



Friday 14th November 2025

Our School Value: Trust

Key Verse: *You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*
Isaiah 26.3

Dear families,

Our trip on Monday launched us in to a week full of irresistible and truly memorable learning at St. Leonards. We all had a great time at Wolseley Forestry Centre exploring nature, seasons and our natural world. We hope you enjoy looking at our photos which capture how much fun we had.

There has been lots of active learning this week to help us keep fit and healthy. Mr H put us through our paces with our Children in Need inspired PE challenges based on the number 25! On Tuesday, Foxes took part in a pentathlon led by Chris Wood.

During our remembrance worship, we treasured time to think about and to thank those who have shown great courage and bravery during war both in the past and present. We listened to the poem 'We will Remember Them.' Key words which we considered were: ***'All life is dear and should be treated so. Joined not divided is the way to go.'*** We linked this to our school motto 'Learn to Love' and our values of kindness and respect. Following our worship and poem, we held our minute silence.

<https://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/video/we-will-remember-them-poem>

As part of our remembrance learning, we have created some beautiful poppy art work. This has ranged from making poppy inspired flags to card, paper and clay poppies. Due to the weather, we have created our annual poppy display in the hall windows. Please do take a look when you are passing by. Thank you to the children for their art work and Mrs Webb for creating the display. As it looks so lovely, we plan to display more learning in this area for everyone in our school family to enjoy.

Thank you also to the children in Year 2 and Miss Laing for welcoming parents to their writing lesson earlier today for our 'Learn with Me' session. The children inspired us with their knowledge of nouns, verbs, adjectives and sentence structure. They generated some fabulous adjectives and sentence linked to their class text, 'Grandad's Secret Giant.' Warmest thanks to parents for joining us in school and taking part in our writing lesson today.

We welcome parents, grandparents/families to school again on Friday 28th November from 2.50pm for our end of the day reading session. Please don't worry if you can't make this event as we will be repeating these in the spring and summer term.

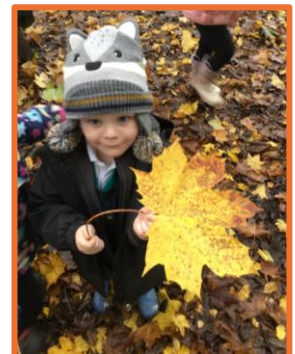
We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you next week.

We hope that everyone manages to avoid the rain and wish everyone a lovely weekend ahead,

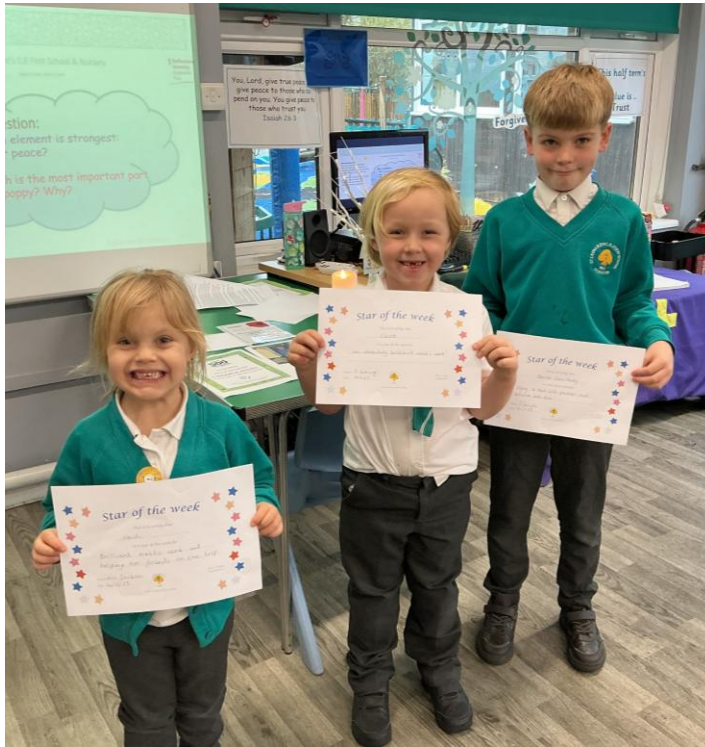
Mrs Claire Keay and our whole school team



Whole school trip to Wolsley Wildlife Centre



stars of the week



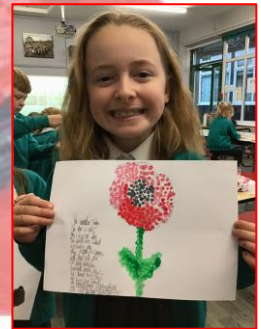
Care, Love and Kindness Award



'Let all that you do, be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Art & Craft

In Art Club this week, the children explored our school value of *respect* by drawing poppies to honour remembrance. They painted in the style of Georges Seurat and Paul Signac, using pointillism to bring their artwork to life!



