



Leonard's Life



Where everyone is valued and together we reach for the stars.

Issue: 2

Friday 12th September

A note from Miss Phillips...

Another week in school has flown by! This week we have enjoyed welcoming our new French teacher - Madam Sumner - and music teacher - Mrs Wilson - into school. They were very impressed by the enthusiasm of the children and are both looking forward to coming back into school next week. Y5 and Y6 also began their swimming lessons and had a great first session.

Yesterday in assembly, we introduced our new awards. The Class Award for pupils who have demonstrated our vision of reaching for the stars, and The Pride Award for pupils demonstrating our core value of pride. Well done to everyone who was chosen to receive one of these awards - we look forward to celebrating more children over the coming weeks.

We have attached our updated Expectations Document this week which outlines the expectations set out for all stakeholders in school. We ask that you take a moment to read through these. Have a great weekend!

Reminder

The school day starts and the gates close at **8.55am prompt**. If your child arrives after this time they will need to come in through the office and be signed in as late.

It is a parents responsibility to ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time. When a pupil arrives late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the school day and disrupts the entire class and everyone's learning.

Golden Rules



Be ready:

- Attend school every day possible and arrive on time.
- Bring all the basic equipment needed for the day.
 - Wear the correct uniform in the correct way.
 - Be punctual for everything.
- Accept that learning is a challenge and will not always be easy.
 - Have a thirst for learning.

Be respectful:

- Always follow staff instructions.
- Behave respectfully to others.
 - Be considerate to others.
 - Be polite and courteous.
 - Allow others to learn.
- Do not make other people's lives difficult or unpleasant.
- Play an active and positive part in all aspects of school life.
- Accept and celebrate the differences within the school community.

Be safe:

- Always act in a way that will not cause danger to others.
- Never verbally or physically abuse someone else.
 - Do not bring any forbidden items into school.



School AWARDS

w/c: 08/09/25	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Florence	Omar
Year R	Nethra	Cody
Year 1/2H	George T	Delilah
Year 1/2L	Oliver	Jacob
Year 1/2R	George	Henry
Year 3	Sophie	Rosie
Year 4	Ikram	Beatrice
Year 5	Hope	Abdullah
Year 6	Victoria	Turnbull

Well done everyone!

Harvest - Friday 24th October 2025

Harvest events will be taking place in school at the following times:

9:15 am for Y1, Y2 and Y3

10:00 am for Y4, Y5 and Y6

11:00 am – Nursery Harvest stay and play

2:30 pm – Reception Harvest stay and play

We would like to ask parents for any donations that they can spare for the House of Bread. Can these please be brought into school from Wednesday 22nd October?

Thank you for your support.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Week: 08/09/25	
Class	Attendance %
Rec	97.74
Y1/2H	97.73
Y1/2L	98.75
Y1/2R	100
Y3	94.19
Y4	97.50
Y5	94.85
Y6	92.26

Well done to **Year 1/2R**.

Look out for your Class DoJo points!

OUR SHOPPING LIST



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PASTA SAUCES SUGAR

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WELLBEING RESOURCE OF THE YEAR 22/23 EDUCATION TODAY AWARDS

16 CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF ROCKSTEADY

Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den have had a great start to the Autumn term. During the first week we shared the school visions and values and the three golden rules. The children liked our new values because they are easy to remember. This week we kicked started our theme of Autumn and the children took part in an art activity creating leaf rubbings with wax crayons.



Use this link to book sessions in Leo's Den:
<https://stleonardsstafford.kidsclubhq.co.uk/>



**Was your child born between
1st September 2021 and
31st August 2022?**

**If so, you will need to apply for a place
at primary school for September 2026.**

You can apply online at www.staffordshire.gov/admissions
From 1st November 2025

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026

**We would like to welcome you and your
child to join us at**

**St. Leonard's Primary School
Fairway, Stafford ST16 3TW**

on the following date:

Monday 17th November (1.30pm - 3.30pm)

Please contact the school office to book a place.

