

# Lever House Newsletter

Updating you with our school news

*Welcome.....Bienvenido.....Mwaiseni.....خوش آمدید.....  
Dobrodošli.....Välkomna.....مرحباً.....欢迎.....добре  
дошли...Vitaite....Bienvenue*



## School News

### September in full swing...

It has been great to see all of our pupils settled back in the swing of things and there has been some super learning going on throughout school.

#### EYFS

All of our new children have had a fantastic first few weeks at Lever House Primary School. Their first topic has been 'Hello, Here I Am'. They have started looking at self portraits, focussing on their features and tracing over real pictures of their faces. We have all thoroughly enjoyed looking at these!



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#### KS1

In KS1 we have enjoyed learning about how to stay healthy as humans. In science we have focused on exercise and why it is important for humans and in history we looked at how Florence Nightingale changed hygiene within hospitals.



Please can we remind all parents/carers that we are a **nut free school**.

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LEARNING

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CREATIVITY

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FUN!

## **KS2**

Year 5 and Year 6 are very lucky to have Gareth Walker visiting over the next few weeks to inspire our newspaper writing skills. Gareth is a sports journalist and has recently come back from the Paris Olympics to share his stories with us. Last week we learnt all about the athlete Keely Hodgkinson and how she was inspired at a young age to take up athletics. This week's focus is all about a very special friendship in sport: Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield. Their story showed us the true meaning of resilience and never giving up.

## **Website**

As you may have noticed, our Class Blogs are now out of date. A new school website has been designed but unfortunately the launch has been delayed. We are expecting the new school website to be up and running in the next two weeks. We are looking forward to showing you our learning and we will let you know when it is live.

## **Parents' Evening**

Our Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 from 15.30 - 18.30. You will receive an email next week to let your child's class teacher(s) know which time slot you would prefer.

If you require a longer meeting or your child has an ILP, class teachers will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

## **Starters for September 2025**

We are holding look around sessions for prospective parents on specific dates throughout the rest of this term (please see the website), in order to share key information about school and to give parents a feel of what life is like attending Lever House.

As these sessions are for parents, we will be holding our Open Classroom Sessions again, aimed at prospective pupils, where they get the chance to come and explore our EYFS areas and meet the staff who work at school. These were a great success last year resulting in a smooth transition for the children.

If you know anyone who would like to visit school prior to applying for a Primary place, please point them to our website or ask them to call our office to book a slot.

## School Applications



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2024 and 31 Aug. 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE**  
**15 JANUARY 2025**

**School transport**  
Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.

**Lancashire County Council**



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

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**31 OCTOBER 2024**

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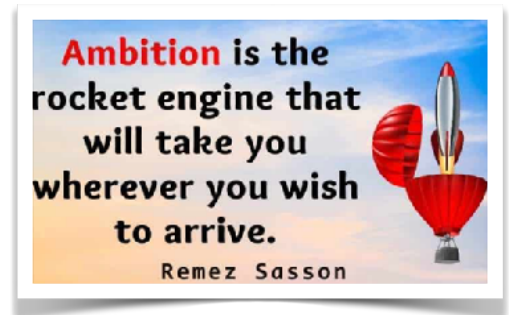
A reminder for primary and secondary school applications.

Primary - 15th January 2025

Secondary - 31st October 2024

## Assemblies

The theme for our assemblies this half term have been “Ambition”, taken from our Lever House SPARK: **S**afe **P**ositive **A**mbition **R**espect **K**indness. We have learnt about the Paralympian Ade Adepitan and have explored a number of stories, including; Rosie Revere Engineer, Snail in Space and Ish by Peter Reynolds.



## Harvest....

Due to the great success of last years harvest collection, we will be collecting non-perishable goods to donate to a local food bank. An email has been sent out to all of our families with all the information you need.

