



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Our School Value: Service

**Key verse:** *Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God. Peter 4.10*

Dear families,

What a busy and enjoyable week we've had.

Foxes have enjoyed 'Bikeability' sessions and learning more about bike and road safety. It was lovely seeing the children having so much fun and improving their skills.

Thank you to families for joining Owls at Forest School this week. The children were very excited to give the adults a glimpse into their weekly forest fun. As well as whittling with Miss Susan, we saw lots of creativity with the creation of some super leaf crowns, forest art, creative clay (I loved the turtles), bug hunting and more!

Hedgehogs have been enjoying reading the 'Teeny Weeny Tadpole' and learning all about the life cycle of a frog. The children were really proud of their bubble wrap paintings and lego frogs. If anyone has any frog spawn please let us know!

### The Plastic Problem

In Worship, children have been enjoying this half term's theme linked to 'Creation' and protecting our world as advocates for change. We have been astounded by some of the facts about plastic which enters our oceans. Here are just a few:

- It takes over 400 years for a single-use plastic bottle to biodegrade.
- Only 9% of all plastic is re-cycled.
- Every minute 11 million tonnes of plastic enter the ocean, equivalent to 1 dustbin collection truck full of plastic entering the water every minute.
- The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (the largest of 5 plastic patches in the world) is three times the size of France.

Eco and gardening club have been designing posters in support of our plastic pollution campaign. All of the knowledge gained in worship will support our school's entry to the Perkin's Award this year. We look forward to sharing their planning process and final product over the coming weeks. Thank you to Mrs Trumble for pioneering our 2026' Perkins' project.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Champion of Service Awards in Church on Friday; we hope that you can make it. Refreshments will be available before the service. We will also be welcoming work experience students in to school from next week. We are looking forward to inspiring future generations of teachers. I have to say that it is the best profession in the world. Your children bring great joy to our beautiful school family each and every day. We are so lucky.

Wishing everyone a fun filled and relaxing weekend ahead,  
Mrs Claire Keay and our creative learning team

# Stars of the Week



## Care, Love and Kindness Award



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

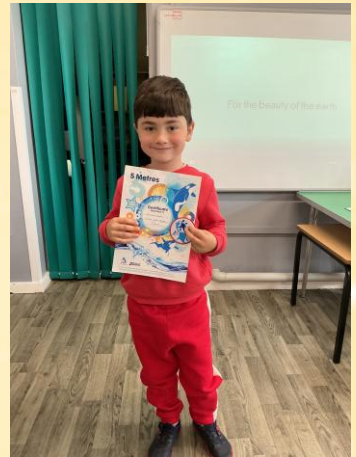
# Achievements from home



Bike Racing



Blue Peter  
Badge



Swimming

If your child has recently received an award they would like to share with us, eg swimming, football, dance, Beavers, Brownies etc please send them into school & we will share them during our Celebration Worship on Friday.

**VILLAGE SUMMER**

## Dinner Times

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

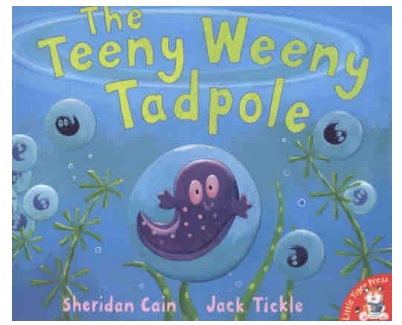
**FRIDAY**

V = Vegetarian . VG = Vegan  
GF = Gluten Free \*NEW RECIPE for 2025\*

	<p><i>Week 1</i></p> <p>13th Apr, 4th May, 25th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul</p>	<p><i>Week 2</i></p> <p>20th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul</p>	<p><i>Week 3</i></p> <p>27th Apr, 18th May, 8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul</p>
<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Garlic Slice, Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Strawberry Ice Cream (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Strawberry Mousse (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>New Potatoes, Spaghetti Hoops, Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Ice Cream &amp; Fruit (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	
<p>All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Chicken &amp; Coconut Curry (GF) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Rice, Green Beans, Cauliflower Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Red Velvet Brownie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>* Crispy Chicken or Quorn Dippers (VG)* Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Ginger Flapjack Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	
<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Raspberry Jelly &amp; Peaches (V) (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Watermelon Wedges (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	
<p>Pasta Bar (V) (VG) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Summer Fruit Puff &amp; Custard (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Pasta Bar (V) (VG) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Broccoli, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Fruit Crumble &amp; Ice Cream (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Cauliflower, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Chocolate Crunch &amp; Custard (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	
<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Banana Slice (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers (VG) Summer Salmon Salad (GF) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) Jacket Potato &amp; Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread</p> <p>* Manchester Tart (V) * 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 have been using the book, *The Teeny Weeny Tadpole* by Sheridan Cain to support their learning. They have been learning the key features of a life cycle. Enhancements in maths have included: counting frogs to 20, subtilising to 10 and practising early addition skills through activities and games. In the creative area they have been exploring textures to make frog collages, collaboratively sharing resources and skills to create large scale life cycles and using observation skills to sketch.





