

# Friday Post

Friday 27th June 2025

## Our School Value: Respect

**Key verse:** Do for other people the same things you want them to do for you. **Matthew 7:12**

Dear Families,

Another busy week has flown by, and we have all enjoyed the cooler temperatures in school.

This week, Mrs Trumble attended some training Space Saver training with the diocese in which she learnt lots of different strategies for helping children to pause and make space in their day for a moment of stillness or reflection. Mrs Trumble will be trying some of these ideas out and we look forward to implementing this training more fully in the new academic year.

Next week we are very much looking forward to transition activities within school. Our Y4 pupils moving to Penkridge Middle School will be spending the day there on Wednesday. In school, we will be taking the time to welcome new Reception and Nursery pupils, and for pupils in school to move to their new class - this is always an exciting day as we look forward to September.

Mrs Keay, our newly appointed headteacher, will be in school on Tuesday. She will join myself on the gate at the start and end of the day and is keen to meet pupils and parents, so please do come and say hello. We also have some work experience students in school who will be helping out in class. In addition to this, we are welcoming a team from Wolgarston as part of their annual community day. It is set to be another busy week!

Times of change and transition can bring about lots of big emotions - including both excitement and worry. If you are concerned about your child and how they might be reacting to change, please speak to their class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Phillips



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 **Staffordshire  
University  
Academies  
Trust**



## YEAR 3

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

## Foxes

A reminder that payment for your Stone Age workshop is due for payment via your ParentPay account.

Thank you

## ParentPay balances

As we are heading towards the end of the summer term please make sure that you check your ParentPay accounts for any outstanding balances. If you need any help please contact the school office.



## YEAR 4

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## Thank you



We made a fantastic £109.00 profit from the raffle & refreshment sales at Sports Day last week.



This week we are learning

**'Our God is a great big God'**

[Great Big God \(Lyric Video\)](#)

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music



Leavers Service

Friday 18th July

Everyone is welcome to join us for our final Worship of the term and to wish our leavers all the best as they take their next steps to their new schools. Children will arrive at St Leonard's church at approx. 9.15am

## Telephone Numbers



On Wednesday afternoon we sent a text to **ALL first emergency** contacts to inform about the motorway closure. If you did NOT receive this message please could you check with the office that we have the correct number for you. Thank you

Please put your money in a NAMED ENVELOPE and put in the PTFA box in the entrance hall.



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**LEAVERS DISCO 2025**

**16TH JULY**

£7 per child  
Drinks and sweet cone  
included

**RECEPTION to YEAR 4**

**CHILDREN TO BE  
COLLECTED PROMPTLY  
AT 4.30PM**



In Year 2, the children enjoyed a variety of Forest School activities including wood whittling, bug hunting, making music, and crafting clay and stick characters. They then used their creations to make up stories.



# Postcard from the Headteacher



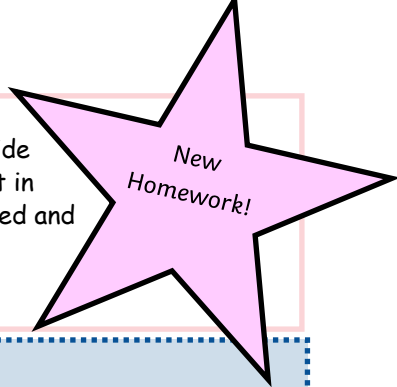
# Stars of the Week





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:

**Maths** - dice games and shape matching games. Create number posters with objects that match the amounts.

**English** - Reading and writing words with Phase 5 graphemes. Writing sentences about jobs family members do.

**History** - find out about jobs in the past. Children who worked in mills and factories before school became compulsory.

**Science** - nature walks to explore habitats and protected nature reserves.

**Art and D&T** - Create a robot out of recycled materials. Describe what job the robot will do. Make an object that links to a job you like. (fire engine, digger, aeroplane, dog, cat or farm animal).

### Owls:

**Maths** – Numbots/TTRockstars – Little and often is best

**Science / PSHE:** Design a poster to help people know how to stay safe in the sun.

**Science:** Look for and record signs of summer in your garden or local area.

**English / Science:** Research and write some facts about creatures you might find in rock pools at the beach



### Foxes:

Create a leaflet for 'How to survive the Stone Age.' Imagine you are transported back to the Stone Age and need a guide to help you survive. What would the guide say? What tips would it have? Use ICT, if you wish.

Stone Age people build shelters to live in using materials they had gathered. Gather some natural materials and build a model shelter.

We know that the first recordings of art were Cave Art. Design a piece of cave art using materials of your choice. i.e. paint, chalk, crayon.



Draw and label a Stone Age person. Can you add any similarities and differences compared to us?



Draw a Stone Age feast, thinking carefully about the food and drink that would be on offer.



