



Leonard's Life



Issue: 6

Friday 10th October 2025

A note from Miss Phillips...

This week we waved off our Y6 children as they went to Standon Bowers for their annual residential! I visited on Tuesday and loved spending time with the children in their different activities. Both staff and children were throwing themselves into new challenges!

Today in school we have marked Hello Yellow Day by wearing yellow. The aim of this is to raise awareness about the importance of good mental health, and things we can do to look after ourselves and those around us.

Next week we have an INSET day on Monday for staff training and on Tuesday will be taking our class photos. Have a great weekend!



We have received a number of complaints about the parking of cars whilst dropping off and collecting children from our school.

We are asking parents to please park considerately for the safety of our pupils. If parents do have any further concerns, please report this to the local police. Thank you for your support.

Pride

The core value of **pride** means taking deep satisfaction in who you are, what you do. It's about feeling a sense of honour in what you do. This includes:



- **Self-Respect** - Valuing your own worth and keeping high personal standards.
- **Accountability** - Taking responsibility for your actions and being reliable.
- **Respect for others** - Valuing the contributions and achievements of those around you.
- **Celebration of success** - Acknowledging wins—both personal and shared—with joy and gratitude.
- **Loyalty**: Feeling connected to a group, mission, or identity and representing it with honour.

Pride helps you feel a deep sense of **confidence**, **fulfilment**, and **connection**.



School AWARDS

w/c: 06/10/25	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Oliver	Sofia
Year R	Mason	Darcie
Year 1/2H	Hallie	Hetty
Year 1/2L	Minnie	Tyler
Year 1/2R	Faye	Eli
Year 3	Imogen	Annika
Year 4	Ella	Poppy
Year 5	Hunter	Luliia

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.



Week: 06/10/25	
Class	Attendance %
Rec	92.2
Y1/2H	96.9
Y1/2L	95.4
Y1/2R	96.4
Y3	95.2
Y4	95.3
Y5	95.2
Y6	92.6

Well done to **Class 1/2H** .
Look out for your Class DoJo points!

Reception Applications for September 2026

The application process for a reception place for September 2026 will open on 01 November 2025.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on the Staffordshire County Council website under admissions.

The closing date is 15 January 2026.



Join Us as a Parent Governor at St Leonard's Primary School



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

We are proud of our inclusive and aspirational school community, and we're looking for a Parent Governor who shares our vision and values.

Why become a Parent Governor?

As a Parent Governor, you'll help shape the future of St Leonard's by:

Representing the voice of parents in key decisions

Supporting and challenging school leadership

Helping ensure every child receives the best possible education

Contributing to the strategic direction and development of the school

Who can apply?

Any parent or carer of a child currently attending St Leonard's Primary School is welcome to apply. No experience is necessary, just a commitment to our vision and a desire to make a difference.

We also have vacancies for other positions on our Governing Board and would welcome interest in these from our wider community - this could be grandparents or wider family members.

What's involved?

Attending termly meetings and reading key documents

Working collaboratively with other governors and staff

Receiving full training and ongoing support

What's in it for you?

A chance to positively impact your child's education

Develop new skills and experience

Be part of a passionate and supportive team

Interested?

Please contact the school office or email office@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk to express your interest or ask any questions.

Let's work together to help every child at St Leonard's reach for the stars!



Board Games for Calm Club.

In Calm club we are looking for any used board games at home that your family no longer needs, we would be so grateful if you could consider donating them to us. Games that encourage teamwork, problem-solving, or just plain fun would be perfect!

Please ensure that the games are:

- Complete with all pieces and instructions.
 - Suitable for ages 4-11 Years.
 - In good condition and ready to play.

Please bring any donations to the school office

Thank you!!



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IS HERE TO HELP

THE MHST ARE OFFERING GROUP WORK TO SUPPORT WITH:

- Low Mood
- Anxiety
- Worry Management

TALK TO YOUR MENTAL HEALTH LEAD AT SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH LEAD IS

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**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.*

St Leonard's PTFA

**Don't forget to return your
Christmas Card
Designs**

By Wed 22 Oct 2025

See the letter from school for more info

EMAIL | PTF@ST-LEONARDS-STAFFORD.STAFFS.SCH.UK
FACEBOOK | [@STLEONARDSSTAFFORDPTFA](https://www.facebook.com/stleonardsstaffordptfa)

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AGM



**Wed 22 Oct 2025 | Arrival 6.45pm
for 7.00pm Start**

**St Leonard's Primary School,
Fairway, Stafford**

If you're interested in helping to make a difference at our school then please come along to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and find out more and possibly sign up for a position on the committee. We're looking to recruit/re-elect:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary &
- Publicity positions

There's no obligation to attend every meeting, or help with events, but any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated by the PTFA team, the staff and most importantly the children.

Please email: ptfa@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk
to confirm your attendance

Nursery

This week we have been learning about how we can look after ourselves through self-care routines. We discussed the importance of healthy eating and the children sorted items of food into the different food groups. We looked at effective teeth brushing and daily exercise. The children enjoyed looking at handwashing and we used paint to show how quickly germs can spread to others and onto the toys. We then investigated how soap repels the germs and the children had lots of fun experimenting in the water. The children explored the Conservation Area and took part in a timed exercise workout in PE. In Phonics, we focused on alliteration in the tongue twister rhyme "Peter Piper". In Maths, we completed self-care jigsaw puzzles. We finished the week dressing in yellow clothes for "Hello Yellow" day and enjoyed collaging and making beautiful, bright yellow mindfulness paintings.



