



# Leonard's Life



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

We have had a busy week celebrating World Book Day in school this week!

Thank you to everyone who joined our reading cafes. Reading with your children is one of the best ways to support their education. It can often be hard to find quality time to do this, however little and often is always the best way. This could be reading while in the bath or for a few minutes before bed. If your child isn't a confident reader, then reading to them will help build their love of stories.

Our PTFA did a fantastic job with the Wonka Bars! If you won a prize, please speak to Mrs Jones in the main office. The PTFA are meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at Starbucks on the Hough retail park and all are welcome to join.

Cross Country season has started - well done to everyone who ran on Tuesday evening at Walton Priority in Stone. There are more events coming up over the next few weeks. Thank you to all the staff and parents who are making it possible for pupils to attend.

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



# SCHOOL DISCO

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4:45 - 5:45PM

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## HEADLICE

We would like to inform you that we have been made aware of a small number of head lice cases in school. While this is a common occurrence in all primary settings, we kindly ask for your support in helping to manage and prevent further spread. Please check your child regularly and treat when needed.





# School AWARDS

w/c: 02/03/26	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Grace	Yazhi
Year R	Nethra	Ihsan
Year 1/2H	Delilah	Hetty
Year 1/2L	Pip	Brody
Year 1/2R	Erin	Theo
Year 3	Hector	Phoebe
Year 4	Isla-Rose	Ikram
Year 5	Harry	Theo
Year 6	Lucy	Evan

Well done everyone!

## Nut-Free School Reminder

We have recently noticed a few children bringing nuts or nut-based products into school. We would like to kindly remind all families that **we are a nut-free school.**

This is to ensure the safety of pupils with severe nut allergies. Please make sure that all snacks and packed lunches are free from nuts and nut-containing items.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe for everyone.



Every student. Every day.

	Week: 02/03/26
Class	Attendance %
Rec	96.0
Y1/2H	98.2
Y1/2L	100
Y1/2R	98.3
Y3	94.7
Y4	97.8
Y5	93.3
Y6	96.0

Well done to **1/2L**.

Look out for your Class DoJo points!



## Lunch Time Special Mention.

This weeks shout out goes to Isla G, Marnie and Poppy in Year 4. All girls deserve a mention as they consistently display excellent behaviour every lunch time.

Keep Up The Good Work!

## Football Fun.

St. Leonard's Year 3/4 boys' football team played a thrilling match against Pirehill in Stone, winning 6–4 after a brilliant all-round performance. Callum was strong in goal, with solid defending from Markiian, Harri and Krisshiv, who also scored a great goal. Bobby controlled the midfield superbly and netted an impressive four goals, while wingers Aadhav, Edward and Kit worked tirelessly to support attacks. Up front, Jacob added another well-taken goal alongside Oscar's constant pressure. It was a fantastic team effort full of determination, teamwork and excitement from start to finish.

Last Thursday, our Year 3 and 4 girls took part in their very first football match in the Stafford and District League, facing a strong Oakridge Primary team. Although the result didn't go our way, the girls demonstrated fantastic resilience and determination throughout the game, especially on a cold and wet afternoon. For many of the players, it was their first ever competitive match, yet they stepped onto the pitch with confidence and a willingness to learn. Their enthusiasm never faded and they supported one another brilliantly from start to finish. What mattered most was the effort, teamwork and the smiles that remained despite the challenging weather. The girls had great fun, tried their very best and showed a wonderful attitude that makes us incredibly proud. We look forward to seeing how they grow and develop throughout the season as they continue their football journey.



## Cross Country

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 cross country team took part in the first of the Stafford and District races at Walton Priory Middle School in Stone. Thirteen enthusiastic runners represented our school and every child showed outstanding resilience and determination throughout the course, tackling challenging conditions with a positive attitude. For some, it was their very first race, and they rose to the occasion brilliantly. What stood out most was the fantastic teamwork on display, as pupils cheered one another on from start to finish. We are incredibly proud of each runner - they represented our school with commitment, confidence and a wonderful team spirit. Our next race is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Stafford Grammar, Stafford. Well done!



# 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](mailto:ptfa@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk)  
to confirm your attendance



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- Camp St Dominics, Stone

**TIMESLOTS**

- Morning session - 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Afternoon session - 1.30am - 5.30pm
- School day - 9am - 3.30pm
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## Nursery

Over the last two weeks, we have been learning about the wonderful creatures that live in the sea. We have discovered lots of new facts and observed sea life in a 4k aquarium. We have focused on the texts *The Singing Mermaid* and *The Rainbow Fish* and linked this to our School Values. The children enjoyed being creative by decorating their own sea creatures and have been using their imaginations to collage brightly, coloured mermaids. The children have enjoyed lots of water play and have also been counting sea shells. The children improved their fine motor skills through cutting activities and have been drawing sea creatures, using chalks, in the Outdoor Learning Area. The children have enjoyed their Forest School session where they were sorting natural objects and were excited to start our new rhythm and dance topic in their PE session.