Design and make an ancient stone circle or a replica of Stonehenge. Be creative in the way you make your stone circle.



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**.



# Attendance figures

School Attendance 23rd - 27th June 2025

Hedgehogs 91%

Owls 97%

Foxes 98%

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.

## Achievements from outside school



Horse riding



Mountain biking



Swimming



Gymnastics



Gymnastics

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.



## Healthy Snacks

Children in Hedgehogs and Owls get a free piece of fruit every day in school, if you are sending your child with an additional snack please could you make sure it is a healthy snack which doesn't contain nuts.



Children should also have a drinks bottle in school every day, especially in this hot weather. Thank you for your support.

# 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](mailto:office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk)

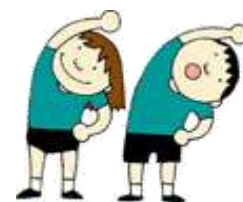
**Tel:** 01785 712488

## PE Days

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

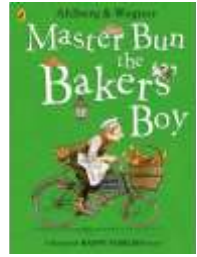
**Hedgehogs - Fridays    Owls - Thursdays & Fridays**

**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.**

HEDGEHOGS



We have started to think about jobs from the past this week. We read Master Bun the Baker's Boy and found out about how bread is made in factories today and how easy it is to buy food. The children loved role playing as bread factory workers – counting out the dough and making the bread to be delivered. We also looked at dirty jobs children had to do 200 years ago instead of going to school. We learned about children sent down in to sewers to find dropped coins and other bits of metal. The children were glad that they could come to school instead of having to do disgusting jobs. In PSHE, we found out about children in the Philippines who do not go to school and collect plastic on rubbish dumps instead. The children couldn't believe that this was happening today and wanted to help by writing them letters and giving them their pocket money.



# Weekly House Point Tally

Holly



179

Oak

93

Sycamore

134

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 30th June 2025 - Week ONE



|           | WEEK ONE   | WEEK TWO  | WEEK THREE  |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| MONDAY    | Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)       | Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)                  | Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Sultana Shortbread (Ve)      |
| TUESDAY   | BBQ Chicken Tortilla with Golden Rice<br>Veg of the Day<br>Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)    | Sausages with Mash & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Iced Carrot Cake (V)                                  | Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Apple Sponge (V)                 |
| WEDNESDAY | Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)           | Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)                    | Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)        |
| THURSDAY  | Italian Sausage Pasta Bake<br>Veg of the Day<br>Sultana Flapjack (Ve)                        | Mac & Cheese (V)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Apple Flapjack (Ve)   | Penne with Beef Bolognese<br>Veg of the Day<br>Flapjack (Ve)                              |
| FRIDAY    | Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Custard Rice Pudding (V) | Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V) | Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Chocolate Brownie (V) |
|           | 24/2/25, 17/3/25, 7/4/25, 28/4/25, 19/5/25,<br>9/6/25, 30/6/25, 21/7/25                      | 3/3/25, 24/3/25, 14/4/25, 5/5/25, 26/5/25,<br>16/6/25, 7/7/25   | 10/3/25, 31/3/25, 21/4/25, 12/5/25, 2/6/25,<br>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.



## 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.



### Reminder

After School Clubs finish on Friday 11th July. After School Care will be available the last week of term if you need it, please book in with the office.

Thank you



Mr H's

PE Stars

Isla

Ralph

Tovah

Ted

Well done!

## Is it right to kill animals?

**Freddie** *"I don't think you should kill animals, because people say we are monkeys"*

**Alicia** *"No, they will be dead forever"*

**Lucas** *"No, because it's like killing yourself"*

**Harrison F** *"Yes and no, not if it's for hunting reasons for the fun of it"*

**Xander** *"It can be right as you can't really live without meat you need protein"*

**Pippa** *"No, they are part of God's world"*

**Finley** *"No, you might kill an endangered species"*

**Orla** *"Yes and no - if you kill the mother they won't be with their families but you need to eat meat for a balanced diet"*

**Alfie** *"Yes if it's for meat for market, if it's for fun that's not a reason"*

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

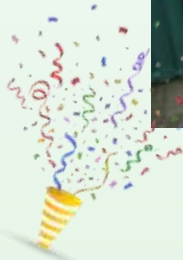
## BIG QUESTION

Do you always learn something when you open a book?

# SPORTS DAY



# SPORTS DAY WINNERS



Holly!



