



Friday 22<sup>nd</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,

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful final week of this half term. It looks like the weather is improving just in time for the May Bank Holiday too. The sun definitely reflects the glorious learning and warm friendships that have been blossoming at our school this term.

### Cake Sale and Non Uniform Day – Thank You

Thank you to everyone for supporting our cake sale at playtime today. School Council enjoyed running the cake stall and raising money to support new 'Forest School' equipment to further enhance our outdoor learning opportunities. School Council will be researching, ordering and sharing photographs of the new equipment. Warmest thanks also for our non-uniform day fundraiser for Birmingham Children's Hospital. We raised £ for the charity. We have made contact with the hospital to see if a member of the fundraising team will be able to visit us to talk more about how Charity donations help the hospital. This links well with our value of 'Service' and how we can help serve our local community and hospitals.

### Champions of Service

We had a lovely time this morning celebrating all of the acts of 'Service' from this half term. Every day, our children astound us with their service and dedication to each other and our whole school family. Everyone's service shines through at our school; this ranges from children spontaneously helping their friends and teachers; being buddies/monitors and team leaders as well as random acts of kindness from children, families and staff. I'm so proud of the service which flourishes at our school. Congratulations to all of the values champions; I know that it was so difficult for our adults to choose a champion as everyone has been showing outstanding service to others.

### Love to Learn

Our motto includes the phrase 'Love to Learn' and our staff work incredibly hard to ensure that our learning oozes with inspiration, enjoyment and purpose. I love visiting lessons each week to see the superb learning in every classroom. I've particularly enjoyed seeing the writing in each class this week; For our next writing unit, we are going to be writing for parents and families as a real audience and purpose. We look forward to sharing photocopies of everyone's writing very soon.

### Half Term

We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

With warmest best wishes,

Mrs Keay and our tremendous team of dedicated staff

School is closed  
to pupils on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.



# Champions of Service



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

# Achievements from home



Football



Gymnastics



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**

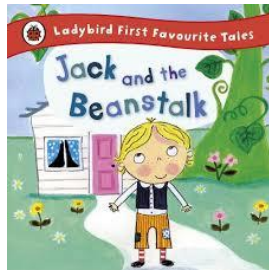
V = Vegetarian, VG = Vegan  
GF = Gluten Free \*NEW RECIPE for 2025\*

Week 1 13th Apr, 4th May, 25th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul	Week 2 20th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul	Week 3 27th Apr, 18th May, 8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul
<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 (VG) 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>

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.



HEDGEHOGS





St Leonard's C.E First School



1862  
Dunston



# 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





# Attendance figures

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</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	90%
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Owls	93%
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Foxes	98%
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Whole School	94%
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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,  
We pray for a heart of service  
Help us to serve others with open arms  
Help us to bring Hope and comfort to those  
in need  
Guide us to serve not for recognition or  
reward, but out of a genuine love of helping  
others.  
Help us to follow your example with care,  
love and kindness.  
Amen



Pray

## Drinks bottles

Please make sure your child has a drinks bottle at school everyday. It is important that they are clearly marked with the child's name and that they can easily identify them so they don't drink from the wrong bottle. As part of the schools healthy eating policy, bottles should only contain water. Due to health & hygiene we do not have spare drinks bottles in school.

Thank you.



Miss Tina enjoying Census day yesterday! 😊



## 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 grown 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

## Uniform Reminders

To support our high expectations of uniform, we will be sending a text home as a reminder if clothing isn't in line with our policy. Thank you for your support as it helps all children to feel secure and the same as their peers when they wear full uniform.

## 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.



St Leonards First School  
& Nursery



Our School website

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## Year One – Phonic Screening Check

During the holiday, please remember to read every day and practice past Year One Phonic screening papers. There are lots of past papers online, click the links below:

[2022 Phonics screening check: pupils' materials](#)

[2023 phonics screening check pupils' materials](#)



## Year Four – June Multiplication Check

Similarly, year four should continue to practice multiplication facts in the holidays ready for the check in June. Chanting tables, Timestable Rockstars; making posters and songs are all great ways to learn tables instantly.

You can use maths shed each day to complete practice Checks.

Make flashcards to practice over and over linked to any facts that are not correct (red).

We will also send through a link to the daily Multiplication Check site so that you can practice daily using the actual software that you will be tested upon.

[MathShed - Mathematics game for school and home](#)

Thank you, Mrs Keay



We have had a great two weeks of fundraising in school. Last week for non-uniform day we raised £53.00 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Today a fantastic £75.75 was raised by School Council for replacement Forest School equipment. Thank you for supporting us!

We have created our own pop-art using one of the techniques we have learnt based on the artist Andy Warhol.



