

Friday 6th 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,

We have enjoyed a truly amazing week at our school where so many wonderful learning memories have been forged.

We all loved dressing up as book characters on Wednesday to celebrate World Book Day. During worship, we enjoyed looking at the home learning projects which children had produced. Everyone who took part received a special certificate as well as lots of admiration and claps. In the afternoon, children joined up in house teams. It was a highlight seeing the children in mixed year group trios sharing books together. A great end to an exciting day.

Thank you to Miss Tina also for a lovely 'World Book Day' inspired lunch this week; it was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children. Thank you to families for all of the help with costumes, special hair styles, face paint and books. Not forgetting how you inspire your children to love reading every day.

As a Church of England School, spirituality is at the heart of everything we do. This year we have built a consistent language and framework for spirituality. We are using the terms windows, mirrors and doors to help children recognise how we can look out, look in and journey forward confidently. A focus on spirituality enables our children to be happy, to flourish and to live life in all its fullness

WINDOWS · MIRRORS · DOORS

LOOK OUT INTO THE WORLD, REFLECT AND 'GO AND DO LIKEWISE'



WINDOWS

What are the important facts?
What is challenging to me about this?
What is inspiring to me about this?



MIRRORS

What is my view on this?
How do I feel about it?
How does my worldview affect my opinion about this?
What can I learn from others about this?



DOORS

What can I learn and take away with me today?
How can I respond to this matter?
Where can I find more information about this?
What can I take in order to 'Go and do likewise' in the week ahead?

We have definitely been celebrating the lovely spring weather and signs of nature in our beautiful garden this week.

We hope that everyone has a fun filled weekend ahead from Mrs Claire Keay and our caring whole school team.

Next week, we are looking forward to being entertained by 'Rock-it Music' who will be joining us on Thursday to share a range of up-lifting music. This will link in with our 'Enthusiasts' spiritual pathway; we can't wait for the workshop.

Enthusiasts:
Loving God with
celebration



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

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.



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.

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.



Before & After School Care The Ark survey

On Thursday we sent you a survey about Before & After School Care.. Please could we ask as many of you to complete the survey so we can improve on our service. Thank you to those who have already completed it. We have already made a start by opening Before School Care for Nursery children with immediate effect!

BIG QUESTION

What challenges might we face if we could become invisible?

Mason H "You couldn't answer a question in school"

Finley "I don't like work but I have to do it, if I was wearing an invisible cloak no one would see me"

Ralph "If you were on the playground, no one would see you"

Edward "If you were walking somewhere someone could walk into you!"

Marcie "If you fall no one would see that you are hurt"

Koby "If nobody can see you, you'd have no friends"



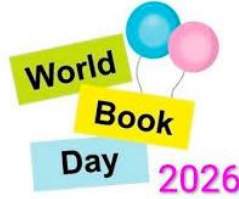
Stars of the Week



Care, Love and Kindness Award



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





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.

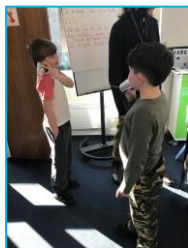
The items will be priced from
50p-£7

Change will be given.

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.



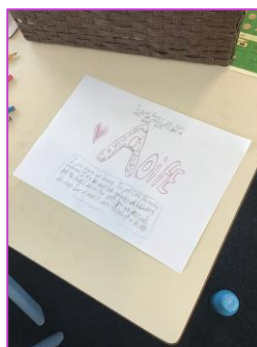
DT

This week in DT, we have looked at another British Inventor. We learnt about Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone. We explored how the phone has changed and developed since then. We tested out how we could communicate using our own prepared phones. We tested and evaluated how the length of the string/wool would impact the sounds that we could hear



PSHE

In PSHE this week, we have been exploring the concept of 'common interests' and how these can be a new way of making new friends. Explain the concept of 'common interests' and how these can be a good way to make new friends. We then looked and reflected on our own hobbies and interests and added these to our own name art.



English

This week, we have been continuing our GPS journey focussing on complex sentences. We were given a variety of sentence starters and had to match them with the most precise clause. We needed to ensure that we had at least one main clause and one subordinate clause in each sentence.

Postcard from the Headteacher



Achievements from outside school



Swimming Drama Biking 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.

Headteacher Award



We are busy preparing for a 'national drawing competition from Young Artists' The theme is 'Ocean Artists'



This week we have been able to spend so much more time outside in the beautiful weather, racing cars down ramps, climbing in forest school and whizzing around on the trikes. We have continued our learning about castles dressing up as kings & queens, playing with the castle and building our own castle from Duplo and outside with crates and planks of wood.





This week we have been learning:

'Our School'

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

Click the link above to find the lyrics & music

Weekly House Point Tally

Oak



127

Holly

115

Sycamore

88

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 Coleสลว (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

2nd – 6th 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	93%
Owls	98%
Foxes	100%
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 Maths, Owls have been exploring arrays and using them to find multiplication facts. They have been exploring different ways in which to arrange a quantity of counters in an array and recording the multiplication statements.



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
Thursday 26 th March	Youth Net Workshops – all classes
Friday 27 th March	Easter Church Service everyone invited to join us 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 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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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out-of-pocket.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, parts or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their contents.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviour, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately, with that knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Don Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at [WakeupWednesday.com](https://www.wakeupwednesday.com).



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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>



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**



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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GYMNASTICS



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NETBALL



RUGBY



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