Children in Need



If you would like to donate to Children in Need please do so directly with the cause via the link [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)



CURRENT NURSERY PARENTS - Reception 2026

If your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2026 and 31st August 2027 then you will need to apply online for a place in our Reception class, no later than 15th January 2026. Applications should be made directly through 'Staffordshire's On-line Application System' at: [Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)

Please note: children who currently attend our school nursery will still need to apply for a reception place.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a reception place, then please ask them to give the office a call and book an appointment to look around our school with Mrs Keay.



Read with Me session Friday 28th November @ 2.45pm

To encourage and spread the love of reading, parents/grandparents are welcome to join their child in their classroom for a 'read with me' session. There is no need to sign up, just arrive at 2.45pm next Friday. Don't worry if you have more than one child in school, we will be offering more of these sessions later in the academic year.

Wanted for Art Club on Tuesday

Mrs Trumble welcomes any donations of Yoghurt pots, cardboard tubes, boxes (no larger than a cereal box) for a 'junk modelling' session at Tuesday's art club. Please hand in at the office.



Coffee Morning – Wednesday 26th November @ 9am

Everyone is welcome to come along to our first Coffee Morning to meet Amy Stafford, our Senco. This is a relaxed morning giving people space to connect, share and support one another. Please book in via the sign up sheet in the entrance hall.

LAC (Governor) Vacancies

We have two vacancies on our LAC (Governors) for a Foundation Governor and a Parent governor.

Foundation governors have a special responsibility to ensure the school's Christian ethos and vision are preserved and developed and are expected to be members of the Christian church.

Parent governors offer a parental perspective to issues being discussed; however, they are not expected to represent the parent body or act as a spokesperson.

Our LAC work as a team they are responsible for making sure the school provides good quality education for all pupils.

For more information, please speak to the school office.



This week we learnt

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/z27jxg8>

Next week we are learning:

'Sing Christingle

[Sing Christingle - YouTube](#)

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music

Weekly House Point Tally

Oak



101

Holly

60

Sycamore

60

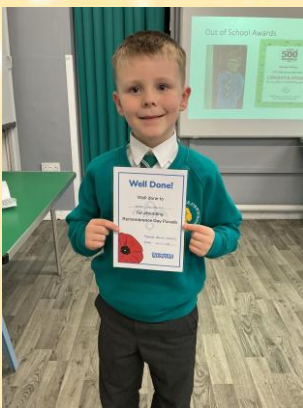
Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs Keay 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.



Achievements from outside school



Taking part in a Remembrance parade



BBC's 500 Words



BBC's 500 Words

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



After School Clubs & Ark invoices Autumn 2 2025

Payment for this terms clubs & after school care is now overdue, please make payments via your ParentPay account.



Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme which helps parents with childcare costs. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare account, the government will pay in £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children). Parents can then use that money to make childcare payments direct to their childcare provider's bank account. Check to see if you could be eligible at [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) you can pay for Clubs and Before & After School Care via this method.

Christmas Jumper swap-shop

If you have any Christmas Jumpers that your child may have grown out of, please consider donating to other parents – simply put them on the uniform rail in the entrance hall for others to make use of.



Dear God,
Thank you for our school where we
'Learn to Love and Love to Learn'
Thank you for all of our teachers and
adults who help us to learn and play.
Thank you for our family and friends as
well as the love we share.
Amen



Big Question

Which element is strongest: war or peace?

Elsie G "Peace is happier than war"
Marcie "Peace is better because people like you"

Alfie "Peace is always stronger, fighting in WW2 lead to unhappiness"
Evie "Peace is harmony"

The red poppy is the most famous symbol used to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in World War One and conflicts that followed.

The purple poppy is often worn to remember animals that have been victims of war.

The Black Poppy Rose commemorates the contributions of black, African and Caribbean communities to the war effort - as servicemen and servicewomen, and as civilians.



We Remember Today

The war is over, the skies are blue,
The world was saved by heroes true.
They fought for peace, both near and far,
On land and sea beneath each star.

We thank them now, we bow our heads,
We wear a poppy bright and red.
We promise we will always say,
“We still remember – every day”



Attendance figures

10th – 14th November 2025



Holiday forms must be handed into the office – these are available in the entrance hall.

Unless in exceptional circumstances, holidays will be counted as unauthorised absence.

Hedgehogs	97%
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Owls	96%
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Foxes	96%
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Whole School	97%
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The national target for attendance, as set out in guidance from the DFE is 95%

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

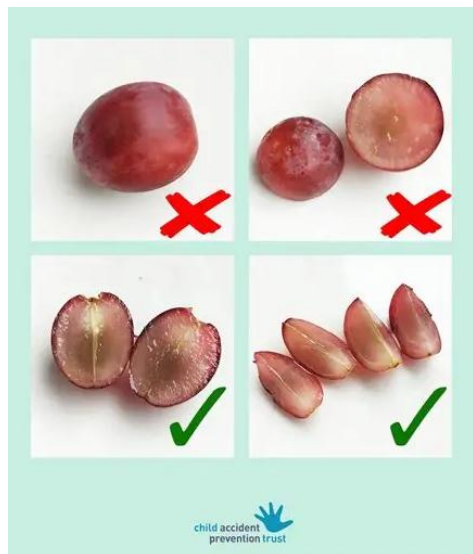
Pupils arriving late miss valuable learning time and it can contribute to them becoming anxious when they enter the classroom late.

