



Leonard's Life



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Friday 20th March 2026

A note from Miss Phillips.....

Another full week here at St Leonard's!

Thank you to our fantastic PTFA for last night's disco - we always enjoy seeing the children having fun and showing off their dance moves! We were also very grateful to members of our governing board who joined for the event too!

Our governors had their half-termly meeting on Tuesday where we reviewed school finances, procedures and agreed updates to a number of key policies. Our policies can be found on the school website, and if required, paper copies can be requested from the school office.

There have been plenty more sporting events taking place across the school this week too. These events are a great opportunity for the children to try something new and visit other settings too. Next week, we have pupils visiting Weston Road High School for a Sport 4 All session and have our whole school enrichment activity taking place on Thursday - this time around it is handball.

We are looking forward to welcoming families into school for parents' evening next week - if you haven't secured an appointment, please contact the school office.

It's time for our
EGG-STRADORDINARY
EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

It's time to crack out
your creative side...

Whether you're a fan of classic patterns, obsessed with glitter and glam, or want to turn your egg into a tiny work of pure genius — this is your moment to shine. You must provide your own egg, which can be hard boiled, blown or even plastic.

Traditional, creative, funny or flat-out wacky —
all entries are welcome.

- 🐣 £1 per entry via ParentPay
- 🐣 Prize per class
- 🐣 Return your egg to your class teacher by Thursday 26 March 2026

Winners will be announced during the Easter Assemblies on Friday 27 March 2026

Deadline for entry: Wednesday 25 March 2026
See ParentPay for more information.

PTFA@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk
Facebook | Site:leonardsStaffordPTFA

Leo's Den Booking Reminder.

We are getting increasing numbers of children being booked onto Leo's Den last minute. Please note that places are capped and we may not be able to accommodate last minute requests.





School AWARDS

w/c: 16/03/26	Star of the Week	Pride Award
Year N/R	Oscar	Sophia
Year R	Roza	Kingsley
Year 1/2H	Pippa	Aiden
Year 1/2L	Drew	Jason
Year 1/2R	Ethan	Emmie
Year 3	Otilie	Lola
Year 4	Ivy	Bobby
Year 5	Sophie	Arnaud
Year 6	Phoebe	Eleanor

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: 16/03/26	
Class	Attendance %
Rec	94.7
Y1/2H	92.7
Y1/2L	99.2
Y1/2R	97.5
Y3	92.7
Y4	97.8
Y5	96.4
Y6	92.7

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

Look out for your Class DoJo points!



Lunch Time Special Mention.

This weeks shout out goes to Cora in year 6 for her excellent behaviour everyday. Also to Eleanor in Year 1 for her lovely manners everyday!

Keep Up The Good Work!

New Policies!!

LEO'S DEN

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Booking a place at Leo's Den

Bookings can be made for Leo's Den in different ways. However, all bookings must be made using Kids Club HQ.

Contracts for monthly bookings can be set up for rolling bookings.

Ad hoc sessions can be booked where requirements for days and sessions are less predictable.

Last minute bookings can be made with less than 24-hours notice subject to availability. These bookings must be arranged directly with the school office, who will then create the booking on Kids Club HQ. Bookings made with less than 24-hours notice are not guaranteed and are subject to an additional session charge of £2.00 per child.

Changes to any booking is subject to 4-weeks' notice.

Clubs run by external groups on school grounds are booked according to their own booking policies and procedures.

Fees for Leo's Den

Fees are required to be paid in advance of sessions. Payment will be issued at point of booking with Kids Club HQ. We accept payments by ParentPay, childcare vouchers, BACS or tax-free childcare accounts.

Places may be terminated if bookings are not being paid for. This is at the discretion of the school leadership team.

Refunds will not be given for sessions booked and missed. The only occasion refunds will be given is if the provision is not available e.g. following a school closure due to inclement weather conditions or the school requests a child take part in an extra-curricular event such as a sporting tournament.

