



Welcome to Year 5

Aims

- To provide you with information about the year ahead
- To help you support your child at home
- To signpost you to important information to be aware of
- To answer any questions you may have

Our School Vision

- For you are **all** the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:26
- Striving for excellence; caring for the individual



Term dates

AUTUMN TERM

Inset days: 2 September 2025

Start of term: 3 September 2025

Half term holiday: 27 October 2025 - 31 October 2025

Occasional Day: 28 November 2025

Christmas holiday: 22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026

SPRING TERM

Start of term: 5 January 2026

Inset day: 30 January 2026

Half term holiday: 16 February 2026 - 20 February 2026

Easter holiday: 30 March 2026 - 10 April 2026

SUMMER TERM

Start of term: 13 April 2026

May Bank Holiday: 4 May 2026

Half term holiday: 25 May 2026 - 29 May 2026

Inset day: 1 June 2026

Summer holiday: 21 July 2026 1:30

Inset Days: 22 and 23 July 2026

Class team

				
Mrs Eder	Miss Newman	Mrs Walters	Mr Mitchell	Mrs Cresswell
Class Teacher mornings	Class Teacher afternoons	Teaching Assistant mornings	Sports Coach Wednesday mornings	Music Teacher Wednesday mornings

Weekly timetable

8:45	8:45-9:05	9:05-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-11	11- 12	12-1	1-1:55	1:55- 2:45	2:45			
Monday	Morning work and handwriting	Reading	Maths	B	SPaG	English	L	Reading - VIPERS	RE	Worship 2:45			
Tuesday	Morning work and handwriting	Reading	Maths	R	SPaG	English	U	PE/Swimming		Arithmetic 100 Club	Worship 2:45		
Wednesday	Morning work and handwriting	9:00-9:30 Sing a New Song	Music		E	PE		N	D and T		English		
Thursday	Morning work and handwriting	Reading	Maths		A	Spelling Dictation/ Home Learning			English	C	History	Computing	Worship 2:45
Friday	Morning work and handwriting	Reading	Maths		K	SPaG			French/PD		H	Science	

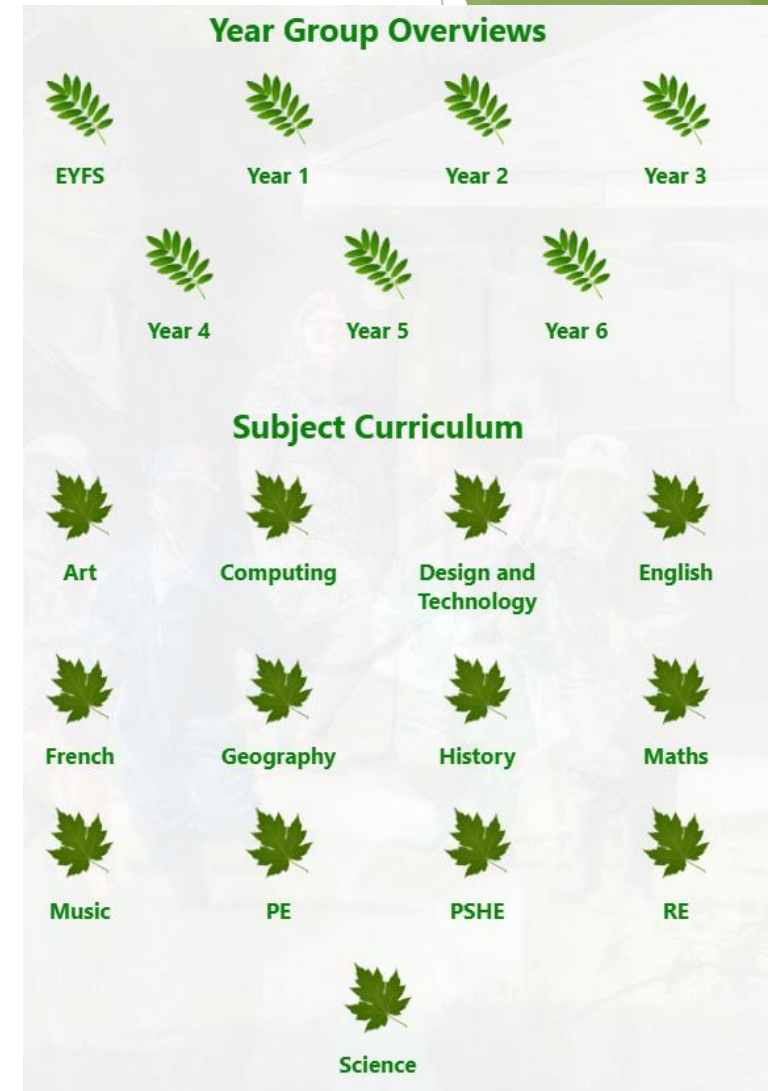
The children will need their PE kits on Tuesdays (Autumn Term) and Wednesdays

