



Leonard's Life



Issue: 01

Friday 4th September 2026

A note from Miss Phillips.....

We have loved welcoming everyone back into school this week! It is always a pleasure to be on the gate greeting everyone in the morning and I have loved seeing so many happy and smiling faces as we have returned to school.

This week we have welcomed new faces into our Early Years classes with many reception and nursery children joining us for the first time; these children in particular have settled well into school and have been enjoying their learning.

We have also welcomed new staff members to the team - Mrs. Stephens joins us in the role of Office Manager, Mrs. Corbett as Early Years Class Teacher and Miss Sumner as Year 5 Class Teacher. I am sure you will join me in making them feel welcome over the coming weeks.

This afternoon, we joined together for a school assembly and thought about our school vision of what it means to reach for the stars. The children were challenged to set themselves a goal and to dream big!

PE Days

PE will be on the following days this term. Children in all year groups will need to wear their school PE kit on their PE days. Children who have swimming lessons, must wear their school uniform please.

EYFS—Mrs. Corbett - Thursday

EYFS—Mrs. Fleming - Wednesday

Year 1/2 H - Monday

Year 1/2 G - Friday

Year 1/2 R - Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday (Swimming)

Year 6 - Monday (Swimming)

On PE and swimming days, we kindly ask that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed. We are no longer able to provide children with tape to cover their earrings, so these need to be removed by the children before taking part in any PE lessons.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Our Vision and Values

Where everyone is valued and together we reach for the stars.

At St. Leonard's Primary School, we believe in **care, respect, teamwork** and **pride**.

We value every member of our community and work together to create a safe, supportive, and ambitious place to learn. We encourage all children to aim high, believe in themselves, and achieve their full potential, together.



ST. LEONARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & LEO'S NURSERY



TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027.

	<u>Pupil Year</u>	<u>Teacher Year</u>
<u>Autumn Term</u>		
INSET DAY	Tuesday 1 st September	Tuesday 1 st September
INSET DAY	Wednesday 2 nd September	Wednesday 2 nd September
School Opens	Thursday 3 rd September	
Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October inc	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October inc
School Opens	Monday 2 nd November	
School Closes	Friday 18 th December	Friday 18 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January inc	
<u>Spring Term</u>		
INSET DAY	Monday 4 th January	Monday 4 th January
School Opens	Tuesday 5 th January	
Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February inc	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February inc
School Opens	Monday 22 nd February	
School Closes	Thursday 25 th March	Thursday 25 th March
Good Friday	Friday 26 th March	Friday 26 th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 29 th March to Friday 9 th April inc	
<u>Summer Term</u>		
INSET DAY	Monday 12 th April	Monday 12 th April
School Opens	Tuesday 13 th April	
May Day	Monday 3 rd May	Monday 3 rd May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June inc	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June inc
INSET DAY	Monday 7 th June	Monday 7 th June
School Opens	Tuesday 8 th June	
School Closes	Wednesday 21 st July	Wednesday 21 st July
Summer Holiday	Thursday 22 nd July to Wednesday 1 st September	

