

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026



This Spring newsletter offers a snapshot of the many activities, successes and experiences that have shaped The Levett School this half term. We hope it gives you a sense of the energy and commitment that fills our classrooms and corridors each day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our families a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Summer Term ahead.

ATTENDANCE TOP TIPS

- **Every day counts.** Even one day missed can mean lost learning.
- **Aim for 100%.** Good attendance supports good progress.
- **On time, every time.** Arriving late can be unsettling and means missing important learning.
- **Small absences add up.** A few days here and there can quickly become weeks over a year.
- **Routines matter.** Consistent bedtimes and morning routines help children arrive ready to learn.
- **Term time is for learning.** Please avoid booking holidays during school time.
- **We are here to help.** If attendance is becoming a concern, please contact us – early support makes a difference.
- **Be in, be ready, be successful.** Attendance is the first step to achievement.

One class that has taken these top tips on are Acorn Class.

We would like to wish them all massive **WELL DONE** for achieving 87.6% attendance this Spring term!



KS1 WELLY WALKS



KS1 pupils have been making the most of the great outdoors, enjoying everything nature has to offer with muddy walks to the local park.

Wrapped up and ready for adventure, pupils explored the changing seasons, splashed along muddy paths and enjoyed the sights and sounds of nature along the way.

The trip was a wonderful opportunity to learn and connect outside the classroom. It also gave pupils the chance to relax, talk and build positive relationships, while encouraging curiosity about the natural world and a love of being active outside.



LIVING EGGS PROGRAMME

Once again, we have been taking part in the Living Eggs Programme this year.

Over the past two weeks, the children have watched the eggs carefully as they began to hatch, learning about the life cycle and the care needed for young animals. Since the chicks arrived, pupils have helped to look after them, observing how they grow and change each day.

It has been a lovely hands-on learning opportunity, and the chicks have certainly brought lots of excitement to the school!



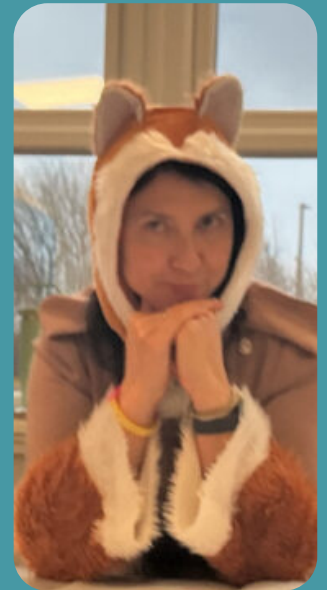
WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day 2026 was a jam-packed day at The Levett School!

Pupils enjoyed a range of reading activities throughout the day, including our "Masked Reader" challenge, where they had to guess which teacher was in disguise while reading their favourite stories.

The school was filled with fantastic costumes as pupils arrived dressed as some of their favourite book characters, while staff turned up en masse as Paddington Bear!

A special shout-out to Mr Hayes, who went the extra mile with a homemade suitcase to complete the look!



RED ARROWS FLY BY

Pupils and staff were enthralled to witness a fly by from The Red Arrows who were in the area to celebrate Greg James from BBC Radio 1 and Prince William, cycling through the city to raise funds for Comic Relief!

Watch out for the photos appearing on our website soon!



THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Pupils, staff and some parents took part in "The Great British Spring Clean" this term. Our ECO team were the first to kick off the drive by delivering informative flyers to neighbours all about their mission.

The following week, armed with bin bags and litter pickers, everyone got to work! All involved managed to **clean up** a whopping **15 bags of rubbish** from our local area. Well done everyone and thank you for working together to improve the local environment for all creatures great and small!



JOB WELL DONE!



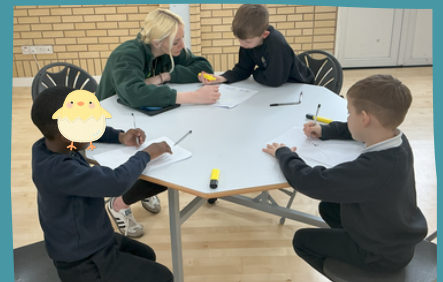
CLEAN, GREEN AND KEEN TO BE SEEN

Our recent celebration of Global Recycling Day and The Great British Spring Clean was a wonderful success!