# dates to Remember

|   |   |
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| Wednesday 2nd July                      | Year 4 transition visit to Penkridge / Brewood Middle School  |
| Tuesday 8th July                        | Foxes Stone Age Workshop  |
| Wednesday 16th July                     | PTFA Disco - Reception to Year 4  |
| Friday 18th July                        | Leavers Service in St Leonard's Church all welcome to join us<br>Last day of school - <b>finish at 1.30pm</b> |
| Tuesday 22nd July<br>Friday 29th August | Summer Holidays   |
| Tuesday 2nd September                   | Back to School  |
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Children should arrive at school in clothing suitable for getting muddy on their Forest school day. Please also send your child with a sun hat/ waterproof clothing depending on the weather!

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| 02/07/2025 | 09/07/2025 |
| Year 3     | Year 4     |



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



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

## Early Education and Childcare Staffordshire



Have your say

Are you the parent of a child under 5 or a parent to be?

Have your say on childcare in Staffordshire

Please complete our childcare survey for 2025 by visiting the link below  
or scan the QR code. Have your say now!

<https://tinyurl.com/yx5ptzdm>



You could be  
selected to help  
with childcare costs.



[www.staffordshire.gov.uk](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk)

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Midlands Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

**23 JULY 10-3**  
Stafford Family Hub

**30 JULY 10-3**  
Tamworth Community  
Together CIC

# CTRL+YOU

Children, young people, parents and carers are invited to:

- Take part in some fun digital activities
- Discover helpful digital resources for wellbeing
- Help shape MPFT's digital youth forum.



**JOIN US & FIND  
OUT MORE**



**Email:**  
[participation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:participation@mpft.nhs.uk)

# CTRL+YOU

## A Family Digital Day Out!

WED 23 JULY 10-3



**Stafford Family Hub**  
Faraday Road, Stafford ST16 3NQ



JOIN US &  
FIND OUT MORE



Have fun | Get involved | Make a difference

### Step into the future of youth support with Ctrl+You.

A FREE family-friendly event packed with digital fun, interactive workshops, tasty food, and a chance to help shape the future of MPFT's Children & Families digital developments.

### What's on for you

Take part in **set sessions** or enjoy all day **experience zones** — your call.

|             |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 10.00       | Arrival                  |
| 10.30-11.00 | Movement & Mindfulness   |
| 11.00-12.00 | Minecraft and Wii Gaming |
| 12:00-1.00  | Pizza & Puds             |
| 1:00- 2.00  | Minecraft and Wii Gaming |
| 1:00-1.30   | Social Media Workshop    |
| 1:30-2.30   | Minecraft and Wii Gaming |
| 3.00        | Finish                   |

### Experience zones



Help shape a Digital Youth Forum



Try out VR Headsets



Discover awesome Apps & Digital Tools



Design a National Care Opinion Logo



Have your say on Participation Podcasts & Website



Find out more about digital mental health support

### Come for the day or just drop-in

Join us for gaming, mindfulness, and chilled-out vibes – whether you're up for the whole day or just want to dip into a session or two.

To help us plan how much food to order, please book ahead if you can. It's free and only takes a minute.



### About Us!

We are the CYPMH Participation Team, working with mental health services across South Staffordshire. We work with children, young people and their families to make sure that their voices are heard.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our team, you can contact us at [participation@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:participation@mpft.nhs.uk)

# PENKRIDGE SUMMER FOOTBALL FUN WEEKS 2025



## Rural Enterprise

Rodbaston Drive, Penkridge ST19 5PH



**Week 1:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

9am-3pm

**Week 2:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

9am-3pm

## (For all abilities, girls and boys, aged 4 - 15)

*(Please note children aged 4yrs old can only attend for 4 hours a day due to government guidelines)*

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that following the continuing success of previous year's Football Fun Weeks, we are organising **two** summer holiday football courses at the Rural Enterprise High School.

Summary of the holiday course:

- ☑ All abilities welcome.
- ☑ The football course features fun skills practice, match play, team building games, and small tournaments.
- ☑ All children are guaranteed to receive at least one **trophy and certificate!**
- ☑ The fun week is tightly structured with players fully supervised at all times.
- ☑ Children will play on the outdoor football pitches.
- ☑ Inflatable fun games throughout the week including water fun (weather dependent).
- ☑ The children will be coached by F.A Coaches who are all fully DBS checked & First Aid Trained
- ☑ We are fully insured.

The fun week will run for **5 days from 9am- 3pm** with a lunch break from 12pm-1pm where the children will eat a packed lunch from home. On Friday at 2:30pm, there will be a presentation held where parents/ carers are encouraged to come and see their players receive awards.

The cost of the course is £90 for the week (**SPECIAL OFFER: £55 for second and subsequent brothers and sisters**) Or £20 per day.

***If you would like to book your child onto both of our summer holiday camps at Penkridge, we will be offering a discount price of £160 for both weeks.***

*(Please contact us for a discount code if booking two weeks)*

Feel free to contact us for any further enquiries.