Curriculum

- ▶ Our curriculum intent is built on the premise that we ‘are all the children of God’ (Galatians 3:26) and as such, our curriculum experience is supported, scaffolded and extended according to children’s individual needs.
- ▶ In the curriculum section of the school website, you will find curriculum overviews for each half term. The overviews will tell you what your child is learning about in each subject.

[Link: Curriculum | Leverstock Green Church of England Primary School](#)

- ▶ In Early Years, we follow the statutory Early Years framework.
- ▶ In Years 1-6 we follow the National Curriculum.
- ▶ There are also subject overviews for you to see the learning journey your child will follow across the school for each subject.
- ▶ If you have any questions about the curriculum, please speak to Miss Newman (Assistant Headteacher- Teaching and Learning)



Home learning

Home Learning to be handed in on Tuesday 19 th September :	
This week the children have been set an activity named "on <u>MyMaths</u> . It is not our intention for home learning to cause unnecessary anxiety in the household, therefore if there any concerns, please ensure you speak to the teacher in advance of the Tuesday deadline to ensure we can put the necessary support in place.	
Weekly expectations	
Times tables	Reading
Please ensure your children practises their times tables daily on TTRS. This only needs to be for 5/ 10 minutes per day but daily practise is proven to lead to greater fluency.	Please ensure your child has read a minimum of 5 times and logged it into their reading record. Reading is the key to them accessing the full curriculum and they will struggle with further learning without the necessary practise.
Spellings- these will be tested on Thursdays. Please ensure they have been practised prior to this.	
Set 1 – key spellings	Set 2 – linked to in school spelling session this week
Monday	bruise
Tuesday	muscle
Wednesday	queue
Thursday	achieve
Friday	desperate
Saturday	disastrous
Sunday	especially
day	marvellous
week	recommend
month	temperature
Reminders	

Reading Records

5 out of 7 days for 20 minutes

Children to record:

- Date
- Book title and page
- Comment

Parents only need to sign once a week.

If they have a club that day, record into reading record.

TTRS daily for 10 minutes

Spelling Shed - for 10 minutes

Two pieces of home learning (maths/ English or other where relevant) based on learning given or as a pre-assessment.

One piece of 'creative' home learning' per half term to replace a piece of the core subject home learning.

Reading Year 3 - 6

Children will have daily teaching of reading comprehension strategies. These will largely be based around a whole class text of an appropriate level for the child's class. They will be aimed at improving the children competence in the following areas:

- Fact retrieval
- Word meaning
- Summarising information given
- Prediction
- Authorial intent for language choices
- Comparisons within the text/ with other texts
- Making inferences from information given

These may be supported in some cases with additional small group comprehension and fluency groups.