*School is closed for INSET DAYS, Half Terms, Good Friday and May Day. *



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

Thursday 3rd September to Fri 18th	School closed
September 2026	
Thursday 3rd September	First day of the new school Year
Monday 28th Sept—Friday 2nd October	Year 5—Bikeability training week
October 2026	
Friday 2nd October	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 6th October	Early Years Open Morning. A chance for you new families to view our school.
Tuesday 6th October	Governor's Meeting 4.30pm
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow - wear something yellow non uniform - £1 donation for charity
Monday 12th October	Parent Forum Afternoon 2:30pm—3:15pm
Friday 16th October	Harvest Celebrations and half term awards School Harvest – donations of non-perishable food items for the House of Bread food bank Families are invited into school at the following times: 9:15 am in school for Y1, Y2 and Y3 10:00 am in school for Y4, Y5 and Y6 10:45 am – Early Years Harvest stay and play
Monday 19th—23rd October	Y6 Residential Trip
Thursday 22 nd October	Sports Enrichment – PE kit needed for all pupils
Friday 23rd October	Last day of Term— Half term Holiday Monday 26th—Friday 30th October
November 2026	
Monday 2nd November	School reopens for all children
Monday 9th November	Parents evening
Tuesday 10th November	Parents evening
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day—Poppies will be on sale
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – wear something yellow non uniform - £1 donation for charity
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying week: Break the Silence - Wear odd socks
December 2026	
Monday 7th December	Parent Forum Afternoon 9:30am—10:15am
Wednesday 9th December	Sports Enrichment – PE kit needed for all pupils
Friday 11th December	9:00 am – celebration assembly
Monday 14th December	9:30 am – Nur/Rec Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Y1/2 Christmas Play
Tuesday 15th December	9:30 am –Y1/2 Christmas Play 2:00 pm – Nur/Rec Christmas Play
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Services for Key Stage 2 at: 9:00 – 9:30 am for Y5/6 10:00 – 10:30 am for Y3/4
Thursday 17th December	Party Day – children to wear party clothes to school
Friday 18th December	Last Day of term – no Leo's Den (Mon 21st Dec to Fri 1st Jan Christmas Holidays)

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Nursery:

- Black or dark grey plain tracksuit bottoms, leggings, skirt or pinafore dress
- In the summer months, black or dark grey plain shorts or a blue gingham dress
- A plain white polo-shirt or navy-blue polo-shirt – St Leonard's branding is optional
- Navy-blue sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie – St Leonard's branding is optional

Trainers



Reception – Key Stage Two:

- Black or dark grey plain trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- In the summer months, black or dark grey plain shorts or a blue gingham dress
- A plain white polo-shirt, shirt/blouse or navy-blue polo-shirt – St Leonard's branding is optional
- Navy-blue sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie – St Leonard's branding is optional

Plain all-black shoes or trainers that are suitable for outdoor play – due to health and safety, strappy sandals, heeled shoes or heeled boots are not permitted



PE kit:

- Children are to come dressed in PE kit on PE days – this includes swimming days.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Red polo-shirt – St Leonard's branding is optional
- Navy-blue hoodie – St Leonard's branding is optional

Pumps or trainers – suitable for indoor and outdoor activities



Second Hand Uniform

Just a reminder to parents that we have some second hand uniform in the school entrance on a rail in the room by the office. Please feel free to help yourself to any items on this rail. If you have any old school badged uniform that no longer fits your child, we would be grateful for further donations.

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.**

Forest School Dates

Friday 11 th September	1/2H
Friday 18 th September	1/2R
Friday 25 th September	1/2G
Friday 9 th October	Y3
Friday 6 th November	Y4
Friday 20 th November	Y5
Friday 11 th December	Y6

All our forest school sessions will now be in the morning, so pupils should arrive to school in their Forest school clothes, but please remember to bring school uniform for the children to change into for their afternoon classes.

More information on appropriate clothing can be found our website.

School Communication

Questions, concerns and queries - please send all of these to the school office, not directly to staff, using office@st-leonards-stafford@staffs.sch.uk

Positive news stories and celebrations - these can be sent to staff via Class Dojo.

Staff may also be available at the end of the day for a quick catch-up.



Use this link to book sessions in Leo's Den: <https://stleonardsstafford.kidsclubhq.co.uk/>

Please remember to make your payment when booking! Many thanks.

Care Plans

We will be in touch over the next week to ensure all pupils care plans are up to date, these plans can include medical conditions such as Asthma, allergies etc . If your child has developed a new medical condition please get in contact with the office where we can provide you with the relevant forms.

Ordering School Meals

Please order your child's meals through your ParentPay account. New account details have been sent home for our new starters and Reception class this week. If you haven't received yours please let the office know. You can order up to 6pm on the previous day. Meals cost £3.20 per day. R/Y1/Y2 are free.