



# Friday Post

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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,

Wow...what a scorchingly hot week. Thank you to families for your kind comments, support and flexibility linked to the adjustments we have been making to keep everyone safe.

Our learning has definitely been sizzling this week too. We've made so many lovely memories and the children have had the chance to work in their house teams. We are so proud of how the children have adjusted to calmer play and lunch times. We have been enjoying art, Jenga, Lego and construction in the shade to keep cool!

The Week Ahead...

We are looking forward to transition day next Wednesday when children will be moving to new classes (Y1 and Y3 becoming Y2 and Y4 for the day!) I know that Mrs Carrington, Miss Laing and Mrs Thompson are really looking forward to welcoming the children to their classes.

Myself and Miss Thompson will also be on the Trust Early Years Conference on Thursday which we are really looking forward to. This will further support the improvements we have been achieving in Hedgehogs class this year.

Our recent teaching and learning report, praised the outreach work which we have been prioritising to enhance every child's learning journey in nursery and reception. Mrs Machin commented:

The Headteacher and staff are recognised and commended for driving significant improvements in the EYFS. These improvements have been achieved at pace, demonstrating a strong leadership commitment to establishing secure foundations through a well designed curriculum and effective teaching. The impact of trust-wide CPD is evident in the enhanced indoor and outdoor continuous provision. High-quality provision across all seven areas of learning is consistently available.

We can't wait to bring back ideas from the EYFS conference to further enhance our improved provision. We have spaces for nursery and reception from September so please do let friends or family with toddlers know. The experiences and memories which the children gain at our school are truly incredible.

Keep cool and safe over the weekend – we will be back to our normal school day next week.  
Mrs C Keay and our talented team

# Stars of the Week



## Care, Love and Kindness Award



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

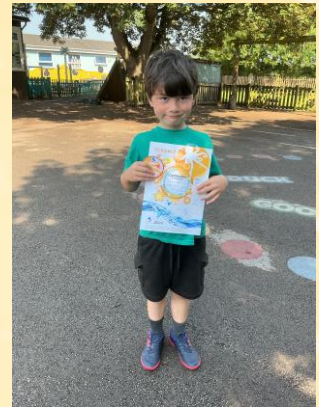
# Achievements from home



Swimming



Football



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
	Hand Stretched Margherita or Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Garlic Silce, Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Strawberry Ice Cream (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Strawberry Mousse (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  New Potatoes, Spaghetti Hoops, Green Beans, Sweetcorn Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
	All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Chicken & Coconut Curry (VG) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Rice, Green Beans, Cauliflower Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Red Velvet Brownie (V) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	* Crispy Chicken or Quorn Dippers (VG)* Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Ginger Flapjack Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
	Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Chocolate Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (V) (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Roast Chicken (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Watermelon Wedges (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
	Pasta Bar (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Summer Fruit Puff & Custard (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Pasta Bar (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Broccoli, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Cauliflower, Carrots Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Chocolate Crunch & Custard (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
	Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Chocolate Banana Silce (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	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)  Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  Lemon Cookie (VG) Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)  Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread  * Manchester Tart (V) * Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

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.



### Our Weekly Home Learning

*'Learn to Love and Love to Learn'*

Foxes
Date: 26.6.26
Return date: Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Activities	
	<p><b>Daily reading</b> Read at least 4 times a week.</p> <p><b>Remember reading brings joy and makes you a great writer too.</b></p>
	<p><b>Number bonds/Timetables:</b> Use Times table Rock Stars and the following link each day. <a href="https://www.timestables.co.uk">Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk</a> <b>Fluency with number bonds and times tables make you a mighty mathematician.</b></p>
	<p><b>Spellings:</b> ELS Spellings - Week 5 spellings (recap from this year):</p> <p>illegal important impossible increase irregular Irresponsible</p>
	<p><b>Other:</b> Maths homework task (in orange homework book) To compare angles</p> <p><b>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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> July.</b></p>

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

*This is helping your learning to flourish*

# HEDGEHOGS



## Our Weekly Home Learning

*'Learn to Love and Love to Learn'*

Year Group: Hedgehogs - Reception

Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Return Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

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### Activities



#### Daily reading

Read at least 4 times a week to an adult.

Game for 2 players

*Cut out the phase 3 sounds and place in to a small box.*

*Pick out a card and say the sound.*

*Win a point for each correct sound.*



#### Maths:

*Tens frame and counters.*

*Cut out the counters. How many ways can you make 10 eg: 9 and one make 10. 8 and 2 make ten.*

*Please complete practically; the children don't need to record anything. We would love to see photographs of your games.*



#### Other:

Mini beast hunt.

On Wednesday we had a mini-beast bug hunt and made bug hotels.

Can you find any minibeast in your garden?

Could you make a bug hotel in your garden?

# Attendance figures

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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	94%
Owls	91%
Foxes	88%
Whole School	91%

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.

## NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

[Free Online Safety Virtual Workshops | NSPCC](#)

NSPCC's new Keeping Children Safe Online workshop provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world.

The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

Please click the link above to watch.



## Rock-it Music

The children and staff enjoyed our music workshop from Rock-it Music today. There was so much fun and creativity. The singing and ukulele playing was amazing; we have such rhythmical and talented children.