St Leonard's C.E First School



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# CAN YOU HELP?

## EVENTS COMING UP:

- *Sports day/ Father's Day sweet sale*
- *Silent Disco*

If you can help out at either of these events, please let the office know or send a message to the PTFA Facebook page





A Cappuccino & a cookie for Miss Laing



A bonfire



Life cycle of a butterfly



# Attendance figures

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 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	98%
Owls	97%
Foxes	100%
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



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of your Creation.

Help us to protect your world and to show love for everything and everyone.

Give us the inspiration to think about planet earth and to inspire everyone to re-use, reduce and recycle.

Inspire each and every one of us to be advocates for change and to make a significant difference to our world.

Amen



Pray



This week we have been learning:

**'For the beauty of the earth'**

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

Next week we are learning:

**'Praise Ye the Lord'**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuODF9Kbgnw>

Click the links above to find the lyrics & music

## Spare Clothing

We are in desperate need of some spare clothing (of all ages) If you have any black/grey jogging bottoms/shorts or leggings that your child has grow out of, we would love to take them off your hands!

If your child is sent home in any of our spare clothing please could you wash & return asap. Thank you

## Weekly House Point Tally

Oak



274

Holly

239

Sycamore

179

## 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.



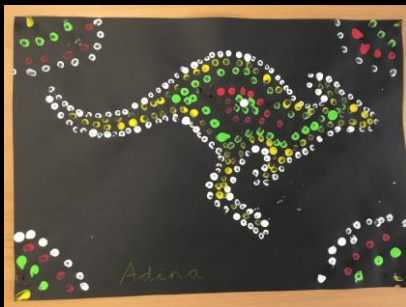
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Our School website

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

Owls have been looking at traditional Aboriginal art and have created wonderful pictures using cotton buds.





Well done Foxes! Your instructor was pleased with how much progress some of you made in your cycling this week!



Well done to our girls in Year 3 who competed in a Cross Country competition on Wednesday in the rain & wind! It didn't put them off they ran superbly and gained 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> place. Special thanks to Georgia's big sister who warmed them up for the race!



# Important Dates and INFORMATION

Summer term	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	OWLS FOREST SCHOOL – this is instead of Wednesday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Church service – everyone welcome including new reception & nursery parents & children
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	School Council Cake sale - £1 fundraising for forest school equipment
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Church service – everyone welcome
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Academy Photography - Class & Leavers Photos
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Owls & Foxes visit Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall – <i>letter sent home today</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – New Reception & Nursery parents & children welcome
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 9:30-10:30am	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 5pm	Reception 2026 parents information meeting
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2:15pm	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Hedgehogs & Owls Creative Workshop - <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Leavers Church Service – everyone welcome



OWLS please come to school in forest school clothing on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May **NOT** Wednesday.

Thank you

# Copy of a letter sent home today for Owls & Foxes

14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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## Owls & Foxes visit to Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear parents

On 9<sup>th</sup> June Owls and Foxes will be visiting Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall. The visit will support our RE learning based around Islam.

The children will learn about the 5 pillars that Muslims follow as part of their religion. They will find out how these actions help believers stay connected to Allah, show kindness to others, and build strong character. They will also find out how the 3 major religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam have very many similarities in their core beliefs.

The cost of the visit will be £6.11 which is payable via your ParentPay account, if your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding, the cost of the visit will be paid for from this funding.

The children will be back at school for lunch, so please order as normal.

Many thanks

Miss Laing & Mrs Carrington

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## Owls & Foxes visit to Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

I give permission for my child .....to go on the visit.

I understand I need to pay the cost of £6.15 via my child's ParentPay account by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Signed (parent/carer) .....Date: .....

# Viral Trend Risks Causing Severe Burns to Children

## Microwaving NEEDOH Toys and Squishies

### Parents and Carers Guide

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

A viral trend is encouraging children to microwave squishy silicone toys, known as NEEDOH toys or squishies, among other names (Jelly Cubes, Nice Cubes) in order to make them softer and more pliable. Often, the packaging warns against this, but children are ignoring it because online videos and trends on TikTok, Instagram and YouTube encourage them to do the opposite. The toy feels cool to the touch after microwaving, but bursts when squeezed, spraying boiling material on hands, neck and face. A child in Bristol was seriously hurt on 4th May 2026 and children in America have experienced significant burns and injuries. This has happened to children as young as seven.

