

Friday Post

Friday 2nd May 2025

Our School Value: Service

Key verse: God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other. **Peter 4:10**

Dear Families,

It has certainly felt like the summer term this week! What a beautiful week to return to school!

We have been busy as ever with lots taking place for Class Foxes in particular. They had a great Bike Right session on Tuesday. We saw children make brilliant progress with their riding, as well as learning about how to make sure their bikes are safe, and how to keep safe while out on the roads. Well done to everyone who took part!

Our Year 4 pupils are now eagerly looking ahead to transition to Year 5 in September. This is always a very exciting time of year, although naturally brings some nerves and anxiety. We welcomed Mr Cole into school on Wednesday to meet with pupils who are going to Penkridge Middle - the children certainly gave him a good grilling! Others have also begun transition activities to other settings and we are looking forward to inviting our new Hedgehogs into school in the coming weeks.



Today we welcomed students from Wolgarston High School in to talk to us about their trip to Mafambisa, South Africa with our chosen charity - Link for Life. We loved hearing about their time away and we worked in our house teams to create cards to send to the care centre. We hope this year's charitable work may inspire some pupils to visit other countries in the future, and to see that charity can be more than just about donating money.

With an extra day this weekend, next week will no doubt fly by!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Phillips



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Uniform

We seem to have a few children with missing ties and wearing trainers. If shoes are broken etc. and a child needs to wear trainers for a short period of time, please let your child's class teacher know. If you are wearing sandals they MUST be black and you need to wear socks. No sliders or crocs please.



Perkins Eco Award



We will be working on our entry for the Perkins Eco-Awards during Ark on a Wednesday afternoon. Please email the office if your child/ren for a session if they would like to take part in this - it will be for the first session in Ark at a cost of £3.80 per child.

Wanted black joggers, shorts or leggings.

Our supplies of spare joggers, PE shorts or leggings have gone very slim for both boys and girls - if you are having a clear out we would gladly take them off your hands!

Please hand in to the office. Thank you

After School Clubs

We are now offering the following clubs until the end of the academic year:



Monday - Gardening

Wednesday - Choir

Thursday - Multisports

Friday - Rounders

We do have a few spaces so please contact the office should your child wish to join in.

For those already booked on payment is now due via your ParentPay accounts. Thank you



Next week we are learning

'What a might God we serve'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IijsESdEnZg>

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music

Prayer to Help Me Be a
Good Samaritan

God,
Help me to be
a good Samaritan
As often as I possibly can be.
Amen.

Lorna Byrne
"Prayers from the heart"

Foundation Governor Vacancy



A vacancy has arisen for a Foundation Governor on our Local Academy Council (School Governing Board)

Like all LAC members (Governors) Foundation Governors work to support the Headteacher and staff and they have a special responsibility to support the Christian ethos of the school.

You will be expected to attend Governor's meetings which happen after school hours and to also visit school so that you are aware what is happening in classrooms talking to both staff and children.

Although preference may be someone from our parish church, we are grateful for the support of anyone who maybe outside our parish. Successful candidates must be over 18 years of age and will need to have a DBS check which will be organised through the school office.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact:

Email: office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk

Tel: 01785 712488



YEAR 3

These will be in their reading diary today.
They are individual to each child.

YEAR 4

Adding the suffix -ous

fabulous

tremendous

curious

enormous

anxious

jealous

obvious

serious

gorgeous

hideous

Postcard from the Headteacher



Weston Park Pretty Muddy 5k

Saturday 17 May 2025

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/tinas-race-for-life-272535>

Miss Tina is taking part in the Weston Park Pretty Muddy 5K in aid of Cancer research UK, if you would like to sponsor her please follow the link above.

Foxes - Chasewater - Tuesday 5th May 2025

Arrive by 9am and must be collected at 4pm.

Please could children arrive at Chasewater in outdoor clothing (like you would wear for forest school) NO CROCS, SLIDERS OR JEANS please. A towel and bring a change of clothing as they will be taking part in a water activity.



