

Friday Post

Friday 18th 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,

This must be hardest Post I've had to write!

The end of another academic year, saying goodbye to our Year 4s, and my final day as Head Teacher at St Leonard's.

Thank you to everyone who joined our church celebration this morning - what a wonderful send off for our Year 4 pupils in particular. We celebrated our champions of respect and also said farewell to those moving to new schools.

Today also marks Miss Thomson's final day with us. She will be starting her teacher training in September and we wish her all the best. Mr Brown, who our Foxes have worked with this year, will be joining the team in September as a member of staff and will be taking over running Ark alongside Mrs Jackson.

Our silent disco on Wednesday was a huge success! Thank you to the PTA and parents who volunteered their time to run this. Mr Atkins definitely enjoyed throwing some shapes on the dance floor! It was a great evening full of laughter and much out of tune singing!

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown me over the last three years. St Leonard's is a fantastic community and it has been a pleasure to lead the school; I will take with me many warm memories, for which I am very grateful.

Have a wonderful summer,

Miss Phillips



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Getting to Know You - Mrs Keay's Holiday Project

It has been lovely to meet all of the children during my visits to St Leonard's C of E First School over the last two weeks. I can't wait to get to know everyone in September.

I would love to make a display of your special talents, hobbies and interests when we start the new term. Here are some activities which you might want to take part in over the holidays to share with me and your class. We will display the learning in school in September to celebrate our whole school family.

Create any of the following:

- Piece of Art (Painting, collage, clay/3d)
- Poem
- Story
- Report
- Poster
- Diary/Journal
- Booklet
- Piece of Music/Drama
- Labelled picture/diagram
- Post card
- Use of Technology to present your information
- Other

Possible Topics:

- Hobbies
- Family
- Friends
- Favourite Places
- People who inspire you
- Subject of interest in any subject area (eg: Romans, Italy, Rugby, ballet)
- All about You
- Own Choice



Reading, Reading, Reading



Remember to keep reading regularly over the holidays and keep up with your number fluency/facts including Numbots and Times Table Rockstars.

Summer Reading Challenge

Join the summer reading challenge at your local library:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Everyone who completes the 'Story Garden Reading Challenge' will be celebrated in assembly on our return to school.

Enjoy being creative and I can't wait to see your projects in September, Mrs Keay.

Postcard from the Headteacher



ParentPay balances



Please make sure that you check your ParentPay accounts for any outstanding balances. Everyone with an outstanding balance has been a text today!

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=IwY2xjawLXhUpleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHrICOp_yX2Z_-kVbwzfS5UK6tfhAzp_K7sT8dMZFddWXeDMPzjittGSdkg1ji_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!



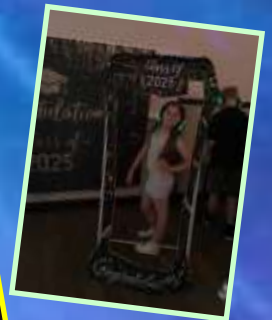


Champions of Respect



Last week of term!







Morning Club will be available from Wednesday 4th September from 8am for children in Rec-Y4. Just turn up no need to book.

Ark after school care will be available from Wednesday 4th September, please make sure you send in your booking form to Mrs Briganti. Thank you

Please note that any clubs will not start until week commencing **Monday 8th September.**



Are you entitled?

Parents of children currently in Year 2

who will be Year 3 in September 2025.

Your entitlement to 'Universal Free School Meals' has now come to an end, as of September 2025 you will need to pay for your child's school meal at a cost of £3.50 per day,

Please can we ask that you check to see if you could still be entitled to receive a Free School Meal by going to <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educational-awards-benefits/freeschoolmeals/apply-online.aspx>

Please note: All children in Reception and above can check to see if they are as eligible for a free school meal. Even if you decide not to have a meal from the kitchen, if you are applicable, then school could get additional funding to help your child in different ways.

Reminder - pierced ears

Earrings **MUST** be removed for PE on Thursdays & Fridays.

Many children have their ears pierced at a range of ages. Children are allowed to wear one pair of plain studded earrings for school. However, please note that for health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear any earrings for PE and Teachers are not allowed to remove them. Therefore, if you are planning for your child to have their ears pierced, please make sure that this is done at the start of the summer holidays to allow plenty of time for them to heal. Once healed, children can either remove studs themselves for PE or you can leave them out on that day. We recommend that earrings are kept at home as school cannot be responsible for the safe keeping of them. Please remember, PE is a statutory part of the primary curriculum and therefore children must take part.

Attendance figures

School Attendance 14th July - 18th July 2025

Hedgehogs 91%

Owls 90%

Foxes 97%

Whole School 93%

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



Mountain biking



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.



September 2025 PE Days

PE will take place on a Thursday for all children across the school.

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



Goodbye and good luck Miss Phillips, Miss Thomson and Year 4!



Leavers Poem

Dearest listener, both family and friend,
Our time at St Leonard's is nearing an end.
Your children have shone, their future is bright,
Moving on seems overwhelming, but we know it is right.

Bow you're our very own cheerleader,
She's got your back – just call if you need her.
Your joyful, loving kindness we'll miss,
But we've no doubt at all – you've got this!