## Reception

Reception have taken part in some super learning the past two weeks. We have been learning about kings and queens past and present and different castles around the world. We discussed the different parts of a castle and why castles were designed this way in the past. We built some of our own castles using large and small construction, getting inspiration from photos of real castles. We designed and painted our own castles and thought about what the kings and queens would be like that lived there.

Yesterday we had a super day celebrating 'World Book Day', we drew our favourite book characters and played some reading quizzes. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes.

Well done Reception.

## Year 1/2H

In Year 1/2H, we have had a wonderfully busy and exciting few weeks! In English, the children have been writing clear and thoughtful instructions to help a lost penguin find its way back home to the South Pole. In Maths, we have been exploring length and height, practising how to measure accurately using centimetre and metre rulers. Our Science lessons have focused on identifying natural and man-made materials and comparing their different properties. We also had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day—sharing stories with our parents at the Reading Café and enjoying the chance to purchase new books at the book fair. It has been a joyful and creative time for everyone!



## Year 1/2L

Year 1/2L have had a very busy week! The children loved dressing up for World Book Day and sharing the stories behind their chosen characters. In English, they have been working on writing clear instructions, focusing on sequencing and using bossy verbs. Our maths lessons have centred on measuring length and height, with plenty of practical activities to support understanding. In art, the class explored pattern printing, experimenting with different shapes, colours and repeating designs.



## Year 1/2R

Over the past two weeks, our Year 1 and 2 children have been busy with lots of hands-on learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we explored practical measuring, comparing length and height using centimetres and metres. In History, the class brought together all their "Flight Through Time" learning by creating fantastic fact files about each aviator they have studied. During RE, we discussed what it means to belong to a group, with plenty of thoughtful role-play to deepen understanding. In Science, we began our new unit on materials, investigating the properties of everyday objects. In English, the children wrote clear, detailed instructions on how to help a penguin get back to the South Pole, inspired by Oliver Jeffers' *Lost and Found*. In Art, we have been exploring Pop Art through printing, creating bold repeating patterns. We also had a super day yesterday for World Book Day – the costumes were fabulous!

## Year 3

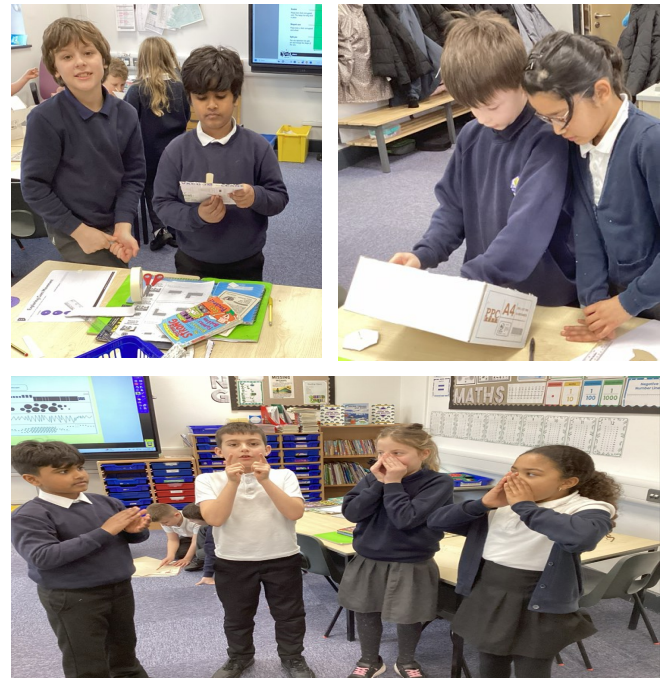
In our topic this week, we have learned all about the spread of tsunamis. We studied how an earthquake in the Indian Ocean triggered a series of tsunami that spread out in all directions across the Indian Ocean. We studied how long it took to spread and the countries it hit. We then had a musical lesson where we listened to the sounds of an Earthquake. After looking through a graphic score, the children then made their own earthquake soundscape using body percussion and items in the classroom.

In English, the children are moving onto a new sequence of learning based on a non-chronological report on the topic of volcanoes. We have looked at examples of other reports and are starting to gather all of our facts on volcanoes. In maths, we have continued our learning about mass and capacity. We have been looking at comparing and adding weights of both grams and kilograms. Finally, well done to all children who took part in the clip and climb sessions last week. All children showed great determination and represented our school excellently.



