



Friday 19th June 2026

Our School Value: Courage

Key Verse: *Be strong and courageous. 'Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the 'Lord' your God is with you wherever you go'. Joshua 1.9*



Dear parents,

What an amazing week here at St Leonard's.

Thank you so much to everyone for making Sports' Day such an amazing afternoon. It was so lovely to welcome everyone for our picnic lunch as a whole school family; a really special time. I enjoyed the precious time for a chat with families and see the friendships and fun even before the races began. Kindest thanks to Mrs Carrington, Mr H and our whole staff team for the preparation, practices and leading our afternoon of Sports. It was lovely to see the children taking part with such determination and team spirit. We had talked about supporting ourselves and our friends; encouraging everyone and beating our personal bests. Everyone really did shine in so many ways. Thank you also to our PTA team who provided refreshments for us. Well done to team 'Holly' for winning the trophy but most importantly huge congratulations to the children for taking part with such energy and love of each other and our school. I'm so proud of team St Leonard's.

Perkins Award

Another great achievement this week has been entering the Perkins Award Competition. Mrs Trumble has worked so incredibly hard with Aoife, Alfie, Belle, Edward, Finley, Olivia, Ralph and Ted to produce this year's entry based on 'The Plastic Problem.' The final project looked absolutely amazing and highlighted the problem of plastic entering rivers and oceans. Mrs Carrington and Mrs Trumble both commented on how confidently the children presented information about their project. It really demonstrated their love of our environment, design technology and learning. We came runners up in the competition but to us the children were real 'Champions' in every way possible. Well done to the 2026 Perkins team.

Youth Net

This week, Foxes class also enjoyed a workshop from Alison at Youth Net. The hall was set up beautifully linked to the theme of 'kindness'; I really wished that I could have joined in too. The photographs below capture the beauty, wonder and reflection which was enjoyed by all during the workshop.

Rock-it Music

We also enjoyed a further visit from John Baugh and his son from Rock-it Music this week. They came to talk to us about music lessons and tuition from September. The children have been speaking to me excitedly about learning to play the guitar, drums or key board. We are really pleased to be offering a wider range of instruments for music tuition from next year. Also, it is exciting that all classes will be having a weekly music lesson led by specialist music teachers. There will be lots of performances to look forward to. I can't wait as I'm so passionate about children experiencing sport, music, art and the performing arts due to the creativity, confidence and collaboration which these elements of the curriculum foster.

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

Stars of the Week



Care, Love and Kindness Award



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

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021



Perkins®

Well done to the Foxes team of children who represented us at Perkins ECO Day this week.





Spirited Arts 2026

Get creative through this cross-curricular competition.

Entries are welcome in any art form including:

Art (painting, drawing, sketching etc)

Poetry

Photography

Dance

Music

Drama

Sculpture

Who Can Take Part?:

Children from 3-19 years old.

Individual, paired or group entries are allowed.

The themes for 2026 are:

1. Faith in our Future, hope in our Future
2. Prayers for all that lives! Animals, Earth, God!
3. Open Bible!
4. Searching for God
5. Sacred spaces
6. Children of God

Use the attached link to view entries from last year for inspiration: [2025 Archives – NATRE](#).

As a school, we can submit a maximum of 10 arts pieces.

If your art is chosen, we will be in touch to gain a write up which explains how the art connects to the theme so that a meaningful commentary is included.

Please send entries in to school by Friday 26th June (two weeks today)

Use the following link to find out more about each theme: [Spirited Arts 2026 – NATRE](#)

Good luck with your entries.

Achievements from home



Kickboxing



Football

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 & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Garlic Slices, 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 & 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 & 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 & Fruit (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
	<p>All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato & 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 & Coconut Curry (GF) Jacket Potato & 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 & Peaches (V) (VG) 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>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 & 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 & Custard (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Pasta Bar (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & 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 & Ice Cream (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato & 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 & Custard (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG) Jacket Potato & 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 & 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 & 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.

This week, our learning has been inspired by the story Katie in London. As Katie explores the capital city, we discovered famous landmarks, different types of transport and the exciting sights London has to offer!