Families, staff and pupils came together to make their sustainability and attendance pledges, creating the beautiful display as show below.

The day really helps us to understand that small changes make a big difference whilst also highlighting how great school attendance helps children flourish.

It was a fantastic day filled with community spirit and a shared commitment to helping our children thrive and our neighbourhood shine.



PUPIL SUCCESS STORIES

A massive shout out to Jaxon from Miss Robertson and the rest of the Levett team.

After only a short period of time with us, Jaxon has settled well and made lots of progress with his reading and writing.

Well done Jaxon!



Another massive congratulations to Nicolas, who has also successfully completed his time here at Levett and will return to his mainstream setting.

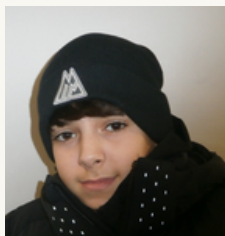


Nicolas has only been with us a short time, showing testament to his dedication to his education.

Well done Nicolas!

We would also like to say a massive congratulations to Arlie-Roy and Levi, who have successfully completed their time at Levett school.

We wish them both great success in their future provisions and beyond. You've both done so well!



Last but not least, we would like to say a huge well done to Alkim. Alkim has worked really hard to turn around his school attendance, showing his peers that when you put your mind to it, you can make positive changes that stick!

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

This term we welcomed back a familiar face to the Levett team, Miss Wright. Miss Wright previously worked at Levett as a Teaching Assistant and after a small break pursuing a different career path, she has returned!

Miss Wright is now a key part of the school office team, leading on pupil attendance!



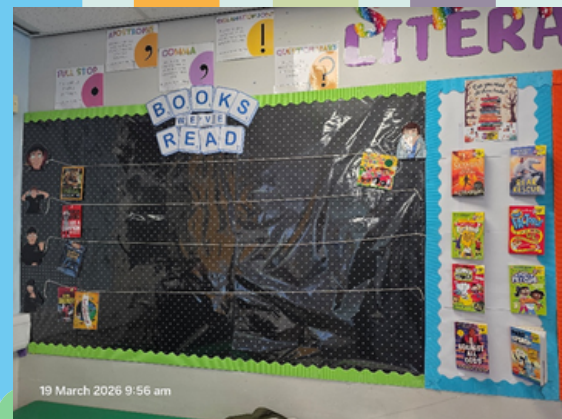
We would also like to say good luck and a fond farewell to Mrs Zbiec, who is leaving her role as Cover Supervisor with us at The Levett School. A truly positive person who was always willing to lend a hand, and to take on any challenge put her way.

We wish Mrs Zbiec all the luck in the world in her future endeavors!

SEND

Local Offer

The Levett School is a short-term provision, not a long-term specialist placement. For pupils with an EHCP, we work closely with families and professionals to plan next steps and identify suitable future settings. Doncaster's Local Offer provides guidance on available services and support: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/learning-and-skills>

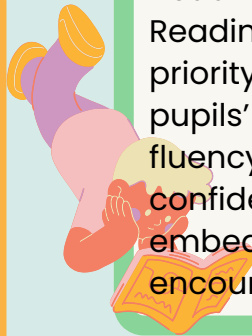


SEND White Paper Update

The government continues to review the SEND system to ensure children receive the right support. The reforms focus on:

- Improving inclusion and access to specialist support
- Providing parents with clearer information about services and school options
- Raising expectations and accountability for schools and local services
- Strengthening staff training
- Identifying needs early
 - Encouraging strong partnerships between families, schools and services

We monitor these developments to ensure our pupils receive high-quality support.



Reading Focus

Reading continues to be a priority. We are developing pupils' phonics (Little Wandle), fluency, comprehension, and confidence, with reading embedded across subjects and encouraged at home.

Upcoming Assessments

Over the coming weeks, pupils will complete assessments that help us:

- Identify strengths and areas for development
- Adapt teaching to individual needs
- Track progress
- Gather evidence to guide longer-term support

Assessments are carried out in a calm, supportive environment.

