

Friday Post

Friday 11th July 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,

A hot end to another busy week in school - the village hall providing a welcome cool space for PE yesterday afternoon and today!

Foxes had a fantastic day on Tuesday with their Stone Age through to Iron Age workshop. The resources and activities were incredible and provided a real hands-on experience for the pupils to draw this half-term's learning to a close. The children also looked fantastic in their costumes - thank you for the effort that went into creating those.

After school, a small group of children went to Wolgarston for a friendly football tournament. Mrs Carrington was impressed by how the children represented our school. Thank you also to the parents who accompanied this event, making it possible for us to run it.

We have welcomed more of our new pupils into school this week for stay and play sessions with Hedgehogs. Mrs Keay has also been back in and has spent time hearing all children from Hedgehogs through to Year 3 reading. We know she is very much looking forward to joining full-time in September.

Next week will be an exciting week. We have a timetable in place to support children with what is a very tiring time of year. From Wednesday, this includes time spent in leaf teams as well as a movie and/or colouring afternoon ahead of the silent disco on Wednesday. Following this, Thursday afternoon will be a whole school end of year celebration before our church service on Friday morning.

Have a wonderful weekend

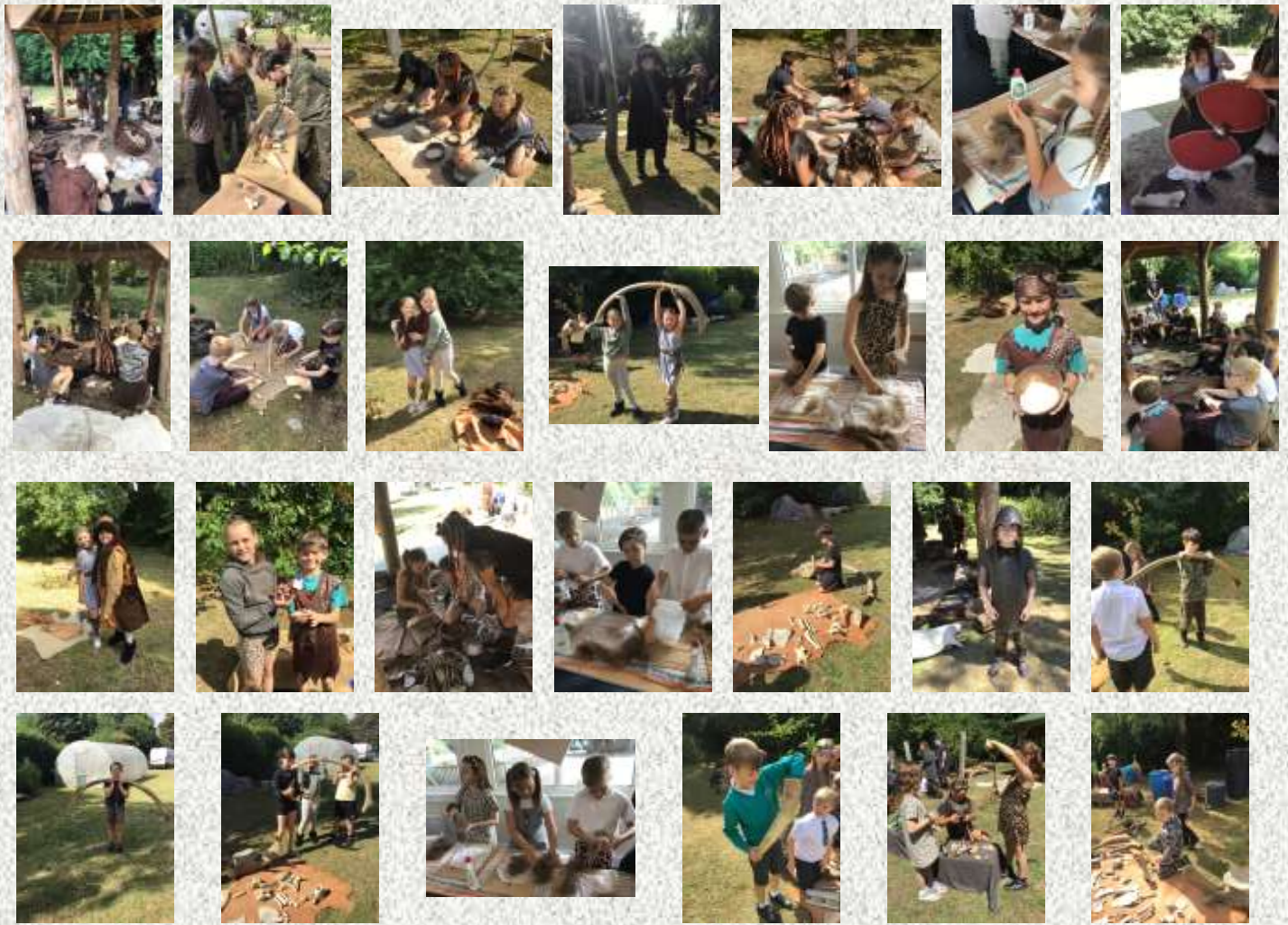
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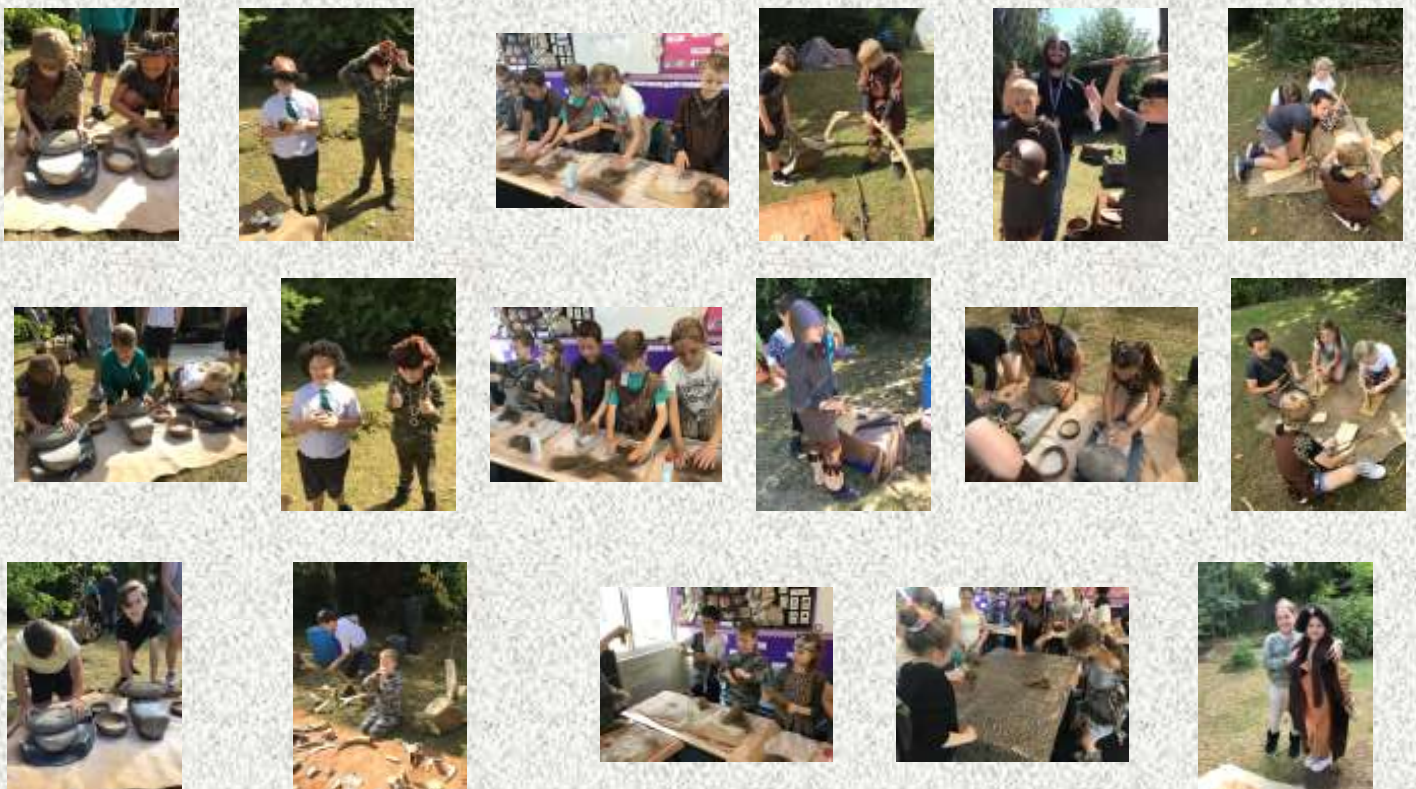
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STONE AGE WORKSHOP

