



Leonard's Life



Issue: 10

Friday 14th November 2025

A note from Miss Phillips...

There has been lots taking place in school this week! I am sure we are all ready for a rest over the weekend.

On Monday we wore odd socks to raise awareness of anti-bullying. We used our Leonard's Link groups to explore this in more detail - thinking about how to spot bullying and what to do if we see it happening.

It was a pleasure to welcome families into school for parents' evening on Monday and Tuesday - thank you to everyone who joined us. This is always a productive time and we love sharing your children's learning with you.

Staff are always happy to talk about how children are getting on outside of these events too. Thanks also to our colleagues from Edwards and Wards for providing snacks for the evening and the Mental Health Support Team who were on hand to chat throughout the evening.

Tuesday was Remembrance Day and we took a moment to recognise this and remember those who have given their lives for our freedom. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal - these funds go a long way to supporting the work of the British Legion.

Our Y6 pupils have enjoyed their bike-ability courses this week - well done to everyone who took part. We have more sessions running with Year 5 next week too. Our Y4 pupils begin their violins lessons on Wednesday - Mrs Wilson was incredibly impressed by their skill and determination! We also saw a team of keen footballers take part in an inter-school tournament on Monday, finishing in second place - well done!

Today we have worn our own clothes to celebrate Children In Need. Donations should be made directly to the charity if you would like to give to this important cause.

Have a restful weekend!



Football



Success!!

Huge congratulations to our Y5/6 Excellent football team, who endured the miserable rain to come 2nd in the Stafford Small School's football tournament! Our team played brilliantly and showed fantastic team spirit! We won two games and drew two!

Well Done!!



Reminder to Parents

As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat. Outdoor activities and playtime will continue, so having appropriate clothing is important for their comfort and health.

Thank you for your support!





School AWARDS

w/c: 10/11/25	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Aayan	Elena
Year R	Humira	Levi
Year 1/2H	Mabel	Pippa
Year 1/2L	Brody	Penny
Year 1/2R	Elliot	Faye
Year 3	Isla P	Nancy
Year 4	James	George
Year 5	Frankie	Wesley
Year 6	Freya	Jacob

Well done everyone!

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.



	Week: 10/11/25
Class	Attendance %
Rec	98.6
Y1/2H	98.3
Y1/2L	94.2
Y1/2R	93.3
Y3	98.1
Y4	96.3
Y5	98.8
Y6	93.3

Well done to **Year 5**.

Look out for your Class DoJo points!



Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Spanish Club: every Tuesday until 4.30pm with Lingo-Tots

Music Lessons: every Tuesday with Rock Steady

Well-being drop-ins: every Tuesday with the Mental Health Support Team

Forest School: x5 week block for Y3/4 pupils with The Wildlife Trust

Choir: Wednesday lunchtime in school for KS1 and KS2

Dance Club: every Friday until 4.30pm with Dappa Dance

Sports Enrichment clubs: half-termly after school club with Time 4 Sport

Leo's Den: before and after-school club with a range of activities including games, sports and crafts

In the new year we will be looking to offer additional extra-curricular clubs. Please note, there will be a charge for after school clubs to cover costs. For information on any of our existing clubs, please speak to the office.



FESTIVE WINTER DISCO

THU 4 DECEMBER



EYFS & KS1
3:30 - 4:30PM

KS2
4:45 - 5:45PM

Disco once again
provided by the wonderful

AMP & DECK'S
f @ampdecksstafford

Tickets are just £3.50 per child

Pay for your child(ren)'s ticket via PARENTPAY by:

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St Leonard's PTFA

Winter Wonderland Festival

MUFTI DAY | FRI 21 NOV

Next Friday is Mufti Day in return for
Christmas Hamper items



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FACEBOOK | [@STLEONARDSSTAFFORDPTFA](https://www.facebook.com/STLEONARDSSTAFFORDPTFA)



St Leonard's PTFA



Winter Wonderland Festival



There's plenty of ways to get involved & raise money for our school this Christmas...

