

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25th June 2026

Summer 2 Term

Hello everyone

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to thank everyone who has helped make school life so special for our children. A huge thank you to Mr Jarvis for leading our Allotment Club this term. The children have loved getting outdoors, learning new skills and developing a greater understanding of where food comes from. The club has been a wonderful example of teamwork, responsibility and community spirit.

Our Playground Proms workshop was a fantastic success. We are looking forward to the concert tomorrow. Thank you to Mrs Stockill for organising. The concert starts at 10.45am. Doors open at 10.35am. Please use the middle doors on arrival

Thank you also to everyone who supported Sports Day. Despite the weather, the children showed great resilience and determination, and it was wonderful to see so many families cheering them on. Congratulations to Malton Team, this year's overall winners.

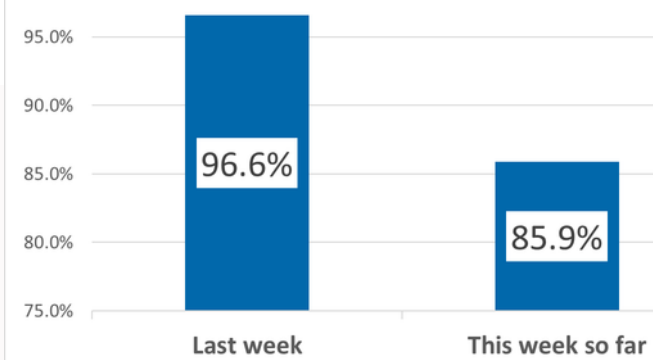
Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed transition activities as they prepare for the next stage of their education. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know they will be a real credit to Leavening as they move on. A special thank you to Mrs Raines for creating our fantastic sports-themed scarecrow for the village festival, and to everyone who contributed to this community event.

We would also like to thank our Open the Book team for bringing Bible stories to life throughout the year, and our Pop-Up Library volunteers for helping broaden children's reading experiences and encourage a love of reading.

Finally, thank you to all of our volunteers who give their time so generously across school life. Whether supporting reading, helping in class or assisting with events, your contribution makes a real difference to our children's experiences. Events such as Sports Day, Playground Proms, clubs and community projects would not be possible without the support of our families, volunteers and wider community. Together, we continue to create something very special for our children, and for that I am extremely grateful.

Sian Mitchell
Headteacher

School Attendance



DIARY DATES

JUNE

Fri 26th

Playground Proms Concert 10.45am
Doors open at 10.35
FOLS Sausage Sizzle 3.30-5.30pm
(Including the Summer Raffle Draw!)

Mon 29th

Reception Starters Sept'26:
Parents/Carers meeting: 3.30pm

Mon 29th & Tues 30th

Bikeability (Year 6)

JULY

Thur 2nd

Reports home

Fri 3rd

Whole school show rehearsal (am)

W/C 6th: Transition week

Mon 6th

Dress rehearsal for show (am)
Oak Trees Violin Performance 2.45pm

Tues 7th

Rocksteady Concert: 2pm

Crucial Crew (am) - Year 6

Fri 10th

School production 9.30am & 2.15pm

Sun 12th

Leavening Village Fete

Tues 14th

Year 6 Treat Day Out

Weds 15th

Yr 5 Experience Day: Norton College

Thurs 16th

Time Odyssey Trip (Oak Trees)

Flamingo Land Trip (Conkers)

Fri 17th

Last day of term

End of year assembly 9.30am

Refreshment from 9am. All welcome!

Yr6/Parents Rounders 11am & Lunch

SEPTEMBER

Mon 7th

Training Day

Tues 8th

First day of term

Pop-Up Library Dates:

02/07 (collection only)

Sports Fixtures/Tournaments:

01/07: Olympics (Y5&6)

15/07: Mixed sports (Conkers)

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**

RECENT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Sports Day

Sports Day this year was amazing, even though it was very wet and windy! The children really enjoyed taking part in the javelin-throwing. Everyone had so much fun. The weather was a bit unpredictable - one minute it was blustery and the next it was raining! Luckily, we had a few moments of sunshine between some of the races, which was great. The ice pops were a big hit and everyone enjoyed them after all their hard work running the races. Everyone put in a fantastic effort and it was nice to see so much support and encouragement for all the children taking part. Hopefully, there will be better weather for Sports Day in 2027!" – Connor (Year 6)



RECENT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Playground Proms

What an amazing morning we had with Hamish from Playground Proms. We began learning about the BBC Proms that happen every year in London at the Albert Hall and then we practised the song for next week's concert. We showed Hamish our second verse written by Year 6 with Mrs Stockill's support. Hamish was very impressed with our work.