Children will be provided with books appropriate for their ability. This could be a banded book, or if they are a free reader we have allocated books based on difficulty of word choice, complexity of narrative, length of book etc, These have been informed by recommended reading lists. As they are not banded to include specific sounds based on phonetical understanding, they are from a much broader range and therefore children may find some easier than others. If they require a change of book then please make a polite note in the child's reading record and this can be organised.

Clubs

- ▶ We run a range of clubs for our children to attend.
- ▶ Some are run by school staff and others by external providers.
- ▶ More information about clubs is available on the school website:

[School Clubs | Leverstock Green Church of England Primary School](#)

Swimming

The three national curriculum outcomes

Swimming is the only sport to be included within the national curriculum physical education programme of study. All primary schools must provide swimming and water safety lessons in either Key Stage 1 or 2.

Each pupil is required to be able to do the following:

Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations

Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of **at least 25 metres**

Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke

Enrichment and Swimming

As a school, we would like everything to be free, unfortunately, schools are not funded enough to provide this service.

This does mean that we need to ask for contributions for such things as the coach trip to swimming.

Mrs Azzopardi has spent a lot of time researching solutions, such as looking at local secondary schools swimming pools, borrowing minibuses from schools, a portable swimming pool on the grounds.

We are mindful that there is a large amount of expenditure over the next two years:

- Swimming
- Manor Adventure (Letters will be sent out this term).

The PTA have kindly agreed to fund the VR workshop for the whole of KS2 and every year, they pay for Year 5 trip to visit Hazard Alley.

Trips

- ▶ Children will be offered many opportunities to learn outside of the classroom through trips out, visitors coming in and specialist workshops.
- ▶ In order for us to take the children on trips, we will kindly ask for volunteers to help.
- ▶ The school office will send letters out in advance to inform you about an upcoming trip.

Trips booked so far:-

Cadbury World - Tuesday
9th June

Hazard Alley - Thursday
25th June

Dates

Parent Consultations

- ▶ Thursday 18th October
- ▶ Tuesday 21st October

- ▶ Thursday 5th February
- ▶ Tuesday 11th February

School Dates:

- ▶ Tuesday 23rd September: Individual photos taken in school
- ▶ Friday 10th October: Harvest Festival, (am, Holy Trinity)
- ▶ Monday 25th - Friday 31st October: Half Term.

Year 5

- ▶ Tuesday 16th September: Year 5 swimming lessons start
- ▶ Thursday 25th September: Year 5 Family Learning, 9am
- ▶ Friday 17th October: Year 5 Class Assembly 2.30pm

- ▶ Monday 20th October: SEND Reviews TBC
- ▶ Tuesday 18th November 2pm Y5 Woodland Worship

- ▶ Tuesday 15th January 2026 Year 5 Family Learning 2:30pm
- ▶ Tuesday 28th April Y5 Family Learning 9am

Communication

▶ Arbor

Arbor is the school's main management information system and holds your child's personal data and the details of all parents/carers. This includes personal details, health data and school meals. You will be asked to pay for school meals, milk, swimming and trips via Arbor. Arbor is also our means of sending bulk communications.

▶ Arbor - In App messages

Messages will arrive via Arbor for general information. These are free to the school so will be non-urgent in nature. These can be for the whole school or specific classes. For example, reminders to pay for trips or launching our new website.

▶ School Gateway

School Gateway is a payment and bookings system and we use it for managing The Zone, our breakfast and after school club. Parents/Carers can make payments and bookings for The Zone up to half a term in advance. We will also use School Gateway for payments for Nursery additional hours.

▶ Email

We use emails to communicate significant amounts of information, usually with attachments. These are issued from Arbor for bulk communications or directly from the admin@leverstockgreen.herts.sch.uk email for direct communications. Examples would be the termly extra-curricular clubs letters, details of trips and the weekly newsletter. Copies of all letters are also uploaded to our website under the Parents & Carers section.

SMS

We use texts to communicate urgent information to parents. For example, reminders that school is closed or that a trip is running late for pick-up. There is a cost to the school for these, so we use them for time-sensitive communications only.

Website

We use the website to communicate what has been happening in each class via the Class Pages (in the Pupil Area) and to issue homework. The website also holds lots of useful information regarding clubs, the Zone, policies, on-line forms, SEND, support for parents, community information and links to other sites and systems. Latest news and copies of all letters including newsletters are also uploaded to the website.

Newsletters

Newsletters will provide a summary of the weekly news and events each Friday afternoon. Calendar dates can also be found on the newsletters, along with attendance statistics, ready to learn points, PTA info and details of letters issued to parents that week. Newsletters are also uploaded to the website each week, in the News and Events section.

Reading Records

General notes about Reading, reminders to bring books in or missing homework.

Communicating with us

Absence messages	Absence requests	General queries	SEND
Contact the school office via telephone (Ext 1) to leave an absence message.	<p>This should be requested in writing to the headteacher with as much notice as possible.</p> <p>Please note general holiday requests during term time will not be authorised.</p>	Contact the school office via telephone (Ext 2) or email admin@leverstockgreen.herts.sch.uk	<p>Contact the school office via telephone or email senco@leverstockgreen.herts.sch.uk to book an appointment with Miss Larkin.</p> <p>Miss Larkin direct line is Ext 3.</p> <p>Miss Larkin's working days are Monday-Thursday.</p>

At least one member of the Senior Leadership Team will be on the playground (before and after school). They can pass on messages and answer any questions you may have.

To leave details of your child's absence please call the School Office on 01442 406520, select option 1 for Absences. Please call before 8:45am on the morning of the absence and provide your child's name, the reason for their absence and details of the illness if appropriate.

Please also inform the school office if your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment.

The school monitors attendance regularly and when a child's attendance falls below 90% will contact parents/carers.

Children who have consistently good attendance will receive rewards termly.

Further details of authorised and unauthorised absences, persistent absence and the school's monitoring process can be found on the school website.

[Attendance/Absence | Leverstock Green Church of England Primary School](#)

School Uniform

- ▶ Uniform is compulsory for all children from Reception to Year 6. It is optional for Nursery pupils but most parents choose for their children to wear uniform.
- ▶ In keeping with the government's guidance on making uniform affordable, the compulsory part of our uniform is the sweatshirt or cardigan bearing our logo. These can be ordered from Peter Spivey and either collected or delivered to your home: <https://www.peterspivey.com/leverstock-green-school>.
- ▶ Grey trousers, skirts, shorts, polo shirts, etc. can all be bought from most large supermarkets.
- ▶ Our PTA has a very well-stocked second hand uniform collection. Most sizes are available for a very small donation (usually 50p.)
- ▶ Shoes must be plain black and polishable; trainers should not be worn during the day except for PE and play times.



PE

- ▶ Plain white t-shirt
- ▶ Plain black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- ▶ Plain black track suit top or jumper
- ▶ Black trainers

Swimming

- ▶ One piece swimsuit or trunks
- ▶ Swim hat (essential)
- ▶ Goggles
- ▶ Towel
- ▶ Waterproof bag

Attendance & Punctuality

All pupils are expected to be in class by 8:45 each morning. Anyone arriving after 8:50 must report to the school office.

All absences must be explained verbally or by letter/email from the child's parent/carer. Absence from school is normally only authorised for the following reasons:

- ▶ sickness;
- ▶ unavoidable dental or medical appointments;
- ▶ days of religious observance;
- ▶ exceptional family circumstances e.g. bereavement;
- ▶ sitting examinations for secondary transfers or other external examinations.

Absence regulations changed last year

As of 19th August 2024:




- There is no legal entitlement for parents to take children on holiday during term time (and there never was!)
- A Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued for 10 sessions unauthorised absence in any 10 school week rolling period (equivalent to 5 days unauthorised absence)
- First FPN is £80 (if paid within 28 days) or £160
- Second FPN is £160 (within 3 years)
- No option for a third FPN
- Prosecution can result in fines of up to £2,500 or 3 months imprisonment

Research shows:

- KS2 pupils not meeting the expected standard have an average 4.7% absence (compared to 3.5%)
- KS4 (GCSE) students achieving grades 5-9 have an average 3.7% absence compared to 8.8% for those who achieve less well

So, every day counts!

Safeguarding

		
Mrs V. Burgess Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Miss B. Newman Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)	Mrs E. Munro Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)

- ▶ At Leverstock Green School, Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.
- ▶ If you have a concern about a child's safety or welfare, please speak to a member of the above Designated Safeguarding Team.
- ▶ If your concern is out of hours, please contact either of the following:-
 - Police (999 or 101)
 - Children's Services (0300 123 4043)
- ▶ If someone different is due to collect your child, please ensure the school office are aware. We are unable to release a child to anyone other than parents/carers without your prior consent.

E-safety

- ▶ Some of the things to be aware of:
- ▶ Posting unkind messages (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, text)
- ▶ Uploading images onto Instagram and WhatsApp (inappropriate images and using images without permission)
- ▶ Uploading films onto YouTube
- ▶ Accessing adult sites via Instagram, WhatsApp and on mobile phones
- ▶ Playing age-inappropriate games online

E-safety

- ▶ Please be vigilant
- ▶ Please talk to your child about these issues
- ▶ Experience has shown that while we do everything we can in school to teach the children about staying safe online, the message needs to be reinforced at home.
- ▶ Please see E-safety links on school website (includes information for parents and children)

Inclusion/SEND support

- ▶ Inclusion is at the heart of our school ethos.
- ▶ We ensure that adjustments are in place to ensure each child can flourish.
- ▶ If your child has SEND, you will be invited to attend a review meeting each term with your child's class teacher.
- ▶ If you are concerned about your child's needs and would like further support, please contact Mrs. A. Curtis (SENDCo)



Medical needs

- ▶ If your child has medical needs, please ensure the school office are informed.
- ▶ If your child has complex medical needs, we will ensure your child has a Health Care Plan. These are reviewed annually.
- ▶ Please note that it is parents/carers responsibility to ensure all medication (including Epipens and inhalers) are in school and in date.
- ▶ We require the label with the dosage requirements from the pharmacist on all prescribed medication.
- ▶ We are **not** able to administer medication which has not been prescribed by a doctor. We do not permit over the counter medication in school.
- ▶ Please ensure the school office has at least two contact numbers available so we can contact someone if your child is unwell.

Support for parents/carers



- ▶ The local DSPL provides regular communication for parents/carers with free support/courses in the area.
- ▶ This information can be found on our website:

[DSPL Support/Courses | Leverstock Green Church of England Primary School](#)

Please note: this page is updated regularly so please check frequently.

- ▶ As a school, we are part of the outreach support provided by Dacorum Family Services.
- ▶ Our link family worker is Juliet Eustace. She can be contacted on 07780 114079.
- ▶ Flyers about workshops are shared on the 'DSPL Support/Courses' area of the school website and Newsletter.

Pupil Premium

You can apply for Free School Meals if your circumstances change.

The school may receive money to support your child/children (called Pupil Premium.)

Pupil premium eligibility depends on the family circumstances and income.

Pupils may be eligible for pupil premium if their parents receive certain benefits, such as Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or the guaranteed element of Pension Credit.

Pupil premium enables the school to offer subsidised trips (e.g. the Y6 residential), subsidized music lessons, free clubs and other optional extras on top of free school meals. Pupil premium lasts for six years and follows the child, even if they move schools.

Parent forum

- ▶ The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- ▶ Work together to improve the education provided for our children
- ▶ Share information, knowledge and skills
- ▶ Meet in a mutually supportive environment
- ▶ Further improve communications between parents/carers and staff/governors

The rep for Class 5 is:

- ▶ Mrs Haywood



Questions

