



## 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,

We hope that everyone had a lovely half term break. We have enjoyed an amazing first week back at school filled with lots of learning, wonder and curiosity. The children have been shining brightly just like the fireworks in our Autumn night skies. This reminds me to say thank you to Miss Tina for our delicious Firework themed lunch on Wednesday; the children really enjoyed their delicious dinners.

During worship this week, we have been talking about friendship along with our school value of 'Trust'. We have been celebrating how we are similar in many ways but also different too which makes our school such a wonderful place. We have enjoyed talking about the different odd socks around school today which represents that we are all unique and glorious individuals with so much to give. We even explored this theme through our 'Big Question,' please take a look at the comments the children made as they were just brilliant. The world would definitely be a less inspiring place if we were all the same!

Odd Sock day also marks the launch of National 'Anti-bullying' week. We will continue to explore this theme in PSHE next week where we will also be introducing worry boxes in class to support our focus on friendships, kindness, respect and flourishing.

Thank you to parents from years 3 and 4 who joined us for our 'Learn with Me' session which explored multiplication and mathematics. Everyone enjoyed flexing their multiplication muscles in class and we look forward to ensuring all children know (and can fluently recall) all of their times tables by the end of Year 4. Thank you for your support at home; it makes such a huge difference. We look forward to welcoming Year 2 parents to school next Friday morning for a focus on Spelling and Writing skills.

Next week, we are really looking forward to our whole school science-based trip to the Wolsey Centre. We can't wait to share our photos with you. Thank you for the kind donations towards the poppy appeal; poppies will continue to be sold today and on Monday; we will be exploring remembrance in Worship on Tuesday which supports our understanding of the world, history, trust and empathy.

Here's to a memorable weekend and week ahead.

from Mrs Keay and the whole team at St Leonards.

# stars of the week



## Care, Love and Kindness Award



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

# Postcard from the Headteacher



## Big Question

Is it ok to be similar or different to others?  
How do your odd socks represent you?

Anti-bullying Week



Odd Socks Day

**Lola** *"It's good to be different, if everyone was the same it would be like being best friends with yourself"*

**Hudson** *"If you are all the same it would be confusing as we would all look the same"*

**Lucas** *"If everyone was the same you would all think the same and that would be boring"*

**Matilda** *"My socks represent me as I like colours & animals"*

**Alicia** *"Odd socks don't matter"*



World Jellyfish Day is a special annual celebration of jellyfish— invertebrates that have been drifting through our oceans for hundreds of millions of years! This week in Art Club, children embraced the theme by creating their own jellyfish using a variety of creative techniques.



## 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](#) you can pay for Clubs and Before & After School Care via this method.



## Children in Need – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Children can come to school wearing spots or yellow tops along with their usual PE joggers & trainers. They will be taking part in a 'Challenge yourself to 25' PE session with Mr H during their PE session. If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need please donate directly at: [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)



## 'Maths Learn with me'

This week, we were fortunate to have some of our parents/carers join us for a 'Maths learn with me session.' We focussed on using our times table knowledge to support our understanding in maths and we had a go at a variety of activities linked to this. Our parents were very happy with how much progress we are making and were even joining in too!





This week we have been learning:

**'God Suit'**

[Cheeky Pandas | DANCE WITH HERBIE:  
God Suit On](#)

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music

## Weekly House Point Tally

**Sycamore** 🏆 93

**Holly** 44

**Oak** 70



### 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



Martial Arts



Fishing & Swimming



Swimming

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 – Autumn 2 2025

Monday – Chromebook (full)  
Tuesday – Art & Craft  
Thursday – Multisports  
Friday – Choir



**Payment for all clubs is now on ParentPay please pay by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

There is **NO Choir Club on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** (you have not been charged) due to the Christmas Light switch on – Ark will be available for those that may need it – please book in with the office.

Please contact the office should your child wish to join any of the clubs except for Chromebook which is full.



### Ark invoices – November 2025

Invoices for November after school care have now been emailed out. Please make your payments via your ParentPay accounts, alternatively if you are paying by either a Childcare Voucher scheme or Government Tax Scheme please let the office know. Thank you.



### Wanted for Class Hedgehogs

Remembrance Craft

If anyone has any egg boxes & unwanted frames (no glass) or black/red/green buttons for our craft work next week, we would be grateful for any donations. Thank you from Class Hedgehogs

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

### Whole School Trip to Wolesey Wildlife Centre

A reminder that children will need to come to school in appropriate footwear, e.g wellies or walking boots and have a waterproof coat with hood & if you have them waterproof trousers. School shirts and jumpers should be worn with plain black joggers or trousers.

