



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Our School Value: Forgiveness

*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4.32*

Dear families,

The children have been working so hard this week and it is immensely rewarding to see everyone's 'love of learning,' as I walk around classrooms, playgrounds and our school garden each day.

On the theme of love, a highlight of our week has been the 'Wonderful Woman' pop up shop on Wednesday. The smiles and joy on the children's faces as they bought products was beautiful. Thank you to our PTA and staff for making the event possible. It really made my day to see how much the children enjoyed taking part in this act of kindness. We hope that everyone loves their gifts. Thank you for supporting the event; all funds raised will help to purchase experiences and resources for our children including the forthcoming Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term.

If you haven't returned a reply slip about the Church Service at St Leonard's Church this Sunday at 11am but would like to attend, please let the office know today as there is a surprise treat for each lady. Knowledge of numbers is essential! I will be at Church on Sunday with my children and Mum, it would be lovely to see you there if you are free.



Each Wednesday in worship, we explore the theme of 'Our Environment' in hand with 'Justice and Injustice in our World.' Next week, we are lucky to be joined by Katrina who is part of the local litter picking team. She is going to talk to the children about the work the team do and how this helps to keep Dunston tidy. We already have some litter picking experts at school and now that the weather is drying up, we are going to re-start our lunch time litter picking team from Monday. The children are really looking forward to this. Our litter picking theme definitely links with our Naturalists Spiritual Pathway and reflections linked to nature and caring for creation.

Following our assembly, we are going to launch a poster competition linked to the theme of litter. Thank you to Mrs Briganti for this idea. The posters will be displayed around school and our local area to encourage everyone to look after our environment. We look forward to sharing more information about the competition in next week's Friday Post.

Hope that everyone enjoys a lovely weekend ahead,  
Mrs Claire Keay and the rhymical team at St Leonard's

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# AUTISTIC STRENGTHS

ACCEPTING UNIQUE STRENGTHS & INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES



**CREATIVE**  
Unique Way  
of Thinking



**THOROUGH**  
Detail Oriented  
& Accurate



**KINDNESS**  
Accepting of  
Differences



**DEEP FOCUS**  
Concentrate  
Intensely



**INTEGRITY**  
Honest &  
Trustworthy



**MEMORY**  
Able to Recall  
a Lot of Info



**PASSIONATE**  
Very Motivated by  
Areas of Interest



**RELIABLE**  
Value Routine  
& Consistency



**RESILIENT**  
Overcome  
Obstacles



**UNIQUE**  
See the World  
Differently



**AUTHENTIC**  
True to Self,  
Less Conformity



**LOYALTY**  
Form Deep  
Connections

This week, Mrs Stafford led our SEND focus coffee morning with a focus on neurodiversity. The resources which Mrs Stafford shared are on the shelf unit in the school entrance if you would like to take any resources/ideas.

We will be holding another coffee morning during the summer term; it's an informal group with time to talk, share and problem solve together. Everyone is very welcome.

"Loving God, we thank you for all the people who have mothered us throughout our lives. For all who have held us and fed us, cared for us and comforted us, challenged and encouraged us"

## Nursery & Morning Club

We are pleased to be able to now offer Nursery children morning club care from 8am. These sessions **MUST** be pre-booked with the school office to ensure correct ratios of staff. For more information please contact the office. [g](#)

## Nursery Places

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

What colour is love?

**Hallie** "Pink, it is always the colour I make cards for my mum"

**Vinny** "Gold, it's a really good colour"

**Jovie** "Red, it's the colour of hearts"

**Alfie** "All colours as they are pure & nice"

Today, we have enjoyed a real treat from Mr Bough from Rock-it Music. The photographs below show the musical fun and creativity that we all enjoyed. The children and staff had an inspiring time listening to, playing and appreciating music and different instruments. What a great way to end such a creative week here at St Leonard's!

# ROCK IT!

Enthusiasts:  
Loving God with  
celebration



Celebrations - dancing, singing  
Range of music  
Re-enacting biblical stories





# Stars of the Week



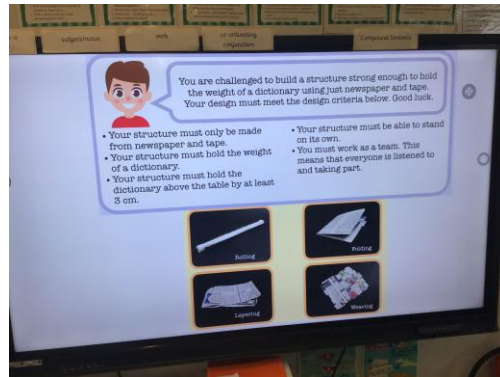
## Care, Love and Kindness Award



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

# 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.



This Week, In DT, we have been learning about another invention. We learnt how concrete is used in everyday life and why we use it. We worked in small groups to make a structure that can hold a dictionary using just paper and tape. We had to decide on the best ways to reinforce the paper so that it is strong enough to bear weight. We were very proud of our inventions and worked especially hard as a team!



Thank you for supporting the PTFA Pop-up shop this week



£73  
raised!

