



Friday Post

Friday 10th July 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 families,

Our learning in school has been dazzling just like the sunshine this week! The children have all been coped superbly with the return of the higher temperatures. In order to keep children safe and in school all day we have amended our adverse weather risk assessment to include a timetable of Forest School under the shaded canopy/outdoor classroom; time in our Victorian building (which really stays much cooler) as well as time in the Village Hall. The children have been amazing.

It has been a true joy writing my headteacher comments for everyone's reports. Your children are truly wonderful and it has been so lovely getting to know the children's unique and beautiful personalities, hopes and dreams this year. Reports will be shared next week.

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of this academic year; it really has flown by. What a wonderful year it has been! I am so proud of everything we have achieved and developed at St Leonard's as a staff team this year. Key highlights to celebrate include:

- Building on children's talents, hobbies and interests.
- Implementing consistent approaches to teaching and learning based on evidence informed practice.
- Introducing daily handwriting and fluency sessions.
- Enhancing our writing curriculum and provision from Early Years to Y4.
- Improving our curriculum progression and resources.
- Elevating and improving our environments, learning walls and displays.
- Offering a wider range of enrichment and spiritual experiences across the curriculum and enhanced provision for art, music, drama, musical theatre, forest school, trips and more.
- Enhancing clubs and leadership experiences including our eco/site team who help me every lunch time. What would I do without them!
- Adding varied equipment to lunchtime play.
- Calming after lunch with a 5 minute mindfulness read.
- Improving worship with our three year 'Journey Through the Bible.'
- Introducing a consistent language and deepening approach to spirituality (Mirrors, Windows and Doors).

Most importantly:

- Continuing to ensure all our children always feel loved and cared for.
- Igniting a 'love of learning' for every child and adult in our school family.

Whilst at all times ensuring that your children remain at the heart of everything we do as we 'Learn to Love and Love to Learn.'

We are really looking forward to our final week of term with lots of lovely activities for year four including our silent disco and Leaver's Church Service.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend ahead,
Mrs Claire Keay and our joyful team

Important changes to Free School Meals

The government has announced changes to the entitlement criteria for free school meals from **September 2026**. From then there will be two different types of free school meals, known as 'targeted' and 'expanded'.

Families who receive any of the following are eligible for **'targeted'** free school meals -

- Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit

Families in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to **'expanded'** free school meals.

A free school meal cannot be provided under 'expanded' criteria before 1 September 2026.

Please check to see if you could be eligible, by clicking the link below.

To apply under 'targeted' or 'expanded' free school meals please [Apply for Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Postcard from the Headteacher



Stars of the Week



Care, Love and Kindness Award



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



One Day Creative Workshop

This week Owls participated in a drama-based workshop focusing on Neil Armstrong and the moon landings. Whilst Hedgehogs workshop focussed on Jack and the Beanstalk.



Achievements from home



Dancing, Swimming, Go-Karting, Ping Pong, Darts Football
What a busy week!

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.

Dinner Times		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
VILLAGE SUMMER	MONDAY	Hand Stretched Margherita or Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG) Garlic Slice, 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
	TUESDAY	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
	WEDNESDAY	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
	THURSDAY	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
	FRIDAY	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 Slice (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

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

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.



Sunflower Dissecting
 Foxes have dissected sunflowers to identify and examine the different parts of the plant, including the petals, seeds, stem, and leaves. This activity helped develop their observation skills and understanding of how plants grow and function.



Keeping cool in Forest School!



Well done to our footballers this week, who represented us in an inter-school competition at Wolgarston





Class Hedgehogs learning this week has been inspired by the story of Hansel & Gretel.



Attendance figures

6th – 10th July 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%
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Owls	94%
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Foxes	92%
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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.



