



Leonard's Life



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A note from Miss Phillips.....

We have had a packed week in school this week! Children have been completing end of year assessments and teachers are busy writing reports ready to send home at the end of next week.

We were treated to a fantastic performance on Tuesday afternoon by Stafford Grammar School's Big Band! The children enjoyed being introduced to different orchestral instruments played by a very talented group of students. Events like this really help enrich the curriculum offer for all pupils.

Children also enjoyed transition visits to their new classes in readiness for September. Alongside this our Year 6 have been visiting their new settings and we have welcomed in families who will be joining our Early Years from September.

It is always a very busy time of year and we know that change can bring about lots of emotions for children. Our staff are always on hand if your child needs someone to talk to - just let us know.



School AWARDS

w/c: 15/06/26	Values Award	Reaching for the Stars!
Year N/R	Noah	Whole Class
Year R	Leilani	Bobby
Year 1/2H	George C	Pippa
Year 1/2G	Pip	Brody
Year 1/2R	Rhys	Liam
Year 3	Nancy	Charlotte
Year 4	Emilia	Wyatt
Year 5	Frankie	Jorge
Year 6	Amelia	Josh

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.

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Lunch Time Special Mention.

This weeks shout out goes to Timi in year 3 for lovely manners every lunch time. Also so Robyn in year 2 who has been trying really hard with his lunch.

Keep Up The Good Work!

Well done Look to  **Attendance Matters** Every student. Every day.

	Week: 15/06/26
Class	Attendance %
Rec	96.0
Y1/2H	98.2
Y1/2G	98.3
Y1/2R	95.8
Y3	99.3
Y4	94.5
Y5	97.0
Y6	93.3

Well done to **Year 3** .
Look out for your Class
DoJo points!

Leo's Den

Over the last couple of weeks, the children in Leo's Den have managed to stay cool during the heat wave. When it was too hot to be outside the children took part in traditional board games such as ludo, monopoly and frustration. Another activity that they have enjoyed doing has been making bead necklaces and bracelets. On one occasion we managed to have a water fight which the children enjoyed, helping them to stay cool.



Nursery

This week in nursery, we have started learning about the beach and recalling past memories. The children have enjoyed exploring what we might see, hear, and do at the seaside through stories, discussions, and creative activities.

They have developed their vocabulary by talking about beach objects, sea creatures, and different ways to stay safe by the water. As part of our learning, the children shared a photograph from a family trip to the beach and confidently spoke to the class about their special memories. It was wonderful to hear about their experiences of building sandcastles, paddling in the sea, collecting shells, and spending time with their families. Sharing their photographs helped to develop their speaking and listening skills while building confidence and encouraging everyone to learn from one another's experiences.



Reception

This week Reception have focused on the story 'Handa's Surprise'. They listened carefully to the story, retold it using story maps, puppets and role-play, and confidently discussed the sequence of events. The children enjoyed talking about the different animals featured in the story and comparing them to animals they might see closer to home. They also explored the setting of the story, discussing the climate in Africa and comparing it to the weather and environment in the UK. They developed their understanding of the story through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing activities. They created story maps, labelled pictures, and wrote simple sentences about the characters, animals and events in the story. In Maths we focused on number bonds to 10 and 20. The children enjoyed using concrete resources to explore number relationships and demonstrated growing confidence in recalling number bonds accurately. Another super week of learning, well done Reception.

Year 1/2H

The children have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week across the curriculum. In Science, they had great fun comparing **seeds** and **bulbs**, exploring how each one grows in different ways. In Maths, the class revisited **place value** and worked confidently with two-digit numbers, using number lines to support their understanding. They also produced a fantastic piece of 3D Art inspired by **James Rizzi**, carefully layering shapes with foam to create colourful, eye-catching designs. In History, the children learnt even more fascinating facts about the Great Fire of London — including discovering that it took six years to build the Monument on Thames Street. It has been a brilliant week of creativity, curiosity and hands-on learning.