## Achievements from outside school



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.

# Headteacher Award

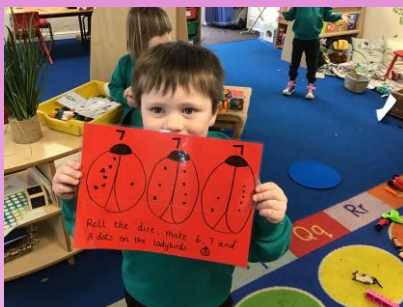


Art Club are continuing their work for the 'national drawing competition from Young Artists' They used the Chromebooks to research Ocean Animals.





**Next week, we will be making a modern day time capsule. Please could you bring in a photo or object (non-degradable) which represents 2026 to add to our capsule.**





This week we have been learning:

**'Lord I lift your name on high'**  
 Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Next week we are learning:  
**Mighty to Serve**

Kids Worship: Mighty To Save

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music

## Weekly House Point Tally

Oak



166

Holly

122

Sycamore

116

### 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**

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
Margherita Pizzas & Potato Salad (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Margherita or Pepper Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Baked Potato Wedges, Mixed Salad, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Chocolate Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizzas with Coleสลว (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
Oven Baked Sausages or Plant-based Sausages (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Peach & Forest Fruit Cobbler with Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	* Fish Finger or Quorn Dipper (VG) Wrap * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
Roast Chicken (GF) Fisherman's Pie (GF) 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  Chocolate & Orange Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Jelly & Fruit (V) (VG) 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, Broccoli, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
Mild Chicken Korma (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Jam Roly Poly & Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Green Beans, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Yorkshire Parkin & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	* Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Dorset Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Bananas Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Crumb Vegetable Grill (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Lemon Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Golden Dippers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Lancashire Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

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

9th – 13th March 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	97%
Owls	96%
Foxes	99%
Whole School	98%

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

## Impact of lateness over a school year:

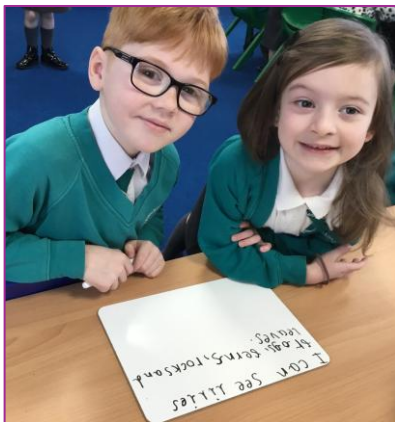
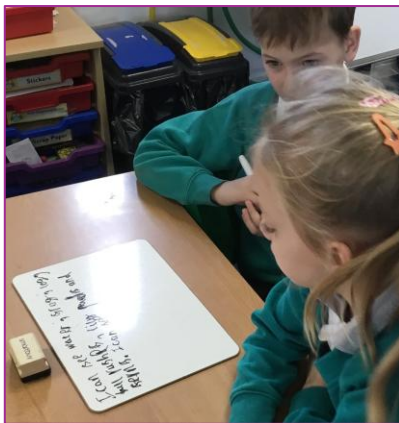
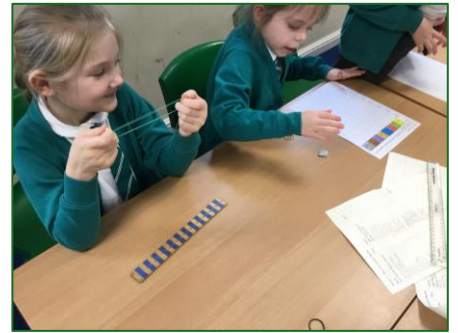
- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent
- 15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

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

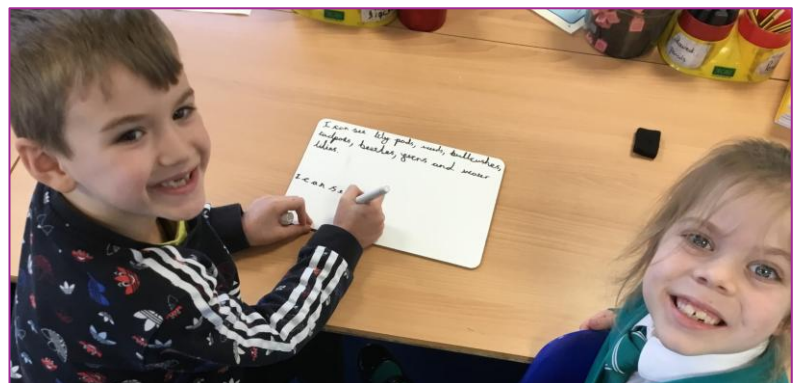
# PE STARS OF THE WEEK



In Science, Owls are learning about materials. This week we have tested a range of materials to find out if we can change their shape by bending, squashing, twisting and stretching. Despite using all his strength, Elliott just couldn't bend the metal chair legs!



In writing, Owls have been learning how to use commas to separate items in a list. They did some fabulous paired writing on whiteboards.