Curriculum Development

This term we are refining our curriculum to better meet pupils' needs by:

- Increasing structure and clarity in lessons
- Using engaging topics that capture interest
- Placing reading at the heart of all learning
- Building knowledge in small, achievable steps
- Strengthening links between core skills and real-life application
- Our aim is a supportive, accessible curriculum driven by high-quality teaching.

Our Learning Cycle

We continue to embed our structured learning cycle:

1. Introduction & Modelling
2. Guided Practice
3. Independent Application
4. Reflection & Feedback
5. This helps pupils build confidence and independence over time

Widgit in School

Widgit symbols remain an important tool for supporting communication and understanding by:

- Supporting visual communication
- Making instructions clearer
- Helping pupils access written information
- Supporting pupils with SEND or communication needs

If you would like Widgit resources for home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Exit Reports - For pupils preparing to transition from The Levett School, Exit Reports will be completed this term. These summarise progress, strengths, achievements, and recommendations to support a smooth move to their next placement or return to mainstream.

SAFEGUARDING

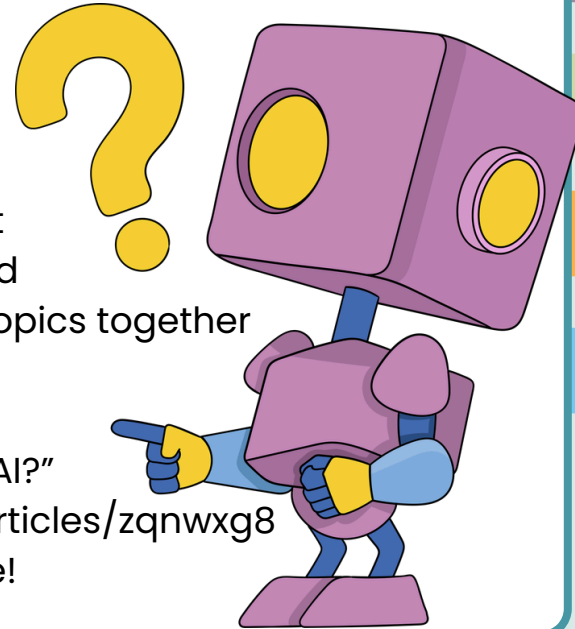
At The Levett we aim to stay informed about topics affecting young people nationally. Here is a brief update on three areas currently receiving a lot of attention: Artificial Intelligence (AI), gender guidance in schools, and mobile phone use.

AI tools like chatbots and image generators are becoming more common, and many young people are using or exploring them.

While AI can support learning, it can also produce inaccurate information or inappropriate content.

In school we encourage pupils to think critically about what they see online and to use technology safely and responsibly. You might find it useful to explore these topics together at home too.

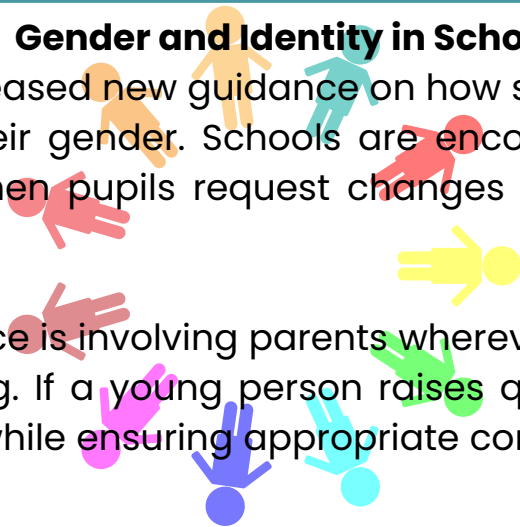
If you'd like a fun activity, try the BBC Bitesize "Real or AI?" quiz with your child: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqnwxg8>
It's surprisingly tricky—see who gets the highest score!



Gender and Identity in Schools

The government has released new guidance on how schools should support pupils who are questioning their gender. Schools are encouraged to take a thoughtful approach, especially when pupils request changes such as name, pronouns, or uniform.