## Year 4

Another busy few weeks have been enjoyed by all in Year 4. In Design Technology, the children have been exploring cam mechanisms and investigating how movement can be created using different shapes and rotations. This practical activity has prepared them brilliantly for the next stage — designing and building their own automaton toys. Thank you to everyone who has brought in recycling for this project. In Geography, the class has been learning about tsunamis, with a particular focus on the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. The children investigated where the earthquake occurred, how the tsunami spread from its epicentre and how it travelled across the ocean to affect many different countries. They have shown great curiosity and sensitivity while learning about this significant global event. A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Reading Café on World Book Day. The costumes were absolutely amazing and the children were so proud to share books with you. The day has really inspired everyone to enjoy reading even more. As always, we encourage your child to read for 20 minutes every day — it makes a big difference!

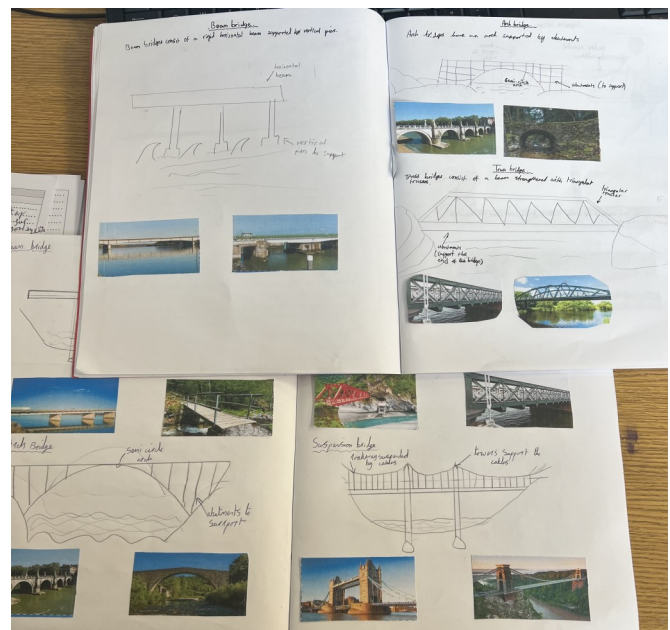


## Year 5

Over the past two weeks, Year 5 have been busily engaged in a range of learning across the curriculum. In English, the children have been developing their narrative writing skills by exploring the incredible journey of Matthew Henson and his expedition to the North Pole. They have worked hard to include accurate punctuation, particularly using inverted commas correctly to bring dialogue to life. In Maths, pupils have continued to strengthen their understanding of fractions and decimals. Their creativity has also shone through in Art, where they have been making collages from recycled paper. They are making colourful posters encouraging others to look after our planet. In Science, we have been learning about the different stages of the human life cycle, exploring how humans grow and change over time. Meanwhile, in Geography, they have investigated how animals adapt to survive in polar climates. A highlight was welcoming so many parents to our Reading Café today as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

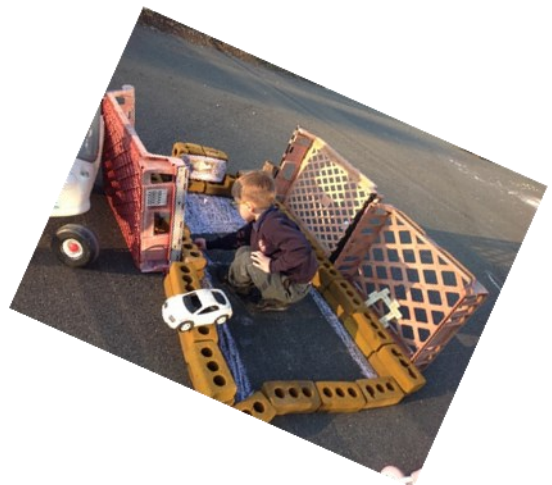
## Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy two weeks working extremely hard across the curriculum. In English, we have produced a wonderful narrative which is focused around our class text: *The Wolf Wilder* by Katherine Rundell. In Maths, we have really got to grips with fractions and decimals and are starting to explore percentages. Over the past couple of weeks, we have started a new topic which is focused on bridges and their structures, exploring how they are made and how we can replicate this in our own designs. Year 6 have really enjoyed this, especially testing the strength of their own model bridges which has informed future bridge building! As we move closer to SAT's, we are really knuckling down and ensuring we are working as hard as possible. We are proud of the children and their efforts and hope to see this continue!



## Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den have had a fantastic two weeks, as the evenings are drawing out with more day light, they have been able to spend more time outside. They have enjoyed playing with the big toys and taking turns driving the go-cart. They have invented their own games using roleplay. Last week they created a garage to park the vehicles issuing fines if the vehicles weren't collected on time. This week they have made a pizza café delivering pizza to everyone on the playground, giving everyone the choice of toppings



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# Diary Dates

## SPRING TERM

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

MARCH 2026	
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 - <b>School closes at 1pm</b>
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