The activities the children will be taking part in are: Sit-on (a bit like canoeing), Archery, Bushcraft & Shelter building.

Don't forget your packed lunch, a snack and a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

PE Days

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on the relevant days.

Hedgehogs - Fridays Owls - Thursdays & Fridays Foxes - Tuesdays & Thursdays

Please tie long hair back and children who wear earrings MUST remove them in advance of school if they can not remove them, themselves.

PLEASE NOTE: Foxes your PE days have changed



Children have started their new topic I wonder what they are creating in Art?!



Stars of the Week



Achievements from home



Swimming



Horse Riding



Gymnastics



Swimming

If your child has recently received an award they would like to share with us, eg swimming, football, dance, Beavers, Brownies etc please send them into school & we will share them during our Celebration Worship on Friday.



Working in our teams to create cards for the Mafambisa care centre.



Attendance figures

School Attendance 28th - 2nd May 2025

Hedgehogs 95%

Owls 100%

Foxes 94%

Whole School 96%

The National target for attendance, as set out in guidance from the DFE is 95%

Please note fixed penalty notice referrals **will** be made to the Local Authority for term time holidays.

Impact of lateness



Over a school year –

5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent

15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent

30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

Pupils arriving late miss valuable teaching and learning time and it can contribute to them becoming anxious when they enter the classroom late.



Owls are learning about money. In maths they've been exploring all the different coins.



MY POSITIVE ADHD CHARACTERISTICS



A great sense of humour that can reduce stress and strengthen bonds.



Flexible – changes as the situation requires.

Caring and always wanting to help others.



Ability to find alternate paths to overcome obstacles.



Imaginative ideas generator.



Loves learning new skills and working on new projects.



Enthusiastic, creative, willing to try new things.



Open minded, generous, empathic and compassionate.



Excellent organisers using journals and reminders.





Bikeability



Foxes Parent workshop

Mrs Carrington would like to invite 1 parent per family to a Times tables workshop. There are 12 places available on either Wednesday 14th May or Wednesday 5th June. There is a sign up sheet in the school reception area.



Class topic webs have been updated, to check to see what your child is learning this term please take a look on the **Curriculum** page of our website <https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/hedgehogs-learning-nursery-reception/>



Mr H's

PE Stars

Orla

Lucas

Belle

Harrison EH

Alicia

Vinny

Dexter

Jovie



A huge well done to Olivia who after a strong start leading the pack, finished 3rd in the Cross Country Finals held at Cheslyn Hay last night.

Miss Phillips will be asking the children's thoughts on the following question during Worship on Friday.

BIG QUESTION

Are humans animals?

HEDGEHOGS



We have started our new topic I wonder where they live? We started out by reading Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers and thinking about the planet we are living on and where it is. This encouraged the children to write questions to Aliens to find out about other planets. In maths, Nursery have been using puzzles to help understand shape and space. Reception have been trying hard to remember what doubling is and to make doubles to 10. IN PSHE we are learning about British Values and learnt about democracy by voting on what food to have in the home corner. The children voted for ice creams.





Use your child's home learning tasks below to support their learning outside of school. Tasks should be brought in throughout the half-term to be shared and celebrated in class.

Thank you!

Hedgehogs:

Art - Make a balloon model of planet Earth or the Sun.

Science 1 - Make a mini terrarium in a see-through container

Geography - Visit a local river, lake or go on a walk on the Chase.

Science 2 - Plant a sunflower seed and observe what happens by keeping a plant diary.

English - Continue to practice mark-making, letter formation, name writing, labelling and phrase/sentence writing.

English 2 - Visit the library and find information books about our planet.

Maths - practise forming numbers correctly, play with jigsaws and board games and arrange 10 objects in different ways.

Owls:

Geography/Writing - Write a postcard to Miss Laing from a seaside location which you have visited. Tell her about the things you saw and did.

