Leonard's Life

Issue: 09 Friday 6th November 2026

A note from Miss Phillips…..

We have loved being back in school this week after our half-term break! Well done to everyone who received an award today for demonstrating our school vision and values over the past week - a great start to the half-term!

We have been continuing to explore our behaviour curriculum in our Links Groups this week. Our behaviour policy is available on our website and is approved annually by our governing body. In school we use our Golden Rules: Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe; to remind us all how to behave.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming families into school for parents evening. Last minute appointments can be made through the office and we encourage all families to attend.

Coming up this half term, we have curriculum workshops where we invite families to join in learning in school. We also have the Stafford Family Hub joining us to run a roadshow - this is an exciting opportunity to hear about the services available to families across the town.

School AWARDS

w/c: 02/11/26	Values Award	Reaching for the Stars!
EYC	Mila	Himmat
EYF	Taqdeer	Francis
Year 1/2H	Zuzanna	Theo
Year 1/2G	Rory	Florence
Year 1/2R	Lila	George
Year 3	Ethan	Ava
Year 4	Imogen	Remi
Year 5	Markiian	Ollie
Year 6	Zac	Jamie

Well done everyone!

CHRISTMAS TREE!!

Our PTFA are on the hunt for a Christmas tree! Are you, or someone you know, able to donate one for our Christmas celebrations? Please let the office know.





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Inspiring new travel options



Lunch Time Special Mention.

This weeks shout out goes to Vaughn and Marcus in Year 6

For looking after the younger children, during lunch time.

Keep Up The Good Work!

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

	Week: 02/11/26
Class	Attendance %
EFC	96.5
EYF	85.3
Y1/2R	96.4
Y1/2G	99.1
Y1/2H	99.1
Y3	97.5
Y4	90.3
Y5	92.0
Y6	97.0

Well done to 1/2G and 1/2H Look out for your Class DoJo points!



We are pleased to let you know that the **Stafford Family Hubs Roadshow** will be visiting on **Tuesday 17th November at 9:15am**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet representatives from local services, learn about the support available for families, and connect with other parents and carers in a relaxed setting.

All families are warmly welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parenting Support Sessions

Free 1:1 advice & guidancese for parents in Staffordshire

Our sessions are a welcoming space to talk through any worries, learn more about our service and find out what other support is available

Challenges we support with:

- Behaviour
- Family relationships
- Special educational needs
- Emotional wellbeing
- Family routines
- Housing and finances



These sessions take place Thursday mornings at various locations across Staffordshire

For bookings and more details, please visit sctsp.org.uk/community-family-support

School/organisation based sessions are avaliable to book separately
Please contact daniellebutcher.fss@sctsp.org.uk for more details

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Emotional based school avoidance

Free workshop for parents

Join us for a free, friendly workshop with practical tips to support your child with school anxiety and attendance

What we'll cover:

- School avoidance
- Anxiety about attending school
- Persistent absence
- Building motivation and positive routines



Date: Wednesday 18th November 2026
Time: 13:30 – 15:00
Location: Stafford Manor High
Rising Brook Fire Station, 150 Hesketh Road, Rising Brook
Spaces are limited so booking is essential
Follow the QR code or visit
sctsp.org.uk/community-family-support

We look forward to seeing you there

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Date: Monday 16th November 2026
Time: 18:00 – 19:00
Location: microsoft Teams

Follow the QR code or visit
sctsp.org.uk/community-family-support

We look forward to seeing you there

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ST. LEONARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFFORD

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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

Call us 01785 334960

Visit our website stleonardsstafford.co.uk

Email us office@st-leonards-stafford.staffs.sch.uk

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UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

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BRIGHTER
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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

Book your child's space...

Scan the QR code or visit www.techtigers.co.uk to sign up!

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STAFFORD MANOR
INDOOR TENNIS CENTRE

Stafford Manor Indoor Tennis Centre on Wolverhampton Road is warm, dry and open all winter, with weekly coaching for all ages.

Free Open Days, 1pm to 3pm

Saturday 14 November and Saturday 5 December

Taster sessions for children aged 4+ and adults. No experience needed, rackets and balls provided.

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

Any questions: hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS & GPs

NHS

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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

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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

Forest School Dates

Tuesday 17th November	Y5
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 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.

Leo's Den

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.

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





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.

November 2026	
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 (donate direct to children in need)
Friday 13th November	Sports Enrichment - Tennis children can wear own clothes
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying week: Break the Silence - Wear odd socks
Monday 16th November	Year 1/2 Curriculum Workshop 2pm
Tuesday 17th November	Year 5/6 Curriculum Workshop 2pm
Friday 27th November	Christmas Light Switch on 3.30pm – 4pm everyone welcome
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 7th December	Whole School Christmas Panto—In school pupils only
Thursday 10th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner—Orders made via ParentPay by Friday 4th December
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
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)**