Collection of Children

Children may only be collected by those persons you have given authorisation to and have your chosen password. Please notify the school office before 3.30pm if someone else will be collecting your child. If your child is not collected within their booked session time, then an additional charge per child will be made, £5 if after 5.30pm and £20 if after 6pm. If parents are consistently late, we may terminate your place. If a child is not collected at the end of the session, we will follow our 'Non-collection Policy', a copy of which can be found on the school website.

Behaviour

Verbal or physical abuse from children or adults, aimed at Staff members or other children will not be tolerated. St. Leonard's Primary School's Behaviour Policy will be followed in the first instance. Parents will be spoken to if there were to be a behavioural issue, however, as Leo's Den is an optional provision and if there was consistently poor behaviour from a child, we would reserve the right to inform parents that their child could no longer attend.

Medicine

Staff will administer medicines, providing parents have completed a medication form. Parents are requested to inform staff of any known allergies. This will be done in line with our 'Administering Medicines Policy'.



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FREE Easter Holiday Sports*



*Free spaces available to children on FREE SCHOOL MEALS Programme



Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 10am-4pm
Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April 10am-4pm

At Blessed William Howard Catholic High School Stafford



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.

FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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For Information please call 07793891029 or email holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk

To Book: <https://eequ.org/book/sspa-sports-holiday-clubs-haf-with-stafford-sports-and-performance-academy-8870>



HOLIDAY CAMPS ACADEMY

JC ACADEMY EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS!

NOW REGISTERED WITH **HAF** AT SELECTED VENUES!

NOW AT **9 VENUES** MORE CHOICE FOR FAMILIES

BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR Easter!

ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 4 - 12YRS
4yr olds can attend up to 4hrs per day

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Something for everyone, every day

Our **Easter Holiday Camps** for ages 4 - 12 are packed with energy, creativity and fun.

As always, sessions are **child led, inclusive** and supportive, helping every child build confidence, make friends and enjoy their school holidays to the fullest.

NOW ACROSS 9 VENUES

- Camp Littleton, Cannock
- Camp Five Ways, Cannock*
- Camp Streethay, Lichfield
- Camp Darwin, Lichfield*
- Camp Outwoods, Burton
- Camp Parkside, Stafford
- Camp Oakridge, Stafford
- Camp Coppice, Sutton Coldfield*
- Camp St Dominics, Stone

TIMESLOTS

- Morning session - 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Afternoon session - 1.30am - 5.30pm
- School day - 9am - 3.30pm
- Full day - 8.30am - 5.30pm
- *Extended day - 7.45am - 6.15pm
- HAF - 9.30am - 1.30pm

option to extend the day available

HAF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD

All children are entitled to a **FREE trial** with us!
 Book via this **QR code**:

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Healthy Relationships

Free support

Click to complete a Family Hub Referral Form

Finding things difficult at home? You're not alone – and support is here.

Whether you parent together, apart, or co-parent, this space helps you strengthen communication, lower tension, and create a calmer, more connected family life.

Even when disagreements feel small, children can feel the impact. Small changes can make a big difference.

A referral is needed – please complete a Family Hub Referral Form to book.

Booking required through referral only. Please complete a 'Family Hub Referral Form' to book your space.

Family Hub Staffordshire

- Right help.
- Right time.
- Right place.

Search Family Hubs Staffordshire to get the support you deserve

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:08001111)

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

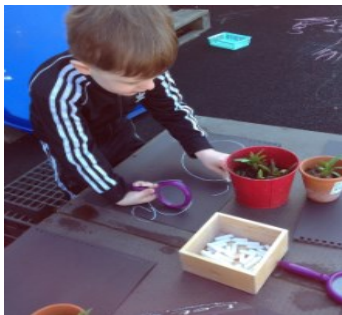
Staffordshire Health App finder has a range of trusted, clinically-reviewed apps to address a variety of mental health needs—whether it's managing anxiety, building resilience, or coping with everyday stress. [Click the link Staffordshire health app finder](#) or scan the QR code

Nursery

This week, we have been learning about the Easter story and why it is celebrated. We also enjoyed another spring walk around the school grounds, where the children observed plants and flowers beginning to grow, as well as spending time with the Reception class.

