



Friday 3rd 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 parents,

We've had another lovely week as a school family where learning and friendship has been flourishing.

A highlight today has been seeing children from Wolgarston High visiting our school to support with gardening and tidying our outdoor Forest area and school grounds. The majority of the students came to this school when they were younger. The students were chatting to each other about the fond memories of their time here which was lovely to hear.

During the week, we had a meeting about the extension to Hedgehog's mobile as part of the School Based Nursery programme. As mentioned earlier in the year, we have received £150,000 funding from the Department for Education to extend and improve the mobile which will enable us to add 7 additional spaces to our nursery. We are very excited about the project which will bring us new toilets and a changing facilities. In addition, the environment will be improved with new carpets, paint work and new gates around Hedgehog class outdoor area. Fortunately, we will also be gaining air conditioning within the extension programme which will be amazing too. As well as this, the children's toilets which are located next to the library are also being refurbished during the summer break. We are really looking forward to both projects and the vast improvements these will bring for all of our children.

Once again if you know of any families with nursery aged children (3-4 years) please do let them know about our wonderful school and the improvements we are making. It's such an exciting time to join our ambitious and beautiful school.

Thank you to parents who were able to join us for the Early Years and Y3/4 transition meetings this week. We hope you found meeting class teachers and learning about next year useful. For anyone who had commitments we will be sharing the information with you via email. Next week, Miss Laing will be welcoming parents to the Y1/2 meeting on Tuesday 7th July at 2.45pm.

Next week, the children from Hedgehogs and Owls will also be enjoying their 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Neil Armstrong' workshops which will bring their learning to life in a creative and memorable way. We look forward to sharing the photographs.

Here's to another memorable and fun week of learning ahead.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Claire Keay and our fantastic team of staff,

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](#)

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



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Gymnastics



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
<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 Silce, 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 Silce (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>

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.

It's that time of year again when Staffordshire libraries will be running the annual Summer Reading Challenge, which this year is called Read to the Beat, and has a music vibe.

This year the challenge has decided to take a new approach and allow children to set their own reading target, something that they feel is manageable. The challenge will work the same in the sense that children visit the library 3 times over the summer; the first to sign up, collect their starter pack and chose a book or two, the 2nd visit to change or renew their books and collect their 2nd set of stickers and then the 3rd visit will see them complete their reading challenge in which they will receive their medal and certificate.

As well as participating in the challenge the libraries have a brilliant array of activities and events to keep the children engaged over the summer, please contact your local library for details. [Libraries | Staffordshire County Council](#)

To join the library, borrow books and join the summer reading challenge is completely FREE and is a great way to keep kids reading over the summer and celebrate a love of books during in this national year of reading.

The challenge starts in Staffordshire Libraries on Saturday 4th July and runs until 14th September.

Sign up, discover some amazing books, and Read to the Beat this summer.



READ
to the
BEAT



Year 4 had a workshop from a member of the Mental Health Team this week. The session focused on any worries or concerns about their transition to their new school in September.



Foxes have taken part in a drama workshop this afternoon, some fabulous singing & dancing could be heard in the hall!!



For those that missed the parent information session with Mrs Carrington this week. Please click the link to view the presentation, which can be found on the Class Foxes page on our website.

[Year 3 & Year 4 - Foxes - St Leonards COFE First School](#)

HEDGEHOGS



Attendance figures

29th June – 3rd 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	96%
Owls	91%
Foxes	93%
Whole School	93%

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.

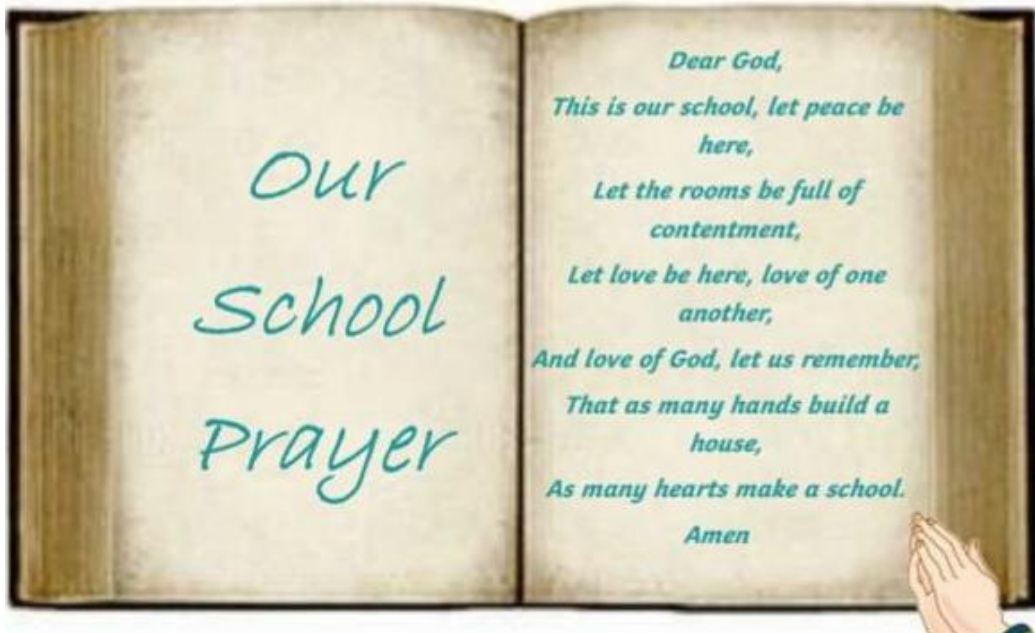
The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

Please click the link above to watch.



