



Leonard's Life



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

Issue: 11

Friday 21st November 2025

A note from Miss Phillips.....

We've had another busy week in school!

Bikeability has continued for our Year 5 pupils who have been learning how to cycle safely. Biking to school is a great way to beat the traffic and stay active. We have plenty of space to store both bikes and scooters during the day.

We sent another group of Y5/6 children to a football tournament at Stafford Town - well done to all who attended. On Thursday afternoon, a group of our Y1/2 girls went to Beaconside for a football taster session too.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our PTFA hampers today. We still need lots of volunteers to help run our Christmas events, so please speak to the office if you are available to lend a hand!

Next Friday will be our choir's first performance as we gather to switch on our Christmas tree lights. Please collect children from their classes as normal and gather on the staff car park for songs and the switch-on. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be available from Leo's Den - please enter via the side entrance and leave through the main office. Please note: parents are responsible for their children during the event.

Have a great weekend!



School AWARDS

w/c: 17/11/25	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Millie	Yazhi
Year R	Archie	Isabel
Year 1/2H	Jaxon	River
Year 1/2L	Daniel	Jessie
Year 1/2R	Hazel	Ava
Year 3	Lola	Remi
Year 4	Oscar	Robyn
Year 5	Arnaud	Charlie
Year 6	Sofia	Phoebe

Well done everyone!

WANTED

Have you got any of the following that you would like to donate to school?

Bikes or scooters in good condition for Leo's Den. Or good quality board games and construction sets for Calm Club.

LATENESS

The number of children arriving late in a morning is increasing and leading to an unsettled start for pupils across the school. On Monday over 20 children were late to school.

Being on time is important for all children's education and helps them settle into their learning. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your children are on time.

The school gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.55am.

If you are experiencing difficulties that are making punctuality challenging, please reach out. We are here to work with you and will do all we can to support. We will be contacting families where attendance and punctuality are a cause for concern over the next couple of weeks to offer support.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

	Week: 17/11/25
Class	Attendance %
Rec	95.9
Y1/2H	97.4
Y1/2L	97.5
Y1/2R	96.7
Y3	96.1
Y4	99.6
Y5	92.1
Y6	96.7

Well done to **Year 4**.

Look out for your Class DoJo points!

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!



STIKINS[®] NAME LABELS

Literally hundreds of pounds worth of unclaimed, unnamed clothing goes to the charity shop at the end of every term. Naming your child's clothing can really save you money! Simply purchase your name labels from Stikins (R) and you will not only save money, but you'll also help raise funds for the school. Buy the easy to apply labels from the link below and when prompted add in the school fundraising code: **20390** - St Leonard's will then earn 30% commission!

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels/>

St Leonard's PTFA

Winter Wonderland Festival

St Leonard's Christmas Light Switch On

Friday 28 November
3.30pm - 4.00pm

Our first ever **Christmas light Switch On** event after school on **Friday 28 November** when the school choir will lead us in a number of carols and festive songs before the tree is officially lit up.

There'll be **hot chocolate and biscuits** to enjoy too and what's more it's **Free!**

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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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FESTIVE WINTER DISCO

THU 4 DECEMBER



Tickets are just £3.50 per child
Pay for your child(ren)'s ticket via PARENTPAY by:

WED 3 DEC

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EYFS & KS1

3:30 - 4:30PM

KS2

4:45 - 5:45PM

Disco once again provided by the wonderful

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St Leonard's PTFA

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Winter Wonderland Festival

Decorate a Christmas Bauble Competition

They'll be a winner per class & all baubles will be proudly displayed on the school's Christmas tree ahead of the **Light Switch On**. The overall winner will also have the honour of turning the lights on with Miss Phillips on **Friday 28 November**

£1 per entry via ParentPay
Deadline for entry - Wed 26 Nov
- please return baubles to school for judging by Thu 27 Nov

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Get into the Festive Spirit with our Winter Wonderland Festival of Events!

Dear Parents,

IT'S BACK!!!! Yes Christmas is nearly here and so is our **Winter Wonderland Festival**, returning for the fourth consecutive year, to help us get into the festive spirit and earn some money for the school.

We're planning our **Winter Wonderland Festival of events** from **Friday 21 November** until the end of term on **Friday 19 December**. Your children will be able to take part in a number of events including our **Festive Winter Disco**.

They'll be a **Mufti Day** at school where children can wear their own clothes on **Friday 21 November** in return for bringing **In Items for Christmas Hampers** – it could be anything from a box of mince pies, to a Christmas cake, a chocolate Santa or a bottle of wine, whatever you can afford to give will be gratefully received and used to create our **Raffle Hampers...**

Which we'll be awarding to the winners at the **Christmas Service and Plays** that are taking place from **Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 December** – it costs **£1** per entry to be in with a chance to win a lovely **Christmas Hamper**, packed full of goodies, to help you celebrate in style. Please visit **ParentPay** if you would like to buy a ticket – names will go into a hat and the draw for each hamper will happen at the end of each of the events.

If your children are creative there's the chance for them to design their own **Christmas Bauble for our Competition** – simply **sign up and pay your £1 entry on ParentPay** and we'll send you a bauble home for them to decorate. They need to be **returned to school by Thursday 27 November** for the class teachers to choose a winner and receive their prize – and then of course they'll make their way onto the school's Christmas tree in time for...

Our first ever **Christmas Light Switch On** event after school on **Friday 28 November** when the school choir will lead us in a number of carols and festive songs before the tree is officially lit up. This free activity will run from **3.30pm – 4.00pm** and there'll be **hot chocolate and biscuits** to enjoy too!

Our **Festive Winter Discos** will be returning on **Thursday 04 December** for **EYFS & KS1 3.30pm – 4.30pm** and **KS2 4.45pm - 5.45pm**. Tickets cost **£3.50** per child and are available via **ParentPay**. We'd also love for a handful of parents to help with the discos and join in with the Christmas fun. Please see the separate letter which will be going out about how you can get involved.

And of course, there will be the children's favourite - 'Guess the name of Santa's teddy bear' competition. Year 6 will be introducing our jolly Christmas teddy to all the classes and your children are welcome to guess his/her name, **£1** per go, again, payable via **ParentPay**. The winner will be announced on the final day of term.

We appreciate that money is tight this year, but we very much hope that you take part in as many of these fundraising activities as you possibly can, as without your support, school events and resources for 2026 that are usually funded by the PTFA, may not be able to occur.

If you have any fundraising ideas that you could share, or you'd like to get involved please drop us an email, speak to a member of staff, or contact us via our **Facebook page**.

Thanks in advance for your support and here's to a happy festive period!
Everyone at the PTFA x

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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.

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!



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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



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.

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	
Friday 28th November	Christmas light switch on - 3.30pm - 4.00pm Enjoy carols and songs led by the choir, with hot chocolate and biscuits
DECEMBER 2025	
Thursday 4th December	Festive Disco - EYFS and KS1 3.30PM - 4.30pm KS2 4.45PM - 5.45PM
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: 9.15 for Y5/6 and 10:15 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 5th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School reopens to pupils