The children have been very creative, using a range of materials to make collage chicks to display in our new classroom. They have also been developing their fine motor skills through a variety of cutting activities.

In Phonics, we have focused on the 'e' and 'u' sounds, while in Maths the children have been exploring and creating shape patterns. In PE, the children made the most of the sunny weather by running on the school field, helping to develop their gross motor skills.



Reception

Reception have been very busy, we have been learning all about Spring and Easter. We were 'season spotters' and went on a Spring walk to spot seasonal changes. We have created some super pieces of Spring art, focusing on the changes we might see. Adding blossom to trees and using oil pastels to draw daffodils. We listened to the Easter story this week and discussed how we celebrate Easter with our families. We designed our own Easter eggs, focusing on pattern and shapes.

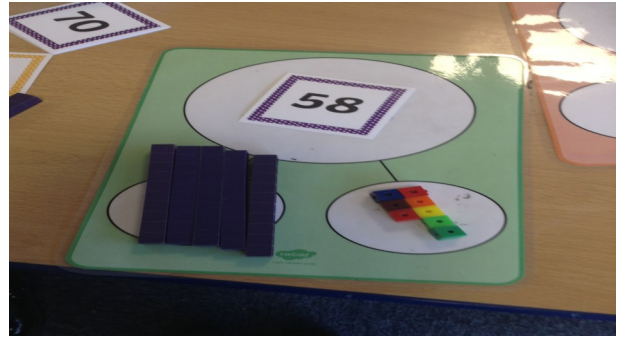
Year 1/2H

Our Year 1/2 children have had a wonderful start to the term as they began exploring our new story, *The Secret Sky Garden*. They have been working hard to write descriptive setting sentences using expanded noun phrases, creating some beautifully detailed imagery. In Maths, the class has been introduced to statistics, learning how to read and create pictograms, tally charts and tables. They have even enjoyed using computing games to practise interpreting data in fun and interactive ways. In Science, the children have been investigating materials, closely examining the properties of plastic and metal through hands-on activities. This week, they have also been confidently sharing their learning and progress during assessment week, showing just how much they've grown already this year.



Year 1/2L

This week, Year 1/2L have been working hard to complete their spring assessment. In maths, the class explored place value, multiplication, division, and shapes, using practical tasks to strengthen their understanding. In art, the children enjoyed printing with everyday objects, experimenting with primary colours to create bright and interesting repeated patterns.



Year 1/2R

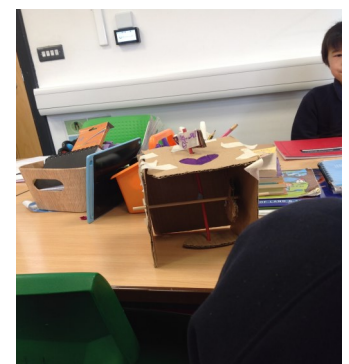
It's been a wonderfully busy couple of weeks in our class, filled with hard work, creativity and lots of curiosity. In Maths, the children have been collecting data and learning how to present it using tally charts, tables and block diagrams. In English, we've been exploring *The Secret Sky Garden*, creating imaginative sky gardens and building brilliant adjective word banks to help us write beautifully descriptive settings. We also enjoyed an exciting DT Day, where the children learned all about food and where it comes from. They designed and made their own sandwiches, showing great care, creativity and excellent tool-handling skills. In History, we finished our Flight Through Time topic by exploring famous aviators and creating timelines to show how flying machines have changed. In Science, we investigated which materials can change shape. We also produced colourful Pop Art inspired by Andy Warhol and we had a fantastic Forest School session toasting marshmallows around a campfire. What a couple of weeks!

Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed our D&T project called 'Making it Move'. This project taught the children all about cam mechanisms. They experimented with different shaped cams before designing a child's automaton toy. They all completed the build of their final pieces and showed lots of great creativity and teamwork to complete their designs.

