



# Leonard's Life



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## A note from Miss Roberts.....

This week in school, we were treated to a special whole school performance of Don't Stop Believin' as part of our special awards assembly. Thank you to Miss Bayliffe and the other teaching staff for working so hard on learning this song in class and in our singing assemblies. Thank you to all of the parents who came into school today for the awards assembly. We are incredibly proud of all of the children who were awarded a certificate and medal—well done everyone!

## School AWARDS

SPRING 1	Achievement Award	Presentation Award	Values Award
Year R	Drew	Artem	Aria
Year 1	Webb	Willow	Timi
Year 2	Harriet	Isla-Rose	Magdalena
Year 3	Ollie W	Carla	Jamie
Year 4	Ava	Mikey	Turnbull
Year 5	Henry	Karim	Amelia
Year 6	Charlie	Auden	Freya

	KS1	KS2
Art Award	Kit	Mustafa
Sports Award	James	Hope
STEM Award	Oscar W	Caius

Well done everyone!

## Well done Ella!

Last night Ella from Year 2 donated 13 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust which will help make a wig for a child with cancer. We are all very proud of you Ella!



## SPRING TERM 2024 DATES

FEBRUARY 2024	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear it Red—wear Red clothing in support of the Midlands Air Ambulance £1 per pupil
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes – last day of half term
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS Wow Day—dress up as a fairy tale or nursery rhyme character  EYFS parents invited in for Stay and Play at:  9:00—10:00 for Nursery <span style="float: right;">2:15—3:15 for Reception</span>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed- half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens for all children
MARCH 2024	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Bedtime stories theme - Wear your pyjamas to school (non-uniform)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Enrichment Day – all children to wear their school PE kit
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief—wear something red (non-uniform) Donate £1
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15 am – Special celebration assembly  Parents will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Termly reports to go home
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	School Discos after school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9:15 am Parent Forum meeting in school – everyone welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents’ Evening – booking information to come out nearer to the time
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Services in school  9:15 am for Y4/Y5/Y6 <span style="float: right;">10:15 am for Y1/Y2/Y3</span>  11:00 am – Nursery in class <span style="float: right;">2:30 pm - Reception Easter in class</span>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Last Day – Non-uniform - £1 donation for school fund  School closes for Easter
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar to Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School closed – Easter Holidays
APRIL 2024	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for pupils

### Data Collection Sheets

Despite sending home several copies, we are still missing some Data Collection sheets. Can you please check your child’s bags and if you have not yet returned it, please send your completed copy to the School Office asap.

### Parking around School

We are again having many complaints from local residents regarding parking around school. Please do not park on any double yellow lines or block residents drives. We would appreciate your assistance with this and keeping our neighbours happy and our children safe.

### Wear It Red

Reminder: wear red on Monday to raise money for Midlands Air Ambulance. Donations can be paid on ParentPay. Thank you.

### Tuesday—Sports Enrichment

Reminder: wear school PE kit on Tuesday for Sport Enrichment day.

# Picture News

## TAKEHOME



What makes someone inspirational?



**GATHER YOUR MATES  
FROM THE GATES  
& JOIN US FOR THE ST LEONARD'S PTFA**



# PUB QUIZ

**THU 7 MAR '24**  
**7.30PM ARRIVAL** | **8PM START**



Units 4 & 5 Woodings Yard  
Bailey St, Stafford  
General knowledge & mixed  
rounds Prize courtesy of Candid

£4 per person or  
£20 per team  
(6 people max) -

All proceeds raised will support  
the school. For more info and  
to Book logon to ParentPay

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[www.staffordsport.co.uk](http://www.staffordsport.co.uk)



## February Holiday Sports Clubs

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



**Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February**

8.30am- 5.30pm - £20 per day  
10am-4pm - £17 per day



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.  
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, gymnastics, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

**IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13**

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[www.facebook.com/staffordsport](http://www.facebook.com/staffordsport)



**To book a place please call or email:  
07793891029 [holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk](mailto:holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk)**



# Safer Internet Day 2024

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Inspiring  
change?

Making a difference

managing influence

and navigating  
change online



NOMINET

Here is the link to the website and the video is on their website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

or here is the YouTube version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SD5KW6dqnV0>



February 14<sup>th</sup> ♥ your journey to School

Air Pollution and lack of activity are two of the  
major causes of heart disease in the UK

Join us for St Valentine's Day  
**This February**

Before Half Term choose an active travel journey  
to school or Park and Stride for at least one day!

160,000 people die prematurely each year due to exposure to air pollution



British Heart  
Foundation

air  
aware  
Staffordshire

Staffordshire  
County Council

## My VOICE MATTERS

### TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to  
talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children  
and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they  
are in the world, to be able to say - and believe - "My  
Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask  
students what they wanted from the week - to help  
shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging  
we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children,  
and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



#### LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents  
and carers, is full of expert advice and tips  
on supporting primary-age children, and  
managing their behaviour. and act on  
their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

#### Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off  
conversations about our mental health'  
- sometimes a chat on a journey or at  
bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you  
about any and all of my feelings. Please  
hear what I have to say, without  
interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and  
acknowledge how I am feeling - it might  
seem silly to you but what I am  
going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better.  
Same with playing football, basketball or  
whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your  
own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen  
and hear what I'm saying - I don't always  
need answers (or lectures)
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix  
things for me - I often just need to know  
you are there for me and understand what  
I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your  
feelings, this can help me to be more open  
about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please  
trust that I will come to you (or another  
grown-up or someone my own age) when  
I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to  
talk to someone nearer my own age - my  
siblings, cousins, friends, younger  
teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make  
me feel supported.



#### WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children  
and young people think about and share  
what matters to them.

For primary children: [bit.ly/3PzCGi8](https://bit.ly/3PzCGi8)

For secondary children: [bit.ly/3LBD2wk](https://bit.ly/3LBD2wk)

## My VOICE MATTERS

### CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your  
child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT  
YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST  
THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST  
STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR  
LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR  
ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK  
TO IF YOU WERE FEELING  
WORRIED ABOUT YOUR  
MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO  
TO HELP YOU?