

Friday 12th December 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,

We have had the most wonderful week; I can't thank everyone enough for making our Christmas festivities so memorable for all of the children.

The 'Grumpy Sheep' Nativity play was truly outstanding. Everyone shone brightly on stage with their amazing singing, acting, narrating and performing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Warmest thanks to the children, families and staff for making the plays so magical. We really do appreciate all of the help with costumes, songs and lines. The children enjoyed receiving their photo momentum yesterday.

Wednesday was filled with further joy thanks to Miss Tina's wonderful Christmas dinner followed by class parties and our very special visit from Father Christmas. When I joined Hedgehog class, the children were so excited to tell me all about his visit. Thank you to the PTA for donating the gifts to make this an afternoon to remember!

Warmest thanks also to everyone for joining our Champion of Trust 'Celebration Worship' at St Leonard's Church this morning. The prayers, poems and songs warmed everyone's hearts along with the beautiful advent candles in church. Thank you to families who are able to join us at St Leonard's Church this Sunday at 11am for Five carols and lessons. It will be lovely to sing familiar Christmas Carols together and some of our children will be reading prayers too. Everyone is warmly welcome.

I also wanted to thank everyone for making my first term as St Leonard's so enjoyable and memorable. I have loved welcoming children, families and staff to school each day. We really do have such a beautiful school where everyone's care, love and kindness shines through. We are an immensely lucky whole school family. Thank you to everyone as we continue to 'Learn to Love and Love to Learn' together in to 2026 and beyond.

Warmest Christmas wishes,

Mrs Claire Keay



School opens for Pupils on
Tuesday 6th January 2026

Champions of Trust



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



OWLS



The Very Grumpy Sheep





Hedgehogs enjoyed completing a circuit in PE this week!



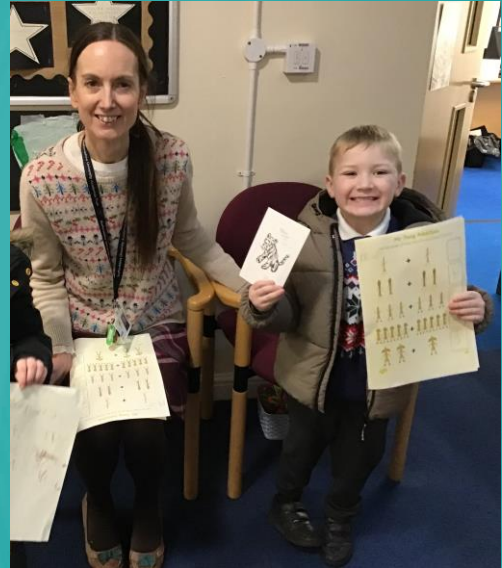
CURRENT NURSERY PARENTS - Reception 2026

If you will turn 5 after 1st September 2026 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.

Postcard from the Headteacher



Achievements from outside school



Racing

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.



Our Safeguarding Team

Mrs Key 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.

HEDGEHOGS





Attendance figures

15th – 19th December 2025



VIP Education

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	99%
Owls	90%
Foxes	95%
Whole School	95%

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

Adina

Ava-Rose

Georgia



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District total £14,615.48



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Registered charity number: 219279



Don't forget to book your school meals in advance via your school grid account before 8am.

