



Leonard's Life



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A note from Miss Phillips.....

What a wet week! It has been great to be back in school but we are missing the sunny weather and were sad to have had to postpone Sports' Day. Fingers crossed for good weather on June 19th!

The week got off to a fantastic start with a musical performance from the Music Service. The children were introduced to a variety of instruments from an orchestra - some even having a go at playing as part of the performances! The Music Service run a number of opportunities for those looking to get into playing instruments. We will be sharing more details as we get them through so keep an eye out.

Next week will be another busy one - our Year 1 children will be taking their phonics screening check and our Year 4 children will be completing their times table checks. Thank you for all the support that goes in at home with learning maths facts and encouraging children to read - it makes a big difference!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Marston for her years of service to the school. We know she has played an important role at St Leonard's for many years and we wish her well for the future.



School AWARDS

w/c: 01/06/26	Values Award	Reaching for the Stars!
Year N/R	Grace	Elijah
Year R	Tristan	Leilani
Year 1/2H	Jaxon	Pippa
Year 1/2G	Jacob	Eve
Year 1/2R	Kason	Ethan
Year 3	Logan	Imogen
Year 4	Harri	Kavin
Year 5	Mason	Ollie W
Year 6	Rachael	Freya

Well done everyone!



Come our Join

St Leonard's
PTFA



Which has supported
the school by providing:

We always need volunteers to join our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association to help us raise valuable funds to support your children's experience at St Leonard's. We'd welcome you to as many meetings as you can attend and would love your help at PTFA events.

Through a range of events & activities including:

Discos | Raffles & Fairs | Christmas Cards & Baubles | Stikins | Easter Bonnet & Egg decorating | Colouring In Competitions | Asda's Cashpot for Schools | Pub Quizzes | Cake Bakes & Ice Lolly Sales

Over the last few years we have raised around £4,500 each year for our school



New Forest School & IT Equipment | The Stage in the Playground | Whole School Circus Skills Workshop | Supporting the Credit Cupboard | Providing funds towards the Year 6 Leavers Party | KS1 Phonics Books | New picnic tables for the playground & providing the children's Ice Cream Treat at the end of Term!

We'd love for you to join us and help us raise more funds for the school.

You can find out more here:

PTFA@stleonards-school.co.uk
Facebook | StLeonardsPTFA



Lunch Time Special Mention.

This Week's special mention goes to Jason in Year 1, for trying really hard with his lunch.

Also to Isla P in Year 3 for always sitting nicely and eating her lunch, at lunch time.

Keep up the good work.

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Well
done
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	Week: 01/06/26
Class	Attendance %
Rec	98.0
Y1/2H	99.1
Y1/2G	98.3
Y1/2R	98.3
Y3	96.0
Y4	92.6
Y5	97.0
Y6	93.3

Well done to .
Look out for your Class
DoJo points!

NEXT PTFA MONTHLY MEETING

Wed 10 Jun 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

Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have been learning about the life cycle of a frog. Through discussions, videos, and practical activities, they explored the different stages of growth and development, from frogspawn to adult frog. The children enjoyed sequencing the stages of the life cycle and talking about the changes they observed. In Maths, the children developed their counting skills by counting frogs onto lily pads and matching quantities accurately. They also explored 2D shapes by cutting and arranging them to create their own frog pictures, helping to develop both their mathematical understanding and fine motor skills. The children showed great creativity throughout the week, using a range of materials to make frogs and moulding playdough to create their own representations. These activities encouraged imaginative thinking, creativity, and hand strength development. The children also had a wonderful time taking part in the Chuckle Productions session. They enthusiastically joined in with singing, dancing, games, and physical activities in the hall, developing their confidence, listening skills, coordination, and enjoyment of working together with their peers.



Reception

This week Reception have continued learning about minibeasts. Our focus text for drawing club was 'The Snail and the Whale', we really enjoyed listening to this and thinking about how we could adapt the story. We talked about and investigated different habitats where minibeasts lived and completed observational drawings. In our mini beast investigation lab, we compared the differences and similarities between two minibeasts. We have been using new sounds and tricky red words to write impressive sentences about the knowledge we have learnt this week. Well done Reception.

Year 1/2H

Year 1/2H finished off their topic on money. They have been learning lots in Maths about the time in their new topic. They have been learning about seconds, minutes and hours. They have also been reading o'clock, quarter past and half past the hour. In English we have started our new story, Toby and the Great fire of London. They are learning lots about the features of diaries. In PE, children are enjoying ball skills such as handball and adventure games. They particularly enjoying 'crossing the river'.



Year 1/2G

The week before half term, Year 1/2G became printmakers as they explored the exciting art of collagraph printing. The children carefully created their own collagraph blocks by arranging a variety of textured materials onto card to make weather-themed designs, including sunshine, clouds, raindrops, rainbows and storms. Once their blocks were complete, the children applied printing ink and used them to create colourful prints on paper. They were fascinated to see how the different textures appeared and enjoyed experimenting with colour, pressure and pattern to bring their weather scenes to life. Throughout the activity, the children demonstrated great creativity, patience and attention to detail. They were proud of their finished artwork and enjoyed sharing their unique weather prints with their classmates. This week, we have really enjoyed beginning to learn to tell the time in Maths. We have introduced our new text 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. The children wrote some amazing blurbs during our hook lesson and we're excellent at identifying features of a diary entry. Well done, Year 1/2, for your fantastic artistic effort and writing enthusiasm!



