



Leonard's Life



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Friday 16th October 2026

A note from Miss Phillips.....

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our harvest celebrations today! Your generous donations will go a long way to supporting the work done locally by The House of Bread. Well done to all the children who received one of our half-termly awards for going above and beyond in demonstrating our school vision and values!

You will notice we have a new crossing patrol assistant outside school, we are very pleased and hope this will help improve things at the school gate. As the darker nights draw in, please also consider how you can keep children safe while on the road by wearing bright, reflective clothing.

Our PTFA held their annual general meeting this week - new members are very welcome and will be much needed to ensure we can continue to run events in school. Please respond to the survey sent out if you are able to help out!

Next week, Mr Deaville will be retiring from his post as teaching assistant. Mr D is a long-standing member of the community and we are very grateful to him for all his years of service. He will be continuing on in his lunch time role so we won't be saying goodbye completely, although I am sure you will join us in wishing him well.



School AWARDS

w/c: 28/09/26	Values Award	Reaching for the Stars!
EYC	Leo	Grace D
EYF	Oscar	Charlie
Year 1/2H	Hazel	Erin
Year 1/2G	Rue	Jason
Year 1/2R	Amir	Ruby-Rae
Year 3	Charlie	Artem
Year 4	Lola	Annika
Year 5	James	Marnie
Year 6	Carla	Mason

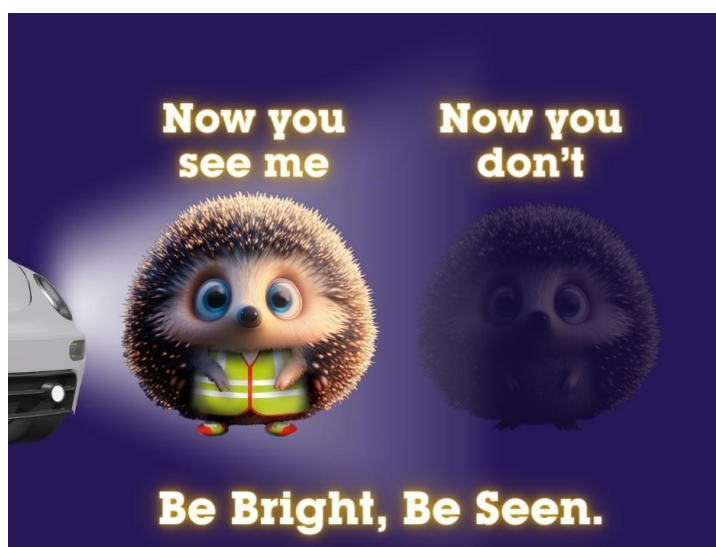
Well done everyone!

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.**

This is to ensure the safety of pupils with severe nut allergies. Please make sure that all snacks and packed lunches are free from nuts and nut-containing items.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe for everyone.





Lunch Time Special Mention.

Wyatt Year 5

For always sitting nicely at lunch time & remembering his manners.

Kason Year 2

For helping settle his little sister at lunch time.

Keep Up The Good Work!



	Week: 12/10/26
Class	Attendance %
EFC	85.8%
EYF	98.2%
Y1/2R	97.2%
Y1/2G	93.2%
Y1/2H	94.9%
Y3	90.6%
Y4	93.1%
Y5	97.1%
Y6	94.7%

Well done to **EYF**

Look out for your Class

DoJo points!



Department
for Education



Staffordshire
County Council



HAF fun this half term

Holiday Activities and Food is funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals.
Paid places also available.

SCAN ME!



