



Friday 5th 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

We hope that you all enjoyed a fantastic half term holiday. The children have been telling me all about the fun they've had in the sunshine.

The heat of the sun definitely challenged the plants and herbs which Hedgehog class and gardening club had recently planted. We're hoping that the extra watering this week will bring all of the plants back to full bloom!

School Council Fundraising

Thank you to School Council for leading the Cake Sale on the last day of term. Esther, Erin, George, Aoife and Harrison worked incredibly hard to set up the stall, sell the cakes and count the money too. We even recycled all of the plastic by adding this to the Perkin's Award Plastic Collection. Thank you to everyone for purchasing cakes; we raised £75.75 for Forest school equipment. I met with school council today and we've already created a wish list to share with Mrs Trumble. We also discussed ways to improve our school further and to the children would like to run an ice-cream sale for future fundraising events. The children are going to prepare a School Council and Team Token Newsletter for everyone to enjoy in the near future...watch this space!

Forest School Updates

We are really proud of the increased Forest School opportunities which we have prioritised this year linked to our Science, PSHE, Art and Values Curriculum. Outdoor learning will continue this half term as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Clothing</u>
Foxes with Miss Susan	Wednesday	Full Forest School Kit
Owls with Mrs Trumble/Mr H	Thursday	PE kit as normal
Hedgehogs – Mrs Trumble, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Sheldon	Friday	Normal school uniform as wellies and puddle suits are in school.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

The Year 4 multiplication check will take place next week. Thank you to the children for all of their hard work at school and at home. All of the chanting, songs, flash cards and Timestable Rockstars practice have supported the children's progress immensely.

Keep practising over the weekend as a final push to learn the 'tricky' tables which you are identifying from practice tests.

There are lots of practice checks which you can use over the weekend/ early next week as automaticity is key.

[Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

Year 1 Phonic Check

Year one will also be busy next week completing their phonic check. We are so proud of the children for the hard work they have shown in their daily phonic lessons. There are also lots of online practices you can complete over the weekend/next week as practice:

[Phonics screening check: 2025 materials - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

Values Champions.

In worship we have begun to explore this half-term's value which is courage. We thought about times when we show bravery at school and at home. We are clearly a very courageous school family. Here's to lots of bravery during the half term ahead.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend ahead,

Mrs Keay and our magnificent team here at St Leonard's



Playing with Lego at lunchtime



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



Dancing Swimming Football Swimming 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

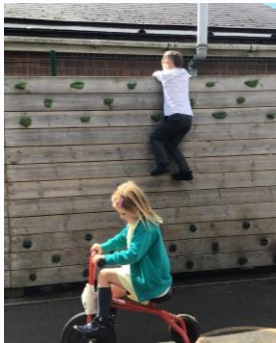
THURSDAY

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 (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

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 in Hedgehog's class, our learning was inspired by 'The Journey Home from Grandpa's'.

In maths, we have focussed on addition and subtraction facts to 10. Fine motor skills have been developed through vehicle-themed cutting activities.

In the play dough area, the children have used rollers and tools to create vehicle tracks, exploring different patterns and marks.

In the construction area, the children have worked together to create models of our local area, discussing familiar landmarks and places they recognise in the community.

As part of our Understanding the World and Geography learning, we have explored maps and used them to create our own journey home from St. Leonard's.



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





Foxes had their first Forest School session with Miss Susan this week.



Attendance figures

1st – 5th 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

91%

Owls

96%

Foxes

99%

Whole School

95%

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

Quote of the week!
Romy enjoyed PE so much this week she even asked Mr H *"can we do it again!"*



Dear God,

Thank you for the courage and bravery which flourishes at our school.

Help us to embrace challenge and step out of our comfort zones.

Give us the strength to pursue our dreams with care, love and kindness.

Amen



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.

Weekly House Point Tally

Oak



292

Holly

212

Sycamore

67



This week we have been singing:

Our school hymn

This little light of mine

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

Next we week are singing:

I'm so blessed

[I'm So Blessed](#) ☀️ [Sing-along Kids Worship Video with Kids Choir](#)
[#blessed](#) [#sundayschool](#) (CAIN Cover)

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

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

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Summer term	
Tuesday 9 th June	Owls & Foxes visit Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall
Tuesday 9 th June 8.45am	Stay & Play for Nursery 2026 parents & children
Wednesday 10 th June	Amy Stafford SENCO in school
Thursday 18 th June	Sports Day – New Reception & Nursery parents & children welcome
Tuesday 23 rd June 9:30-10:30am	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Thursday 25 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July 5pm	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>
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.

Ark & Clubs



Clubs have re-started this week, we still have a few places available in Gardening & Eco on a Wednesday. Payment is now due on your ParentPay accounts.