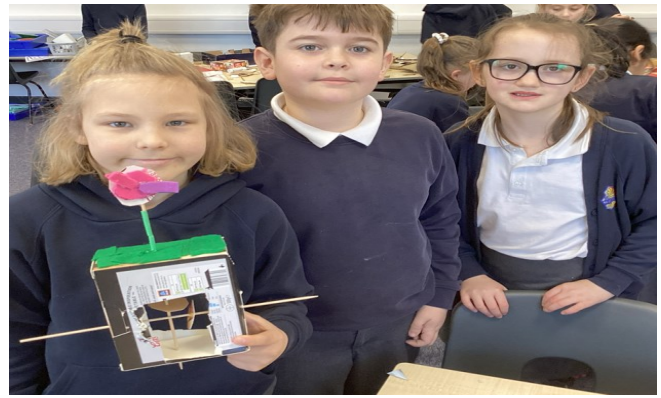
In our topic this week, the children were all working as a team of scientists, geologists and volcanologists. They were sent to investigate the potential dangers of tectonic activity in Quito, Ecuador's capital city. After completing our research, they all created a factual report so they could present their findings to the city council. In maths, we have started our new unit on fractions, where we are learning how to add and subtract fractions together.

Finally, well done to all children who took part in the Year 3 and 4 football matches. All children showed great teamwork and represented our school excellently.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderfully busy and engaging few weeks. In science, the children have now completed their *Grouping and Classifying* topic. They particularly enjoyed researching fascinating new species, including the tiny nano chameleon and using this to deepen their understanding of classification. In English, our work has been linked to volcanoes as we build towards writing our own explanation texts. The class are thoroughly enjoying our new book, *Earth-Shattering Events*, which has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. We have also brought our Geography project *Rocks, Relics and Rumbles* to a close with a final report on the dangers to the city of Quito, Ecuador. The children have shown great enthusiasm. In Maths, we are continuing to focus on times tables. Regular practice makes a huge difference, so we recommend three short sessions a week of around 10 minutes to help build confidence and fluency. Looking ahead, we are very excited for our upcoming Roman Day on April 16th. We hope the children enjoy creating their Roman shields at home during the Easter and practising the famous *testudo* formation for our Roman army march!

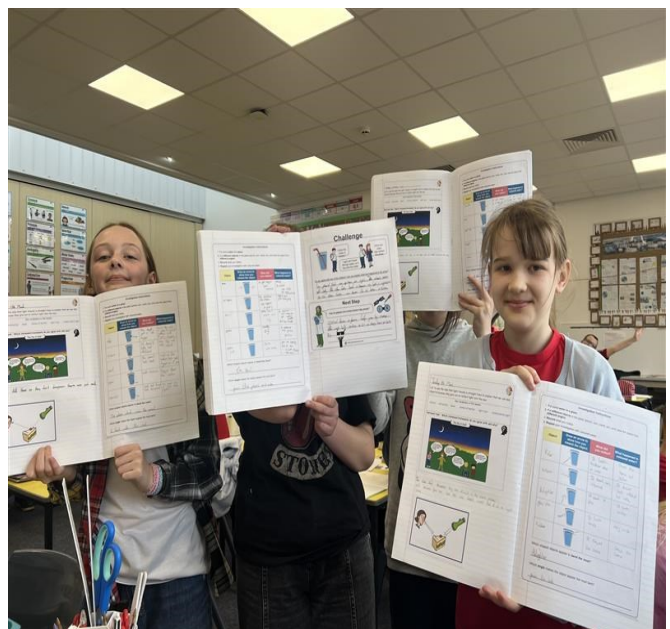


Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic week full of exciting learning. We have now completed our stories based on *Race to the North*, inspired by Matthew Henson and his remarkable journey to the Arctic. The children worked incredibly hard to use adventurous vocabulary and to build tension as their explorers raced towards the North Pole. In maths, we have just begun learning about the perimeter of rectangles. The class have been practising how to measure and calculate the distance around shapes and they are already showing great confidence with this new skill. Our new DT topic has also begun, where we are learning about engineering and bridge structures. The children have enjoyed exploring how different designs stay strong and stable. To finish our Frozen Kingdoms topic, we learnt more about the Titanic and the iceberg it struck.