Bookings open on Monday 5 October at 4pm

staffordshire.gov.uk/haf



ST. LEONARD'S

PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFFORD



Care



Respect



Teamwork



Pride



RECEPTION & NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

SEPTEMBER 2027 ADMISSIONS



Teacher-led learning in a caring and nurturing environment



Nursery and Reception places available



Smooth transition through Nursery, Reception and school life



BOOK YOUR PLACE

⇒ at our ⇐

OPEN MORNING



10th November



9:15am – 9:45am

⇒ OR ⇐



10:00am – 10:30am



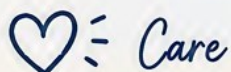
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Teamwork



Pride

EXPLORE
CREATE
LEARN
GROW



CREATE • EXPLORE • SOLVE • BELONG

BIG IDEAS
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

Tech Tigers STEM After-School Club

is coming to St Leonard's Primary School!



Reception - Year 6

Every Friday, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

First session: Friday 6th November

Last session: Friday 11th December

£7.45 per session (including VAT)

**STEM
SKILLS**
FOR BRIGHTER
FUTURES

Join in the fun:



LEGO Robotics and
Programming Challenges



Hands-on
Coding Challenges



Digital Art and
Music Creation



Stop-Motion
Animation Projects



Practical Construction
and Engineering
Challenges



Engaging Maths
Puzzles and Games



Fascinating Electricity
and Circuits Challenges



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NHS

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Support • Advice • Guidance



**AVAILABLE
7 DAYS A WEEK**



9:00am – 10:00pm



CALL NHS 111 →

OPTION 2

Before directing any child or young person under 18 to A&E



STOP & CALL FIRST

If you are concerned about the mental health of a child or young person under 18, please contact our CAMHS Crisis & Intensive Support Team to speak to a CAMHS Practitioner **before** directing them to hospital.



OUR AIM

To reduce avoidable attendances at local A&E departments and ensure children and young people receive the **right support**, in the **right place**, at the **right time**.

HOW WE CAN HELP



Mental health advice and guidance



Risk assessment support



Clinical support and intervention



Assistance in determining whether an A&E attendance is appropriate



AFTER 10PM

Calls will be answered by a call handler who will ensure CAMHS receives the information for appropriate follow-up the next morning.



NHS 111 – OPTION 2

CONTACT CAMHS BEFORE REFERRING UNDER 18s TO A&E



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!

Free indoor tennis at Stafford Manor this winter

Our new Lead Coach, Falco, has launched new weekly sessions at Stafford Manor Indoor Tennis Centre on Wolverhampton Road. It's warm, dry and open all winter.

Free Open Days 1-3pm

Saturday 17 October, Saturday 14 November and Saturday 5 December Taster sessions for children and adults

Junior coaching: weekly sessions for all ages, and every child's first session is free

Book the open days and coaching: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/smitc/TennisOpportunities>

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.

Forest School Dates

Tuesday 3rd November	Y4
Tuesday 10th November	Y3
Tuesday 17th November	Y5
Tuesday 27th November	Y6
Tuesday 1st December	Y3
Tuesday 8th December	Y6

All our forest school sessions will now be in the morning and now on a **Tuesday**

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.

Punctuality Matters

A positive start to the school day makes a real difference. Arriving on time helps children settle in, feel confident, and make the most of their learning.

A gentle reminder to parents and carers to please ensure children arrive before the school day starts. The gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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

Now On Tuesdays
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!

After School Dance & Performing Arts Club at St. Leonard's

All Dance Styles ✓
Musical Theatre ✓
Performance Skills ✓
Drama & Theatre Arts ✓

Enrolling Now!
Contact School Office for details & registration

Commercial, Jazz, Street, Broadway, Tap, Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary Styles

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.
Supporting children with tools they can use for life.

We teach powerful mindfulness and mindset techniques in a fun and innovative way. Through Mentoring 4 Kids by Kids™ meditations, movement, stories, games and creative activities.

MiniMe Mindfulness
Mindset Mentoring 4 Kids

CLICK THIS LINK TO BOOK -<https://minime-mindfulness-stafford.classforkids.io/term/5>

BOOK ONLINE www.minimemindfulness.co.uk
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>

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

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

October 2026	
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)