice lollies at the fete and running a 'hook a duck' stall-raising funds for school. If you can help with this -even for a short time - please get in touch with the office. Your support would be very much appreciated.

SCHOOL NOTICES AND REMINDERS

IMPORTANT - Sports Tournaments

These events take place in school time and are curriculum-related.

It is expected that ALL children will attend. They are not optional (unless parents/carers have directly outlined their reason for *not* giving consent).

Please can we ask that you check your child/ren's ParentPay account/s.

We have a lot of outstanding balances. If you have any queries/issues, please contact school.

School play 'Pantastic' - Dress rehearsal (01/07/25) and Performances (04/07/25)

The dress rehearsal will take place on Tues 1st July. Please send costumes in for this day (clearly named).

Show day is Fri 4th July. There will be two performances: 9.30am and 2pm.

FOLS Family Quiz and Sausage Sizzle Fundraising Event: 10/07/25 5pm-6.30pm

The postponed Quiz will now also include a 'sausage sizzle' with hot-dogs on sale (5pm-5.30pm), along with the usual bar for refreshments. The quiz will run from 5.30pm-6pm. *Teams of no more than 5 people.*

Tickets are just £5 per team. Contact the office to sign your team up!

If you are able to help with this event (cooking sausages or manning the bar), please get in touch 😊

FOLS Second Hand Uniform Stall: 11/07/25: 3.15pm

Please can we ask for any donated items of good quality used uniform, PE kit, Forest School items, socks, jackets and other related school clothing etc to be brought to the school office in advance of this event. Thank you.

Rocksteady Concert: 14/07/25 9.15am

The concert is a great way for children at school to proudly showcase all their musical skills on stage in front of a supportive audience! Please do let us know in advance if you will be attending, to ensure we have adequate seating.

End of year celebration assembly: 18/07/25 9.30am

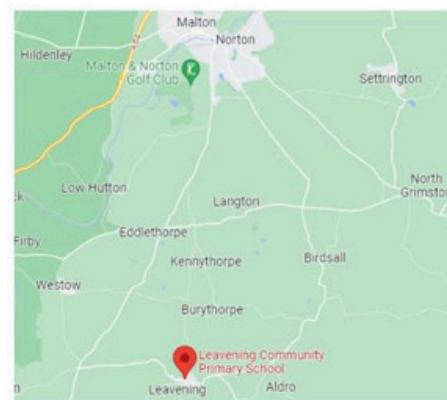
All welcome! This is followed by Yr6 Kids vs Parents Rounders and then Yr6 Parents lunch with their child.

Conkers and Acorns are in search of kitchen resources to enhance the outdoor and home kitchen provision.

Things we are on the look out for include (but are not limited to) the following:

Utensils | Cutlery | Scales | Jugs | Pots and pans | Any metal containers, jugs or bowls etc

If anyone has any that they could donate it would be hugely appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.



**Look and learn beyond the classroom | Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential
Care, share and belong | Lead, teach and learn with passion**



**Are you happy with your child's allocated school place?
Perhaps you are undecided on which school will meet your
child's needs?**

**Why not come and visit our school? You can meet our pupils, staff and
headteacher and experience our warm familial environment for
yourself!**

**Please contact the school and make an appointment:
PHONE: 01653 658 313 | EMAIL: ADMIN@LEAVENING.N-YORKS.SCH.UK**

**Leavening Community Primary School. Back Lane, Leavening, Malton. YO17 9SW
www.leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk**



LEAVENING FETE

£2 per adult, under 16s free



SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025 2PM



LIVE MUSIC ★ COCONUT SHY
PLANT SALE ★ SCHOOL CHOIR
BOUNCY CASTLE ★ TOMBOLA
ICE CREAM ★ FACE PAINTING
GAMES ★ REFRESHMENTS
CHILDRENS RACES

**5th
July**

**From 4.30pm
ALL WELCOME**

Leavening School Field

Bring your own food, drink and comfy chairs★

Made with PosterMyWall.com

★ **FREE ENTRY**
★ **— BBQ —**
★

★ **Children must
be accompanied**

Thank you
Tombola donations: Swain Cottage, Malton Rd



Free Summer Open Day

Get a peek behind the scenes to see what happens to your household rubbish.

Site tours (for over 7s) will run throughout the day
Upcycling crafts
The North Yorkshire Rotters

Open to everyone
Tuesday 5 August 2025 - 10am - 3pm
Please book using this [link](#).
All ages welcome at the visitor centre but
please note no access to site tour for under 7s.



 **Thalia**
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Lucy's Legacy was created in honour of Lucy Pearson who sadly lost her life to suicide in September 2024. Leaving behind a husband and two young children.

Lucy suffered with postnatal depression and her family and friends feel that the services that should have helped Lucy sadly failed her. After her passing Lucy's Legacy was born, with the aim of raising awareness for postnatal depression and making a call for action against the postcode lottery of perinatal care in our area.

Having a baby is a transformative experience which affects nearly every aspect of your life, this can affect your mental health in many ways. Lucy's Legacy is here to help navigate that change and break the stigma of discussing mental health so that no other family suffers this tragedy.

If you or a family member is struggling after having a baby it's important to get some help. Here are some brilliant sources of information and support:



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here for you 24/7



You are not alone.
Support is available.

Reaching out is the first step towards feeling better.

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SUMMER ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Rock Skills Introduction provides them with a foundation of skills to start a new hobby through either our own club or elsewhere.

Holiday Session - £55.00 (7-16 years old)
Rock Skills Introduction - £75.00 (10-17 years old)
Climbing Trips - From £60.00 (Experienced Climbers)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: Monday-Friday Each Week

Brimham Rocks: Tuesday-Thursday Each Week

Rock Skills Introduction, Ilkley: 21st July or 1st, 4th, 28th, 22nd August

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.



BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.



DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.



SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.



AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.



DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.



Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.



SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.



CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.



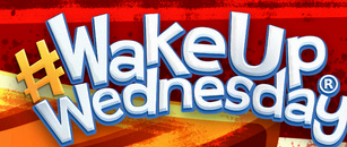
WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.



Meet Our Expert

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

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