Guides and resources

Parents and Carers



Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. Our advice and resources are here to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Meet the teacher presentations

Thank you to everyone who attended the Teacher Presentations, we hope you found them informative. For those of you who couldn't make it please find the links below – [these are on our school website under the 'Classes & Clubs' tab.](#)



**For children who will be in
Nursery & Reception**

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/nursery-reception-hedgehogs/>

**For children who will be in
Year 1 & Year 2**

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/year-1-year-2-owls/>



**For children who will be in
Year 3 & Year 4**

<https://www.st-leonards-dunston.staffs.sch.uk/year-3-year-4-foxes/>



Please ensure that your ParentPay balances are clear for the end of the year. Reminder emails & texts will be sent out next week Thank you

Dear God,

As we prepare for the end of term with new chapters and new beginnings,

Give us courage, hope and faith.

Guide us with your love, care and kindness.

Amen



Everyone is welcome to join us for our final worship of the year at St Leonard's Church, Dunston. Church will be open from 8:30am, children will arrive approx. 9:15am. Year 4 parents are welcome to stay in church afterwards for coffee & cake and have the opportunity to take photographs.



This week we are singing:
This Little Light of Mine
"This Little Light Of Mine"

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**

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Summer term	
Wednesday 15 th July – 2.15pm	Year 4 parents are invited to join in with their children in Forest School (please dress appropriately for being in the shaded area & where there might be nettles!)
Wednesday 15 th July	RECEPTION to Year 4 – End of year Silent Disco – NO ARK AVAILABLE
Friday 17 th July – 9.15am approx	End of Year Leavers Church Service – everyone welcome Year 4 parents are welcome to stay after the service for coffee & cake and the opportunity to take photos.
Friday 17 th July	School closes for all pupils at 1:30pm

PE STARS OF THE WEEK





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.

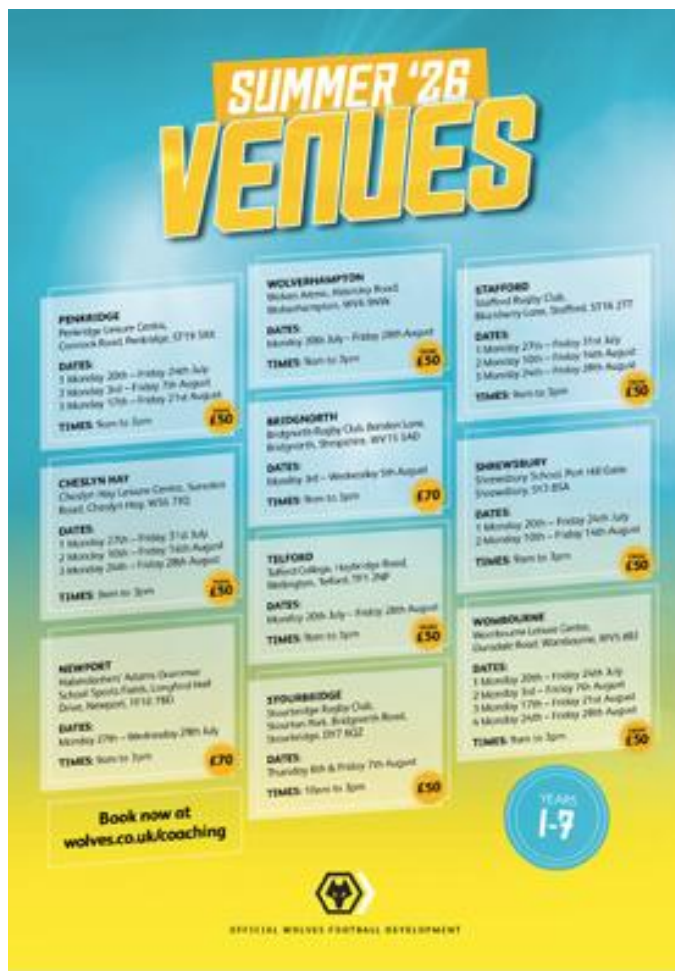
IDEAL FOR AGES 5-13

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



Summer Holiday FUN!!