❄️ **Mufti Day** – Fri 21 Nov in return for items for our Festive Raffle

❄️ Join us for our **Christmas Light Switch On** – Fri 28 Nov 3.30pm – 4.00pm Enjoy carols & songs led by the choir with hot chocolate & biscuits – Free

❄️ Join us for our **Festive Disco** Thu 04 Dec – Tickets £3.50

❄️ Decorate a Christmas Bauble competition £1.00 per entry

❄️ Name & win **Santa's Christmas teddy Competition** £1.00 per entry

❄️ Enter our **Festive Hamper Raffle** – £1.00 per ticket

See ParentPay for details



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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!!



**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.*

The
ELSA
Study



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Screening children for type 1 diabetes



**Would you like to get your child
screened for type 1 diabetes in the
ELSA diabetes research study?**

**We are screening children, aged 3-13 years,
at a clinic near you:**

Date: 25/11/2025

Time: 09:30

Location: St Leonard's

Register here: www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk

Contact us: research@mpft.nhs.uk

Scan for info



Nursery

This week we have been learning about Remembrance Day. We discussed the importance of remembering the people who have served for our country. The children watched and learnt about the impact of war through a rabbit animation and we took part in a two minute silence. The children have enjoyed being creative by painting poppies and collaging pictures linked to our story. In the Outdoor Learning Area, the children used the large construction equipment to build monuments and lay poppy wreaths. In Phonics, we have been singing the Nursery Rhyme "Incy wincy spider" and have been orally blending some cvc words. In Maths, we have been selecting colours and shapes to make large poppies. The children enjoyed the Forest School session and in PE we focused on jumping and landing from the gymnastics equipment.



Reception

Reception have had super two weeks, last week we focused on 'Bonfire Night'. We talked all about Guy Fawkes and how Bonfire Night is celebrated. We discussed how we could stay safe at a bonfire event too. The children produced some super pieces of art work using different materials to make bonfire and firework pictures.

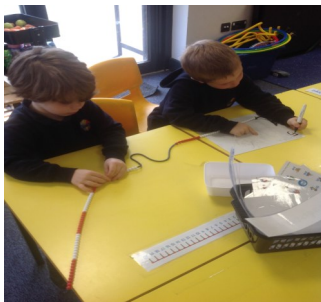
Year 1/2H

Year 1/2H have enjoyed lots of practical learning over the last 2 weeks. On Monday last week, we were joined by our parents and Grandparents to help us complete the design of our DT play den. Thank you to all who came to the workshop. On Tuesday last week, we enjoyed our pirate wow day, as part of our Geography hook. Children enjoyed learning about pirates from the past, floating and sinking objects in water play, making pirate Maths numbers with playdough and sketching a pirate ship in Art. In Maths, we have moved on to learn about 2D and 3D shapes. We are learning about vertices, sides, faces and edges. In English we are looking forward to completing writing which will describe themselves as a mermaid character from the story 'Julian is a mermaid' written by Jessica Love.



Year 1/2L

Year 1/2L have had a busy few weeks in class. They have enjoyed reading our new class book 'Julian is a mermaid' and have made a headdress if they were to turn into a mermaid. We have also explored 2D and 3D shapes in maths and know sides and vertices of different shapes. Thanks to all the parents who came to the DT workshop last week and for the excellent effort on pirate day with their costumes.



Year 1/2R

Wow! What a super busy and exciting couple of weeks we have had in 1/2R! We started off the half term with a fantastic DT day, where we explored shade and shelters. We designed and created a shelter of our own during a workshop which our wonderful adults joined us for. Then we went on to enjoying a Pirate WOW day, which was linked to our current Geography topic, Land Ahoy! We loved dressing up for this and taking part in lots of different activities. We have launched our current book in English, Julian is a Mermaid, which the children are really enjoying. They have made some incredible headdresses from this, and we're in the process of writing our descriptive piece about ourselves as mermaids - the children have been working so hard on this! It has been a super start to the half term, 1/2R - well done!