Reception

We have continued our topic 'Our World and Us', focusing on our bodies last week and this week our emotions and self-care.

We started our new writing sessions this week called 'Drawing Club', linking all of our drawings and sounds we know to the book 'The Colour Monster'. The children have worked really hard and produced some super drawings, and recalled some sounds we have been learning in Phonics.

In choosing time the children have made their own colour monsters, sorted feelings and emotions and thought about times when they were happy, sad or angry. I loved hearing about what makes everyone happy.

Year 1/2H

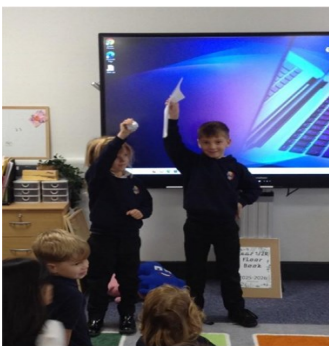
Year 1/2H have continued learning about Victorian life in the classroom. This week, they have looked at Victorian classroom artefacts and compared them to artefacts children use today in the classroom.

In English, children have been focusing on compound sentences, using the conjunction and to grow our sentences. They have linked this to their story 'Leo and the octopus' written by Isabelle Marinov. Children are writing to inform, completing a fact file on octopuses. In Art, children have been completing a final draft, mixing primary and secondary colours to make hues using white and black.



Year 1/2L

Year 1 and 2 L have enjoyed learning facts about Octopuses this week in English. We read Leo and the Octopus book, made a new octopus friend and then researched lots of facts. Did you know Octopuses have 9 brains and 3 hearts? Mrs Lovatt has really enjoyed reading all of the fact files this week and she is excited to start a new topic next week. In science, we have been finding out about different scientists and inventors and we focused on Isaac Newton this week and found out about forces including gravity. We dropped different objects at the same time to see which one landed on the ground first.



Year 1/2R

1/2R have really enjoyed learning about more important Scientists, and they have even been Scientists themselves, by exploring and testing their theories and inventions. In History, we have continued learning about the Victorian era and the children have been so fascinated in learning about the similarities and differences between current schools and Victorian schools. They are particularly excited about a role play lesson we have coming up next week – watch this space! We have got some excellent artists in class who have produced some brilliant end of topic Art pieces this week - this involved putting all of their colour mixing knowledge into one final piece, they should be very proud of themselves! Well done on another super couple of weeks 1/2R!

Year 3

Year 3 have been continuing to learn about animal nutrition and the skeletal system in science. This week we focussed the place where bones meet and connect, known as joints. We then set up and carried out an investigation to see how the joints in our arm, wrist and hand help us to drink from a water bottle. We compared this to how it would feel if we had no joints by covering our arms with a cardboard tube.

In Maths, we are continuing to learn about addition and subtraction. This week we have used a formal column method to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. In our English lessons, the children are building up the skills to write a setting description of a Stone Age cave. They have been practising descriptive writing using prepositions, adverbials, and similes.



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about Harvest Celebrations in R.E. this half term. This week is the celebration of Sukkot in the Jewish community and we enjoyed some

Junk modelling in lessons. We made a representation of a small hut called a Sukkah in groups and wrote a diary entry imagining what it would be like to sleep in one overnight and how this might show gratitude to God as a provider. In science, we completed our investigation to discover how effective toothpaste is in



Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy and exciting two weeks of learning! In English, we completed our character descriptions inspired by *Private Peaceful*. Pupils explored the thoughts and feelings of key characters, using descriptive language to bring their writing to life. In Maths, we began learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers, building our understanding of number patterns and relationships. Science lessons were hands-on and fun as we tested our parachute designs. Pupils applied their knowledge of air resistance and gravity, making predictions and evaluating results. We also concluded our History topic on World War 1, focusing on how and why the war ended. Pupils reflected on the impact of the war and the significance of the armistice. It's been a great fortnight, full of creativity and curiosity. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week at Standon Bowers. They have participated in all activities and tried their very best. Although it is hard staying away from home for such a long time, the children have excelled in every area from being independent and confident to demonstrating resilience and perseverance when faced with a challenge. They have thoroughly enjoyed every activity even when they've felt apprehensive or worried. We are so proud of them and everything they've achieved. Well done Year 6; what a fabulous week!



Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

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

OCTOBER 2025	
Monday 13th October	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 14th October	Class Photographs - No PE kits to be worn on this day
Tuesday 14th October	Parent SEND Group - 2.30pm
Tuesday 21st October	Parent Forum 9.15am - all parents welcome to attend.
Thursday 23rd October	Sports Enrichment - Basketball - all pupils to wear PE kits
Friday 24th October	9am 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. Donations for House of Bread. 9:15 am in school for Y1/Y2/Y3 and 10:00 am in school for Y4/Y5/Y6 11.00am – 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	Y1/Y2 Pirate WOW Day!
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
Tues 11 th , Thurs 13 th and Fri 14 th Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
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 2026 1.30pm, 2pm and 2.30pm - Please book your slot with the office.
Tues 18 th , Thurs 20 th , Fri 21 st Nov	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 21 st November	Own Clothes Day - bring in an item for the Christmas Hampers
DECEMBER 2025	
Wednesday 3 rd December	EYFS Educational Visit - Please make your payment on ParentPay
Thursday 4 th December	School Disco
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch in school - Wear your Christmas Jumper or something Festive!
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 for Y5/6 and 10:00 am for Y3/4 - Parents Welcome
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 5 th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School reopens to pupils