*Please note - Your child does not need to have searched for this. The algorithm shows it to children based on other content they have watched.*



#### IF YOUR CHILD HAS ONE OF THESE TOYS

It is natural to feel concerned, but the most important thing is to remain calm. Children are far more likely to talk to you, now and in the future, if they know they will be met with a steady response rather than alarm.

This is also a valuable opportunity. What your child sees online, from friends or from trends, does not always show the full picture or the consequences. Safety conversations are not about restricting their fun, they are about making sure they understand how to protect themselves and others.



#### STARTING THE CONVERSATION

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- Use the toy as a natural conversation point rather than sitting them down for a formal talk.
- Tell them simply that children their age have been seriously hurt following this trend. Reality carries more weight than a rule.
- Avoid taking the toy away without explaining why as providing a reason builds trust. Removing it without understanding may lead a child to hide things from you.
- If the toy feels too firm, the manufacturer's recommendation to soften it is to knead it with your hands for a few minutes. Encourage them, or help them, to do this instead.
- If they have already seen the videos, remain calm. The algorithm does its job quietly. What matters is the conversation that follows.



## KEY POINTS TO DISCUSS...

You do not need to be an expert. A relaxed, open and honest conversation is enough. A few things that can help:

- The toy looks and feels completely normal after microwaving, the outside stays cool to the touch. But inside, it has reached temperatures as hot as boiling water so when squeezed, it bursts and dangerous hot liquid can explode.
- The injuries include severe burns, potential scarring and in some cases, a risk to eyesight. Some children have been hospitalised because of the trend.
- Remind them it could hurt anyone nearby - a friend, a sibling, whoever is in the room when it bursts.
- Online videos are designed to look like helpful tips, sometimes to get more followers. They do not always show what happens afterwards.
- If a friend suggests trying it, knowing and explaining the real danger makes it much easier for them to say no.
- If they have already tried it, or something has worried them, they are not in trouble. What matters is that they are safe.



If your child is worried or needs help, make sure they know they can always come to you first or an adult they trust. They can also:

- Talk to a trusted adult at school – their teacher, a youth worker or the school Safeguarding Lead or Child Protection Co-ordinator.
- Contact Childline, free, confidential and available any time
- If they have been hurt, seek medical attention straight away - call 999 immediately. Burns from this can continue to cause damage after the initial contact.

Please do not search for this on TikTok or Instagram yourself. Every search feeds the algorithm and makes this content more visible to others. For news coverage, use the links below and share this and our alert with friends and family to raise awareness.

For verified news coverage: [BBC News](#) | [The Independent](#)

If your child has seen these videos or even tried this trend, do not react with panic or anger. That is the response most likely to close the conversation down. Staying calm keeps the door open, and an open door to conversations with adults they can trust is what makes children safer.

## SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Childline – free, confidential support for children and young people: 0800 1111 | [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

NSPCC Helpline – support and advice for adults with concerns about a child: 0808 800 5000 | [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)



# MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS



STAFFORD  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Four days of sport and fun with friends!  
Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

All children welcome | Ages 5-16 | 8am - 5pm

## Fine art FOR YOUR KIDS



### Term Time Classes & Holiday Workshops

At Cygnets, our focus is on traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, all taught by experienced teachers using professional quality materials.

Hayes Green Community Centre,  
Heath Way, WS12 3XP

#### AGES 5-12 (ALL ABILITIES)

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Fridays 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Saturdays 9:45 - 10:45 am

#### UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

We will also be running May Half Term and Summer Holiday workshops!

Hayes Green Community Centre,  
Heath Way, WS12 3XP

✉ cannock@cygnetsartschool.com  
🌐 cygnetsartschool.com/branch/cannock

Monday & Tuesday  
10:30am-12pm and 12:30-2pm  
£27 per session / £50 per day / £95 per week



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# BioBlitz

## Free Event Drop in

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
10:00am - 12:00pm

At All Saints' Church Sandon ST18 0DB



- Join Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's rangers to take part in a BioBlitz in the grounds of All Saints' Church Sandon.
- Find and identify as many species as possible and record your sightings.
- Take part in bug hunts, bird watching and investigate plants and trees
- Have a go at tree bingo and clay creature modelling
- For further details see [www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com)



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