



# Leonard's Life



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

Thank you to everyone who joined for sports' day today! It is always one of my favourite things as a head teacher when we come together as a community for events like today's. The children have all worked hard to prepare for the events and it was great to be able to see them put their hard-work into action.

Earlier in the week our Year 4 pupils took part in a fantastic performance at Stafford Show Ground. They have been learning to play the violin with Mrs Wilson over the last year and a joined a number of other local schools for a fantastic musical performance. Thank you to all those who joined for the concert!

Our PTFA met this week and are very excited about the up-coming colour run! This will be another opportunity for us to come together as a community as we enjoy picnics, field games, music and the main event - the colour run! All funds raised from sponsorship will go to supporting the PTFA.



## School AWARDS

| w/c:<br>15/06/26 | Values<br>Award | Reaching for<br>the Stars! |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Year N/R         | Oscar           | Rory                       |
| Year R           | Leo             | Ihsan                      |
| Year 1/2H        | Seb             | Amir                       |
| Year 1/2G        | Robyn           | Charlie                    |
| Year 1/2R        | Ava             | Aahil                      |
| Year 3           | Remi            | Timi                       |
| Year 4           | Isla G          | Whole Class                |
| Year 5           | Theo            | Jacob                      |
| Year 6           | Arlo            | Harry                      |

Well done everyone!

## Doll's Pushchair Donations.

We are currently looking to enhance our *Leo's Den* role-play area and would greatly appreciate any donations of **dolls' pushchairs/buggies** that your child may have outgrown or no longer uses. If you have a pushchair you would be happy to donate, please bring it in and hand it to the Office.

Thank you very much for your continued support.





### Come our Join



## St Leonard's PTFA

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

Which has supported the school by providing:

- 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@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk  
Facebook | StLeonardsStafffordPTFA



### Lunch Time Special Mention.

This weeks shout out goes to Norah in Year 3 for trying really hard with her lunch.

Also to Callum in Year 4 for being really kind and thoughtful towards a friend who was upset at lunch time.

**Keep Up The Good Work!**



Well  
done  
Look

|       | Week: 15/06/26 |
|-------|----------------|
| Class | Attendance %   |
| Rec   | 96.7           |
| Y1/2H | 98.2           |
| Y1/2G | 95.8           |
| Y1/2R | 94.2           |
| Y3    | 95.2           |
| Y4    | 99.3           |
| Y5    | 94.5           |
| Y6    | 90.7           |

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

### Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den have created rainbows using a syringe and bubble wrap to give a textured appearance. A little messy but the children had great fun.





## Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have enjoyed taking part in an exciting Chuckle Production animation session, where they explored creativity and storytelling through technology. The children have also been busy practising for Sports Day, taking part in a range of activities and games to develop their coordination, balance, and teamwork skills. They have shown great enthusiasm and determination as they prepare for the events. As we have been preparing for celebrating Father's Day, the children have been busy creating special gifts for their dads and other important people in their lives. They have shown great creativity while making cards, designing medals, and colouring thoughtful gifts. The children were very proud of their creations and enjoyed talking about the special people that they were making them for.



## Reception

Over the past two weeks Reception have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. Learning has been supported reading texts for drawing club such as, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Cautious Caterpillar'. Children have applied their learning of patterns, completing repeated caterpillar body patterns, practised subitising and carefully created symmetrical butterflies. They have also used fine motor skills to produce butterfly shape pictures and used tweezers during funky fingers challenges. Reception have displayed lots of enthusiasm and continued this learning outside being minibeast spotters, searching within the outdoor area.

## Year 1/2H

This half term, our Key Stage 1 class has been busy with lots of exciting learning! In English, the children have been exploring the Great Fire of London and have written their own diary entries, imagining what it would have been like to experience such an important historical event. In Geography, we enjoyed a local walk around Stafford, where we identified different human features and used our observations to create simple maps of the local area. In Maths, we have been learning all about time, including recognising hours in a day and reading o'clock times. We also had a fantastic trip to Wolseley Bridge Nature Reserve, where the children's behaviour was excellent—they thoroughly enjoyed pond dipping and hunting for minibeasts, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day!





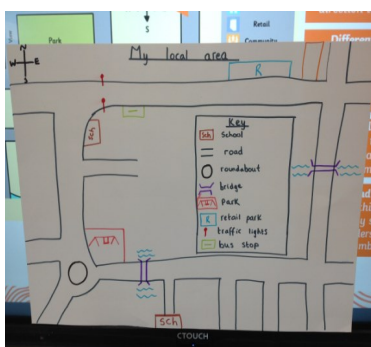
## Year 1/2G

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!



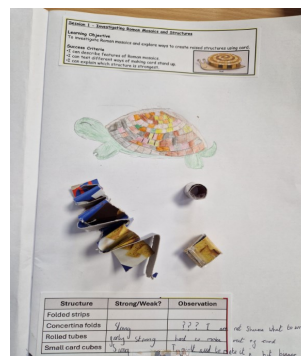
## Year 1/2R

We have had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks in school! In English, the children have been learning about the *Great Fire of London*. They have been planning their own diary entries, using lots of exciting vocabulary and exclamation sentences. We are really looking forward to reading their final pieces! In Maths, we have started a new topic on mass. The children have been comparing different masses and learning how to measure mass accurately. In Science, we have begun our new learning on plants, exploring the difference between wild and cultivated plants. We are looking forward to planting some of our own in the coming weeks! In Geography, we enjoyed a walk around our local area. The children loved spotting human and physical features and then created their own maps back at school—fantastic work! We are also really enjoying our new PE topic of outdoor adventures, which has involved lots of teamwork and problem solving. Our trip to the Wolseley Centre was a great success last week! The children behaved wonderfully and learned so much about watery wildlife and the water cycle through exciting minibeast hunts and pond dipping activities.