Foxes had a wonderful day on Tuesday as they were transported back to the stone age!





Owls have been history detectives! This week they have been looking at old and recent photos of holidays and identifying similarities and differences between the past and present.



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.



PTFA Payments

We're excited to let you know that our PTFA has introduced a new, convenient way to pay for school events and items, no need to bring cash into school anymore!

You can now make payments online at any time by following the link below:

https://st-leonards-ptfa.sumupstore.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLXhUpleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHrICOpYX2Z_-kVbwzfS5UK6tfhAzp_K7sT8dMZFdDWXeDM PzjttGSdkg1ji_aem_K249ondMnnXuJgB1qh2h_A

We are currently collecting payments for the upcoming school disco, so feel free to use the link to secure your child's place.

Thank you for your continued support!



Next week we are learning

'This little light of mine'

["This Little Light Of Mine" - YouTube](#)

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

Please put your money in a NAMED ENVELOPE and put in the PTFA box in the entrance hall or pay on-line at:

https://st-leonards-ptfa.sumupstore.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLXhUpleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHrICOpYX2Z_-kVbwzfS5UK6tfhAzp_K7sT8dMZFddWXeDMPzjittGSdkg1ji_aem_K249ondMnnXuJgB1qh2h_A

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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**

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Year 4's last Forest School Wood whittling, climbing trees, making clay animals, scavenger hunts and bug hunting were all enjoyed in Forest School this week.

Postcard from the Headteacher



Stars of the Week



Attendance figures

School Attendance 7th July - 11th July 2025

Hedgehogs 96%

Whole School 93%

Owls 87%

Foxes 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



Martial Arts



Football



Scouting



Running



Rugby



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

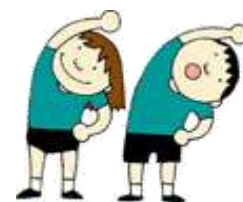
Tel: 01785 712488

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



This week we have been thinking about dangerous jobs people do. We read Mrs Cliff the Climber and Mr Biff the Boxer. The children enjoyed making skyscrapers to imagine they were working on top of and used the helicopters and fire engines to continue their learning about dangerous jobs. In RE we were thinking about what the word precious means, what is precious to us and why Christians think the name of God is precious. In maths Nursery were thinking about how to create spaces using shapes. This helped them make enclosures for dangerous zoo animals. and Reception were using positional language such as above, under, opposite and in front of. In English, Reception have been learning about what a noun is and trying to find them in the environment. They went on a noun hunt and wrote labels on objects, places and people they found. The children know that a noun is an object, place, person or living thing.



Weekly House Point Tally

Oak

81



Sycamore

81

Holly

44

Price increase - Nursery, Year 3 & Year 4

We have been informed from our school meal provider that the cost of a school meal for children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 from September will be **£3.50**

WC 14th July 2025 - Week THREE



WEEK ONE

WEEK TWO

WEEK THREE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Please note the menu changes for next week.

Thank you

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Sultana Shortbread (Ve)

Sausage & Mash

Veg of the Day
Apple Sponge (V)

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy
Veg of the Day
Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)

Whole school picnic

Ham or Cheese
Sandwich

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Brownie (V)

10/3/25, 31/3/25, 21/4/25, 12/5/25, 2/6/25,
23/6/25, 14/7/25

V - Vegetarian - Ve - Vegan

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.