BIG BOUNCE

High Energy Inflatable Play Event

FRIDAY 7th AUGUST

STAFFORD

STAFFORD MANOR HIGH SCHOOL
ST17 9DJ

2026 Attractions

**** Summer Limbo * Surf Simulator ****

Unlimited Play on a Huge Indoor Arena Full Supervised Interactive Inflatables & Games

featuring **Ideal for 4 - 13 year olds**

Duck & Jump Sweeper Game - nerf guns
Bouncy Castles - **Leap of Faith** - Slides
Obstacle Courses - Sports Games - **Surf Rider**
Under 5's Inflatables - **WARRIOR WALL** - Disco Dome
Demolition Ball - Helter Skelter - **NINGA COURSE**
Fun & Games mixed to a Summer Soundtrack

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Join us for these free activities over the summer for children and young people living with sight loss and inclusive of all disabilities

VI Cricket

 **Worcestershire Cricket Foundation**
Wednesday 29th July and Thursday 13th August 11am - 12pm, Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road east, WV4 6AZ

Holiday Hub

Wednesday 5th August 10am - 12pm, Cherry Street Sensory Hub, Cherry Street Wolverhampton, WV3 0QW

Holiday Hub

 **CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL**
Wednesday 19th August 10am - 12pm Cherry Street Sensory Hub, Cherry Street Wolverhampton WV3 0QW

Wolves Foundation

Wednesday 26th August 10:30am - 12pm, Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road East WV4 6QW

For further information or to book onto these event's please email enquiries@beaconvision.org or call 01902 880111

 **Wolves Foundation**

 **WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION**

SEND cricket & sports sessions

FREE INCLUSIVE CRICKET SESSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. INCLUSIVE OF ALL DISABILITIES ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS SIBLINGS AND CARERS

Wednesday 29th July and Thursday 13th August 11am - 12pm

Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road East WV4 6AZ

For more information and or to book on please call 01902 880 111 or email enquiries@beaconvision.org

Trentham

Sunday 26 July 2026

KidsFest

NOW ON SALE!



Meet your favourite characters    

SCAN ME!



HAF fun this summer

Bookings open Friday 19 June at 4pm

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.







**WED 26TH
AUGUST**

**MIXED
SPORTS
SESSION**

10:30AM - 12PM

**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE INCLUSIVE OF ALL
DISABILITIES
SPORTS AND GAMES**

**BEACON CENTRE,
WOLVERHAMPTON,
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD
EAST, WV4 6AZ**

**TO BOOK ON TO THIS FREE SESSION
PLEASE CONTACT
ENQUIRIES@BEACONVISION.ORG OR
CALL BEACON RECEPTION ON 01902
880 111**



**Wolves
Foundation**



**CANNOCK
COMMUNITY
HOCKEY CLUB**

Be part of something great!

**NEW TO HOCKEY OR
LOOKING TO COME BACK?**

ALL AGES. ALL ABILITIES. ALL WELCOME.

-  **FUN & FRIENDSHIPS**
Make new friends and be part of a team.
-  **STAY ACTIVE & HEALTHY**
A great way to improve fitness and wellbeing.
-  **LEARN A NEW SKILL**
Develop confidence, coordination and teamwork.
-  **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**
A friendly, welcoming club for everyone.
-  **SAFE & NON-CONTACT**
Hockey is a non-contact sport.

Whether your child has never played sport before or is looking for a new challenge, hockey is a fantastic way to build confidence, stay active and have loads of fun!

BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME AGED 4-16

ADULTS WELCOME TOO!
Players, returners and complete beginners.
You're never too old to start!

 TRAINING EVERY MONDAY AT CHASE PARK	UNDER 12s (4-11 years) 6.00pm - 7.00pm
 CHASE PARK Hitherton, Cannock, WS11 1RR	12 YEARS & OVER (12-16 years) 6.00pm - 7.30pm
	ADULTS 6.00pm - 7.00pm All abilities welcome!

TRY BEFORE YOU COMMIT!

FIRST 3 SESSIONS FREE!
Just contact us via our website and quote your school name when you get in touch.

ONLY £5 PER SESSION AFTERWARDS

Be part of our growing hockey family!

-  Friendly coaches
-  Great facilities
-  Inclusive environment
-  Pathways for all abilities
-  Fun, safe and supportive

Join the Team!

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www.cannockhockey.com/clubcontacts

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