



# Leonard's Life



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Friday 28th November 2025

## **A note from Miss Phillips...**

Today we have kicked off our Winter Wonderland Celebrations with our first ever light switch on event! Thank you to everyone who took the time to decorate a bauble and well done to the winning designers who were presented with prizes in assembly yesterday.

We have seen a big improvement in punctuality this week - thank you to everyone for your support with this. Being on time helps with a smooth start for everyone in a morning.

Our Y5 and Y6 pupils enjoyed a creative 'Make Do and Mend' themed day on Monday, their designs and creations were very impressive! In Y3 and Y4 children enjoyed making a healthy wrap as part of their design and technology learning - maybe they will be showing off their new skills at home this weekend!

Next week, Nursery and Reception children are excited about their visit to Santa. We are also hosting our parent forum on Monday and have our Rock Steady Concert to look forward to on Tuesday.

Have a great weekend!



### **Year 1/2 Girls Football Taster Session**

Year 1 and 2 girls had a fabulous time at a football taster session last Thursday at Beaconside Sports and Fitness Centre, with Berkswich Football Club. They were so enthusiastic to take part in all of the activities they had to offer, and were absolute troopers considering how cold it was! They made a great team and were very proud to represent St Leonard's. Well done



## **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.

## **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: 28/11/25	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Omar	Elijah
Year R	Effie	Mylo
Year 1/2H	Chester	Elena
Year 1/2L	Jacob	Rue
Year 1/2R	Theo	Jakub
Year 3	Edward	Aadhav
Year 4	Krisshiv	Isla Rose
Year 5	Marcus	Muhammed
Year 6	Eleanor	Harper

Well done everyone!

# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

	Week: 28/11/25
Class	Attendance %
Rec	86.2
Y1/2H	94.8
<b>Y1/2L</b>	<b>98.3</b>
Y1/2R	91.7
Y3	89.0
Y4	95.6
Y5	<b>90.9</b>
Y6	90.7

Well done to **Y1/2L** .  
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.

## Board Games and Jigsaws for Calm Club.

In Calm club we are looking for any used board games and jigsaws 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 and jigsaws 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!!





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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# FESTIVE WINTER DISCO

## THU 4 DECEMBER



**EYFS & KS1**  
**3:30 - 4:30PM**

**KS2**  
**4:45 - 5:45PM**

Tickets are just £3.50 per child

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

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Disco once again  
provided by the wonderful

**AMP & DECK'S**

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MERRY  
XMAS

# Winter Wonderland Festival

## Get your Christmas Raffle tickets

and be in with the chance of winning  
one of the Festive Hampers on offer

**£1 per entry via ParentPay**

Hampers will be awarded  
to winners over the course  
of the Christmas plays and  
services. The last hamper  
will be awarded on:

**Wednesday 17 December**

**Deadline for purchasing your  
final tickets:**

**Tuesday 16 December**

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

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# Winter Wonderland Festival

## Name Santa's Christmas Helper

Santa has a new Christmas helper to join his band of elves. Can you guess their name to be in with a chance of winning them?

£1 per entry via ParentPay

Deadline for entry –  
Wednesday 17 December

Santa's helper will be  
awarded in the final  
assembly of the term on

Thursday 18 December 2025



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## Decorate A Bauble Competition

### Winners

Thank you to everyone who decorated a bauble for our Christmas Tree, they all look fantastic. They will be used to decorate our school Christmas Tree.

A massive **CONGRATULATIONS** to our class winners

Nursery – Elena Rae

Reception – Ruby Rae

1/2H – Ewan

1/2R – Erin

1/2L – Eve

Year 3 – Nancy

Year 4 – Krisshiv

Year 5 – Harry

Year 6 – Evan

And another **CONCRATULATIONS** to out over all winner

Harry Year 5.



