



Leonard's Life



Issue: 04

Friday 25th September 2026

A note from Miss Phillips.....

This week has been a great one with lots of learning happening across the school!

Abi - our Mental Health Support Team practitioner - met with Mrs Callaghan at the start of the week to explore how she can support us as a school. She will be setting up some coffee mornings for parents and will be available on the playground for children to chat to her. The Mental Health Support Team offer lots in the way of support to children and families - we have leaflets in the office if you would like to find out more.

We also began our Mini-Me Mindfulness club on Monday - places are still available if you would like to sign up. We are also looking into running weightlifting for our older year groups and exploring adding small group music lessons into the school day. If you are interested, please make sure you respond to any messages we send out about these opportunities.

Our PTFA also met this week and we welcomed in new members! The PTFA is a great way to get involved in school life and we have already put some exciting plans in the diary so watch this space!



w/c: 21/09/26	Values Award	Reaching for the Stars!
EYC	Sofia	Rory
EYF	Oscar P	Sophia T
Year 1/2H	Liam	Teddy
Year 1/2G	Jacob	Harry
Year 1/2R	Aiden	Humira
Year 3	Hetty	Tyler
Year 4	Arthur B	Margot H
Year 5	Poppy	Josh
Year 6	Mason	Wes

Well done everyone!

Individual School Photographs

A reminder that individual pupil photographs will take place on **Friday 2nd October**. For families with younger or older siblings who do not attend school, there will be an opportunity to have a photograph taken together before the school day begins. Sibling photographs will be available from **8.15am**.

Please arrive promptly if you would like a sibling photograph taken.

Thank you.



Exciting After-School Dance Club!

We are delighted to share that DAPPA Dance & Performing Arts Club will be returning this year.

Children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of dance styles, including:

- Commercial • Jazz • Street Dance • Musical Theatre • Tap • Ballet • Lyrical • Contemporary

When: Tuesdays (starting 14th September) 3:30pm- 4:30pm

Where: St. Leonard's School
Suitable for children aged 3+

For enrolment and further information, please contact DAPPA Dance directly:

Email: dappadance@hotmail.com
Tel: 07792 245266



DAPPA DANCE

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From 14th September.

A friendly And happy place to learn all about different styles in Dance, Stage & Performing Arts Skills. Classes are lead by Industry professionals who have a wealth of performance expertise to pass on to our young stars of the future. My children LOVE it!

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All Dance Styles ✓
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Age 3+ Competitions, Performances

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St Leonards Primary School
Monday's - 3.25-4.25

Starting 21/09/26 until 14/12/26
Not including half term.

I look forward to seeing you there!

After School CLUB

Calm. Confidence. Resilience.
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MiniMe Mindfulness® - teaching positive mindfulness and mindset techniques

After School Mindfulness Club

We are excited to share that MiniMe Mindfulness After School Club will be running on Mondays from 3:25pm to 4:25pm.

Dates: 21st September 2026 to 14th December 2026
Half term week not included

Children will explore mindfulness, confidence-building and resilience through fun activities including: Meditation, Movement, stories and games, Creative activities

Book your child's place here:

<https://minime-mindfulness-stafford.classforkids.io/term/5>

Reminder To Parents

With the colder and wetter weather please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat and suitable footwear. Outdoor activities and playtime will continue, so having appropriate clothing is important for their comfort and health.

Thank you for your support!

Jewellery Policy

For safety reasons, pupils may wear watches and stud earrings only (except for jewellery worn for religious reasons). Stud earrings should not be worn on PE days unless pupils can remove them independently. To avoid missing PE or swimming lessons, we recommend ear piercing is carried out at the start of the summer holidays. Any jewellery worn contrary to school policy will be removed and returned to the pupil at the end of school.

Forest School Dates

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 on 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.



Lunch Time Special Mention.

This weeks shout out goes to Magdalena in Year 5 and Roza in year 1 for the good behaviour every lunch time.

Keep Up The Good Work!

	Week: 21/09/26
Class	Attendance %
EFC	95.3
EYF	92.3
Y1/2H	95.5
Y1/2G	89.1
Y1/2R	97.3
Y3	95.0
Y4	93.1
Y5	91.0
Y6	95.2

Well done to **1/2R**.
Look out for your Class
DoJo points!

Leo's Den

The children in Leo's Den have been making the most of the sunshine and spending time outside. They took part in a group activity using the parachute. The staff encourage free play, imagination and sharing. Other activities involved bubble blowing, go-cart racing and creating masterpieces using chalk



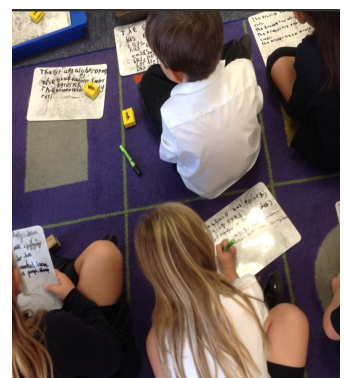
EYFS

This week, we have been busy in EYFS learning about our homes and families. The children have enjoyed recreating their homes through models and drawings, as well as talking about who lives in their houses and how every family is unique. It has been lovely to learn more about each other's home lives and celebrate our differences. In Reception, the children have been engaging well in phonics. Our new sounds this week have been g, o, c, and k. We have been practising the correct letter formation for these sounds and developing our blending skills through "stretch and read" activities during our phonics lessons. In Nursery children have been spotting rhymes and using instruments while reciting rhymes. The children in Early Years are becoming increasingly confident in navigating school life and are settling beautifully into routines. It has been wonderful to see their growing independence and enthusiasm for learning.