In maths, we focussed on odd and even numbers. The children sorted numbers and representations based on whether they are odd or even.

In the construction area, the children worked together to build their own version of London creating famous landmarks such as Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. As part of our Understanding the World learning, they explored maps of London and maps of the Underground system helping develop understanding of places and communities.

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Congratulations Team Holly Sports Day Winners!

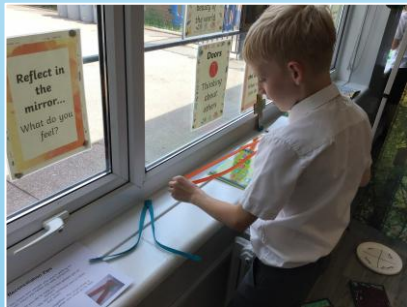








Well done to our Foxes footballers, who represented us in a tournament on Monday



Foxes had a workshop with Alison from YouthNet based around 'Trust & Friendship'



Attendance figures

15th – 19th June 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	89%
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Owls	94%
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Foxes	95%
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Whole School	93%
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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

Mr H says you are all PE Superstars for a fabulous Sports Day yesterday. Well done!



Our Weekly Home Learning
'Learn to Love and Love to Learn'

Owls
Date: 19.6.26
Return date: Thursday 25 th June 2026

Activities	
	<p>Daily reading Read at least 4 times a week. Use your phonics skills to decode unfamiliar words. Talk about the characters and make predictions about what might happen next. Talk about the meaning of any unfamiliar words.</p> <p>Remember reading brings joy and makes you a great writer too.</p>
	<p>Number bonds/Timetables: Y1 Log in to Numbots and work your way through. Little and often is best. Y2 Log in to TTRockstars to practise times tables. Little and often is best</p>
	<p>Spellings: Y2 – See spelling sheet in book bags on Monday</p>
	<p>Other:</p> <p>This half term, linked to our History topic on Neil Armstrong, we are designing and making moon buggies. Chat to your child about what they would like their moon buggy to look like and what they would like to use to make it. Please can you send in some suitable bits and bobs over the next 2 weeks such as cereal boxes, yogurt pots etc. See examples below</p>



*Thank you for all of your hard work at school and at home.
 This is helping your learning to flourish*

Dear God

Thank you for the gifts within ourselves, our friends, our families and our community. Let our talents and hobbies guide and inspire us.

Help us to embrace new challenges, try new experiences and conquer any fears.

With courage, care and kindness help us to flourish always.

Amen



Pray

Medical Appointments/Absence

Please could we ask that any medical appointments/absences are logged with the school office. Copies of medical appointment letters/screen shots can be emailed to the office. Thank you for your co-operation

Weekly House Point Tally

Oak



84

Holly

72

Sycamore

28



ARK & Nursery charges September 2026

As per our terms & conditions, fees for Nursery sessions and Before & After School Care are currently under review. Once agreed by our LAC during this term we will advise you of any changes.



This week we have been singing:

Be bold, Be strong

Be Bold, Be Strong (Song Actions)

Next week we are learning:

Strong and Courageous

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t34ajxa7TCI>

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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Activities	
	<p>Daily reading Read at least 4 times a week.</p> <p>Remember reading brings joy and makes you a great writer too.</p>
	<p>Number bonds/Timetables: Use Times table Rock Stars and the following link each day. Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk Fluency with number bonds and times tables make you a mighty mathematician.</p>
	<p>Spellings: ELS Spellings- Week 4 22nd- 26th June 2026 (recap)</p> <p>men's babies' dogs' babies catches mouse's child's</p>
	<p>Other: Maths homework task (in orange homework book) Money – Give Change</p> <p>This half term, we are designing and making our own photo frames. Please can you send your child with a box (cereal size) before Friday 3rd July. If you have a special photograph that you would like to have inside your frame, please bring in a suitable 6 x 4 sized photograph by Friday 10th July.</p>

Thank you for all of your hard work at school and at home.