Year 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard over the past two weeks in preparation for their upcoming SAT's tests. Across all subjects, we have maintained focus which has meant that we are making great progress! In Maths, Year 6 have really got to grips with fractions, decimals and percentages and are fluent in converting and ordering. In English, we have been exploring research about Gray wolves and are planning to use this to write our own non-chronological report about these animals. During the afternoon, we have completed a science experiment, focusing on light and how it travels. We are very proud of Y6 currently; they are working so hard and taking such pride in their learning.



Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den have been taking part in an activity using kitchen roll, felt tips and water. Following on from science week the children experimented what would happen with felt tip coloring on kitchen roll when drapped over two containers containing water. The children were amazed how the kitchen roll absorbed the water and the colours ran up the kitchen roll and created tie dye patterns.



Nursery's Adventures At Forest Schools

The Nursery children have continued to enjoy attending Forest School every week building their self-esteem, confidence and social skills. The weather hasn't always been kind with the children experiencing rain, sleet and very cold temperatures. Before Christmas the children took part in an activity making a Christmas table decoration using natural resources found on the site.

After Christmas, back in Forest School the children made potions for the fairies who look after the Forest. Using, leaves, sticks and anything else they could find around the site they mixed the potions and spread the mixture around the trees.

Shelter building was a big hit with the children working together as a team using tyres and tarpaulin.



With the amount of rain that we have had since Christmas mud painting was a must. There was no shortage of mud as the children experimented using different tools to paint.

Nursery's Adventures At Forest Schools



Part of Forest School is to educate the children about taking care of our environment and the wildlife around us. One session the children made bird feeders to provide food for the birds in the cold weather.

As Spring arrives the children have planted a variety of vegetable seeds in plant pots. They know that the seeds need some sun shine and water to help them grow.



Diary Dates

SPRING/SUMMER TERM

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

March 2026	
Monday 17th March	Governor's Meeting 4.15pm
Thursday 19th March	PTFA School Disco - EYFS & KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm / KS2 4.45pm—5.45pm
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - wear something red non uniform - £1 donation for charity
Monday 23rd March	Parent Forum
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. All families are welcome, half term awards will be handed out in the separate assemblies.
Friday 27th March	SCHOOL CLOSSES 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
May 2026	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 11th - Friday 15th May	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 19th May	Parents Forum 9.15am
Thursday 21st May	Sports Enrichment - Disability Sports. All pupils to wear PE kit
Friday 22nd May	Celebration Assembly 9.00am - Families will be contacted the week before if their child has been chosen for an award
Friday 22nd May	SCHOOL CLOSSES
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	HALF TERM
June 2026	
Monday 1st June	School Re-opens to pupils
Friday 5th June	Sports Day - Pupils to wear school PE kit 9.15am—10.00am Nursery/Reception 11.30am—12.30pm Year 3/4 10.15am - 11.15am Year 1/2 2.00pm—3.00pm Year 5/6
Friday 19th June	Reserve Sports Day



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

Monday 22nd June	Families information meeting for new Nursery and Reception Parents
Friday 29th June	Parent Forum 2.30pm
July 2026	
Wednesday 1st July	Early Years Families invited in for Play and Stay sessions Nursery 9.00am-10am / Reception 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Tuesday 7th July	Governors Meeting 4.15pm
Thursday 9th July	Sports Enrichment - Colour Run all pupils to wear PE kit (fundraising event)
Friday 10th July	School Reports to go home
Friday 10th July	Celebration Assembly - 9.00am Families will be contacted the week before if their child has won an award
Monday 13th July	Meet the new teacher for parents of children moving into Year 1 and Year 6
Tuesday 14th July	Nursery Graduation Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leaver's play and presentation 1.45pm
Friday 17th July	Non-uniform day £1 donation to school fund
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1PM
Monday 20th July	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 21st July - Wednesday 2nd September	Summer Holidays