In the second session we explored music with movement, learning through physical experience moving in response to musical cues using the Dalcroze method.

Thank you so much Hamish and the Playground Proms team, we had a great morning and are very excited for our concert next week.





Parent & Carer Survey Feedback – Summer 2026

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Parent & Carer Survey this term. We were delighted to receive responses from approximately 80% of families. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us celebrate strengths whilst continuing to improve our school further.

Overall, feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we are incredibly proud of the many strengths identified by families.

What You Said We Do Well

You told us that:

- Children are happy, safe and well cared for at school
- Leavening has a strong sense of community and belonging
- The school is inclusive and values all children
- Staff know children well and build strong relationships with families
- SEND support is personalised and effective
- The school offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities, trips and experiences
- Outdoor and hands-on learning opportunities are highly valued

Parents particularly praised:

- The nurturing ethos of the school
- The support provided for children with SEND
- The variety of experiences available despite being a small school
- The caring and approachable nature of staff

Thank you for your kind comments and continued support.



You would welcome even more enrichment opportunities and wider experiences for children, including suggestions such as:

- Additional sports clubs
- Swimming opportunities
- More cultural or city-based trips
- A wider variety of visits and residential experiences

We will:

- Continue to review and expand our enrichment offer where possible
 - Explore additional sporting and cultural opportunities
 - Continue building partnerships with external providers and local organisations
 - Look at ways to further develop curriculum-linked visits and experiences
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You said:

Behaviour and expectations are positive overall, but some parents would value continued consistency and clarity around behaviour expectations.

We will:

- Continue to maintain high expectations for behaviour across school
 - Ensure routines and expectations remain clear and consistent
 - Continue promoting our positive culture of respect, kindness and belonging
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You said:

You value the school's inclusive ethos and strong SEND support.

We will:

- Continue prioritising inclusive practice and adaptive teaching
- Maintain strong communication and partnership working with families
- Continue ensuring children's individual needs remain at the heart of our provision

Nursery Parent & Carer Survey Feedback – Summer 2026

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Nursery Parent & Carer Survey this term. We were delighted to receive responses from approximately 76% of families. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us celebrate strengths whilst continuing to improve our provision further.

Overall, feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we are incredibly proud of the many strengths identified by families.

What You Said We Do Well

You told us that:

- Children are happy, safe and settled in nursery
- Staff are warm, caring and approachable
- The nursery creates a strong sense of belonging and community
- Children are known well as individuals
- Outdoor learning opportunities are highly valued
- Activities follow children's interests and encourage a love of learning
- The nursery supports confidence, independence and wellbeing effectively

Parents particularly praised:

- Outdoor play and allotment experiences
- Farm visits, village walks and outdoor adventures
- The nurturing "family feel" of the nursery
- The positive relationships between nursery staff, children and families
- The integration of nursery children into wider school life

Some lovely comments included:

"Strong community feel across the whole school."

"The team knows him inside out."

"Wide range of activities provided and encouragement to enjoy the outdoors and messy play."

"Roo is happy, settled and asks to come every day."

Thank you for your kind comments and continued support.

You Said... We Will...

You said:

You would welcome even more communication and updates about your child's day, activities and development.

Parents suggested:

- More daily updates about activities completed
- More photographs and observations shared
- More information about routines and friendships
- Greater visibility of children's progress and development over time

We will:

- Continue reviewing how we share children's learning and experiences with families
 - Explore ways to increase communication and shared observations where possible
 - Continue strengthening home-school communication and partnership working
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You said:

You value the nursery's outdoor learning and enriching experiences.

We will:

- Continue prioritising outdoor learning opportunities
 - Continue building engaging, child-led experiences linked to children's interests
 - Maintain our strong focus on exploration, creativity and hands-on learning
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You said:

You appreciate the nursery's nurturing and inclusive environment.

We will:

- Continue ensuring children feel safe, valued and included
 - Maintain the strong relationships between staff, children and families
 - Continue promoting a strong sense of belonging across the nursery and wider school community
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FOLS

Summer Social:

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

AND

QUIZ



FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

AT 3.30-5.30PM



QUIZ:
£2/TEAM
(MAX 4 PEOPLE/
TEAM)



ALCOHOLIC/SOFT
REFRESHMENTS
ALONG WITH
HOT DOGS/
VEGGIE SAUSAGES
AND SNACKS
AVAILABLE
FROM 3.30PM.