Year 3

Year 3 rounded off our learning on our topic of 'Through the Ages' with our wonderful prehistoric day. All of the children took part and loved being outside all day and getting into the character of a Stone Age person. The first task was to use a spear to hunt for some food and the children did a great job at throwing their spears to hunt for their dinner. They then captured images of their hunt in a Stone Age cave painting on the floor using natural colours of chalk. We then had to cook the meat we had hunted on an open campfire. The children were all excellent fire starters using their flint, to keep us all warm outside. In the afternoon, we welcomed parents and family members into school to make our final piece of Bell Beaker pottery. Thank you to all of those that came in and joined us. Helping the children produce some lovely artwork.



Year 4

What an amazing 'Prehistoric Day' Year 4 had with Year 3 last week!

Thank you for all your pottery making contributions W and for grinning and bearing through the messiness of it all. We really appreciated your presence and the children enjoyed sharing what they had been busy doing during the morning activities. This is all helping Y4 with our writing project at the moment as we are busy planning a non-chronological report about the Neolithic Stone Age. The beaker style pots will be coming home for you to enjoy. Thank you for joining in the fun.

Everyone has worked hard and enjoyed using their new green spelling books in school and at home this week. There are lots of ideas in the spelling book to help with this. The children should be spending 5 minutes a day learning their spellings.



Year 5

Over the past fortnight in Year 5, we've had a very busy and exciting time! In English, we have begun planning our letters linked to *Goodnight Mister Tom*, writing from Willy's viewpoint to his mum. This has helped us explore character feelings and develop empathy in our writing. In Maths, we are working at adding fractions with different denominators. Although this was challenging at first, we are practising hard at finding common denominators - we will get there! In Science, we started a brand-new topic about Earth and Space. We learned the names of the planets in our solar system and discovered their order and distance from the Sun. It was fascinating to compare how far each planet is from the sun and how that affects their temperatures and conditions. In Design and Technology, we began our new topic on "Make Do and Mend," looking at how people reused and repaired items during WW2.

Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have engaged in a range of exciting and engaging learning. In English, we have focused on sentence structures and have learnt how to use some very mature and detailed sentence structures that make our writing very interesting. In Maths, we have mastered division and can use it confidently. The afternoons have centred around learning about WW2 and how it began as well as the impact of this on our country. 'Make Do and Mend' has been the theme of our DT sessions with the children designing their own clothing and creating this for a miniature mannequin, considering how to make the most out of scrap materials. We are really proud of all pupils focus and effort in their learning recently. Well done!



Leo's Den

As the evenings draw in the children in Leo's Den have been taking part in various art activities. For bonfire night the children created a piece of art work of a firework display using glitter, straws and paint. The older children have been practicing their weaving skills using wool.



Picnic Benches

The PTFA have purchased four picnic benches that have been placed in the playground. This gives the children the opportunity to eat their packed lunches outside, weather permitting. Some children find the dining room overwhelming and noisy so being able to eat their lunch outside relieves anxiety and they can enjoy eating their packed lunch.

Thank you for all the parents, carers and grandparents that have supported the PTFA's fundraising activities by attending the events, donating items and volunteering to help. The money raised provides those little extras for the children that wouldn't otherwise be possible enhancing the children's learning.



Diary Dates

AUTUMN TERM

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

November 2025	
Monday 17th November	Open Afternoon for families of children starting in Reception September 2026 1.30pm, 2pm and 2.30pm - please book your slot at the school office
Tues 18th, to Fri 21st Nov	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 19th November	PTA meeting, Starbucks, The Hough Retail Park
Friday 21st November	Own Clothes Day - bring in an item for the Christmas Hampers
Friday 28th November	Christmas Light Switch On 3.30pm - 4pm
December 2025	
Wednesday 3rd December	EYFS Educational Visit - Please make your payment on ParentPay
Thursday 4th December	School Disco
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Lunch in School - wear your Christmas jumper or something festive
Thursday 11th December	Sports Enrichment - orienteering PE kit for all pupils
Friday 12th December	9.00am - Celebration Assembly Families will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award
Monday 15th December	9.30am - Nur/Rec Christmas Play 2.00pm - 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 Wel- come
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 Christmas Holidays
JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School reopens to pupils