



Friday 27th February 2026

Our School Value: Forgiveness

A warm welcome back to school; we hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful half term.

It has been so lovely to greet children and families each morning this week. We've really enjoyed the glimpses of spring sunshine and seeing the daffodils blossoming in our school garden.

We have lots of exciting learning and events planned for the term and year ahead. This includes dance, drama and skipping workshops as well as visits from members of our local area (such as the PCSO, Fire Service and people who work in our locality). Youth Net will also be joining us in March and June for workshops linked to Easter and Spirituality.

This week, the children have been embarking on new learning adventures and topics which include Kings and Queens for Hedgehog Class, Our Local Area for Owls Class and Foxes will be learning more about The United Kingdom in Geography. We look forward to sharing photographs of our learning with you in the Friday Post. Foxes really enjoyed their first swimming lesson today too.

On Wednesday, we welcomed our safeguarding governor, Mrs Ashwood in to school to review our processes to keep everyone safe. She enjoyed talking to the children and seeing their confidence and learning in class too. This week, Mrs Carrington has been taking part in 'Number Sense' Multiplication training and she will be using the ideas to further support year three and four's learning in maths and in preparation for the Multiplication Check in June. We encourage children in Years 3 and 4 to practise their multiplication facts as much as possible even when driving to and from school (every moment matters!)

Thank you to all of the children who have entered our 'World Book Day' project competition. Entries should be handed in to me by Monday at the very latest and prizes/certificates will be presented in worship on Wednesday. We can't wait to see everyone's reading inspired costumes as part of our reading inspired events next week.

Linking to the reading theme, it was lovely to welcome parents to school this afternoon to enjoy some family book snuggle time in class. Thank you so much if you were able to join us. Reading brings a wealth of benefits to children and adults alike most notably enjoyment, imaginative development, vocabulary enhancement, creativity and empathy. The power of stories is truly endless.

A reminder that children should read at home at least 4 times a week. Please ensure entries are added to children's reading records; children should also colour in their reading rocket every time they read as there are a range of prizes on offer for every 20 reads.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend ahead,

Mrs Claire Keay and the book loving team at St Leonard's



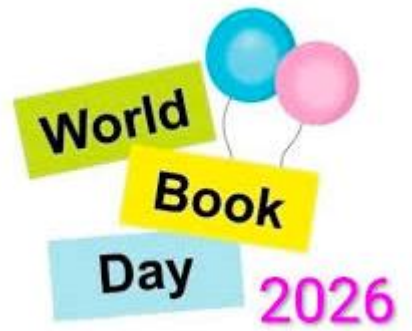
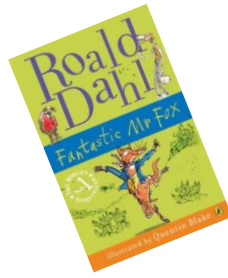
Stars of the Week



Care, Love and Kindness Award



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



World Book Day - Wednesday 4th March (avoiding PE day!)

On Wednesday 4th March, we are excited to announce that each class will be exploring the following authors:

Hedgehogs: Fairy tales (eg: Jack and the Bean Stalk, Enormous Turnip, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella)

Owls: Julia Donaldson (eg: Gruffalo, Room on a Broom, Snail and the Whale, Scarecrow's Wedding)

Foxes: Roald Dahl (Fantastic Mr Fox, Enormous Crocodile, Matilda, George's Marvellous Medicine, Witches)

We would like everyone to dress up as a character from one of the books written by their author.

There's no need to spend lots of money on a costume.

We are really looking forward to lots of fun learning about different authors and our love of reading.

Half term Home Learning Project: Year of Reading 2026 - Home Learning Project

Research and create a poster/leaflet/book about your class author and their books. Everyone who brings in a project will be rewarded with a 'World Book Day' Certificate and everyone will be entered in to a class 'prize draw' where the lucky winner will receive a book linked to their author.



After School Clubs

Payment for After School Clubs is now on ParentPay.

Should any child wish to join a club, we still have places please get in touch with the office.