## Nursery

This week we have been focusing on developing lots of mathematical concepts. We have been touch counting and subitising numbers 1 to 10, we then moved on to learn colours, properties of 2D shapes and repeating patterns. The children have enjoyed using the interactive whiteboard to complete counting tasks, they had to take turns to touch count and then match the pictures to the corresponding numerals. The children have been sorting objects into colour groups, playing colour card snap and have been collaging rainbows. The children then used magnetic shapes to create repeating shape and colour patterns and developed their fine motor skills by gripping tweezers to match coloured pom poms to spots. In the Outdoor Learning Area, the children have been drawing colourful shape patterns using floor chalks. In Phonics, we have been focusing on the "t" and "p" sounds and have been developing the correct letter formation. The children enjoyed the Forest School session where they had free choice to explore the natural environment and in PE we focused on crawling, jumping and balancing.



## Reception

Reception have continued to have a busy two weeks, the weather has started to get colder and we have been spotting seasonal changes. We have found out all about winter and what changes we might see, we discussed what clothing would be most suitable for us to wear.

We have worked hard in Phonics this week learning more digraphs and applying those into our writing. Our class text was 'One Snowy Night', we all really enjoyed this story and loved listening to it.

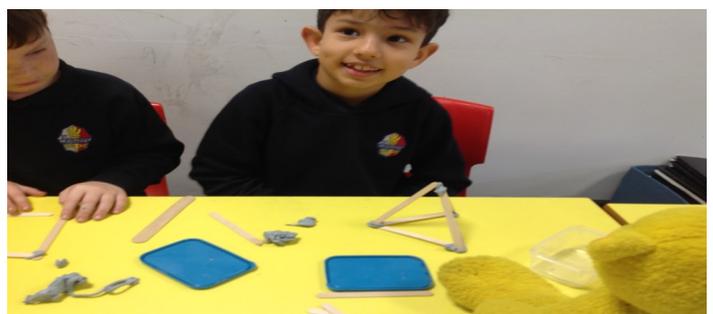
## Year 1/2H

Year 1/2H have enjoyed completing our unit in Maths on 2d and 3d shapes. Last week, we finished on shape patterns, vertical lines in 2d shapes and counting faces in 3d shapes. In English, we continued our new text 'Avocado Baby'. We have looked at exciting vocabulary and grammar choices to write clear sentences.

In Science, children have been learning about the order of the months and which months of the year have more or less hours of daylight.

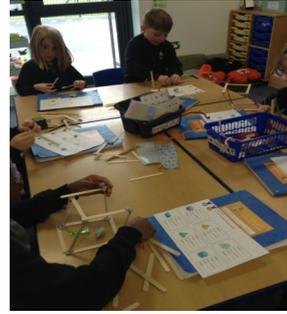
In History, children have completed their learning on the Victorian classroom. We created posters to showcase all knowledge on learning covered throughout the topic.

We have also enjoyed rehearsing on the stage for our Christmas Nativity and learning the Christmas songs for our play.



## Year 1/2L

Year 1 and 2 have been working very hard this week for their autumn assessments. We have finished our maths topic on 2D and 3D shapes. We know vertices, sides and faces. We made 3D shapes using lollipop sticks and blue tac to represent the sides and vertices. We have also finished our history topic on School Days and we are looking forward to learning more in our geography topic Land Ahoy!



## Year 1/2R

We have had a super couple of weeks in 1/2R. The children have been working very hard in Maths, where they have explored the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes - they made their own shapes using lollipop sticks too, which was lots of fun. The children have produced some excellent end of topic posters in History to present all they have learned about Victorian schools. In Computing, the children have been learning about photography and have had a go at taking their own photographs, too! Nativity rehearsals are in full swing, and children have done a brilliant job at learning their lines and dances! Well done 1/2R!

## Year 3

This week, year 3 have been using all of the skills they have learnt on how to make an informative non-chronological report. They have completed their final write, detailing lots of interesting facts about spiders and arachnids. In D&T we have continued our learning on how to eat well and maintain a healthy, balanced diet. After studying the Eatwell guide, they all designed a healthy wrap. Thank you to all that donated food for us to prepare and make them on Thursday. The children all enjoyed the process of preparing and tasting the food.



## Year 4

What a busy few weeks Year 4 have spent learning through investigation in science. This week we finished our topic on Sound by investigating the best materials for insulation. In groups, the children used junk modelling to design and make a 'Sound Studio' with the best soundproofing they could find.

Not all were successful but some great learning took place as a result.

Thank you for all the contributions to our healthy wrap making activity in DT this week. The children spent a wonderful lesson on Friday designing and making their wraps and then evaluated what worked well and what they might change.

In Netball, everyone's passing and marking skills have really improved. Next, we tackle shooting and will be enjoying some match time with Year 3!

We have had another busy working week and continue to enjoy our book *The Wild Way Home* by Sophie Kirtley. The non-chronological reports about the Neolithic Stone Age are almost complete so please ask your child to share what they have learnt about this period. They are full of fascinating facts!



## Year 5

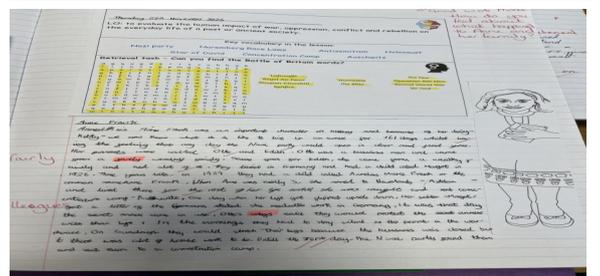
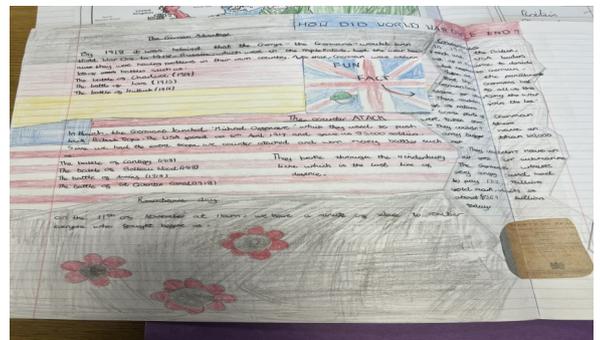
The past two weeks in Year 5 have been packed with creativity and learning! We have completed our letters from William to his mother, inspired by *Goodnight Mister Tom* and in maths, we have further developed our understanding of adding fractions with different denominators.

On Monday, we had an exciting Design Technology day linked to the "Make Do and Mend" campaign. Pupils deconstructed old clothing and learned essential sewing skills, with some even mastering the sewing machine! It was a fun, hands-on experience that highlighted resourcefulness and creativity. The children really enjoyed the day.

As we complete our WW2 topic, we're looking forward to starting our new geography topic next week: *Frozen Kingdom*. This promises to be an engaging exploration of polar regions, wildlife and the challenges of extreme environments.

## Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Y6 have been extremely busy. We have come to the end of our WW1 and WW2 topic, learning lastly about Anne Frank and the end of the war. The children have hugely enjoyed this topic learning about all aspects of WW1 and WW2. They have produced wonderful writing, art and presented their learning confidently. In Maths this week, we have begun to tackle fractions which is always difficult at first but the children have demonstrated resilience when they have found things hard. We have had assessments this week which have been extremely positive as they have demonstrated how much the pupils have learnt over the course of the term - we're very proud of them and their progress!



### Leo's Den

The school are taking part in St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. Leo's Den were given the job of making Christmas decorations to decorate the tree. The children suggested that they would like to do hands reaching for the stars which reflects our visions and values so the children have been very busy creating hands using clay and decorating them with glitter and paint.



# Diary Dates

## AUTUMN TERM

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

<b>December 2025</b>	
Wednesday 3rd December	EYFS Educational Visit - Please make your payment on ParentPay
Thursday 4th December	Festive Discos - EYFS and KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 4.45pm-5.45pm
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 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am –Y1/2 Christmas Play                      2:00 pm – Nur/Rec Christmas Play
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Services for Key Stage 2 at: 9.15 for Y5/6 and 10:15 am for Y3/4 - Parents Welcome
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Party Day – children to wear party clothes to school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of term - <b>School closes 1pm</b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>School closed Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>JANUARY 2026</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens to pupils