## Matilda Performing Arts Workshop

We also had a dazzling time this afternoon with drama, acting and dance. I was so proud of the children and just like 'Matilda' we used the play to encourage the love of reading at our school. Prior to the workshop, we even enjoyed trio reading with hedgehogs, owls and foxes joining together to read to each other. What a wonderful end to the week!





Dear God

Thank you God, for this new day,  
Thank you for rest and for shelter, for health  
and for food.

Thank you for my friends and my family.

Thank you for challenges and for  
opportunities to learn.

May this day be filled with love.

And may I know that you are always near.

Amen



Pray



School council say  
thank you for  
supporting the ice  
lolly sale, it raised  
£45.00 profit!

## Weekly House Point Tally

Sycamore



119

Oak

50

Holly

49



## 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t34ajxa7TCI)

## 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](#)

Following the success of last years silent disco  
the PTFA are holding another disco! Offers of any help  
would be gratefully received!



**LEAVERS DISCO 2026**

**15TH JULY**

**£7 per child  
Drinks and sweet  
cone included**

£7.20 when paying via  
SumUp due to transaction fees



**CHILDREN TO BE  
COLLECTED PROMPTLY  
AT 4.30PM**

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**'Learn to Love and Love to Learn'**

Owls
Date: 26.6.26
Return date: Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026

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	<p><b>Daily reading</b> 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><b>Remember reading brings joy and makes you a great writer too.</b></p>
	<p><b>Number bonds/Timetables:</b> 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><b>Spellings:</b> Y2 – See spelling sheet in book bags on Monday</p>
	<p><b>Other:</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p>



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# Important Dates and INFORMATION

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



Clubs - Due to Gardening & Football clubs being cancelled this week, you will get your extra session the last week of term. As Chromebook club went ahead the last session remains as 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Ark – for the sessions where school was closed for booked Ark we will give a free session on your July invoice.

JULY – if you need after school care for July please let us know asap, there is no Chromebook Club the last week so you will need to book after school care if you need it. Thank you



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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to secure a place.

# Letter sent home this week for Hedgehogs & Owls

25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## **Hedgehogs & Owls - One Day Creative Workshop**

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

On Tuesday 7th July, Owls and Hedgehogs will be working with 'One Day Creative', who deliver quality educational experiences, harnessing the power of the performing arts to make learning fun.

Owls will be participating in a drama-based workshop focusing on Neil Armstrong and the moon landings.

Hedgehogs will be participating in a drama-based workshop on Jack and the Beanstalk.

In order for your child to participate in this experience, we require a contribution of £9.80 per pupil. The deadline for this payment is 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026.

Payment should be made via your ParentPay account, if your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding, the cost of the workshop will be paid for from this funding.

Thank you for your support in helping make learning more engaging for the children, inviting workshops into school reduces costs significantly due to saving on transport.

Kind regards

Miss Laing



## 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](mailto: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



[www.facebook.com/staffordsport](https://www.facebook.com/staffordsport)



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



OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

# SUMMER '26 SOCCER SCHOOLS

YEARS 1-7

## SUMMER '26 VENUES

<b>PENKIRIDGE</b> Penkridge Leisure Centre, Cannon Road, Penkridge, ST19 5HX <b>DATES:</b> 1 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2 Monday 27th - Friday 31st August 3 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£50</b>	<b>WOLVERHAMPTON</b> Woken Athletic, Renshaw Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 9WS <b>DATES:</b> Monday 20th July - Friday 28th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£50</b>	<b>STAFFORD</b> Stafford Rugby Club, Blakenery Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT <b>DATES:</b> 1 Monday 27th - Friday 31st July 2 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August 3 Monday 24th - Friday 28th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£50</b>
<b>CHESLYN HAY</b> Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre, Sunning Road, Cheslyn Hay, W56 7FD <b>DATES:</b> 1 Monday 27th - Friday 31st July 2 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August 3 Monday 24th - Friday 28th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£50</b>	<b>BRIDGNORTH</b> Bridgnorth Rugby Club, Bandon Lane, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 5AD <b>DATES:</b> Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£70</b>	<b>SHREWSBURY</b> Shrewsbury School, Post Hill Gate, Shrewsbury, SY2 8SA <b>DATES:</b> 1 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£50</b>
<b>NEWPORT</b> Halesworth's Adams Quorum School Sports Field, Longford Road, Newport, ST12 7HQ <b>DATES:</b> Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th July <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£70</b>	<b>TILFORD</b> Telford College, Harbridge Road, Warrington, Telford, WV1 2AP <b>DATES:</b> Monday 20th July - Friday 28th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£50</b>	<b>WOLBOURNE</b> Wolbourne Leisure Centre, Garsdale Road, Wolbourne, WVs 8JL <b>DATES:</b> 1 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August 3 Monday 17th - Friday 21st August 4 Monday 24th - Friday 28th August <b>TIMES:</b> 9am to 3pm <b>£50</b>
<b>SPURDING</b> Spurdings Rugby Club, Spurdings Park, Spurdings Road, Spurdings, ST17 8JZ <b>DATES:</b> Thursday 8th & Friday 7th August <b>TIMES:</b> 10am to 3pm <b>£50</b>	<p>Book now at <a href="http://wolves.co.uk/coaching">wolves.co.uk/coaching</a></p> <p>OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT</p>	

YEARS 1-7