Monday – Chromebook

Tuesday – Art & Craft

Wednesday – Choir

Thursday - Basketball



Ark late pick ups

Please can we ask that if you are running late collecting your child from either Ark or School Club that you let us know. Don't forget that your child can be booked into the 2nd hour of Ark (3-4pm) just speak to the office to book them in. Children who are collected late and are not booked in for the second hour will be charged.

Thank you

Medical Appointments

Please could we ask that wherever possible, medical appointments are made outside of the school day although we do appreciate that this is sometimes unavoidable.

Please could you ensure that the office is sent a copy of the appointment letter.

Thank you for your support.

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our school family.

Guide and help us each day so that we 'learn to love and love to learn' together.

Let our hearts flourish with respect, thankfulness, trust, courage, service and forgiveness.

Amen



Nursery Parents

We have a limited amount of spaces on Mon, Tues, Weds & Thursdays (Friday is full) if you wish to increase your sessions please speak to the office.

BIG QUESTION

If you took all of the adults out of our school, would we still have a school?

Hallie "Yes, even though there are no teachers we would still learn"

Mason H "Yes, it could be fun as other people besides teachers know things, but if there are no adults and you hurt yourself there's nobody to look after you"

Lola "You would and you wouldn't, school is a group and you can learn from others"

Ted "I would probably go on the Chromebook all day and learn from that"



WONDERFUL WOMAN POP UP SHOP

**MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS,
AUNTIES & SPECIAL WOMEN**

On March **11th** there will be
an opportunity for the
children to buy gifts and
cards for the wonderful
women in their lives.

All items will be wrapped or in
gift bags.

The items will be priced from
50p-£7

Change will be given.

DT: This week, we have been introduced to our new topic in DT 'British Inventors'. We looked at what we use the internet for. We learnt that the internet is a network of computers that are linked together, a bit like how roads connect different places together. We also learnt that the World Wide Web is not the internet. It is an application that runs on the internet and was invented by Tim Berners-Lee in 1989.



Geography: This week, we have looked at where our school is on a map of the United Kingdom. We used atlases to find the four countries that make up the UK. We also found the capital city of each country and located them on the map.



Computing: This week, we have been continuing our topic learning all about emails and ways we can communicate with friends in the class. We learnt how to open an email and respond to it. We were then given the opportunity to send emails to other children in the class.

Laches Wood

A reminder to parents in years 3 & 4 that payment for their over night residential visit to Laches Wood is now due, payment is via your ParentPay account. Staggered payments can be made.

Mrs Carrington is holding a parent information session on Thursday 12th March at 3:10pm – children will go into Ark until it is finished.



Postcard from the Headteacher



Achievements from outside school



Football

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.

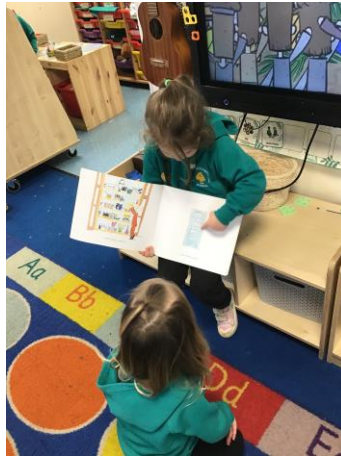


• Art Club Celebrates International Polar Bear Day! ❄️ 🐻
Children created their very own polar bears set against glowing Northern Lights skies, blending colours to make those auroras dance. Others experimented with striking polar-bear silhouettes, playing with contrast and shape.





Hedgehogs have started their learning on Kings & Queens this week. The book they have enjoyed is 'The Kings Pants'





This week we have been learning:

'This little light of mine'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkbIZtqhyQ>

Next week we are learning:

'Our School'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/z3f84xs>

Click the links above to find the lyrics & music

Weekly House Point Tally

Sycamore



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Holly

142

Oak

136

Ordering of school meals

We kindly ask that ALL parents and carers order their child's school lunch **every day** – this can be done in advance if preferred. Thank you for your support.

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>

Dinner Times

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

VILLAGE SPRING

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 Pizzas & 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 Pizzas 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 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>

LOCALLY SOURCED FRESH PRODUCE

BREAD AVAILABLE DAILY

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.

