



Leonard's Life



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Friday 13th February 2026

A note from Miss Phillips.....

The half-term holiday seems to have come upon us very quickly! Hopefully it will be the start of some brighter weather as well as the longer days.

Yesterday, we enjoyed our half-termly sports enrichment session. This time around it was glow in the dark dodgeball! The children worked well to listen to the coaching and put our school value of teamwork into practice - well done everyone!

Today we celebrated those pupils who we have seen going above and beyond to embody our values of pride, care, teamwork and respect. We also celebrate the pupils we have seen reaching for the stars over the last half-term. Thank you to everyone who joined for this celebration. We are looking forward to inviting all families into school next half-term for Easter celebrations and reading cafes - keep an eye out on Dojo for the dates and times of these.

Improving attendance and punctuality remains a focus for us as a school. If there is anything we can do to support, we would encourage you to reach out to us. We have seen some big improvements over the last few weeks - thank you for the effort that has gone into this.

Every book you buy earns FREE BOOKS for our school

to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

Come and find me!

My brand new book!

Tuesday 24th February till Tuesday 3rd March

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**.



Half Term Awards

Half Term Awards	Reaching for the Stars Award	School Values Award
Year N/R	Finley	Elena
Reception	Ruby-Rae	Sarah
Year 1/2H	Mabel	Ellison
Year 1/2L	Oliver	Eve
Year 1/2R	Khadijah	Gracie
Year 3	Norah	Lola
Year 4	Marnie	Krisshiv
Year 5	Carla	Arnaud
Year 6	Cora	Harry

Well done everyone!



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Week: 09/02/26	
Class	Attendance %
Rec	86.0
Y1/2H	95.5
Y1/2L	95.8
Y1/2R	97.5
Y3	98.7
Y4	94.8
Y5	92.7
Y6	92.7

Well done to **Year 3**.

Look out for your Class DoJo points!

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](tel: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

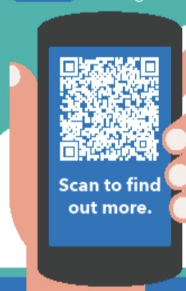


Staffordshire County Council

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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WIN **AMAZING** PRIZES
through our  golden ticket raffle



To celebrate **WORLD BOOK DAY** and the National Year of Reading, we are delighted to announce our first-ever '**WONKA**-style' raffle

Just like Charlie Bucket's dream of finding a '**GOLDEN TICKET**', your child could be one of our lucky winners by purchasing a '**LEO BAR**' and finding their own '**GOLDEN RAFFLE TICKET**' within, giving them (and you) the chance to win some truly fantastic prizes...



Leo Bars
CAN BE PURCHASED FOR
£2.50 VIA PARENTPAY


WINNING BARS WILL INCLUDE A 'GOLDEN RAFFLE TICKET' GIVING DETAILS OF THE PRIZE.

Winners should contact the school to notify us of names, so we can arrange for tickets and information to be shared directly after the draw.

A **MAXIMUM OF 4 LEO BARS** can be purchased per child.

ALL LEO BARS WILL BE HANDED OUT IN SCHOOL ON WORLD BOOK DAY ON THURSDAY 05 MARCH 2026. The **FINAL CHANCE TO PURCHASE** your Leo Bars is **FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY.**

All proceeds will go towards the PTFA and support activities, events and resources for the school and your children over the coming year.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day Leo Bars 'Golden Ticket Raffle'

To celebrate **World Book Day** and the **National Year of Reading** we are delighted to announce our first-ever **'Wonka-style' raffle**, which offers wonderful prizes for you and your children and the opportunity for us to raise more valuable funds for St Leonard's PTFA.

Just like Charlie Bucket's dream of finding a **'Golden Ticket'**, your child could be one of our lucky winners by purchasing a **'Leo Bar'** and finding their own **'Golden Raffle Ticket'** within, giving them (and you) the chance to win some truly fantastic prizes...

Including:

- 🎫 A **family day ticket** to **Just So Festival** (worth £230)
- 🎫 A **family day ticket** to **Deva Fest** in Cheshire, with this year's headliners across the weekend including James Morrison, Ronan Keating and Jessie J (worth £215)
- 🎫🎫🎫 4 tickets to **West Midlands Safari Park**
- 🎫 A **family play pass** at **Lower Drayton Farm**
- 🎫 A **family ticket** to **Statfold Country Park**
- 🎫🎫 2 tickets to **Richard III** at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
- 🎫 **£20 voucher** for **Hickory's Smokehouse**
- 🎫 A **voucher** for **Amerton Glaze**
- 🍷 One of handful of **Non-Uniform Day Vouchers**
- ☕ and a handful of opportunities to enjoy **Tea and Cake with the Head Teacher**
- 🕒 Plus, **extra playtime for the winner and their whole class!**

Children can purchase their **Leo Bars via ParentPay for £2.50**. Winning bars will include a **'Golden Raffle ticket'** giving details of the prize. A **maximum of 4 Leo Bars** can be purchased per child, to allow siblings who don't attend St Leonard's the opportunity to enjoy some chocolate and be in with a chance of winning. **Winners should contact the school to notify us of names, so we can arrange for tickets and information to be shared directly after the draw.**

All Leo Bars will be handed out in school on World Book Day on Thursday 05 March 2026. The **final chance to purchase** your Leo Bars is **Friday 27 February**.