# Important Dates and INFORMATION

Spring term	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – 11am	Families are welcome to join the Mothers Day service at St Leonard's Church - service starts at 11am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Youth Net Workshops – all classes
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am	Easter Church Service everyone invited to join us <b>School closes at 1.30pm</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May @2.50pm	Parents 'Read with Me' in classrooms
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Foxes @ Laches Wood
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Church service – everyone welcome
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Church Service – everyone welcome

## 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](#)



## The fundraising challenge for little explorers!

Walk 3km (the same distance a hedgehog can walk in one night) and raise money for wildlife!

**30 March – 30 April 2026**

[wildlifetrusts.org/hedgehog-walk](http://wildlifetrusts.org/hedgehog-walk)



Will you join Carter and Violet?



Going on a Hedgehog Walk is as easy as 1,2,3!

- 1 Sign up & download your activity pack bursting with Timmy Time fun - posters, activity sheets and tracking timelines!
- 2 Tell lots of people about your fundraising challenge and ask them to sponsor you.
- 3 Walk, wheel, crawl or roll 3km between Monday 30 March and Thursday 30 April - all in one go or in stages!

The donations children collect will help care for wildlife in Staffordshire; **every £27** raised could help a local child engage with nature through play or **every £50** raised could help care for a local nature reserve for a day.

*"We were so inspired to join in with the Hedgehog Walk last year after realising that, during Carter and Violet's lifetimes, hedgehogs could go extinct. We can't wait to take part again this year!"*

Laura ~ Carter & Violet's mum



Carter ~ aged six & Violet ~ aged four

Please tag us in your photos!

Registered charity no 205558 Limited company no 949709

Looking after Staffordshire's wildlife



[www.staffordsport.co.uk](http://www.staffordsport.co.uk)



## FREE Easter Holiday Sports\*



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.



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To Book: <https://eequ.org/book/sspa-sports-holiday-clubs-haf-with-stafford-sports-and-performance-academy-8870>

\*Free spaces available to children on FREE SCHOOL MEALS Programme





SUMMER 2026



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**Church Eaton Cricket Club**  
Sports Pavillion, High Street, Church Eaton, ST20 0AG

St Leonards  
First School  
Dunston  
Staffordshire  
ST18 9AG

4 March 2026



Dear St Leonards

I'm writing to let you know that Well Pharmacy has introduced a **Private Chickenpox Vaccination Service**. This service is available for individuals aged 12 months and over who have not previously had chickenpox or been vaccinated, including older children and adults.

The vaccination course consists of two doses given at least six weeks apart and is delivered by our trained pharmacists within a structured, clinically governed service. Appointments are available to book in advance, making access convenient for families.

Chickenpox is caused by the varicella zoster virus, which can remain inactive in the body and reactivate later in life as shingles. Because of this link, it is important for adults — particularly those eligible under national guidance — to consider shingles vaccination to reduce the risk of developing what can be a painful and long-lasting condition. We are also able to offer a **Private Shingles Vaccination Service** alongside our Private Chickenpox Vaccination Service.

Introducing vaccination within the wider school and nursery community can help limit disruption associated with outbreaks and reduce avoidable absence among both pupils and staff. We are happy to work collaboratively with you to share information with parents and carers and support informed decision-making.

If helpful, we can provide posters, digital materials or further details about the service for distribution. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully,

Vanisha Gupta

**Pharmacist Manager**

**Well Pharmacy – Castle Way**

**The Pharmacy, Castlefields Surgery, Castle Way, ST16 1BS**

# Safer sleep for babies

## Things you can do



- ✓ Always place your baby on their back to sleep



- ✓ Keep your baby smoke free during pregnancy and after birth



- ✓ Place your baby to sleep in a separate cot or Moses basket in the same room as you for the first 6 months



- ✓ Breastfeed your baby



- ✓ Use a firm, flat, waterproof mattress in good condition



## Things to avoid



- ✗ Never sleep on a sofa or in an armchair with your baby



- ✗ Don't sleep in the same bed as your baby if you smoke, drink or take drugs or if your baby was born prematurely or was of low birth weight



- ✗ Avoid letting your baby get too hot
- ✗ Don't cover your baby's face or head while sleeping or use loose bedding

## You should follow the advice for all naps, not just for night time sleep

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden and unexpected death of a baby for no obvious reason and although we don't yet know how to completely prevent SIDS, it is possible to significantly lower the chances of it happening by following the advice.

You can also talk to your midwife or health visitor if you have any questions or concerns or get in touch with us:  
Email: [info@lullabytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@lullabytrust.org.uk)  
Telephone: 0808 802 6869  
Website: [www.lullabytrust.org.uk](http://www.lullabytrust.org.uk)



# STAFFORD FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

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**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](https://coaching.wolves.co.uk) or email [footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk](mailto:footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk) for more information.

# HOLIDAY CAMPS in Stafford



## Every School Holiday

October Half-Term | Christmas | February Half-Term | Easter | May Half-Term | Summer

📍 **Stafford Grammar School, ST18 9AT**

🕒 **8am - 5pm**

👤 **5yrs - 16yrs old**



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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CRICKET



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