Email: office@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk
or telephone 01785 334960

www.st-leonardsstafford.co.uk

*Please share this information with someone you know who has a child
due to start primary school in September 2026.*

Nursery

We have had a fantastic start to the year, it has been lovely to see previous friendships continue and new friendships blossoming as we have welcomed new children into our class. We participated in a whole school assembly and the children have settled back into our daily routines really well. We have been learning about the new vision and values of our school and the behaviour within the classroom has been excellent! This week we have been learning about what makes us unique. We looked into the mirror to see what hair and eye colours we have and discussed that people have different skin tones. We then painted beautiful self-portraits to display outside our classroom. We have read the story of the 'Rainbow Fish' and how being kind helps us to make friends. In PE this week we used bright, colourful scarves and enjoyed waving and moving them whilst dancing to the music. We had our very first French lesson and enjoyed singing a welcome song. Miss Vella and Mrs Evans shared their "About me" boxes so that we could learn what our teachers enjoy doing outside of school. We then had a circle time and listened to other children talk about the objects that were in their special boxes.



Reception

This week Reception have continued to get to know each other and familiarise themselves with the classroom. We have focused on getting to know our school, the different places around school and the people that help us at school. We explored the different spaces around school and met some different members of staff. A super week, well done.

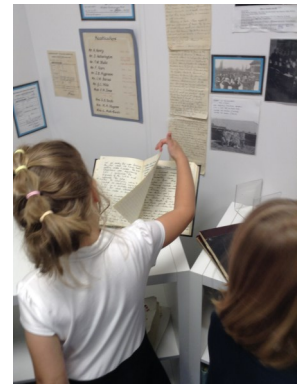
Year 1/2H

Year 1/2H have had a fantastic start to the term. The children have settled into routines and they are working well on their 3 golden rules: be ready, be respectful and be safe. They have been securing knowledge in their numbers and place value in Maths. In English, we have started our new story, Cave Baby written by Julia Donaldson and children are learning about nouns and adjectives. In Science, children have been learning about famous Scientists such as Linda Buck and Louis Pasteur. We have had had fun exploring senses and germs in experiments.



Year 1/2L

Class 1/2 L have had a great week this week! We have done lots of learning in maths, English and our afternoon lessons. In history, we looked at old artifacts and photos from the old school and discussed how school life has changed. We noticed the uniform looked different in some of the photos and the handwriting in the books were very neat! In science we tested our sense of smell and tried to figure out what was in some pots. Some were very smelly and the vinegar pot reminded us of fish and chips!



Year 1/2R

What a super first couple of weeks back in school we have had! The children have settled so well into their new classroom, and I am so proud of how they have adapted into a new routine. We have been very busy learning lots of new things! The children enjoyed re-familiarising themselves with the Dienes equipment in maths and in science, we have been learning about different scientists and their discoveries. The class loved investigating different smells, and learning how and why germs spread so quickly! In history, we have been learning about the history of our school and looking at the differences between our old, Victorian building and our new one - the children loved looking through old pictures, artefacts, registers and work books from a long time ago.

Year 3

Year 3 have all had a fantastic start to the year, commencing our main topic called 'through the ages'. In art, we have commenced our lessons on contrasting and complementing colours. We started learning about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and completed our own colour mixing. We have then explored tertiary colours, warm and cool colours, complementary colours and analogous colours.



Year 4

What an amazing start Year 4 have had to their new school year!

It has been so lovely getting to know everyone and welcoming those that are new to the school. There is always so much to do at the beginning of a new school year and the class got off to a flying start with enthusiasm, generosity, resilience and kindness.

We have delved into our Philip Pullman book, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, in English lessons and enjoyed a whole new world of fantasy and adventure. We've encouraged the children to read every day after school and to explore and enjoy a wide range of books this term. In History we've begun our tour of the Prehistoric Ages and imagined what the life of a child in Stone Age Britain would be like. Meanwhile, in science, we are bracing ourselves for the stomach-churning topic, Food and the Digestive System. A fantastic start, with so much more to come!