This is helping your learning to flourish

Copy of a letter sent home this week
Please send your reply slips in to the office asap

Dear Parents

Rock It Instrument Lessons 2026-27

Following the success of the guitar, drum, keyboard and steel pan workshop, we are delighted to announce that school music lessons in class and music tuition will be led by 'Rock it Music'.

This will mean that we will also be able to offer more instrumental lessons. We will be offering lessons in Piano/Keyboard, Drums or Guitar. Lessons will cost £190 for the year which equate to £5 a lesson. This will need to be paid for in advance and will be non-refundable. Payment will be made via ParentPay in September and you will be required to pay by Friday 11th September 2026.

Tuition will be in small groups and lessons will last about 20 minutes, so they won't miss much time from class.

If you would like your child to have this fantastic opportunity to learn a musical instrument, please complete the form below and return it to the office by Tuesday 30th June.

Best wishes

Mrs Key
Headteacher



Rock It Instrument Lessons 2026-27

I would like my child to receive tuition for:

Piano/Keyboard
Drums
Guitar

I am aware that there is a charge, which I agree to pay, of £190 for the year for this tuition which is payable in advance in September 2026 and is non-refundable. £190 is for one instrument only.

Parent's signature:

Date:

Child's name: _____

Please return to the office by Tuesday 30th June 2026 to secure a place.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Summer term	
Tuesday 23 rd June 9:30-10:30am	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Wednesday 1 st July	'Bump up day' all children will spend the day in their new year group
Wednesday 1 st July 8.45-9:45am	Sept 2026 Nursery & Reception Stay & Play (no parents)
Wednesday 1 st July	Current YEAR 2 & YEAR 3 Children please come in Forest School Clothing
Wednesday 1 st July 2.15pm	Current YEAR 3 Parents are welcome to join your child in Forest School – please dress appropriately for the weather
Wednesday 1 st July 2.45-3.15pm	Current Year 2 & Year 3 Parents are invited to a Transition meeting with Mrs Carrington
Wednesday 1 st July 5pm	Current Nursery & new Reception 2026 parents information meeting
Monday 6 th July 2:15pm	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Tuesday 7 th July	Hedgehogs & Owls Creative Workshop - <i>more info to follow</i>
Tuesday 7 th July	Current Reception & Current Year 1 parents are invited to a Transition meeting with Miss Laing
Wednesday 15 th July	RECEPTION to Year 4 – End of year Silent Disco - <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 17 th July	End of Year Leavers Church Service – everyone welcome



Foxes have weekly Forest School sessions this term on Wednesday. Please come to school on Wednesdays in your forest school clothes, dressing appropriately for the weather and for getting muddy! Long trousers are advised to help prevent stings on nettles.



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026 – 2027

Autumn Term 2026

Inset Day: Tuesday 1st September

Inset Day: Wednesday 2nd September

Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September (all students return)

Inset Day: Friday 23rd October

Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Term Starts: Monday 2nd November

Term Ends: Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

Inset Day: Monday 4th January

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January (all students return)

Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Term Starts: Monday 22nd February

Last Day: Thursday 25th March

Easter Holidays: Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 28th March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12th April (all students return)

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Inset Day: Monday 7th June

Term Starts: Tuesday 8th June

Last Day: Wednesday 21st July

Summer Holidays: Thursday 22nd July



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Summer Holiday Sports club

At Blessed William Howard Catholic School

Monday 20th July - Friday 21st August
2026

8.30am- 5.30pm - £26.50 per day
10am-4pm - £24.50 per day
*Plus a small booking fee also applies

Staff are NGB qualified, DBS Checked and First Aid Trained.
Staff employed by the Stafford Sports and Performance Academy
07793891029 or email holidayclubs@staffordsport.co.uk

The days will be filled with sporting fun including football, rounders,, dance, cricket, badminton, table tennis and MORE.

IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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To book a place please click on link below or QR Code:
<https://eequ.org/experience/10978>



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Our nature-friendly products are sourced through ethical and sustainable accreditations, so whether you're shopping for bird food, wildlife habitats, nature-themed homeware or gifts, you can shop with confidence.

Every purchase you make helps to support the wildlife you love.

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