All proceeds will go towards the PTFA and support activities, events and resources for the school and your children over the coming year.

Let's make this World Book Day truly memorable and help our children experience the magic of Roald Dahl's wonderful world and the love of books during this National Year of Reading.

Thank you for your continued support and here's to an unforgettable World Book Day.

Everyone at the PTFA x

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NEXT PTFA MONTHLY MEETING

Wed 11 Mar 2026 | 7.00pm



Starbucks, The Hough
Retail Park

Everyone is welcome to join us and help us organise events to raise money to support the school in providing additional activities & resources for your children.

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

Dinner Menu for after Half Term.

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day
TUESDAY	Chicken tikka with Rice or Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Dessert of the day	Spring Turkey Bow Tie Pasta or Garden Bolognese Bow Tie Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day	Sausage with Mash & Gravy or Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or loaded yorkie with Roasties (Ve) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy or Cheesy Broccoli Bake with Roasties (V) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day
THURSDAY	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy or Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day	Chicken Stir-Fry Rice or Rainbow Noodle Bowl (Ve) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day	Penne with Beef Bolognese or Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Ve) Veg of the Day Dessert of the Day
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream 23/2/26, 16/3/26, 6/4/26, 27/4/26, 18/5/26, 8/6/26, 29/6/26	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Cheesy Bean Whirls with Chips (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream 2/3/26, 23/3/26, 13/4/26, 4/5/26, 25/5/26, 15/6/26, 6/7/26	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips or Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Vanilla Ice Cream 9/3/26, 30/3/26, 20/4/26, 11/5/26, 1/6/26, 22/6/26, 13/7/26
<p>Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.</p>			

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Get your dancing shoes on
it's time for the...



SCHOOL DISCO



THU 19TH
MARCH



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:

WED 18 MARCH

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Disco once again
provided by the wonderful

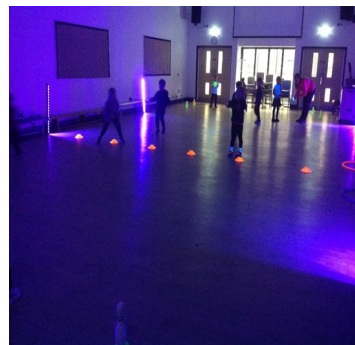
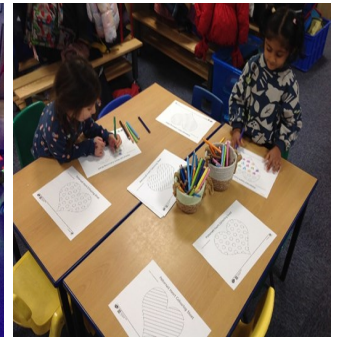
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Nursery

Nursery have had another super week of learning. This week they have focused on Valentine's Day, thinking about people they love and care about.

We discussed special people in our lives and how we can show that we love them. Children enjoyed creating some Valentine themed art for loved ones and experimenting with the love themed cutters in the play dough area.



Reception

Reception have been learning about Chinese New Year. We listened to the Chinese zodiac story and found out what year we all are. We have created some Chinese dragons and lanterns using some super folding and cutting skills. We have looked at the Chinese alphabet and numbers and even had a go at writing some of these.

Children have been so enthusiastic about this week's theme, well done!

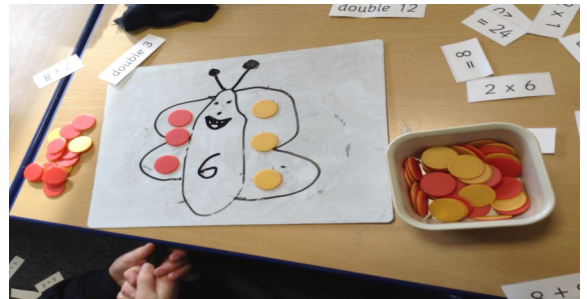
Year 1/2H

This week in **English**, the children have been busy creating their own stories based on *Beegu*, using subordinating conjunctions and question marks to add detail and interest to their writing. In **Maths**, we have explored doubling, halving, the 10 times table and begun using multiplication and division, with lots of practical resources to support our understanding. In **Science**, we have completed our topic on humans and our senses, investigating how each sense helps us understand the world around us. In **History**, the children learned about another significant aviator, **Charles Lindbergh** and enjoyed comparing his achievements with other famous flyers we have studied.



Year 1/2L

This week in Year 1/2L, the children have been busy and brilliant! In maths, they explored halving and doubling through lots of practical fun and problem-solving activities. They also had an amazing time taking part in glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, which brought plenty of excitement and teamwork. In English, the class enjoyed re-telling the story of Beegu, using creativity and expression to bring the character's journey to life. It's been a fantastic week of learning!