Year 1/2R

We have had an excellent first week back, filled with lots of exciting new learning. In English, we have started a new book, *Toby and the Great Fire of London*. We loved discovering all about the Great Fire, and for our hook lesson we travelled back in time to explore clues, took part in role play to imagine how people might have felt, and even created our own bucket chains to put out chalk fires! We have also been learning about diaries and their purpose, and are looking forward to writing our own entries soon. In Maths, we have begun learning about time. Although it's been a tricky new concept, we are really enjoying using clocks to show o'clock, past the hour and to the hour. In Science, we have started our plants topic and have been exploring different plant types. Finally, in Geography, we are continuing to explore physical and human features. We are especially excited for our upcoming local walk to identify these in the area (as soon as the weather is kind to us!) We are really looking forward to seeing where all of this new learning takes us over our final half term of the year!

Year 3

In English, we have started a new unit of work based on the book *Our Tower* by Joseph Coelho. In the story, the children discover a magical world hidden beneath a tree. To inspire our writing, Year 3 went on an exciting senses walk around the school, where they explored the environment using sight, sound, touch and even smell. They carefully observed shadows, listened for mysterious or unusual sounds, and felt different textures such as rough walls, cool railings and soft grass. As they explored, the children searched for hidden cupboards, corners and trapdoors that might lead to another world. They came up with some fantastic imaginative ideas about secret places and magical entrances, which will really enhance their descriptive writing. In Maths, we have continued our work on time. The children have made excellent progress and are now confidently reading analogue clocks to the nearest minute. It has been great to see their confidence grow as they tackle more challenging tasks. In History, the children have been learning about Boudicca's rebellion. They were fascinated to discover how she led her army against the Romans and how, despite early success, the Romans used their strong tactics and organisation to eventually defeat her. In RE, the children showed wonderful creativity by writing their own stories about how the world was created. It was lovely to see their imaginative ideas and thoughtful approaches to this topic. In Jigsaw, the children created appreciation flags. They carefully thought about people who are important to them, writing kind and meaningful messages about why they appreciate a member of their family, a friend and a famous person. This was a lovely activity that encouraged reflection and gratitude. Well done, Year 3, for a fantastic start to the half term.



Year 4

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the children on a fantastic return to school. They have settled back into routines brilliantly and have continued to show hard work and enthusiasm in all areas of their learning. We are very proud of how positively they have approached this first week back. In English, we have continued exploring the story of *Varjak Paw*. The children have been building on their narrative writing skills, focusing on creating suspense and tension. They have used powerful 'adverbial phrases' to form effective 'power of three' sentences and are becoming increasingly confident when writing dialogue with accurate punctuation to support their storytelling. Although we had begun preparing enthusiastically for Sports Day, unfortunately the event has now been postponed. Despite this disappointment, the children showed excellent teamwork and determination during practice sessions. The official Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) has now begun. The children have approached this with focus and positivity. It remains very important that they continue practising their times tables regularly at home. We aim to complete the checks by Friday 12th June. Please encourage your child to use [ttrockstars.com](https://www.ttrockstars.com) to help develop their speed and confidence—we really appreciate your continued support with this. In Science, we have been developing our problem-solving skills through investigating using switches in our electrical circuits and conductivity topic. The children explored how different switches work and had great fun designing and making their own homemade switches, showing creativity and developing their scientific thinking. Well done again to all the children for such a strong start to the term. We look forward to another week of hard work and positivity.



Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy! In English, we have finished our character descriptions based on our 'Lost Thing' text by Shaun Tan. The children worked hard to include ambitious vocabulary and detailed descriptions to bring their characters to life. We have now begun to write a narrative of our own based on the story. In Maths, we have begun learning about decimals. The class has shown great enthusiasm as they explored place value and started adding and subtracting decimals with confidence. We also really enjoyed our sport enrichment session just before the half term break. The children took part in a range of inclusive activities, including wheelchair races, boccia, archery, boxing and goalball. It was fantastic to see their teamwork, resilience and excitement.

Year 6

Y6 have had a very busy week on their return from a week off. We have begun our end of year play practice and have spent much of the week reading through the script and deciding on parts for each of the children. Everyone has shown great enthusiasm, engagement and excitement at the prospect of performing for the rest of the school and their parents. Already, we are seeing individual acting talent as well as great comic timing. As the next few weeks progress, we will begin to practice our song and start thinking about our stage setting, which will keep us very busy. As well as this, we have been focusing on our writing, particularly a non-chronological report about gray wolves. The language and grammar features the children have been using has impressed us enormously. We are so proud of everything they have learnt and what great writers they have become.



Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den have had a super start back. Before the half term break the weather was warming up so the children took part in water activities using squeeze bottles creating patterns and writing their names. However, the children then decided to cool each other down and ended up with everyone being involved in a water fight. Great fun was had by all.



Diary Dates

SUMMER TERM

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

June 2026

Friday 19th June	Reserve Sports Day
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
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Party - 5.00 - 7pm
Friday 17th July	Non-uniform day £1 donation to school fund
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Term SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1PM
Monday 20th July	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 21st July - Wednesday 2nd	Summer Holidays