

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Spring 1 Term

## Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all of our children, families and friends of Leavening Community Primary School. I hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year ahead. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week and to see their smiles, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

This half term, our whole-school topic is **Memory Box**, a theme that will encourage pupils to reflect, ask questions and make connections between the past and the present. Through this topic, children will explore memories, family history, significant events and personal stories, helping to develop their understanding of themselves, others and the wider world.

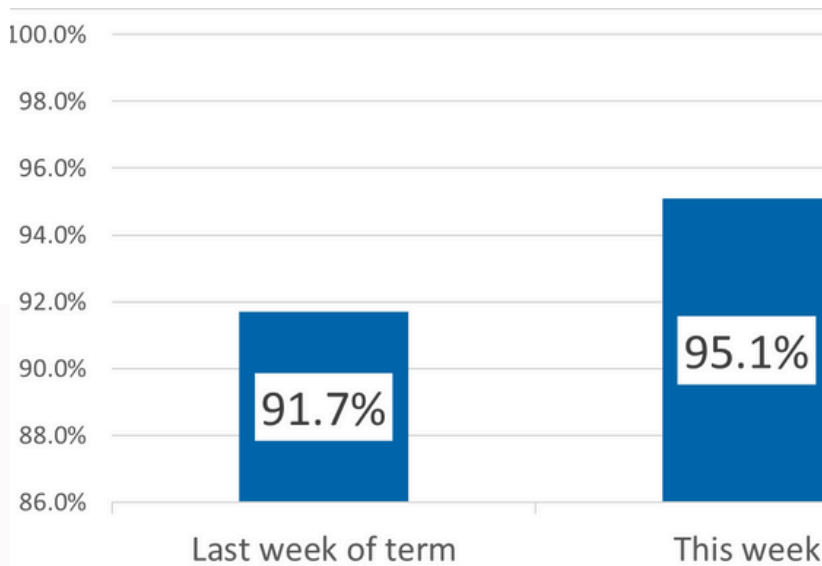
We are also very much looking forward to **Aspire Week** over the next two weeks. This will be an exciting opportunity for pupils to think big, explore future possibilities and be inspired by different careers, skills and ambitions. Aspire Week always generates wonderful conversations and helps our children to believe in what they can achieve — truly reflecting our school motto, “Together We Can.”

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are excited for the learning, experiences and opportunities the new year will bring.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Mitchell

School  
Attendance



## DIARY DATES

### JANUARY

**Mon 12th-23rd Jan**

Aspire (Careers) Fortnight

**Thurs 15th**

Applications deadline to start

Reception (Sept 2026)

**Fri 30th**

Young Voices trip (Oak Trees)

### FEBRUARY

**Mon 2nd- Fri 6th**

Free breakfast club census week-

see poster in newsletter

**Weds 11th**

Landing of topic: Visit to York.

Details tbc (Conkers & Oak Trees)

**Thurs 12th**

FOLS Valentines Disco 5-6.15pm

(Conkers & Oak Trees)

**Fri 13th**

Big Sing Event 12-5.30pm at

Malton School (Oak Trees)

End of term

**W/C 16th Feb**

Half term break

**Mon 23rd**

Spring term 2 begins.

### Pop-Up Library Dates:

22/1, 12/2, 5/3, 26/3, 30/4,

21/5, 11/6, 2/7 (Collection only)

**Please return any books**

**from last term ASAP**

### Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:

28/1: Dodgeball (Y3&4)

6/2: Swimming Gala (Oaks)

4/3: Dodgeball (Conkers)

11/3: Football (Y5&6)

### **PARENTPAY REMINDER:**

**Please clear any balances from last term ASAP.**

Should you be experiencing any difficulties with this, please contact school.

## 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 SCHOOL AT CHRISTMAS

The children had a truly lovely time at school in the lead-up to Christmas, enjoying a range of exciting and memorable experiences.

A highlight for many was our trip to see **Sleeping Beauty** at the pantomime, which was filled with lots of festive fun!



We were also incredibly proud of all the children who took part in our school show, **Noisy Nativity**, performing with such confidence and enthusiasm.



To round off the celebrations, pupils showcased their musical talents in the **Rock Steady concert**, delivering fantastic performances and ending the term on a real high note!



## WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and hope everyone had a restful break. We are really looking forward to the term ahead, with lots of exciting learning and opportunities to come.

Conkers have enjoyed a fun start to the Spring term! They started the week by becoming busy designers and have done a fantastic job creating their own cars from junk materials! The children explored how to make wheels and axles so their cars could move, tested their ideas and solved problems along the way. We were so impressed with the children's creativity and determination as they turned everyday recycling into brilliant moving vehicles!



**Don't forget! Conkers parents are warmly invited to join us**

**from 2.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, to view our 'Museum of Memories' with the children!**



# Invitation to attend our **FREE breakfast club** during Census Week

2nd-6th February

Leavening School has become an 'early adopter school'. This means we get access to government funding to deliver a FREE daily breakfast club provision. This is available to all children in

**Reception to Year 6 from 8.05am-8.35am.**

After this time, they are 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.** Food allergies are catered for.

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

## Why choose Breakfast Club?

- 🍷 A healthy breakfast sets children up for a successful day of learning.
- 😊 Children arrive at class settled, calm and ready to learn.
- 🤝 Helps children build friendships across different year groups.
- 🧠 Boosts concentration, memory and focus in lessons.
- ⌚ Gives families a stress-free start to the day with a reliable childcare option.
- ☀️ Children enjoy fun activities in a safe and welcoming environment.
- 🍏 Starting the day positively improves attendance, punctuality and wellbeing.

Attending the Early Adopters Breakfast Club from 8.05am during Census Week, will help our school to provide data to the Government to support our funding.

**To book your child's place** and take advantage of this scheme, please email the office **[admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk)**

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.





# PARENTS & CARERS

**We're working with National Numeracy to help our pupils improve their confidence with maths.**

**Did you know that parents' attitudes to maths make a big difference?**

You can build your own confidence with maths at your own pace, online and for free using the National Numeracy Challenge.

To try out the National Numeracy Challenge, scan the QR code