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



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](#)

Copy of a letter sent out earlier this week

Dear parents,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful half term break and the lovely sunshine.

We have such a kind and generous school family and we value your contribution in making St Leonard's C of E First School such a wonderful place to learn and flourish.

When I show prospective parents around school, similarly to yourselves, they always comment on the manners of our children as well as the nurturing and ambitious school culture. I'm sure this links in to why you chose St Leonard's for your child/children.

Our school is so highly regarded primarily due to our school values, our love of each other and learning as well as our high expectations.

During the end of last half term, we noticed that some children were arriving at school without aspects of uniform as well as slips in other aspects such as not having water bottles and reading books/records in school.

Schools set uniform policies as it fosters the following:

- A sense belonging, team work and pride.
- Everyone looks and feels the same (reduces any competitiveness about clothing or peer pressure)
- High expectations which impacts on the children's care and pride in their learning.
- It prepares children for the high expectations set at Middle/High Schools.

We wanted to send a polite reminder of our expectations to help everyone for the half term ahead:

Uniform (see policy link: [School Uniform - St Leonards COFE First School](#))

- Children to wear a tie every day as it is a compulsory part of our policy from Y1 upwards
- Black school shoes/foot wear.
- The only permitted jewellery within our policy is small stud earrings - with the exception of Thursday for PE.
- Small/school coloured hair accessories and no nail polish.

Please label clothing with your child's name using a permanent marker so that we can return jumpers/clothing to children as we have a lot of lost property in school.

Well-being

- Children should have a water bottle each day (labelled with their name)
- A sun hat is recommended for sunny days as well as sun cream applied before school.

School Meals

- Please order dinners in advance before 8am to support Miss Tina's preparations.
- You can order for the full week, month or half term to support in this area.

As a mum myself, I know how busy each day is so from this half term, **we will be sending a text reminder** linked to the above features so that we are fully on track in these areas as a school team and family.

Warmest thanks,
Mrs Claire Keay





Copy of an email sent to Class Foxes today



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

Foxes
Date: 04.06.26
Return date: Thursday 11 th June 2026

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

Activities	
	<p>Daily reading Read at least 4 times a week.</p> <p><i>Remember reading brings joy and makes you a great writer too.</i></p>
	<p>Number bonds/Timetables: Use Times table Rock Stars and the following link each day ready for our times table check next week (Year 4 only): Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk <i>Fluency with number bonds and times tables make you a mighty mathematician.</i></p>
	<p>Spellings: ELS Spellings- Week 2— 8th-12th June 2026</p> <p>eight heard missed through reign weather weight whether</p>
	<p>Other: Decimals homework task (in orange books). Comparing decimals in ascending/descending order.</p>

Copy of an email sent to reception children this week



Our Weekly Home Learning

'Learn to Love and Love to Learn'

Year Group: Hedgehogs - Reception

Date: Friday 5th June

Return Date: Thursday 11th June

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



Daily reading

Read at least 4 times a week to an adult.

*Use the word cards to play matching pairs. Have fun together learning the key words.
(sheets in book bags).*



Maths:

Complete the subtraction game using objects at home eg: pasta, fruit, pine-cones.

Please complete practically; the children don't need to record anything.

If you wanted to you could email us a photo for our home learning display.



Other:

*Draw a picture of something or someone at home
We will add your art work to our class gallery.*

Hello,

I'm Jess, and I work on the casting team at Five Mile Films in Bristol. We're currently casting a warm new BBC series called *Will You Be My Friend?*, about childhood friendships.

We're looking for **children aged 5 to 8** who are finding it hard to make a friend - whether that's feeling shy, getting overwhelmed around other children, or struggling in social situations. Across three half-days, child psychologists help each child build confidence and social skills, before they are sensitively matched on a play date with a potential friend from their local area. Filming will take place during the summer holidays in July and August 2026.

I'm getting in touch to ask whether your school might be willing to share our **flyer and application details** with parents - for example via a newsletter, parent app, social post, noticeboard or PTA WhatsApp group. Parents can apply at <https://bemyfriend.tv>

If there are any children who spring to mind who might particularly benefit, we'd also be very grateful if you felt able to pass the information on directly to their families. We're not asking you to share any contact details with us.

I've attached a couple of our **flyers**, a **short message** to send out to parents, plus the **application link** and **series trailer**.

Many thanks for considering it and do let me know if you have any safeguarding or compliance questions.

Best wishes,

Jess

Jess Painter
Junior Casting Researcher

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BBC

Does your child want to make friends, but not know where to start?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



BBC

Is your child full of life at home but quiet around other kids?

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