



Friday 20th 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 parents,

We hope that everyone has been enjoying the beautiful sunshine this week. We have definitely taken advantage of the fine weather with lots of outdoor learning and creative fun outside. The children have enjoyed finding lady birds, earthworms, butterflies and beetles within our forest area.

Our whole school team have been working hard on developing our EYFS outdoor area so that the learning opportunities are enhanced even further. Together, we have been creating a new Farm Shop, café and post office. We have updated resources for sand play, water exploration, outdoor reading and our mud kitchen. Not forgetting our brand-new transient art area where the children can use their imaginations to make natural art (with lots of maths and counting opportunities woven through too).

Since the spring term, we have introduced 15 minutes mathematics fluency each day which involves 5 minutes counting, 5 minutes place value and 5 minutes addition/subtraction. Our children's number confidence is blossoming due to daily practise and we are looking forward to seeing the impact through quizzes and end of term arithmetic checks.

Next week, we are looking forward to workshops from Youth Net. Alison will be leading sessions linked to the theme of Lent and Easter. We will share lots of photographs in the Friday Post.

A reminder also that we have our 'Champion of Forgiveness' service on Friday which will now be held in the Village Hall due to the roofing work at Church. The children are also looking forward to our annual Easter egg hunt. Children are warmly invited to design an Easter bonnet or Easter Garden to share next Friday. There will be certificates and prizes for each class.

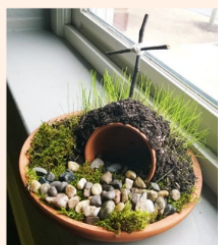
Wishing everyone a creative weekend ahead,
Mrs Claire Keay and our wonderful team here at St Leonard's



School closes at 1.30pm for children on Friday 27th March for the Easter holidays.

EASTER COMPETITION

Make an Easter bonnett
OR
Make an Easter garden



2 PRIZES
PER CLASS



Suggested donation of £2.50
per child, money should be
placed in an envelope and put
in the PTFA post box in the
entrance hall

Bring your entries on
Friday 27th March



Everyone loved meeting PCSO Millichap on Monday and the opportunity to explore the police car. The children asked a range of interesting questions, ranging from 'How many people have you arrested?' to 'What is the best part of your job?' The highlight of the visit, was sitting in the police car and sounding the siren. It was a really lovely morning.



Dear God,

Thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.

Let growth and new life flourish forever.

Thank you for nature that is awakening in the world all around us.

Let hope, kindness and forgiveness blossom this spring and always.

Amen



Pray

Dunston Wombles

The children really enjoyed speaking to Katrina on Wednesday and learning more about litter picking and how this helps to keep Dunston tidy. Our litter picking theme definitely links with our Naturalists Spiritual Pathway. Next week, I will launch our poster competition linked to the theme of keeping our local area tidy. Entries will be laminated and displayed in school and around Dunston.



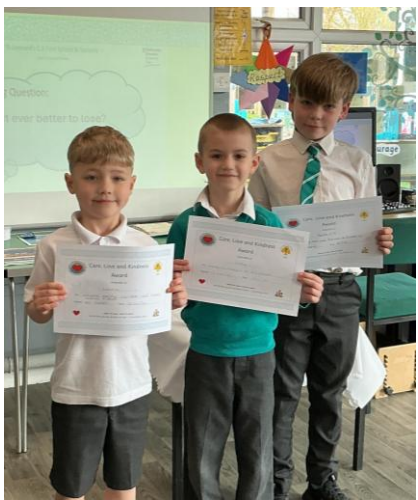
TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Stars of the Week



Care, Love and Kindness Award



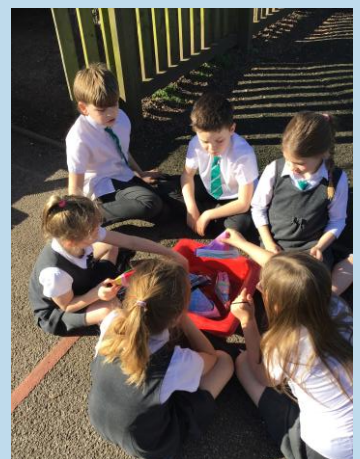
'Let all that you do, be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

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.



