



Friday 9th January 2026

Our School Value: Respect

Key Verse: *So, in everything, do to others what you would have them to do you.* Matthew 7:12

Dear families,

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and start to 2026. We would like to share with everyone our heartfelt best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Although a shorter than expected week due to the snowy conditions, we have started 2026 with an array of memorable learning since our return to school. A highlight for many of the children (and staff) has been exploring our school grounds during the snow on Tuesday. Hedgehogs' new topic is 'Winter' and the weather has definitely shown us her winter beauty in all of its glory! The children have enjoyed winter walks to explore vocabulary, discuss weather and consider how nature changes during this season. Hedgehogs enjoyed winter snow play as well as exploring the ice which had formed in and around their outdoor area.

At lunchtime on Tuesday, we also enjoyed making snow sculptures on the playground. Even though the snow was very powdery, the children absolutely loved working together on their creations.

This half term, we are focusing on the value of 'Respect.' Children have been discussing how they show respect at school and at home. We have been setting 'Respect Resolutions' and we're looking forward to awarding lots of 'Respect' paper chains to children during this half term when we see respect in action. I wonder which class can create the longest 'Respect' chain.

Children have also been learning that 2026 is the Year of Reading. We are looking forward to launching lots of exciting reading events this year; Mrs Carrington has already been exploring an author visit for us to enjoy. We will continue to share our 'Book Snuggle' boxes each Friday which are a great way to encourage your child to snuggle up with a book (and hot chocolate) so as to enjoy reading as a family. To launch the Year of Reading, we invite the children to enjoy a book snuggle at home today or over the weekend – this would definitely warm everyone up on a cold and wintry day with the 'love of each other and love of reading.' We would love to see photographs of your book snuggles to add to our new 2026 'Year of Reading' display. Please email these to: office@st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk

Wishing everyone a safe and cosy weekend ahead.

Happy reading from,

Mrs Keay and staff at St Leonard's

Discuss as a family and email in your answers to share in next week's Friday Post!

Big Question

Is there less sky on a snowy day?



This week we have been learning:

'I'm so blessed'

[I'm So Blessed ☀ Sing-along Kids Worship Video with Kids Choir #blessed #sundayschool \(CAIN Cover\)](#)

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music

Dear God,
Thank you for the wonders of our world.
As we look upon a wintry world, help us to look after each other, nature and the creatures of your garden.
Let us cherish the beauty of creation and time with loved ones, family and friends.
Amen

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





Owls are learning all about portraits in art this term. This week we drew self-portraits and thought very carefully about where to place our facial features.



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>* Peasch & 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 Doly 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.



HEDGEHOGS

A small illustration of a hedgehog with brown spines and a brown body, positioned below the text 'HEDGEHOGS'.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Monday 9 th February	Church service – everyone welcome
Wednesday 11 th February	Parents' evening
Thursday 12 th February	Parents' evening
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



Payment for this $\frac{1}{2}$ terms clubs and January Ark invoices are now due for payment via your ParentPay accounts.



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.



St Leonards First School
& Nursery



Our School website

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



www.staffordsport.co.uk



February Holiday Sports

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School



Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026



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





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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



SCAN ME

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