DT/Science - Design and make a boat which floats using a range of junk materials.

Science - Test a range of everyday objects to see if they float or sink. Make a prediction before you test each object.

Geography - Either think about two coastal locations which you have visited or research two coastal locations online (either in the UK or abroad) Compare the two locations thinking about similarities and differences.

Maths - Numbots/TTRockstars - Little and often is best

Foxes:

Design your own Rainforest animal Invent your own rainforest creature. Draw or make your animal and write a description of it. This must be at least half a side of A4. Think about: - what it is like; - where it lives (which layer of the forest); - what it looks like; -

People of the Rainforest Find out about a tribe who live in the Rainforest. - Where do they live? - Do they have houses? - What do they eat? - How do they get their food? - What do they wear? - What language do they speak? - Do children attend school? Be creative with the presentation

Find out about products which come from the Rainforest. - Identify what they are used for and who uses them. Which of these products do you use in your home? - How far have these products had to travel for you to use them? Present your findings on a fact

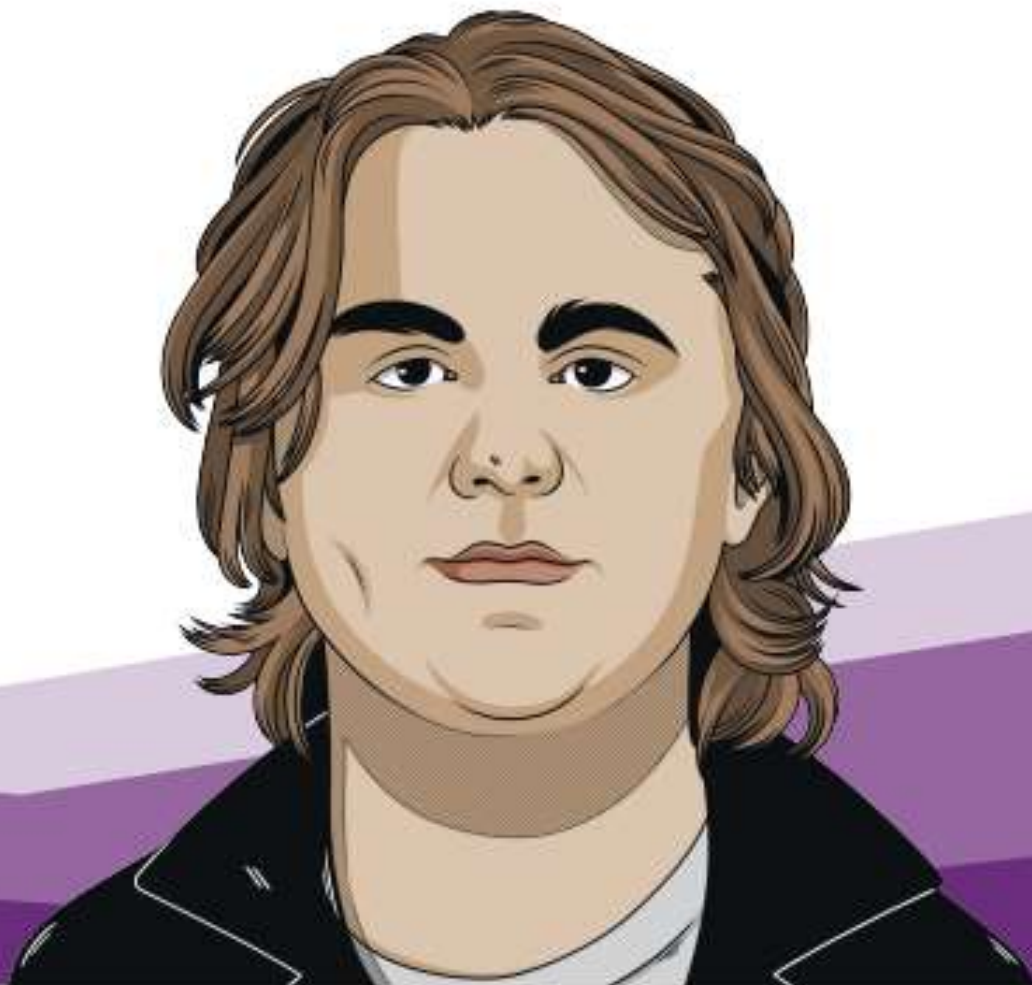
Save the Rainforest! An area of rainforest the size of a football field is being destroyed each second. Create a poster or a leaflet to persuade people to help protect the Rainforest. Think about: - Why are they cutting down the rainforests? Who is doing this? - Who does it affect? -