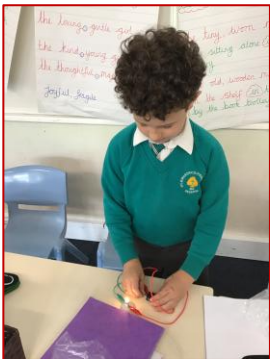
We have made our own branching database linking to our Geography project on the USA



In Science we have recapped our learning on electrical circuits and learnt about the inventor Thomas Edison



In English we have looked at a non-chronological report based on the UK in readiness to write our own over the next few weeks about the USA



# Important Dates and INFORMATION

Summer term	
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
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



After  $\frac{1}{2}$  term **Foxes** will be having weekly Forest School sessions. Please come to school on Wednesdays in your forest school clothes, dressing appropriately for the weather and for getting muddy!

## Ark & Clubs



Clubs will carry on after  $\frac{1}{2}$  term if your child does NOT wish to carry on please email the office to have them removed from the register.

If you require After School Care for June and you haven't already done so please send your bookings in.

**Nursery parents** if you require Before School Care please book via the school office.

Thank you



Please save your plastic & help to support the Foxes children who are working on a competition with Perkins Stafford.  
Thank you

## Owls & Foxes Reminder

Payment & permission slips to be returned for the visit to Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall more information can be found at: [Mosque Visits – Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall](#)





**Free 7 week online course starting Thursday 4th June 2026. For families with children aged 2-5 years.**

Ideas and inspiration for connecting to nature to support the development of your growing toddler. Using the outdoors as inspiration we're offering multi sensory, engaging activities to try as a family, at times to suit you. Perfect for gentle preparation for nursery or school.

Staffordshire residents can book on this course for free to access weekly activity ideas straight to your inbox and online resources to support your learning. On completion of the 14 hour course you will receive a certificate and ideas to continue your nature adventures together!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or [communityforestservices@gmail.com](mailto:communityforestservices@gmail.com)

# GROWING WITH NATURE

# ECO QUEST

**Join the Eco Quest this Summer! Small Actions for Big Change**

**Free 4-week online course starts Monday 1st June 2026. For families in Staffordshire with children aged 6-13.**

Families are guided through fun, flexible, hands-on activities to open up conversations about climate change, connections with nature and making small, sustainable changes.

Free ECO QUEST pack to get you started - includes fabric pens, seeds and wood-slice to create your own Eco Quest medal!

You will receive a weekly email activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you. From waste free picnics, to upcycling projects to forest bathing, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family. Complete the quest to receive your certificate!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or [communityforestservices@gmail.com](mailto:communityforestservices@gmail.com)




**MAY HALF TERM**  **STAFFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

# HOLIDAY CAMPS




**FREE DAY!!**  
for all new customers

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

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

# BioBlitz

**Free Event Drop in**



**Tuesday 26<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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# USING THE DIGITAL WORLD SAFELY

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## WHAT IS INTERNET SAFETY?

Internet safety means protecting yourself from online risks like cyberbullying, scams, and harmful content. There are small ways to keep yourself safe. Let's explore them!

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## 1 SET PRIVACY SETTINGS

Adjust your privacy settings to control who can see your posts and contact you. Different platforms will work slightly differently.

**TOP TIP!**  
Keep your followers restricted to people you know and trust.

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## 2 FOLLOW SELECTIVELY

Follow accounts that spread positivity and useful content. Avoid accounts that promote harm, bullying, dangerous challenges, or make you feel bad about yourself.

**Follow**

**UN-FOLLOW**

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## 3 USE YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to restrict, block, report, or mute people without guilt if their content is harming you or others in any way.

**REPORT**

**BLOCK**

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## 4 SET BOUNDARIES

You have the right to set your boundaries online just like in person.

- "I don't want to be on this group chat"
- "I'm not comfortable talking about that"
- "Please stop sending me those messages/photos"

Setting boundaries protects your wellbeing.

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## 5 PRACTICE CONSENT

Consent matters online just like in real life. If any part of your doesn't want to share an image, personal message or detail, you don't have to. You are entitled to say no whenever you want to, no matter what anyone says.

**IMPORTANT**

If someone is forcing you to share personal information, images, or videos online, talk to a trusted adult.

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## 6 KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

No one has the right to share any of your images to others without permission from you. If they do, it is not just disrespectful, it can be illegal. Speak to a trusted adult to escalate the matter if this happens to you.

**FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS**

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## 7 BE CRITICAL

What we see online is a highlight of people's lives. Content is often posed, tailored to please, edited, photoshopped, or even AI generated. Being safe online means being critical of the content you see. If you notice something slightly unusual, too perfect, or wrong, think twice about what might be making that image or video enhanced, unrealistic, or even fake.

**AI**

**Adobe Photoshop**

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## REMEMBER

What we share online often stays online. Future employers can sometimes see old posts. We don't always know where all our information is stored. Act online as you would out in the world.

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## ASK FOR HELP

If there is anything you are unsure about or uncomfortable with online, ask a trusted adult for help. You can ask:

- A parent or caregiver
- School staff
- Talk to mental health helplines (you will be anonymous and they are trained trustworthy professionals):

**CHILDLINE**  
0800 1111

**BULLYING HELPLINE**  
0300 323 0169

**SHOUT (TEXT)**  
85258

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## CONCLUSION

You have the right to use the digital world safely, and enjoy it. Protect your space, trust your instincts, and reach out if you need help.

**stay safe**

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