Year 1/2G

This week, the children in Year 1/2G have shown great enthusiasm and determination in their learning. They have particularly enjoyed our practical maths lessons, where they have explored mathematical concepts through hands-on activities, problem-solving challenges, and collaborative games. These engaging experiences have helped to develop their confidence and understanding while making learning both fun and meaningful.

The class has also worked extremely hard during their assessments, demonstrating resilience, focus, and a positive attitude. We are very proud of the effort every child has put into showing what they know and can do. It has been wonderful to see their progress and growing independence across the curriculum. Alongside their academic achievements, the children have continued to be kind, supportive, and enthusiastic members of our school community. They have taken transition mornings in their stride and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their new classes. Well done, 1/2G!



Year 1/2R

This week, we have loved continuing our learning about the Great Fire of London in English, where we have been working towards writing our own non-chronological reports. The children have enthusiastically applied this knowledge in Geography, where we have been learning all about London. We explored aerial views, located Pudding Lane and tracked how the fire spread, as well as discussing how London has changed since 1666. We also enjoyed learning about famous London landmarks. In Maths, we have been focusing on mass, volume and capacity, with the children particularly enjoying practical activities measuring and comparing different volumes of water. In Computing, we have been developing our coding skills by creating our own simple programs. In RE, we have explored stories from different religions and what it means to be kind and compassionate. The children worked incredibly hard during the recent heatwave, showing great resilience and focus. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting last couple of weeks of the term!

Year 3

It has been a busy and productive week in Year 3! The children have been completing their assessments, and I have been incredibly impressed by the effort, determination and positive attitude they have shown throughout. They have all tried their very best, and I couldn't be prouder of their motivation and resilience. In English, we have completed our diary entries based on a journey to a mysterious world. The children have worked hard to include exciting vocabulary and descriptive language, and they are now carefully publishing their final pieces. In Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The children have enjoyed identifying their properties and have particularly loved creating 3D shapes using nets, bringing their learning to life. During our afternoon sessions, we have begun an exciting new History topic. The children are currently researching and gathering information, ready to create their own trioramas. We can't wait to share the finished creations with you once they are complete!



Year 4

Last week, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to Victoria Park, kindly organised by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Travelling by minibus, the children were given a special preview of the park's new Bee Education Trail before its public launch. Throughout the day, pupils learnt about different species of bees, the habitats they depend on and where they can be found within the park. Working with the workshop leader, they took part in fact-finding activities, asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity as they explored the lives of these important pollinators. Team games helped bring learning to life, with children working collaboratively to reflect the behaviours of bees within a hive. Despite the growing heat, the children remained enthusiastic and engaged, demonstrating our school values through their care for wildlife, respect for the environment and attentive listening. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience for all. Look out for the new Bee Trail, which is due to open towards the end of July. A special public launch event is planned and we encourage families to visit together. Ask your child to be your guide and share all they discovered about the fascinating world of bees!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy and productive couple of weeks. In English, we have been working hard to complete our balanced arguments about zoos, considering both the positive and negative aspects. The children have explored whether zoos are beneficial for animal conservation and education, or whether animals should live in their natural habitats. In Maths, we have focused on problem-solving, applying the wide range of skills and strategies learnt throughout the year. Working in pairs, the children collaborated effectively, discussing methods, explaining their reasoning and supporting each other to tackle challenging tasks. On Monday, we enjoyed a fantastic padel taster session at Stafford Padel Centre, just across the road from school. The children learnt the basic skills of this exciting sport and showed great enthusiasm throughout. We hope some pupils will continue playing in the future. If your child is interested, you can find out more through the Padel Mates app.

Year 6

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 have been working extremely hard on finishing some of the writing they have been working on and practising for their end of year play. In writing, we have written some fantastic setting descriptions, describing the camp in the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. The children are now so proficient in using Year 6 grammar and vocabulary, that their writing is a joy to read. In terms of play preparations, we have been beginning to bring in props and considering the staging, making sure we are thinking about our performance and the audience's experience. Hopefully, with another week of rehearsals, we will be ready. Fingers crossed!





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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.

July 2026	
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 CLOSES AT 1PM
Monday 20th July	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 21st July - Wednesday 2nd September	Summer Holidays