QUIZ FROM
4.30-5.30PM



The highly-anticipated
Summer Raffle
will be drawn.

RAFFLE



Choir
to perform!



Please do come along and
support this fun event to raise
funds for school! ☺



PLAYGROUND PROMS

Leavening Primary School

Friday 26th June

10.45 - 11.45

Doors open 10.35



Please join us for a wonderful morning of music inspired by the BBC Proms and delivered by professional musicians from Graffiti Classics and Dalcroze UK.

Everyone Welcome
Optional Dress Code
RED, WHITE & BLUE

Suggested Donation £1

**All donations go towards funding
this amazing opportunity for our
students**

SAFE SCROLLING – WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMETHING FEELS WRONG



PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Online content can bring up lots of different feelings, and sometimes those feelings can be heavy and affect our mental health. If you see something that feels wrong or worrying, this guide can help you recognise it, respond safely and find support.

Spotting harmful content:

Harmful content can be incredibly subtle, feel supportive and keep you from getting the help and support you deserve to feel better.

Here are some signs to look out for:

- > If it makes you feel suddenly sad, anxious, heavy or unwanted then it could be harmful.
- > If it keeps drawing you back to feelings of sadness and like you aren't worthy then it could be harmful.
- > If it tells you not to get help or not to speak to people you trust then this is harmful.
- > If it suggests the only way to feel better is to act in unsafe or risky ways then this is harmful.
- > If it encourages you to harm yourself or end your life then this is harmful.
- > If it promotes extreme dieting, exercise or eating disorder behaviours then this is harmful.
- > If it's showing videos or images that are violent, frightening or overly graphic then this is harmful.
- > If it's shaming you or someone else or encouraging violence or harm towards others then this is harmful.
- > If it's repeatedly showing harmful or upsetting material then this is harmful.

Practical steps to take:



Mute the content or select 'see less of this'.



Report it via the platform's safety tools.



Unfollow the account or mute it.



Search for content that makes you feel happy, calm and safely support.



Get safe support from a loved one or helpline.

Support available

If harmful content has left you feeling unsure or down, it's okay to ask for help and you don't have to manage these feelings on your own.

SHOUT Text 'MRF' to 85258

Free, confidential crisis text line for anyone, any age available 24/7

Papyrus HOPELINE247 0800 068 4141

Free, confidential helpline for people under 35 or anyone concerned about a young person, available 24/7

NSPCC Childline 0800 1111

Free, confidential support for young people under 19, available 24/7

NHS 111 Dial 111

Select 'mental health help' for urgent help or advice

**In an emergency
don't be afraid
to dial 999**

Audition for NCO 2027!

Auditions are open for Orchestral Weekends and Weeks in 2027

Open to musicians who are aged 8-13 years old (as of 31st August 2026)

Auditions close 9am, Friday 31st July 2026



You can also find out about non-auditioned activities and sign up to enews on our website.

www.nco.org.uk

SJT

PLAY IN A DAY

Fun-filled workshops for ages 5–7 and 8–12!

Imagination takes centre stage as you create characters, explore stories, develop performance skills, and devise an original mini-play from scratch... all in a single day.

Join us for an exciting, hands-on theatre workshop where imagination takes centre stage and young people get to work alongside industry professionals. Guided by their expertise, participants will experience the creative process in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Through dynamic games, creative exercises, and teamwork, participants will build confidence, make new friends, and discover what it's like to bring ideas to life on stage.

At the end of the day, family and friends will be invited to enjoy a short, informal sharing of the work created during the workshop.



Ages 5–7

Wednesday 29 July

9.30am – 3.30pm

Ages 8–12

Thursday 30 July

9.30am – 3.30pm

Room 2 (enter via the Meeting Point on Northway) | £25 per day

Book online: www.sjt.uk.com or call the Box Office: 01723 370541



**BE KIND
TO YOUR
MIND**

Five ways to wellbeing and self care webinar

13 July 2026 4pm-5pm

This webinar is aimed at young people and parents needing support and advice on summer self care.

The webinar will focus on

Five ways to wellbeing

- Connect
- Be Active
- Keep learning
- Give
- Take notice

Self care over the summer



Joining Information

To join our five ways to wellbeing webinar please scan the QR code and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:



Meeting ID: 311 528 216 014 870
Passcode: Ac6y9iz9

If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact
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