This last year you've really excelled, Darcie,
Working hard and showing your work so smartly.
To Team Oak, you've been a wonderful captain,
Take this next step with courage, embrace what may happen!

Savannah, you have an eye for perfection,
Your creativity and grit make a winning combination.
You stand up strong for what you believe in,
Your future is bright, we know you'll continue succeeding!

You're a tree climbing expert, Rohan,
Never one to back down from competition.
You're a confident sportsman who loves to adventure,
Keep your head high, a bright future you'll now enter!

Xander you are a phenomenal writer,
Your words have the power to make the world brighter.
You're a caring friend with a quick-witted mind,
Move forward with confidence, strength and pride!

Quietly confident, next we have Myla,
With a mind for maths, you're set to be a highflyer.
Your next school is lucky to have you,
We wish you success in all you turn your hand to!

Emily you are our Hedgehogs' favourite,
So caring and kind, a great friend and playmate.
Outwardly quiet, you pay attention and work hard,
Keep believing in yourself, you will reap the reward!

Sycamore Captain up next is Harrison,
Quick-thinking and smart, you can be relied upon.
Outdoors you excel as you journey and explore,
You have much to enjoy and more adventure in store!

Harry a Chase Water kayaking king,
Who knew it would turn out to be your thing?
At mental maths you are also very able,
Great things are to come, we all know you are capable!

Now our general knowledge genius is Thomas,
Facts about anything you always promise.
A vivid imagination is your strength,
We wish you joy in all that is coming next.

Olivia you are our cross-country queen,
In class, you're a joy – teaching you is a dream.
Your thoughtful, generous spirit we'll miss,
Go with confidence, you're one truly special kid!

Strong willed and deeply caring is Tovah,
You're smart and your charisma has won us over.
A flair for creativity and the arts,
May you know friendship and fun in your new start!

Erin you've been a fantastic addition,
You're thoughtful, kind and have clear ambition.
Time spent with you puts a smile on our face,
Keep being yourself, making the world a better place!

A loyal friend you'll always find in Will,
A supreme swimmer – this boy has skill.
You have grown so much over this past year,
Step boldly ahead you have nothing to fear!

Freddie up next, he's a definite grafter,
Time with friends, full of fun and laughter.
You are on the move to places anew,
May our St Leonard's values now guide you.

Last but not least it is Arthur,
You have grown so much and only gotten smarter.
A true all-rounder, we know you'll go far,
Don't forget how wonderful we all know you are!

Now your time left with us here is short,
Take your values and all you have learnt.
Run ahead, break free and keep moving forward,
Learn to fly making your mark on our world.



September Uniform Reminders



Our School uniform can be purchased from [Crested School Wear](#), in Stafford town centre.

Crested Schoolwear
35 – 36 Gaolgate Street
Stafford
ST16 2NT

CRESTED
SCHOOLWEAR

Telephone: 01785 748481

Autumn / Winter Uniform

Teal school sweatshirt / cardigan – from Crested Schoolwear

White shirt & school tie (Years 1-4) – school tie is from Crested Schoolwear

White school polo t-shirt (Early Years) – from Crested Schoolwear

Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore

Grey tights/white socks

Flat black shoes (no trainers) Boots should only be worn outdoors in inclement weather

School colours hair scrunchie/headband

PE Kit

Teal T-Shirt – plain or logo t-shirt from Crested Schoolwear

Black Shorts

Trainers

PE bag

PE Hoodie and black jogging bottoms for winter months.

Years 3 & 4 will also need a swimming kit, you will be advised when this is needed.

ALL items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your childs' name.

No jewellery should be worn for school except for a watch which must be removed for PE.

Earrings are not encouraged and should only be studs, these **must** be removed for PE and swimming.



dates to Remember

Tuesday 22nd July	Summer Holidays
Friday 29th August	
Tuesday 2nd September	Back to School
Thursday 4th September	Academy Photography - individual pupil photos

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**



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.



No big question this week but perhaps you could discuss the following question as a family?

BIG QUESTION

How should we treat others?



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



<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



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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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.

☎ 0800111 (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://giveusashout.org/>

THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE **OPEN** OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 21st July - Monday 1st September
(excluding weekends and bank holidays)

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.



Burton and Uttoxeter
01283 504487

Cannock and Lichfield
01283 352113

Stafford
01283 352097

Tamworth
01785 301027



*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.

STAFFORD MHST

Schools we work with:

- Burton Manor Primary School
- Castlechurch Primary School
- Doxey Primary & Nursery School
- Flash Ley Primary School
- John Wheeldon Primary Academy
- King Edward VI High School
- Penkridge Middle School
- Sir Graham Balfour School
- St. Leonard's CofE First School
- Stafford Manor High School
- Veritas Primary Academy
- St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School
- St. Leonard's Primary School
- St. Austin's Catholic Primary School
- Walton Hail Academy
- Walton Priory Middle School
- Silkmore Primary Academy
- Marshlands School
- Blessed William Howard Catholic School
- Bailey Street Alternative Provision Academy
- St. John's C of E Primary Academy
- The Weston Road Academy
- Tillington Manor Primary School
- Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School



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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)