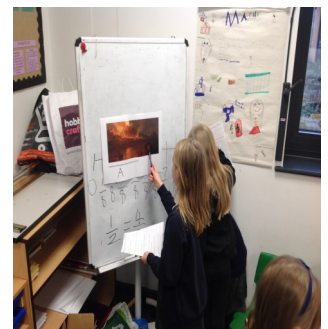
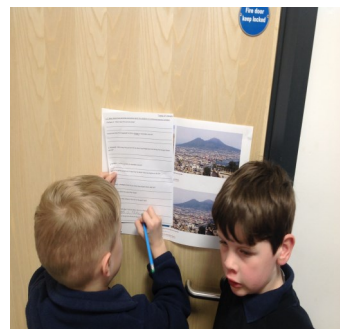
Year 1/2R

Y1/2 have had a fantastic few weeks of learning! In English, the children have enjoyed re-telling the story of Beegu and produced some excellent narratives, filled with adjectives, questions and subordinate conjunctions! In Maths, they have tackled multiplication and division – a challenging topic, but they approached it with enthusiasm and made great progress! Our History lessons focused on early flight; the children loved using role-play to bring the story of The Wright Brothers to life and also explored Charles Lindbergh and the plane he built. In RE, they designed and performed their own special rituals, showing great creativity. They absolutely loved their Sports Enrichment session where they played glow-in-the-dark dodgeball – it was lots of fun and they showed great teamwork. In Forest School last week, they had lots of fun exploring and making

Year 3

In our topic this week, we have learned all about the volcanic eruption in Pompeii. Firstly, we discovered both the causes and consequences of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children then investigated some pictures of artefacts around our classroom to decide whether they were primary sources of information about the eruption and if they were a reliable source of the truth. Once they had studied each picture carefully, they decided what they could infer about life in Pompeii before and after the eruption.

In English, the children are writing up their own five-part narrative based on the story of the Iron Man. They have all enjoyed applying their own twist to the original story. In maths, we have continued our learning about fractions. We have been looking at equivalent fractions that are equal to each other, using a number line and bar model to help us.



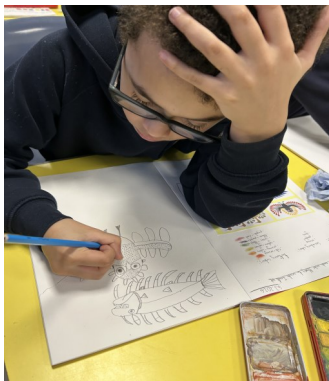
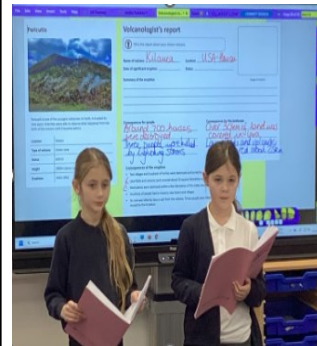
Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic half term of learning. In our geography topic recently, the children have been using a range of historical sources to make deductions and consider how reliable each piece of evidence might be. They have also begun to explain clearly the causes and effects of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its impact on the people of Pompeii.

In science, our new topic is grouping and classifying.

The children made careful observations, compared what they noticed and used their findings to ask thoughtful scientific questions in several sorting activities and games. The children also practised using classification keys, choosing appropriate ways to investigate and explore their ideas.

Overall, Year 4 have shown excellent focus, curiosity and teamwork this half term. Enjoy a well-earned rest this half term everyone.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a lively and engaging fortnight of learning. In Maths, the children have been multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. They have shown growing confidence and enjoyed challenging themselves with trickier problems. In English, the class took part in a fun role-play session to help them prepare for their upcoming stories about Matthew Henson's journey to the North Pole. Acting out different scenes helped them understand the extreme cold, the bravery needed and the excitement of exploration. During Art, the children learned about Inuit culture and created beautiful watercolour paintings inspired by Arctic animals. In Sport Enrichment, Year 5 took part in an exciting session of Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball, showing great teamwork, quick reactions and plenty of enthusiasm. They absolutely loved it and would really like to do it again!

Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have been working really hard across all curriculum subjects. In English, we have been further exploring the book *The Wolf Wilder*. We have focused heavily on different sentence structures as well as dialogue, now having really mastered the use of this in our writing. In the afternoon, our PSHE lessons have been filled with fundraising ideas, culminating in us deciding to plan a cake and craft sale - we are very excited about this! PE this week has allowed us to explore parkour, which was exciting as it we could develop our skills of jumping and climbing mixed with speed and fluidity. Year 6 have had a brilliant term and we are very proud of them. I'm sure, however, that they are ready for a break!



Leo's Den

Over the last week the children have taken part in an activity to create a melting snowman. This has involved using marshmallows, biscuit, chocolate and icing sugar. The children had fun creating their snowman and enjoyed eating the end result!



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Email: dappadance@hotmail.com

Or contact the school office for a registration form.

Diary Dates

SPRING TERM

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

FEBRUARY 2026	
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
Tuesday 17th March	Governor's Meeting 4.15pm
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - wear something red non uniform - £1 donation for charity
Monday 23rd	Parent's evening from 3.45pm
Tuesday 24th	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
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Term - School closes at 1pm
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
APRIL 2026	
Monday 13th April	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 14th April	School reopens for all children