All children should be heard reading their school book a minimum of 4 times a week. Re-reading a book helps develop fluency and comprehension.

Books will be changed on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.



Lewis Capaldi



Lewis Capaldi was born on 7th October 1996 in Glasgow, Scotland. He found a passion for performing while on a family holiday in France at the age of 4 and learnt how to play the guitar when he was 9. Capaldi independently released his first single, 'Bruises', in 2017 and quickly became the first unsigned artist to reach 25 million plays on Spotify. He has since had four UK number 1 singles and received several music awards.

In 2022, Capaldi revealed that he had been diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome (TS), saying that he would often get involuntary twitches but didn't recognise them as tics, a characteristic symptom of TS. He has said that his tics happen when he is excited, happy, nervous or stressed, and that they are often painful. He has also stated that his symptoms have been getting worse when he is performing on stage and worries that he will have to give up music because of it. Capaldi felt compelled to announce his diagnosis because of comments that he looked like he was on drugs due to his symptoms, showing that there is still a lot of stigma around the condition.

"I think you just have to be yourself instead of catering your sound to a specific audience. Make the music you want to make, and the audience will find you."

[Lewis Capaldi in Quotes \(The Scotsman\)](#)



Our Safeguarding Team

Miss Phillips is our Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Laing is our Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Should you hear or see something that concerns you, please contact the office to speak to either of them.



Cost - Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4

The cost of a school meal for children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 is **£3.20**

WC 28th April 2025 - Week TWO



	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)	<p>Ham or Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Tomato Pasta</p> <p>Due to problems with the gas in our school kitchen we can currently only serve the above.</p> <p>Apologies for any inconvenience.</p>	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Sultana Shortbread (Ve)
TUESDAY	BBQ Chicken Tortilla with Golden Rice Veg of the Day Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)		Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Apple Sponge (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)		Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)
THURSDAY	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake Veg of the Day Sultana Flapjack (Ve)		Penne with Beef Bolognese Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Custard Rice Pudding (V)		Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Chocolate Brownie (V)
	24/2/25, 17/3/25, 7/4/25, 28/4/25, 19/5/25, 9/6/25, 30/6/25, 21/7/25		10/3/25, 31/3/25, 21/4/25, 12/5/25, 2/6/25, 23/6/25, 14/7/25

Choice of **Classic Tomato Pasta** or **Filled Jacket Potatoes** also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, yoghurts, jelly and fresh drinking water.

V - Vegetarian - Ve - Vegan



No nuts please

Please note due to children in school with allergies please do not send any products containing nuts into school for break or lunch times. Thank you for your co-operation.

dates to Remember

Monday 5th May	May Day Bank holiday - School closed
Tuesday 6th May	Foxes - Chasewater Activity day
Thursday 8th May	Year 4 parent timetables workshop - CANCELLED
Friday 9th May	Academy Photography - Class & Leavers photographs
Friday 9th May	VE Day Celebrations
Thursday 14th May	Year 3 & 4 parent timetables workshop (12 spaces) - 9am - 9.30am
Monday 26th May Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Inset Day - School closed to pupils
Wednesday 5th June	Year 3 & 4 parent timetables workshop (12 spaces) - 9am - 9.30am
Friday 20th June	Sports Day & Family picnic - No Rounders Club
Friday 18th July	Last day of school - finish at 1.30pm
Tuesday 22nd July Friday 29th August	Summer Holidays

VE Day Celebrations!

On Friday 9th May we will be celebrating 80-years since VE Day! Children will be in their teams for a variety of activities. School uniform must be worn as we have school photos in the morning. **No PE kits will be required on this day.**



Don't forget to keep
up to date by
following us on ..



<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/>

Making up the Little book



Print onto A4 or A3.
Fold inwards along the
horizontal dotted line.

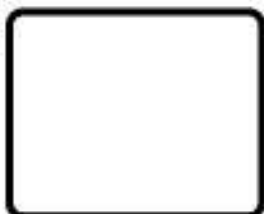


Then fold inwards along
the vertical dotted line.

You will have a title page
and 3 pages to fill in or
read.



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Make up your own move and draw it



Stretch high into the sky like a kite



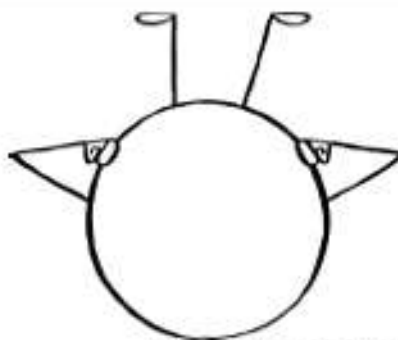
Hop on one leg for 5 and on the other leg for 5



Do 10-star jumps

Fun Fitness Challenge

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Draw your facial expression

How does it make you feel?



Draw yourself doing something active that you love

How I like to be active

Can you be active every day this week?



Write something you have done each day.

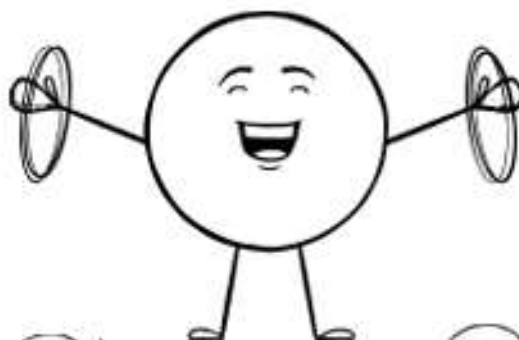


Monday	
Tuesday	
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3



MY LITTLE BOOK OF FITNESS



Let's get moving and feel great!



May 2025 Activity Brochure



Hello...

This is a list of every Aiming High activity planned to take place in May 2025 across Staffordshire for SEND children and young people aged 0-18 years.

We have separated our activities into the district they will be held in. To quickly jump to a particular district, please follow the links on the next page.

We strongly recommend that you visit the [Staffordshire Connects](https://www.staffordshireconnects.co.uk) website to read the full details of all Aiming High activities prior to booking. May's activities will be visible on the website from Tuesday 1st April 2025 onwards.

From 9am on Tuesday 1st April...

Call to book your places on May activities:

0300 111 8007

(option 2, then option 3)

The booking team are open:
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

*Lines will be closed on Friday 18th April & Monday 21st April due to Easter bank holidays



One more thing...

Please remember, children and young people can have two free activities every month!



Stafford (1)