Attendance figures

23rd – 27th February 2026



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	94%
Owls	96%
Foxes	98%
Whole School	96%

The national target for attendance, as set out in guidance from the DFE is 95%

Impact of lateness over a school year:

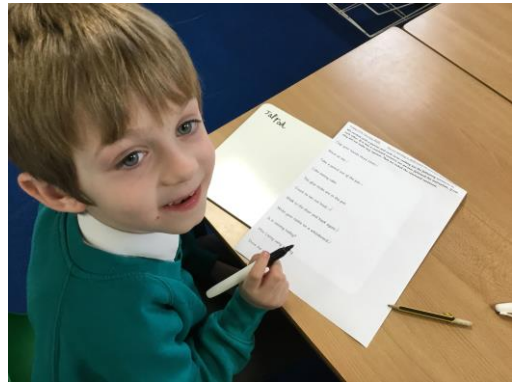
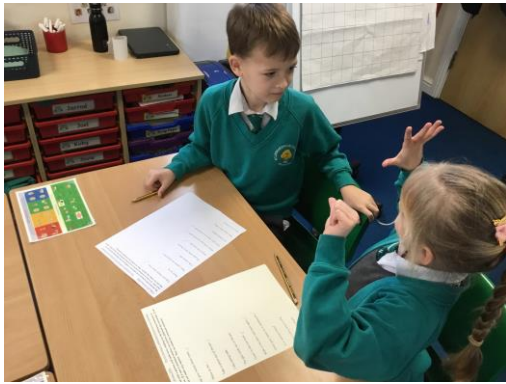
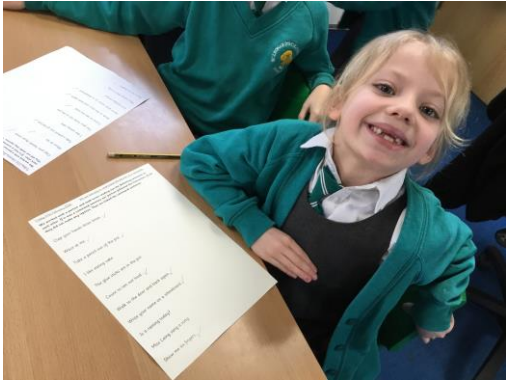
- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent
- 15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

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



Owls have been learning about the function of command sentences in English. They enjoyed working in pairs taking turns to read out a sentence to their partner. They identified the command sentences if their partner responded with an action.



Thank you to all the parents who came for the Read with me session this afternoon.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Spring term	
Tuesday 10 th March	Reception children Dental Epidemiology Programme – invited children have had a letter
Wednesday 11 th March - 8.50am	Coffee Morning with Amy Stafford – an informal chance to about Sen issues focusing on Autism
Thursday 12 th March – 3.10pm	Foxes Laches Wood parents meeting at 3:10pm
Sunday 15 th March	Families are welcome to join the Mothers Day service at St Leonard's Church
Friday 27 th March	Easter Church Service everyone invited to join us School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 13 th April	Back to School
Friday 1 st May @2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms
Thursday 7 th & Friday 8 th May	Foxes @ Laches Wood
Friday 22 nd May	Church service – everyone welcome
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 18 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	End of Year Church Service – everyone welcome

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.



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STAFFORD FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Where: Stafford Rugby Club, Blackberry Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT

When: Saturday Mornings

Who: Mixed Session (Boys & Girls) - Reception to Year 8

Times: 9:30am - 10:30am (Reception to Year 3)
10:30am - 11:30am (Year 4 to Year 8)

To book, visit coaching.wolves.co.uk or email footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk for more information.



www.staffordsport.co.uk



FREE Easter Holiday Sports*



*Free spaces available to children on FREE SCHOOL MEALS Programme



Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 10am-4pm
Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April 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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To Book: <https://eequ.org/book/sspa-sports-holiday-clubs-haf-with-stafford-sports-and-performance-academy-8870>

Friendly February 2026

MONDAY



2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

TUESDAY



3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

WEDNESDAY



4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

THURSDAY



5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

FRIDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

SATURDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

SUNDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today



23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together