



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Term Dates

#### **Wednesday 4th February**

Y6 Countryside Skills  
PTFA Cake Sale 3:15pm

#### **Thursday 5th February**

Y6 Countryside Skills

#### **Monday 9th February**

Children's Mental Health Week  
Create & Connect (Surnames A-M) 3:15pm

#### **Wednesday 11th February**

Y6 Countryside Skills  
Create & Connect (Surnames N-Z) 3:15pm

#### **Thursday 12th February**

Y6 Countryside Skills

#### **Friday 13th February**

PTFA Let's Paint Night  
Last Day of Term

### Children's Mental Health Week

We are looking forward to our **Create and Connect** sessions and hope that many of you will be able to join us.

This activity focuses on the theme of **belonging**. Together, you and your child will decorate a fabric square that will become part of a whole-school display celebrating our community.

During the session, you and your child(ren) will work together using all materials provided in the school hall. It is a lovely opportunity to spend time creating, talking, and connecting with one another.

As the session will be held in the school hall, we have made a small amendment to our arrangements. Siblings are welcome to attend and take part, provided they are supervised at all times.

### Walking Club

Our walking club became Community Helpers this week and headed out armed with litter pickers and black bags.

With the weather being rather atrocious lately, and fields more suited to swimming than walking, the children pulled on their wellies and focused on high foot-traffic areas around the community instead.

As you can see, it was a very worthwhile task, with nearly three large black bags filled with litter.

Well done to our Walking Club for showing such fantastic teamwork and care for our environment.



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## PTFA Corner

Our first cake sale of the year will take place on Wednesday 4th February, and it's the turn of Y1 and Y4 to provide the bakes.

Please remember, you don't have to be Mary Berry — shop-bought cakes are absolutely welcome! If you're picking some up from Tesco, don't forget we are still collecting blue tokens to help us secure further funding for our playground.



For our next event, we are excited to invite you all to a fun and relaxing Paint & Sip evening.

No previous painting experience is needed—just come along ready to unwind, have a go, and enjoy the evening.

All painting materials will be provided, along with a glass of wine, nibbles, and a friendly, social atmosphere.

Places are limited to 30, so don't brush it off, booking is essential and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend booking together if you would like to sit and paint with friends.



## Student Spotlight

Huge congratulations to Evie H in Year 6, who recently completed her Grade 1 trumpet exam. Evie achieved an impressive 92%, earning her a distinction—an absolutely fantastic achievement. Well done, Evie!



Evie is one of several pupils who have continued learning the trumpet following their Year 4 whole-class tuition. This is a wonderful show of commitment from all involved, and we look forward to sharing further grading results from our other budding musicians in the near future.

## Value Certificates

### Reception

**Sean** has shown the values of responsibility and resilience by working really in his winners party idea.

### Year 1

**Axel** has shown the value of responsibility by always being ready to learn.

### Year 2

**Josh** has shown the value of responsibility when completing his science work on materials.

### Year 3

**Zach** has shown the value of respect by always putting his hand up and giving detailed answers in all subjects.

### Year 4

**Mia** for being a wonderful mathematician by working independently to solve problems using multiplication by 100.

### Year 5

**Evie S** for being a wonderful scientist by writing a fantastic evaluation for our investigation into which material is the most absorbent.

### Year 6

**Olly** for being a wonderful reader by working really hard on his reading skills and making great progress.

# WELL DONE EVERYONE

## Local Half Term Event

Families of the Stanleys are invited to attend the Stroudwater Team of Churches Shrove Tuesday Family Fun Event.

- Tuesday 17 February
- 10:30–12:30pm
- St Swithin's Church, Leonard Stanley

Join them for a fun-filled morning with arts and crafts, food, a pancake race, stories, and singing – with a free light lunch for everyone!



There is no need to book but please let them know if you are attending so they can ensure there is enough for everyone and children will need to be supervised by their grown ups.