Wednesday 7th May

INDIVIDUAL

Chuckle Chitout

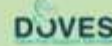
5:00pm - 7:00pm

SEND aged 5 - 18 years

The Chuckle House, Unit 10 Stone Business Park, Stoke, ST15 0SR

Available to all Staffordshire children

Bookings close 2.5.25 at 5pm or as soon as fully booked



Tuesday 13th May

INDIVIDUAL

Bowling

5:00pm - 7:00pm

SEND aged 5 - 18 years

Tenpin, Greyfriars Place, Stafford, ST16 2SD

Available to all Staffordshire children

Bookings close 6.5.25 at 5pm or as soon as fully booked



Saturday 17th May

INDIVIDUAL

Cinema & McDonalds

10:00am - 2:00pm

SEND aged 7 - 15 years

Meeting point: Odeon, Waterfront Way, Stafford, ST16 2HQ

Available to all Staffordshire children

Bookings close 25.4.25 at 5pm or as soon as fully booked

EXPRESSION ON INTEREST



Wednesday 21st May

INDIVIDUAL

Chuckle Chitout

5:00pm - 7:00pm

SEND aged 5 - 18 years

The Chuckle House, Unit 10 Stone Business Park, Stoke, ST15 0SR

Available to all Staffordshire children

Bookings close 19.5.25 at 12:noon or as soon as fully booked

Stafford (2)



Tuesday 27th May

INDIVIDUAL

Amerton Farm

10:00am - 1:00pm

SEND aged 7 - 15 years

Amerton Farm, Stafford, ST18 0LA

Available to all Staffordshire children

Bookings close 25.4.25 at 5pm or as soon as fully booked

EXPRESSION ON INTEREST



Tuesday 27th May

FAMILY

Fun in the Woods Wildlife

10:00am - 12:00pm

SEND aged 0 - 18 years + family members

The Wolsley Centre, Wolsley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT

Available to all Staffordshire families

Bookings close 22.5.25 at 12:noon or as soon as fully booked



Wednesday 28th May

FAMILY

Really Wild Wildfamilies

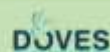
10:30am - 12:30pm

SEND aged 0 - 18 years + family members

The Wolsley Centre, Wolsley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT

Available to all Staffordshire families

Bookings close 27.5.25 at 12:noon or as soon as fully booked



Wednesday 28th May

INDIVIDUAL

Flip-Out

2:00pm - 4:00pm

SEND aged 5 - 18 years

Flip Out, Opal Way, Stone Business Park, Stone ST15 0SS

Available to all Staffordshire children

Bookings close 21.5.25 at 5pm or as soon as fully booked

Stafford (3)



Wednesday 28th May

INDIVIDUAL

Play at Lower Drayton Farm

10:00am - 1:00pm

SEND aged 0 - 18 years

Lower Drayton Farm, Drayton Lane, Penkridge, Stafford, ST19 5RE

Available to all Staffordshire children

Bookings close 21.5.25 at 5pm or as soon as fully booked



Friday 30th May

FAMILY

(Integrated) Pond Dipping & Minibeast Hunting AM

10:00am - 12:00pm

SEND aged 0 - 18 years + family members

The Wolsley Centre, Wolsley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT

Available to all Staffordshire families

Bookings close 28.5.25 at 12:noon or as soon as fully booked



Friday 30th May

FAMILY

(Integrated) Pond Dipping & Minibeast Hunting PM

1:30pm - 3:30pm

SEND aged 0 - 18 years + family members

The Wolsley Centre, Wolsley Bridge, Stafford, ST17 0WT

Available to all Staffordshire families

Bookings close 28.5.25 at 12:noon or as soon as fully booked

Please note...

Activity bookings can only be made by the person who holds parental responsibility for a SEND child/young person. If you require someone else to book an activity on your behalf, permission must be granted by you prior to the nominated person calling the booking team.

To grant permission for someone else to book on your behalf, you can either call the booking team on 0300 111 8007 (option 2, then option 3), or email gan@referrals@staffordshire.gov.uk.

If prior permission has not been given, the booking team will be unable to make any bookings until they have spoken to or received an email from the person who holds parental responsibility.



Find out more



🏏 All Stars Cricket Programme at Church Eaton Cricket Club 🏏

ST20 0AG

Start Date: Friday, 9th May 2025

Time: 6pm-7pm 🕒 Duration: 8 weeks 📅

Cost: £50 per child 💷 What's Included:

Personalised t-shirt 👕 with your child's name

Backpack 🎒 Cricket bat 🏏

Cricket ball 🏏



For more information, scan the QR code or contact 01785 538013