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

VILLAGE SPRING

Dinner Times

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

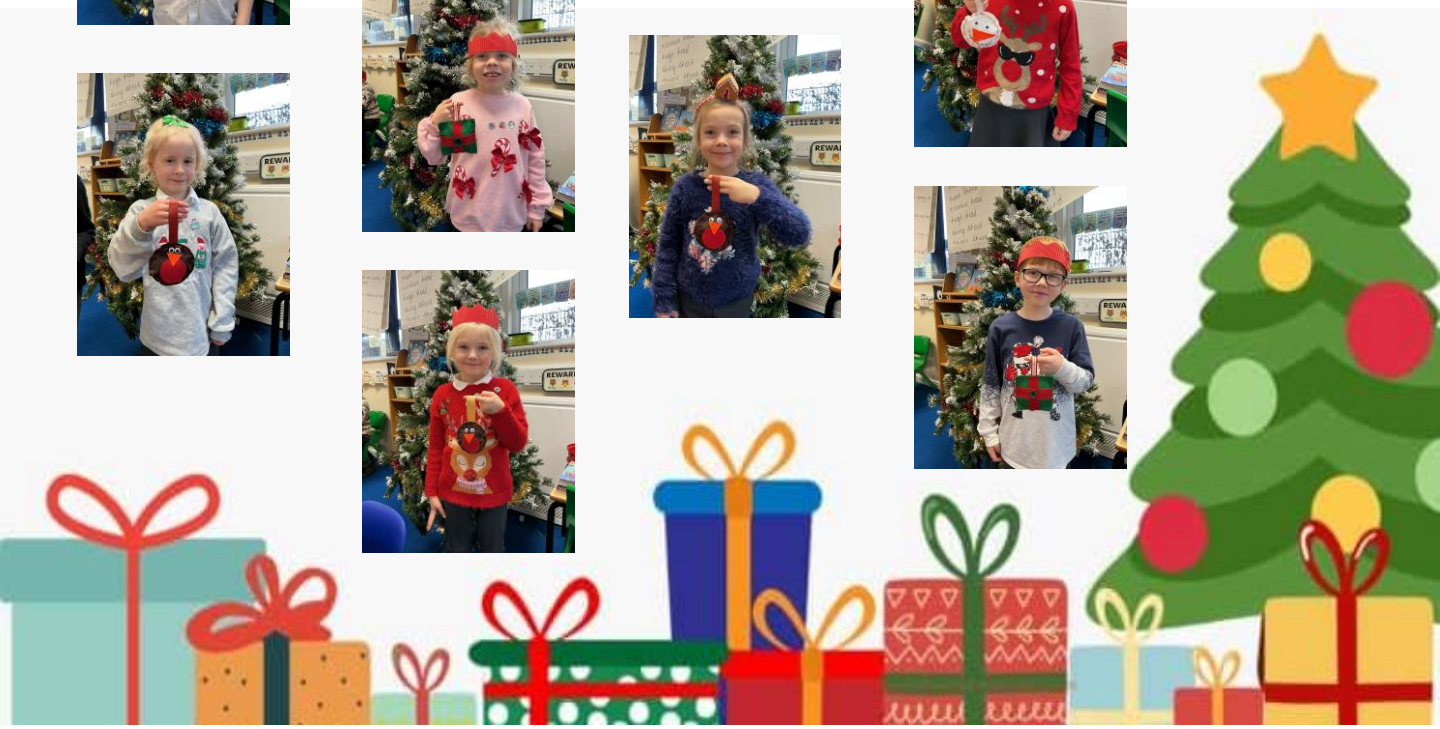
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

V = Vegetarian *VG = Vegan
GF = Gluten Free *NEW RECIPE for 2025*

Week 1 5th Jan, 26th Jan, 16th Feb 9th Mar, 30th Mar	Week 2 12th Jan, 2nd Feb 23rd Feb, 16th Mar	Week 3 19th Jan, 9th Feb 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar
<p>Margherita Pizza & Potato Salad (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Pepper Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Baked Potato Wedges, Mixed Salad, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Coleslaw (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Oven Baked Sausages or Plant-based Sausages (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Peach & Forest Fruit Cobbler with Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>* Fish Finger or Quorn Dipper (VG) Wrap * 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>Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Fisherman's Pie (GF) 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>Chocolate & Orange Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Jelly & Fruit (V) (VG) 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, Broccoli, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Mild Chicken Korma (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Jam Roly Doly & Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Green Beans, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Yorkshire Parkin & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>* Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Dorset Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Banana Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Crumb Vegetable Grill (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Golden Dippers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Lancashire Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>

If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolGrid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Monday 5 th January	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	Welcome back to school!
Friday 13 th February	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
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
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 18 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 th June	Reserve Sports Day



St Leonards First School
& Nursery



Our School website

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Clubs start 6th January 2026

After School Clubs – Spring 1 2026

December 2025

Below are the After School Clubs taking place from **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

If you would like your child to attend any of the clubs, please complete the form below and return to the school office no later than **Friday 19th December**. If there is an oversubscribed club names will be pulled from a hat. We will confirm by text if your child has a place at their chosen club. Full payment for the first half term will be via your ParentPay account we will text you when payment is available. **All clubs are priced at £3:80 per session.**

Please note attendance last term does not mean automatic attendance for this term, you must send in a new booking sheet.

Thank you.

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After School Clubs – Spring 1 2026

Name of Child ----- Year / Class -----

Day	Year Group	Club	Led by	<u>Attend</u> - X
Monday	<u>1</u> 2 3 4	Chromebook	Miss Laing (max 20)	
Tuesday	<u>R 1</u> 2 3 4	Art & Craft Club	<u>Mrs Trumble</u>	
Wednesday	<u>1</u> 2 3 4	Choir	<u>Mrs Keay</u>	
Thursday	<u>R 1</u> 2 3 4	Basketball	<u>Mr Hastilow</u> Progressive Sports	

My child would like a place at the above club/clubs with a tick against them. I understand that the clubs cost £3:80 per session and that payment will need to be made for the $\frac{1}{2}$ term in advance via ParentPay (unless your child is entitled to Pupil Premium)

I agree to collect my child promptly when all clubs finish at 4pm or to have them booked into The Ark afterwards for extended care (charged separately).

Parent / Carer signature:

Date:



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek