



Leonard's Life



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

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Friday 23rd January 2026

A note from Miss Phillips.....

Another busy week in school - they seem to be flying by!

I've had a number of conversations over the past couple of weeks with parents about the challenges of navigating screen time and children being on-line. I have put a 'digital home agreement' onto this week's newsletter which might be a good conversation starter at home. Being clear on expectations as well as the safeguards you are putting in place is always a great place to start.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for a curriculum showcase. Please arrive at the main office for 3pm. You will then be taken to your child's classroom where they will share their school books with you.

We will be wishing our Y5/6 footballers good luck on Monday as they head to the county finals! And are looking forward to continuing our work with our travel ambassadors next week - keep an eye on Dojo for more on this.



w/c: 19/01/26	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Athna	Sofia
Year R	Kingsley	Effie
Year 1/2H	Aidan	Elena
Year 1/2L	Lili	Charlie
Year 1/2R	Macsen	Kason
Year 3	Charlotte	Archie
Year 4	Florence	Harri
Year 5	Joseph	Triston
Year 6	Mikey	Victoria

Well done everyone!

Lunch Price Increase.

We would like to make parents aware that from **1st April 2026**, the price of a standard primary school meal will increase to **£3.25**.





Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

	Week: 19/01/26
Class	Attendance %
Rec	93.8
Y1/2H	96.7
Y1/2L	95.8
Y1/2R	95.1
Y3	95.0
Y4	96.1
Y5	95.1
Y6	93.1

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

Look out for your Class DoJo points!

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!!



Leo's Den Booking Reminder.

Over the last couple of weeks, we've noticed a number of issues with bookings for Leo's Den not being completed correctly. To help us ensure that all children are safely accounted for, we kindly ask parents and carers to double check that they are following the full booking process all the way through to the end.

Please make sure you continue through each step until you press '**Complete Booking**'. Once this is done, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this email, the booking may not have been finalised.

Your support with this helps us keep everything running smoothly and ensures that all children are registered correctly. Thank you for your cooperation.



Useful helplines and websites

Childnet: Provides [online information](#) for parents around supporting children with gaming at different ages.
Parents can [download their Family Agreement template](#) and find tips on using it with their family.

The Mix: Offers online information as well as helpline support to under-25s about anything that's troubling them.
Free [Get support](#) - discussion boards, support groups, text support and counselling is available.

Childline: If you're under 19 you can confidentially call, chat online or email about any problem big or small.
[Sign up](#) for a free Childline locker (real name or email address not needed) to use their [free 1-2-1 counsellor chat](#) and email support service.
[Can provide a BSL interpreter](#) if you are deaf or hearing-impaired.
Hosts [online message boards](#) where you can share your experiences, have fun and get support from other young people in similar situations.
Opening times: 24/7 [0800 11 11](#)

Tellmi: A free app for teenagers (11+) providing resources and a fully moderated community where you can share your problems, get support, and help other people too.
Can be downloaded from Staffordshire Health App finder (info below) or google play or app store

Staffordshire Health App finder has a range of trusted, clinically-reviewed apps to address a variety of mental health needs—whether it's managing anxiety, building resilience, or coping with everyday stress.

Click the link [Staffordshire health app finder](#) or scan the QR code



Mental health support for children and young people

Follow the **SAFE** steps for mental health support to find the right help at the right time.

- S Self help**
Advice and signposting to wellbeing activities and digital tools
- A Ask for advice and help**
Young people's wellbeing services and support
- F Fast specialist support**
Specialist mental health support for young people
- E Emergency services**
Mental health crisis and urgent help



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Digital Family Agreement



I will:

- Check with dad before I chat with anyone for the first time, even if they are a 'chatbot'
- Check with mum before getting a new app or game, or buying an add-on so she can check it is safe
- Not post or share any personal information, e.g. mobile, address to stay private and safe
- Check with mum and dad before going 'live' and explain what I can do to avoid any risks
- Put my phone down when we're eating together or family want to talk, as it's respectful
- Turn off notifications when I'm doing homework or at bedtime so I can concentrate and sleep
- Come off my devices an hour before bedtime to help me unwind and sleep

If there are any issues:

We will talk about it calmly and respectfully

I may have to show you more about what I do on devices, or face consequences

Parent/carer will:

Why?

- Put our devices down when you want to talk to me/us so we can model good behaviour
- Keep our mobiles away for important family time e.g. breakfast and dinner so we can have quality time and talk
- Trust you to manage your screen time sensibly as we agreed, and only say something if I/we are worried, to help you stay safe and healthy
- Ask permission before sharing any photos of you to respect your privacy

If I'm worried by anything:

I can tell mum and dad, and they won't judge me

I can talk to.....
At school

I can contact
Childline or The Mix

Signed: *Sophie Mum Dad*

Today's date: *22nd July*

Date we will review this: *22nd October*

Download me again and find more support for parents at parentsafe.lgfl.net

STIKINS[®] NAME LABELS

Literally hundreds of pounds worth of un-claimed, 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/>

Reminder to Parents

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



**Need support with
alcohol and drugs?**

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- Easy to access
- Non-judgemental



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SENDIASS
Staffordshire Family Partnership

*Free drop-in sessions for
parents and carers of children
and young people with special
educational needs*

Staffordshire SENDIASS is a confidential, impartial, free service for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities, and also for children and young people (0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities. We provide Information, Advice and Support covering education, health and social care issues.

Stafford Family Hub

Faraday Road

Wednesday, 28th January 2026

1-3pm

No need to book, just call in

sfps@staffordshire.gov.uk 01785 356921

Diary Dates

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

JANUARY 2026	
Monday 26th January	Y1/2 Curriculum Showcase - Families invited to view work in books 3.00pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 27th January	Y3/4 Curriculum Showcase - Families invited to view work in books 3.00pm-3,30pm
Thursday 29th January	Y5/6 Curriculum Showcase - Families invited to view work in books 3.00pm-3.30pm
FEBRUARY 2026	
Monday 2nd February	Early Years Families invited in for Stay and Play sessions 9.15-10.15am Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 3rd February	Governor's Meeting 4.15pm
Thursday 12th February	Sports Enrichment - Glow in the dark dodgeball PE Kit for all pupils
Friday 13th February	9.00am - Celebration Assembly. Families will be contacted the week before if their child has won an award. School Closes - last day of half term
Mon 16th - Fri 20th February	School closed - Half Term
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens for all children
Tuesday 24th - Tuesday 3rd March	Book Fair in school
March 2026	
Wednesday 4th March	Reading Café - Families invited - 9.15-10.15am Y5/6 and 2.30-3.15pm Nursery/Reception
Thursday 5th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Reading Café - Families invited - 9.15-10.15am Y3/4 and 2.30-3.15pm Y1/2
Monday 17th March	Governor's Meeting 4.15pm
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - wear something red non uniform - £1 donation for charity
Monday 23rd March	Parent's Evening from 3.45pm
Tuesday 24th March	Parent's Evening from 3.45pm
Thursday 26th March	Sports Enrichment - Handball PE Kit for all pupils
Friday 27th March	Easter Celebration Assembly - 9.15am Y4/5/6, 10.00am Y1/2/3 and 11.00am in class Nursery and Reception. Families will be contacted the week before if their child has been chose for an award
April 2026	
Monday 13th April	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 14th April	School reopens for all children