PE STARS OF THE WEEK



No nuts please

A polite reminder to all parents that we are a 'No Nut School' and ask that parents refrain from sending children into school with nuts or items obviously containing nuts (peanut butter and Nutella for example). We do have a number of children in school who have a nut allergy and whilst we can never guarantee that children won't come into contact with nuts, these measures will help reduce risk.



Grapes & small tomatoes

Could we also ask that parents ensure that any grapes sent into school for snack or packed lunches are cut in half, as whole grapes can present a choking hazard.

Don't forget to book your school meals in advance via your school grid account.

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2F>

New dishes for 2025

Mega Monday

Tasty Tuesday

Roast Wednesday

Try It Thursday

Fishy Friday

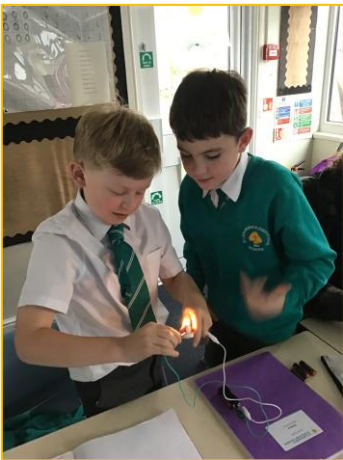
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Weeks starting: 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec	Weeks starting: 8th Sept, 29th Sept 20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec	Weeks starting: 15th Sept, 6th Oct 27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec
<p>Margherita Pizza & Garlic Slice (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Vegetable Supreme Pizza (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Pasta Salad (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Crispy Chicken Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Wobbly Sponge & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Mild Fajita Chicken, with Nachos & Steamed Rice Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Macaroni Cheese (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Cauliflower, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Roast Chicken (GF) or Plant Based Sausages (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Raspberry Jelly & Picochies (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Lemon Drizzle Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Strawberry Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Homemade Beef & Vegetable Pie Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Washed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Winter Fruit Crumble & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Cheddar & Chicken Pasta Bake Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Jam Sponge & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>The Dolce All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Hash Browns, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Vegetable Grill (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips (V) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>



We have completed a PE Pentathlon with Chris Wood from School Games.

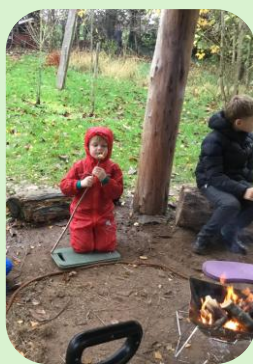


In Science we have made our own circuits and knew we had been successful if our bulb lit up!



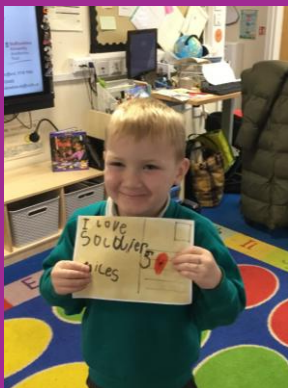


After exploring the forest area there were tasty treats for Early Years in Forest School this week – they got to toast their own Brioche or marshmallows!





HEDGEHOGS



Hedgehogs have astounded us with all of their incredible learning this week. Everyone had a great time on our trip to Wolseley Bridge where we enjoyed learning about the seasons and changes during Autumn. A real highlight was making a hibernation den for 'hedgehogs,' bug hunting and water exploration time.



In class, we have been learning about 'Remembrance'. We even used poppies to help with our understanding of one more and one less. Our role play area has been transformed in to a 1940's home with china cups, t-pots, doilies and rationing within our play! We have also been building war time shelters in the construction area. Making poppies from play dough, paint and craft materials have supported our fine motor development too.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Wednesday 19 th November	Year 1 – Forest School
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 2 - Forest School
Wednesday 26 th November @9am	Coffee morning with Amy Stafford everyone welcome @ 9am
Friday 28 th November @ 2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms @ 2.50pm
Monday 1 st December	Chocolate donation in ex-change for wearing non-uniform
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 3 – Forest School
Friday 5 th December @ 2.45pm	Christmas Tree light switch on, Christingle & Carols @ 2:45pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 4 – Forest School
Thursday 11 th December	Rec-to Yr4 Flu immunisations – more info to follow
Friday 12 th December	Save the Children wear your Christmas Jumpers
Tuesday 16 th December	Whole school Nativity Play – am & pm – <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 27 th February @ 2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms @ 2.50pm
Friday 1 st May @ 2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms @ 2.50pm
Thursday 18 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 th June	Reserve Sports Day



Please see the dates above for Forest School sessions. 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, a coat & wellies are a **MUST!** *Please make sure all items are named.*



St Leonards First School
& Nursery



Our School website

[Home - St Leonards COFE First School](#)

HAF fun this winter

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.

SCAN ME!



staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