Lots of smiles on transition day this week in Class Owls





Please ensure that your ParentPay balances are clear for the end of the year. Thank you

Weekly House Point Tally

Oak



183

Sycamore

66

Holly

159



This week we have been singing:
Strong and Courageous

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

Next week we will be singing:
This Little Light of Mine
"This Little Light Of Mine"

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](#)

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**

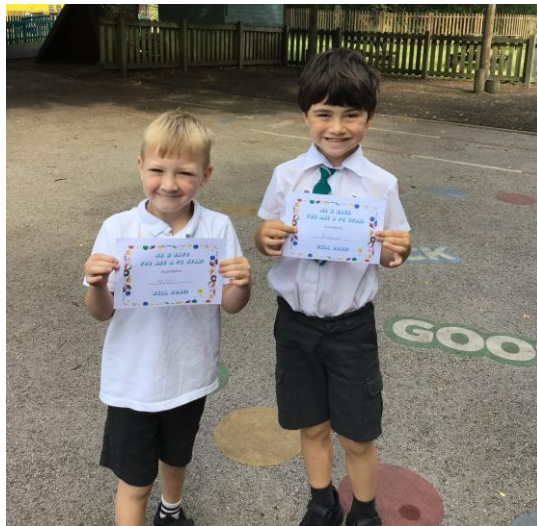
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Important Dates and INFORMATION

Summer term	
Monday 6 th July - 2:15pm	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Tuesday 7 th July	Hedgehogs & Owls Creative Workshop – <i>see letter sent home</i>
Tuesday 7 th July – 2.45pm	Current Reception & Current Year 1 parents are invited to a Transition meeting with Miss Laing
Friday 10 th July – 2:45pm	Nursery & Reception end of term farewell – parents invited at 2:45pm
Wednesday 15 th July	RECEPTION to Year 4 – End of year Silent Disco – NO ARK AVAILABLE
Friday 17 th July	End of Year Leavers Church Service – everyone welcome
Friday 17 th July	School closes for all pupils at 1:30pm

PE STARS OF THE 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.

Letter sent home this week for Hedgehogs & Owls

25th June 2026

Hedgehogs & Owls - One Day Creative Workshop

7th 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 3rd 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

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>



OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

SUMMER '26 SOCCER SCHOOLS

YEARS 1-7

SUMMER '26 VENUES

PENKIRIDGE Penkridge Leisure Centre, Cannon Road, Penkridge, ST19 5HX DATES: 1 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2 Monday 21st - Friday 25th August 3 Monday 22nd - Friday 27th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £50	WOLVERHAMPTON Woken Athletic, Renshaw Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 9WS DATES: Monday 20th July - Friday 28th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £50	STAFFORD Stafford Rugby Club, Blakenery Lane, Stafford, ST16 2TT DATES: 1 Monday 27th - Friday 31st July 2 Monday 30th - Friday 14th August 3 Monday 2nd - Friday 28th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £50
CHESLYN HAY Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre, Sunning Road, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7FD DATES: 1 Monday 27th - Friday 31st July 2 Monday 30th - Friday 14th August 3 Monday 2nd - Friday 28th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £50	BRIDGNORTH Bridgnorth Rugby Club, Bandon Lane, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV15 5AD DATES: Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £70	SHREWSBURY Shrewsbury School, Post Hill Gate, Shrewsbury, SY3 6SA DATES: 1 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2 Monday 30th - Friday 14th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £50
NEWPORT Halesworthey Adams Quorum School Sports Field, Longford Road, Newport, ST12 7HQ DATES: Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th July TIMES: 9am to 3pm £70	TILFORD Telford College, Harbridge Road, Wellington, Telford, WV11 2AP DATES: Monday 20th July - Friday 28th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £50	WOLBOURNE Wolbourne Leisure Centre, Garsdale Road, Wolbourne, WV5 8JL DATES: 1 Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 2 Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August 3 Monday 17th - Friday 21st August 4 Monday 24th - Friday 28th August TIMES: 9am to 3pm £50
SPURDING Spurdings Rugby Club, Spurdings Park, Spurdings Road, Spurdings, ST17 8JZ DATES: Thursday 8th & Friday 7th August TIMES: 10am to 3pm £50	Book now at wolves.co.uk/coaching	

YEARS 1-7

OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

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

Ideal for 4 - 13 year olds

featuring

- 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**

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TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Beacon

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

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 Wovlerhampton, WV3 0QW

Holiday Hub

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

 CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

  **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

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Sunday 26 July 2026

KidsFest

NOW ON SALE!

Meet your favourite characters

Picnic fun & treats

Live music

KPOP dance & games





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
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Department
for Education



Staffordshire
County Council

HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD

HAF fun this summer

Bookings open Friday 19 June at 4pm

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

SCAN ME!



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