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 have now **FINISHED**. After School Care will be available next week if you need it, please book in with the office.



Mr H's PE Stars

Everyone for coping so well in the hot weather!

Well done!

Why do we have emotions?

Alfie "So we can express our feelings"

Elsie "They help our bodies get around"

Orla "If we had no feelings, we wouldn't be human"

Olivia R "If you don't have emotions then if you hurt yourself no one would know"

Aoife "Emotions let others know how you feel - if you are happy or sad it shows"

Pippa " So people know that if we are sad, people can help us"

Freddie T "Express our feelings"

Thomas H "If we didn't have emotions we wouldn't be safe, for example, if we didn't feel scared we could just walk into a lions cage"

That was our last big question of the year but perhaps you could discuss the following question as a family?

BIG QUESTION

How should we treat others?

dates to Remember

Wednesday 16th July	Whole School Picnic
Wednesday 16th July	PTFA Disco - Reception to Year 4
Friday 18th July	Leavers Service in St Leonard's Church all welcome to join us Last day of school - finish at 1.30pm
Tuesday 22nd July Friday 29th August	Summer Holidays
Tuesday 2nd September	Back to School
Thursday 4th September	Academy Photography - individual pupil photos



Well done to our footballers who played so well at a competition last week. We might not have won, but you all played brilliantly and represented the school so well.



Please search for
St Leonards First School
& Nursery

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



Our School website

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



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 1st September

Term Starts: Tuesday 2nd September (all students return)

Inset Day: Friday 24th October

Half Term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Term Ends: Friday 19th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Spring Term 2026

Inset Day: 5th January

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th January (all students return)

Inset Day: Friday 13th February

Half Term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Last Day: Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5th April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 13th April (all students return)

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Inset Day: Monday 1st June

Last Day: Friday 17th July

Inset Day: Monday 20th July

Summer Holidays: Tuesday 21st July – Friday 31st August



www.staffordsport.co.uk



Summer Holiday Sports

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Monday 21st July to Friday 22nd August 2025



8.30am- 5.30pm - £26.50 per day
10am-4pm - £24.50 per day
*Plus a small booking fee also applies



Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy
07793891029 or email holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders,, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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www.facebook.com/staffordsport



To book a place please click on link below or QR Code:
<https://eequ.org/experience/10978>



www.staffordsport.co.uk



FREE Summer Holiday Sports*

*Free spaces available to children on FREE SCHOOL MEALS Programme



Monday 21st July - Friday 22nd August 10am-4pm

At Blessed William Howard Catholic High School Stafford

Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy



The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE. Sessions are perfect for boys and girls.



FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED



IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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www.facebook.com/staffordsport

For Information please call 07793891029 or email holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk
To Book: <https://eequ.org/book/sspa-sports-holiday-clubs-haf-with-stafford-sports-and-performance-academy-8870>

FURTHER SUPPORT



24h Mental Health Access Team - urgent NHS mental health service who will provide support and advice over the phone.

☎ 0808 196 3002 (24/7)

<https://camhs.mpft.nhs.uk/urgent-help>

THE MIX

The Mix offers support for anything that's troubling you. They offer email support, one-to-one webchat service and free short-term counselling.

☎ 0808 808 4994 (4pm-11pm, 7 days a week)

<https://www.themix.org.uk/>

childline

Childline is free, confidential helpline that can help with any issue no matter how big or small. They offer telephone support, one-to-one webchat and an email service.

☎ 080011 (24/7)

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



You can get advice from 111 or ask for an urgent appointment with the GP if you aren't able to speak to the urgent helpline, you need help urgently (but it's not an emergency) or you're not sure what to do.

☎ 111

YOUNGMINDS

YoungMinds provides young people with tools to look after their mental health. Their website is full of advice and information on what to do if you're struggling with how you feel.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

SAMARITANS

Samaritans provide emotional support to anyone in emotional distress or who is struggling to cope. They offer different ways of contact such as webchat, email and letters.

☎ 116123 (24/7)

✉ Email: jo@samaritans.org

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

EMERGENCY

In an emergency / risk to life (either your own or someone else's) and/or you do not feel you can keep yourself or someone else safe.