If you haven't ordered a sandwich from the kitchen then please send your child with a packed lunch in a disposable bag and **make sure that they have a drinks bottle, water is no longer supplied as part of a packed lunch.**

The coach will leave school at approx. 9:30am and return at approx. 2:45pm

# Attendance figures

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Poppies will be on sale at drop off and pick up times.



Thank you for supporting Odd Socks Day!

Hedgehogs	100%
Owls	93%
Foxes	98%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96%</b>

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



# CURRENT NURSERY PARENTS – Reception 2026

If your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2026 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027 then you will need to apply online for a place in our Reception class, no later than 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## No nuts please

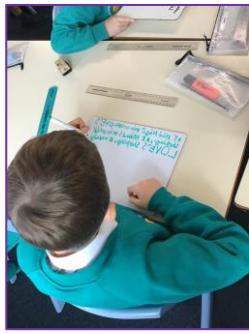
Due to children in school with nut allergies please do NOT send any products containing nuts into school for break or lunch times. Thank you for your co-operation.



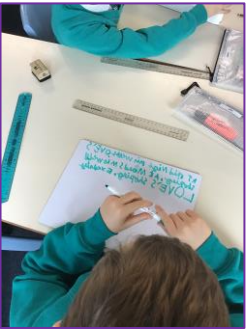
*Don't forget to book your school meals in advance via your school grid account.*

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

	WEEK 1 Weeks starting: 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec	WEEK 2 Weeks starting: 8th Sept, 29th Sept 20th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec	WEEK 3 Weeks starting: 15th Sept, 6th Oct 27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec
<b>New dishes for 2025</b>			
<b>Mega Monday</b>	Margherita Pizza & Garlic Slice (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Margherita or Vegetable Supreme Pizza (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Boulette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Pasta Salad (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tasty Tuesday</b>	Crispy Chicken Dippers & Tomato Based Sauce Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Steamed Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Morbid Sponge & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Mid Fajita Chicken, with Nachos & Steamed Rice Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Boulette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Macaroni Cheese (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Cauliflower, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Roast Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken (GF) or Plant Based Sausages (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Raspberry Jelly & Picochees (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Boulette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Lemon Drizzle Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Strawberry Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Try It Thursday</b>	Homemade Beef & Vegetable Pie Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Winter Fruit Crumble & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Cheddar & Chicken Pasta Bake Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Boulette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Jam Sponge & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	The Dolce All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Hash Browns, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Fishy Friday</b>	Breaded Fish Fingers or Vegetable Grill (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips (V) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Lemon Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Boulette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Chocolate Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips (VG) (GF), Peas Baked Beans (VG) (GF), Ketchup (VG) (GF) Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt



English- This week, we have been introduced to our new text, 'The Last Garden'. We have been focussing on looking at adverbials for when, where and how. We worked together in pairs to match sentences together using the most precise adverbial.



Art- This week, we have been learning why we see poppies at this time of year to symbolise Remembrance. We looked at the different coloured poppies and chose which we would like to do. We then used clay to create our own poppy. We can't wait to share these during our Remembrance assembly next week.





Year 2 parents are invited to join Miss Laing & Mrs Keay for a 'Write with me' parent workshop on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. Grandparents are also welcome to attend, please place your name on the sign up sheet in the entrance hall.



Owls are learning about the seasons in Science. They enjoyed an afternoon walk and spotted lots of signs of autumn.





A tasty treat for Nursery in Forest School this week – they got to toast their very own Brioche!



# HEDGEHOGS



Hedgehog class have been enjoying an exciting week learning about Diwali. The children have loved creating dance and music linked to the story of Rama and Sita. We also made diva lamps, rangoli patterns and mehndi hand patterns.

As Diwali is celebrated through light, we have also been learning about light and dark. Here are some photos of our exploration with torches and different light sources.



During Forest time with Mrs Keay, we have been finding and counting objects from nature linked to the number 4 and 5. We also recognised the number without counting (subitising).



# Important Dates and INFORMATION

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school trip to Wolseley Wildlife Centre
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Forest School – Reception
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Wear yellow/spots with your PE kit for Children in Need
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November @ 9am	Year 2 'Writing with Me' and meet with Mrs Keay
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 – Forest School
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 - Forest School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November @ 2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms @ 2.50pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Chocolate donation in ex-change for wearing non-uniform
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 3 – Forest School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2.45pm	Christmas Tree light switch on, Christingle & Carols @ 2:45pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 – Forest School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children wear your Christmas Jumpers
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Nativity Play – am & pm – <i>more info to follow</i>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms @ 2.50pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May @ 2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms @ 2.50pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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.



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# 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](https://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)