Foxes are learning about British inventor Mackintosh. The children explored how materials can be made waterproof. They designed and created their own boats, then carried out a fun experiment to see which boat would stay afloat the longest!



Postcard from the Headteacher



Achievements from outside school



Swimming



First Brownie
Badge

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



BIG QUESTION

Is it better to lose?

Teddy P *"yes, because even if you lose you still can have a good memory in your head. I came 4th in a race a couple of weeks ago but I was still happy"*

George B *"I think it's ok to lose, it's just a game"*

Finley *"I think it's better to lose you need to learn to lose to be able to learn to win. If you win all the time it gets boring"*

Pippa *"It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's about having fun"*

Isla *"If you make a mistake and you lose, it doesn't matter"*

Jarrold *"If you win every game and everyone else always loses, there would be no game"*

Reception have loved exploring the new resources outside this week. Our up-dated sand pit has been a firm favourite along with parcel wrapping in our new post office. We have been inspired by the artist Andrew Goldsworthy; take a look at our outdoor art work below!

During forest time yesterday, we enjoyed exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8 using natural resources to learn more about number composition.





This week we have been learning:

Mighty to Serve

Kids Worship: Mighty To Save

Next week we are learning:

'He calls me Friend'

[CityAlight - He Calls Me Friend \(Live\)](#)

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music

Weekly House Point Tally

Sycamore



101

Holly

64

Oak

56

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>

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 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 Coleislaw (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 Poly & 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>Bananas 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.

Attendance figures

16th – 20th 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	95%
Owls	99%
Foxes	95%
Whole School	97%

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

Impact of lateness over a school year:

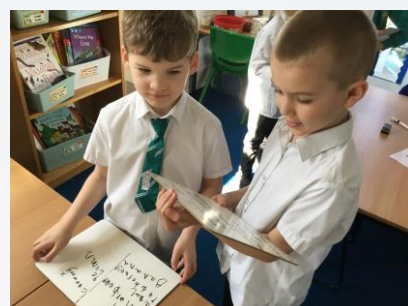
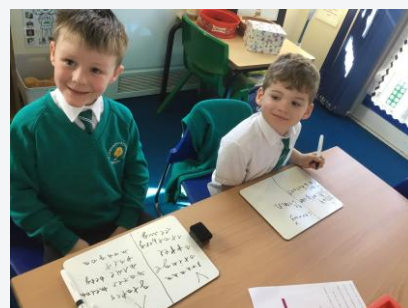
- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent
- 15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

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 Design and Technology, Owls have been learning about preparing food. This week we have begun to design fruit salad recipes. Together we brainstormed a vast number of different fruits. Then, on whiteboards, we wrote a list of our favourite fruits which we would like in our salad and also a list of fruits we are not so keen on. We then moved around the room discussing our lists with lots of our friends. This helped us to work out which other children we would like to design our perfect fruit salad with.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

Spring term	
Thursday 26 th March	Youth Net Workshops – all classes
Friday 27 th March – 9.15am	Easter Church Service everyone invited to join us in the village hall School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 30 th – 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 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



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 205588 Limited company no 949709

Looking after Staffordshire's wildlife



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.



FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED



IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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For information please call 07793891029 or email holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk
To Book: <https://eequ.org/book/sspa-sports-holiday-clubs-haf-with-stafford-sports-and-performance-academy-8870>

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ALL STARS CRICKET

SUMMER 2026

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FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-8

8 fun weekly sessions

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- Backpack
- Bat
- Ball

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ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/churcheaton

Church Eaton Cricket Club
Sports Pavilion, High Street, Church Eaton, ST20 0AG



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.

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

STAFFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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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

Telephone: 0808 802 6869

Website: www.lullabytrust.org.uk