Year 1/2H

This week, the children have enjoyed lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, we explored *The Gruffalo* and used adjectives and nouns to create descriptive sentences about the characters and settings. In Maths, we have been finding 1 more and 1 less using number lines, counters and a range of practical apparatus to support our understanding of number. In Science, we learned about evergreen and deciduous trees and investigated the differences between them. In Art, the children studied flowers and explored how artists use **form** and **texture**, creating their own flower-inspired artwork using a range of materials and techniques. We have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and engagement in all of their learning.



Year 1/2G

This week, the children in 1/2G have been working hard on their writing and have produced some fantastic character descriptions of the Gruffalo. They used exciting adjectives, expanded noun phrases and descriptive language to bring the character to life. We were so impressed with their creativity and the effort they put into making their writing detailed and engaging. We have also enjoyed an exciting session at Forest School. The children explored the outdoor environment and developed their teamwork skills to build shelters. They showed great enthusiasm, curiosity and respect for nature and the natural environment. It has been a wonderful week of learning both in and out of the classroom!



Year 1/2R

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 1/2R! In Forest School, the children worked brilliantly together to build shelters, showing excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills. In Maths, we have been exploring place value, looking closely at numbers and comparing them in different ways. In Science, we continued our learning about plants and trees, exploring the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees and sorting leaves into different groups. In English, we are coming to the end of our first text, *The Gruffalo*, and I am incredibly proud of the fantastic character descriptions the children have produced. Their writing has really impressed me! In RE, we have been learning about care and discussing what this looks like in different religions. In History, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about significant people. They have been ranking the people we have studied so far in order of importance and explaining their reasons thoughtfully. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning that the coming weeks will bring!

Year 3

Over the past two weeks, the children have settled brilliantly into Year 3 and are developing excellent routines. It has been wonderful to see them becoming increasingly independent, taking responsibility for their learning and classroom organisation. In English, we have been learning how to use expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to make our writing more detailed and engaging. The children will soon use these skills when writing a character description linked to *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. In Science, we have been exploring fossils and learning how they can tell us about life in the past. In History, we have started investigating the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain. The children have also been thoroughly enjoying tag rugby during PE lessons. Well done, Year 3!



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have thoroughly enjoyed becoming young scientists as we investigated the different types of teeth and their functions. Using mirrors, we carefully examined our own teeth and identified incisors, canines and molars before exploring how each tooth helps us to eat different foods. We then used apples to test how our teeth bite, tear and chew, helping us to understand how our digestive system begins its work. A huge thank you to all the families who kindly contributed apples for our investigation. Your support helped make this hands-on learning experience both exciting and memorable for the children. In English, the children have been working hard on their writing and have impressed us with the effort they are putting into improving their vocabulary, sentence structure and descriptive language. We are particularly enjoying our Anglo-Saxon topic, which links our learning across both English and History. Through reading, discussion and historical enquiry, the children are developing a fascinating understanding of what life was like in an Anglo-Saxon village, while using this knowledge to inspire their own writing. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they explore this exciting period of history. Please do continue to send in card recycling for Mrs Barlow's R.E. Project on Monday afternoon. Thank you very much for your support.

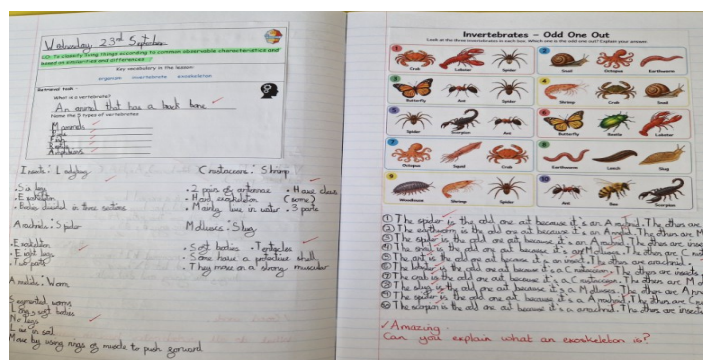


Year 5

We have had another fantastic week filled with hands-on learning, creative music, and language exploration. In science this week, the children became classroom scientists to investigate a classic question: Do heavier objects fall faster than lighter ones? Through a fun drop experiment, they made predictions, tested their theories, and explored how gravity and air resistance work in the real world. In our language lessons, we have been exploring the delicious world of the French breakfast. The children are doing a wonderful job learning new vocabulary for food and drink, and we have been using catchy, fun songs to help lock these new words into our memories. The classroom has been full of energy as we dive into historical sea shanties. The children are practicing their musical timing by focusing on maintaining a steady beat and rhythm while singing these traditional working songs. Alongside our academic subjects, we continue to focus on embedding our school values into everything we do. Another amazing week Year 5!

Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy and productive week of learning. In English, we have continued reading *Cogheart* and have been focusing on how we can describe the main character, exploring vocabulary and descriptive techniques. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of rounding numbers and applying this skill to a range of challenges and problems. Our Science lessons have involved classifying vertebrates and invertebrates into their different subgroups by identifying and comparing their characteristics. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm for learning about the animal kingdom. In Computing, we have been learning how messages are sent from one computer to another using IP addresses and data packets. To bring this concept to life, we created a human network on the playground, demonstrating how information travels across a network from one IP address to another. The children thoroughly enjoyed this practical activity and gained a deeper understanding of the process. The children have worked incredibly hard all week and we are very proud of their effort, enthusiasm and positive attitude towards learning. Well done, Year 6!





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PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFFORD

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SEPTEMBER 2027 ADMISSIONS



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Smooth transition through Nursery, Reception and school life



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**TUESDAY
6TH OCTOBER**



9:15am – 9:45am

⇒ OR ⇒



10:00am – 10:30am



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Come and 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 | [St Leonard's Stafford PTFA](#)

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

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

September 2026	
Monday 28th Sept—Friday 2nd Octo-	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
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)