## Sports News

### Dance Talent

Last week, we were very lucky to have Annie, Sue and Karla from Dance Talent Studio join us in school for some dance workshops. Children from Y1-Y6 all joined in with a range of hip-hop dances and they all had the opportunity to go ‘freestyle’! We have heard that quite a few teachers enjoyed it too.....Please see Dance Talent Studio information at the bottom of this newsletter.



## Bikes



EYFS loved their physical development sessions and have utilised our new balance and pedal bikes which were purchased using our sports funding. Mrs Robson has been leading 'Tots on Tyres' style sessions and has seen a great improvement in the children's riding skills. We are looking forward to seeing how they progress this half term.

## Play Leaders

Last week, four of our new Year 5 play leaders got the opportunity to receive some training from the South Ribble Active Health Team to support our EYFS children on their balance bikes. They learnt lots of skills and activity ideas that they will get to teach over the year. Our Year 5 play leaders will have a further training day in school this year to expand their knowledge on playground games and activities to help enhance play times throughout school!



## Football

The football tournament at Leyland St Mary's High School is in full swing and our Year 6 team have had a great start! We look forward to seeing how they get on over the next few weeks. Well done and good luck!

# Health and Wellbeing

## Illness

We have seen a small rise in the number of children with sickness over the last few weeks. Can we remind parents and carers that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they should remain off school for 48 hours to prevent the spread of illness. We have also seen a rise in cases of Covid. There is no need to test your child for Covid but if your child has a temperature or is too unwell to attend school (as with any other illness), please keep them at home until they are well. Due to this, we have revisited hand washing and how important it is to wash our hands thoroughly at all times.

*If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office and leave a message on our absence line, including the reason for absence.*



## Diabetes in Children

Do you know the signs of Type 1 Diabetes? We have attached 2 posters to this email with key information about how to spot type 1 diabetes in children. In October, one of our families who have a child in school with Type 1 Diabetes are taking on a '62 miles in October' challenge to raise money for Diabetes UK - we wish them lots of luck! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please follow the link on the poster attached. We will share more information nearer November 14th, Diabetes Day.



## Office News

### After School Club

If your child is booked into after school club and they won't be attending, please can parents ensure they let the office know. This includes them attending a school event; like a club or competition.

### Parent Pay

Can all parents please ensure that they keep their ParentPay accounts up to date throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office with any queries.



### School Dinners

Due to rising food costs our school dinners are now priced at **£2.70 per day.** Your child's dinner choices will remain the same until we receive the new menu later in the term. *All children in Ash, Beech, Cedar, Elm and Horse Chestnut are entitled to a school universal free school lunch.*



### Fundraising made Easy!

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. **It's easy and FREE!**



You can get started at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-lever-house-primary-school/>



## We are a Nut Free School

Like most schools, Lever House is a nut free school. We have several staff members and pupils who are allergic to nuts and could have a serious reaction if they came into contact with them. **Please remember not to send any nut products to school, including Nutella.**



## DANCE TALENT STUDIO

A promotional poster for Dance Talent Studio. The poster has a teal and white color scheme. At the top left is the "Dance Talent Studio" logo. The main text reads "Dance Classes!!" in large white letters on a teal background, with "Subject to Availability" in smaller text below it. There are three circular images: a young girl in a blue dress, a group of dancers in green outfits, and a group of dancers in black outfits. Below these images are three categories: "Competitive Teams", "Festivals", and "Events/Shows". A list of classes is provided: Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz, Street Dance, Contemporary, Acro, and Musical Theatre. The location is listed as "CLASSES HELD IN LEYLAND AND BAMBER BRIDGE". At the bottom, there is a yellow button with "More Information" and the contact details "07764996230" and "dancetalentstudio.co.uk".

## Key Dates for Next Year:

### September:

Thursday 26th: Y5/6 Football Tournament @ Leyland St Mary's

Monday 30th: Harvest collection opens

### October:

Friday 4th: Harvest collection closes

Friday 4th: Deadline to order Christmas cards

Wednesday 16th: Parents' Evening

**Friday 18th: School closes for half term**

**Monday 28th: INSET Day**

Tuesday 29th: School reopens for pupils