## Year 3

What a busy and exciting week it has been in Year 3! In Reading, we have been thoroughly enjoying a story set at the Great Wall of China. This has provided a fantastic opportunity for us to make links with our learning in History, where we have been studying the Romans. The children have compared the Great Wall of China with Hadrian's Wall, thinking carefully about their purpose, construction and location. To enrich our learning even further, we have also begun exploring some Mandarin, learning a range of greetings and numbers — the children have loved trying out a new language! In Writing, our imaginations have truly come to life. We have continued developing our creative project about a magical world beneath the school. The children have created a variety of exciting characters, both heroes and villains, and have been thinking about the adventures and challenges they might face. It has been wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm in their storytelling. In Maths, we have started our new topic on shape. This week, we focused on understanding different types of turns, including quarter turns, half turns, and directions such as clockwise and anti-clockwise. The children have been practising these skills through practical activities and are





## Year 4

This week, Year 4 experienced a truly unforgettable highlight as they took part in the Whole Class Ensemble Teaching Celebration Concert at the County Showground. It was wonderful to see so many parents there supporting and enjoying the performance. The event, organised by The Music Partnership, was an excellent opportunity for the children and showcased exceptional organisation and passion for music. The concert was filled with joy, dancing, singing and instrumental performances. Our pupils demonstrated how hard they have worked in their music lessons to learn the violin with the wonderful Mrs Wilson. They performed with confidence, overcoming any nerves and played with great enthusiasm. Their behaviour throughout was excellent and they should feel incredibly proud of their amazing performance—there is so much to congratulate and appreciate. This was truly the highlight of our week! Back in school, the excitement continued as we continued preparations for Sports Day in the sunshine! The afternoon activities were thoroughly enjoyed, with many children describing Tuesday as “the best day”! So much more has been achieved with their hard work in lessons this week too. A fantastic and memorable week for Year 4!



## Year 5

It has been another busy and productive couple of weeks in Year 5! In English, pupils have begun researching the topic of zoos, gathering facts and opinions to help them write a balanced argument. We are focusing on presenting both sides clearly and using evidence to support viewpoints. In Maths, the class has completed their work on negative numbers and have now moved on to converting units, including length and weight. Pupils are showing increasing confidence in applying these skills to problem-solving tasks. In Science, we have explored ways of separating materials, using techniques such as sieving and evaporation. The children particularly enjoyed the practical investigations. In History, we have been learning about the triangular slave trade, developing an understanding of its impact and significance. Well done to everyone for their continued hard work and enthusiasm!

## Year 6

Y6 have had an extremely busy two weeks with play preparations, Sports Day practice and our learning across the curriculum. In writing, we have begun focusing on the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, alongside watching snippets of the film to help us imagine Camp Green Lake and the conditions of the camp. We are working towards a setting description, focusing on what we would experience if we were there. Outside of this, we have been focusing on our play practice and have begun gathering our props and thinking about how we want the set to look. Finally, the Y6's have been practicing for Sports Day, not only their own sports day but helping with the organisation of every other year groups events. Well done Y6!







# ST. LEONARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

CARE • RESPECT • TEAMWORK • PRIDE

BE PART OF  
OUR JOURNEY.

**MAKE A  
LASTING  
DIFFERENCE.**

*Make a difference.*

## BECOME A CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

We are looking for passionate, committed individuals to join our Governing Body and help shape the future of St. Leonard's Primary School.



As a co-opted governor, you will play a vital role in supporting our school's vision, values and strategic direction – ensuring the best outcomes for all our children.

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We are particularly interested in people who can bring skills or experience in areas such as education, finance, business, HR, safeguarding or leadership, but most importantly, a commitment to making a difference.



Support our school's vision and values



Work with a dedicated and supportive team



Use your skills to drive positive change



Make a real difference to children's lives

### Why become a governor?

- ✓ Be part of key decisions that shape our school
- ✓ Share your skills and experience
- ✓ Help drive improvement and celebrate success
- ✓ Give something back to your community

### What's involved?



Attending half-termly meetings and reading key documents



Working collaboratively with other governors and staff



Receiving full training and ongoing support



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*Get involved today!*

If you are interested in becoming a co-opted governor, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch.



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# 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                                   |                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 22nd June                            | Y4 Victoria Park Visit                                                                                   |
| Monday 22nd June                            | Families information meeting for new Nursery and Reception Parents 4.30pm - 5.00pm                       |
| Tuesday 23rd June                           | Choral Day Stafford Grammar School                                                                       |
| Friday 29th June                            | Parent Forum 2.30pm                                                                                      |
| July 2026                                   |                                                                                                          |
| Wednesday 1st July                          | Early Years Transition Play and Stay for NEW STARTERS and parents 9.30am - 11.00am                       |
| Friday 3rd July                             | Early Years Transition Play and Stay NEW STARTERS (children only) 9.30am - 11.00am                       |
| Tuesday 7th July                            | Early Years Transition Play and Stay NEW STARTERS (children only) 9.30am - 11.00am                       |
| 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 - 7.00pm                                                                     |
| 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                                                                                          |