Year 5

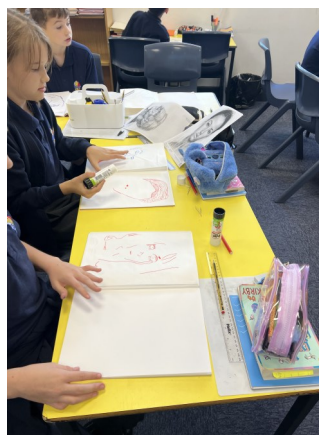
Year 5 have made a great start to the new school year.

The children have settled in quickly and are showing positive attitudes towards their learning. It's been lovely to see their enthusiasm and readiness to take on new challenges. We've launched our new topic, *Britain at War*, which has already sparked lots of interest and thoughtful discussion. In English, we are reading *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo and in Science, we've begun exploring forces, including gravity and friction. The class are enjoying practical investigations and asking excellent questions. Overall, it's been a very encouraging start and we're looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the year! They have returned with really positive attitudes towards their learning and are ready to take on the challenge of Y6. Since the beginning of term, we have been focusing on our 3 new 'Golden Rules' ensuring that we are always ready to learn and try our best as well as being safe and respectful at all times. As well as this, we have explored our new vision and values and discussed how we can achieve this and really 'reach for the stars' over the next year.

In our learning, we have spent the past two weeks getting to grips with War Horse and investigating the start of WW1. It's safe to say that we've thoroughly enjoyed our learning and are ready for the next two weeks.



Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

Please note dates are subject to change, we will always notify you as soon as we can if this happens.

SEPTEMBER 2025	
Thursday 18th September	Year 5 and Year 6 Educational Visit - please make your payment on ParentPay
Thursday 25th September	PTFA Meeting at Starbucks, The Hough 7pm - all parents welcome!
OCTOBER 2025	
Friday 3 rd October	Whole School photograph day – no PE kits to be worn on this day
Monday 6th - Friday 10th October	Year 6 Residential Educational Visit - make your payment of ParentPay
Friday 10th October	Hello Yellow Day - £1 donation to Mental Health Charity on ParentPay. Wear YELLOW.
Monday 13th October	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 14 th October	Class Photographs - No PE kits to be worn on this day
Thursday 23 rd October	Sports Enrichment - Basketball - all pupils to wear PE kits
Friday 24 th October	Celebration Assembly. Families will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award. Harvest Celebrations - Parents are welcome to join us. 9:15 am in school for Y1, Y2 and Y3 10:00 am in school for Y4, Y5 and Y6 11:00 am – Nursery Harvest stay and play 2:30 pm – Reception Harvest stay and play
Mon 27th to Fri 31st October	Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 rd November	School reopens for pupils
Monday 3 rd November	Y1/2 Families workshops – curriculum link, 2pm
Tuesday 4 th November	Y5/6 Families workshops – curriculum link, 2pm
Thursday 6 th November	Y3/4 Families workshops – curriculum link, 2pm
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week – wear odd socks with your uniform/PE kit
Monday 10 th November	Parents’ evening from 3.45pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day – poppies will be on sale
Tuesday 11 th November	Parents’ evening from 3.45pm
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need – £1 donation for charity on ParentPay - wear something yellow or spotty
Monday 17 th November	Open Afternoon for families of children starting in Reception in September 2025 1:30 – 3:30 pm
DECEMBER 2025	
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch in school - Wear your Christmas Jumper
Thursday 11 th December	Sports Enrichment – orienteering PE kit for all pupils
Friday 12 th December	9:00 am – Celebration Assembly Families will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award
Monday 15 th December	9:30 am – Nur/Rec Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Y1/2 Christmas Play
Tuesday 16 th December	9:30 am – Y1/2 Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Nur/Rec Christmas Play
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Services for Key Stage 2 at: 9:00 – 9:30 am for Y5/6 10:00 – 10:30 am for Y3/4
Thursday 18 th December	Party Day – children to wear party clothes to school
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of term School closes 1pm
Mon 22nd Dec to Fri 2nd Jan	School closed
JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School reopens to pupils