07530 868 512



teachsports@outlook.com



Teach Sports

**Scan QR code below to book online**

Select Penkridge Summer Camp and fill in your details.

*(Please note payment can only be made via Bacs or cash, not on the booking platform)*



## Instructions for folding your Fortune Teller

(There are lots of video instructions online should you struggle with this).

Cut out the square carefully.

Turn the paper over face down so it is just white. The images are on the other side. Fold the square diagonally from one corner to the opposite corner. Unfold it and fold diagonally the other way.

Take each corner of the paper and fold it into the middle point where the creases cross. You'll end up with a smaller square.

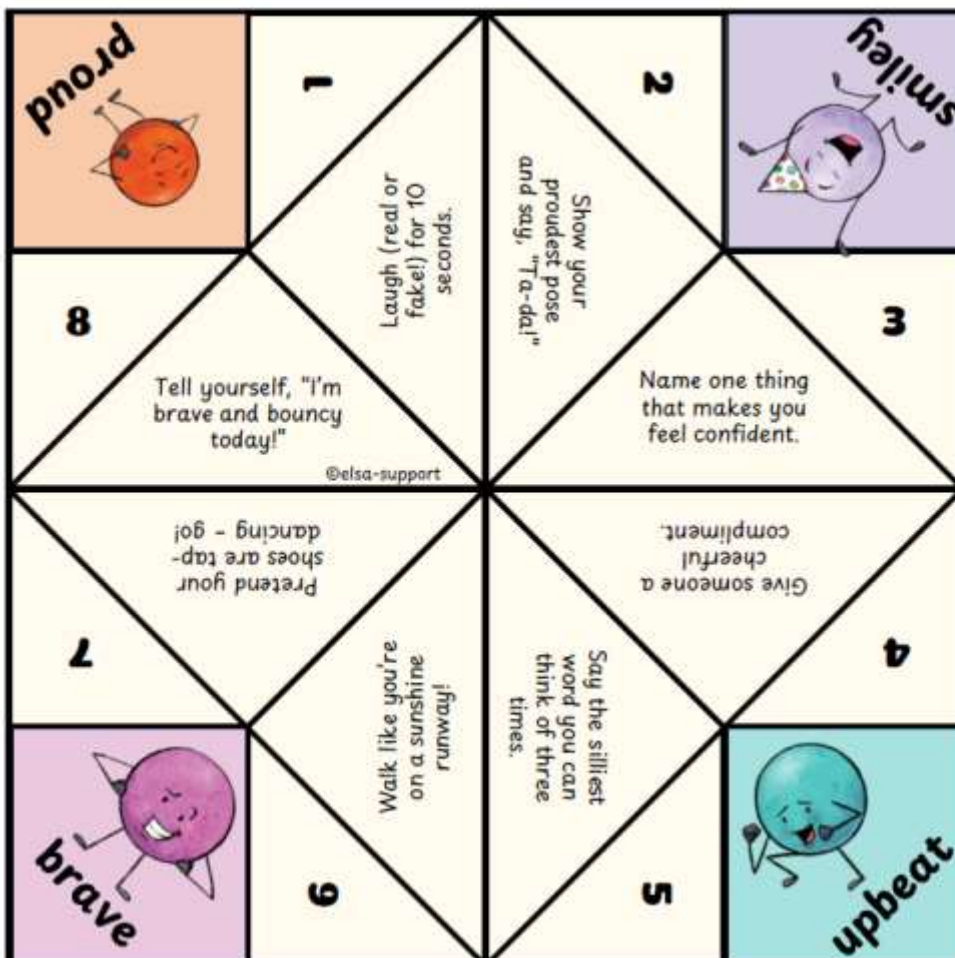
Turn the paper over to the other side (so the folded corners are facing down).

Take each corner and fold them into the centre again. Now you have an even smaller square.

Fold the square in half horizontally, then unfold. Fold it in half vertically, then unfold.

Gently slide your fingers under the four flaps on the front side.

Pinch the paper together so the fortune teller forms its final shape and is easy to open and close with your fingers.



### FORTUNE TELLER, CHATTERBOX, COOTIE CATCHER

Print out this sheet.  
Cut out the square.  
Make up your fortune teller.  
(lots of videos online).

Choose a word first and move the fortune teller that number of letters. Then choose a number. Move the fortune teller that number. Then choose a number. Open up the fortune teller to read the task.



**NATIONAL  
BADMINTON**

**FREE Badminton Session  
with GB Olympian Julie  
Bradbury - All Levels  
Welcome!**

**Stafford Manor Indoor  
Tennis Centre**

**Sunday 29th June  
10-11am Ages 7-10  
11-12pm Ages 11-17  
12-1pm - Adults**



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**NEXT  
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