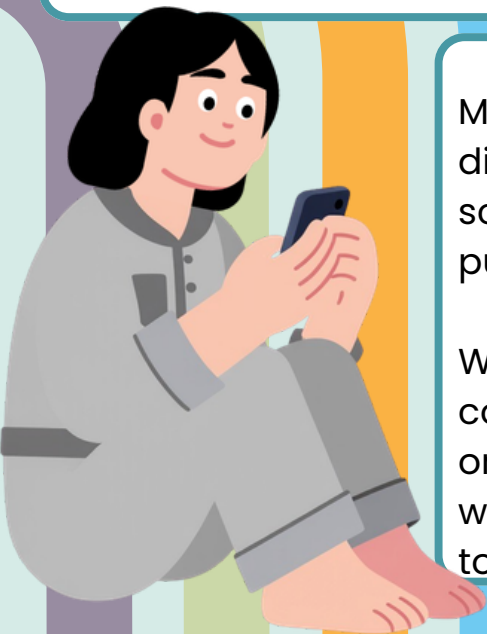
A key part of the guidance is involving parents wherever possible. At The Levett, our priority is pupil wellbeing. If a young person raises questions about identity, staff will respond sensitively while ensuring appropriate communication and support for families.



Mobile Phones in School

Mobile phones are part of everyday life, but they can cause distractions or lead to issues linked to social media. Our school has clear expectations around phone use to help pupils stay focused and feel safe.

We regularly talk with pupils about online safety, respectful communication, and what to do if something goes wrong online. If you ever have concerns about your child's wellbeing or online activity, please get in touch—we're here to help.



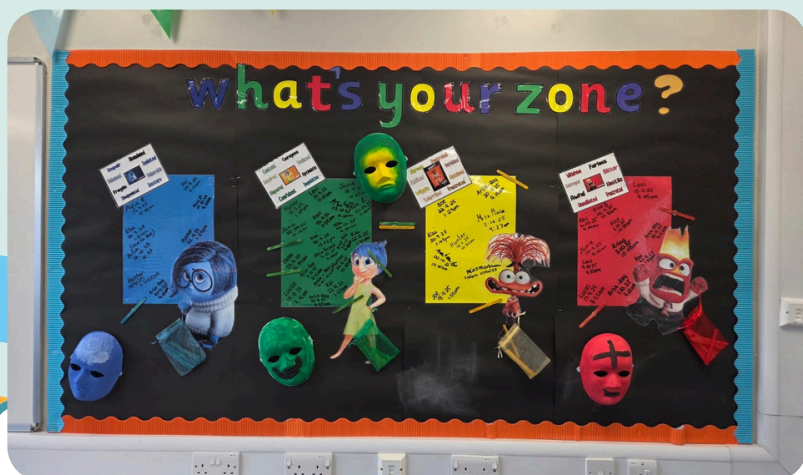
PASTORAL

Our Pastoral Hub Has Arrived!

A dedicated space designed to support our pupils when they need it most.

The hub is all about helping young people reset, reflect and build the skills to manage challenges whether that's handling frustration, rebuilding confidence, or finding better ways to deal with tricky moments.

With the support of our pastoral team, the hub will give pupils the opportunity to learn, grow and get back on track in a calm and supportive environment.



RPI updates in line with DfE guidance



We have recently updated our Behaviour and Dynamics policy to make sure they continue to reflect current guidance and best practice.

Our staff are trained by Dynamis to support pupils calmly and safely when situations become challenging. This training focuses on preventing situations from escalating, using positive relationships, clear communication, and de-escalation strategies to help pupils manage difficult moments.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils is always our top priority. If you would like to read more, the updated policies are available on the school website.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Miss Buchanan aims to complete her sustainability pledge by walking 11 miles to school!

Pupils will be challenged to complete the 11 miles on school site by walking, running, skipping or biking, before Miss Buchanan makes it to site.

Who do you think will win? The race is on!



Following the success of our KS3 Esports programme, we will be extending the offer to our older KS2 pupils for the summer term. Esports can support pupils to improve their communication skills, leadership, strategic thinking, teamwork, digital literacy and media skills.

In May we will be hosting our next Parent Coffee Morning.

Parents will be able to take part in a fun game of Bingo, followed by support sessions for home learning!

Dates to be confirmed - we will keep you posted!



As we wrap up this term, I would like to say a huge thank you to all stakeholders for their hard work and support this Spring. May your Easter be filled with sunshine, relaxation and plenty of treats.

We hope everyone has a lovely break; we can't wait to see you again for Summer term!

Miss Buchanan
Headteacher