☎ 999 OR GO TO A&E



The Sandbox is an online mental health support service for Children and Young People in South Staffordshire. The Sandbox provides information, a space to discuss concerns with both professionals and peers and a library of internet delivered CBT exercises. They also offer one-to-one support through chat, text, phone or video consultation.

<https://sandbox.mindler.co.uk/>

shout 85258

Shout 85258 is a free, confidential, text messaging support service for anyone who is struggling to cope.

✉ Text: SHOUT to 85258 (24/7)

<https://giveushout.org/>



NHS
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

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

PENKRIDGE SUMMER FOOTBALL FUN WEEKS 2025



Rural Enterprise

Rodbaston Drive, Penkridge ST19 5PH



Week 1: Monday 21st July- Friday 25th July

9am-3pm

Week 2: Monday 4th August- Friday 8th 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.

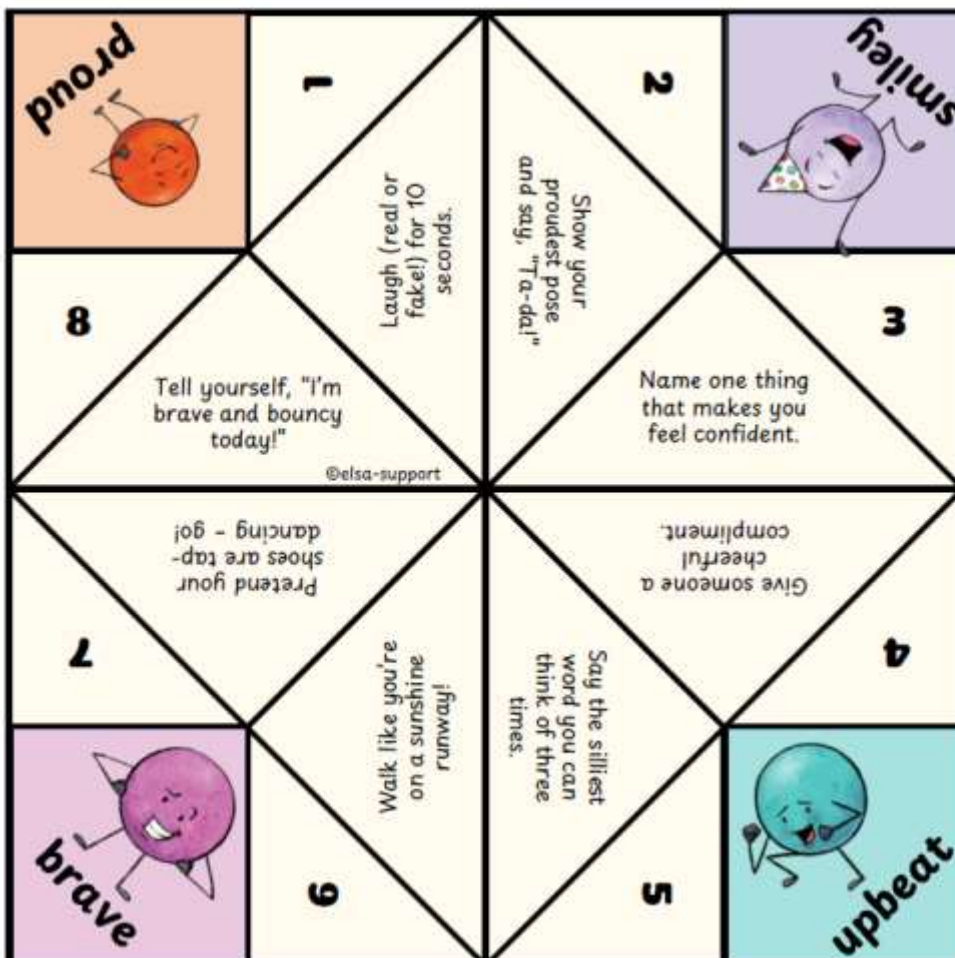
Turn the paper over to the other side (so the folded corners are facing down).

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.