



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024



'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School Manifold C of E Academy: Mrs Kelly Stanesby

Chair of Governors: Mrs Sue Hey and Rev Jane Held

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby

Deputy safeguarding lead: Miss Aimee Torr

Monday 14 th October 2024	School Uniform
Tuesday 15 th October 2024	School Uniform School Open Morning 9.30-11.30
Wednesday 16 th October 2024 Welly Wednesday	PE Kit
Thursday 17 th October 2024	School Uniform CHURNET VIEW Open Evening for current Year 4's - 5.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 18 th October 2024	PE Kit
Attendance this week 07/10 - 11/10	96.31%

Your lunch menu for the 14th October – 18th October

Monday 14th Oct	Tuesday 15 th Oct	Wednesday 16 th Oct	Thursday 17 th Oct	Friday 18 th Oct
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Sausage, potatoes and vegetables	Roast Chicken, potatoes and vegetables	Savoury mince and rice with vegetables	Fish fingers & Chips, Beans or Peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice Cream

We are a NUT FREE school.



Open Morning

Please spread the word far and wide!



Open Morning

Tuesday 15th October 2024

9.30am - 11.30am

St Leonard's First School welcomes parents and children, to come and visit our lovely school and to meet staff and children to see what St Leonard's has to offer.



If you have a child who is eligible to start school in **September 2025**, please join us for a tour of our school.

If you are unable to attend the open morning, please call or email to book an alternative appointment to visit us.

Telephone: 01538 266292

Email: office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Churnet View and St Edwards Middle Schools - Open nights and days.



Churnet View
Middle School

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 17th October
5.30pm - 7.30pm
PUPILS JOINING Y5 AND Y7
SEPTEMBER 2025

Start your Churnet View Middle School journey at our open evening event.

Join us from 5.30pm to explore our school and meet our staff and current pupils.

To book a tour 01538 384939
or email cym.office@ttlt.org.uk

Join us on one of our tour dates to see our school in action.
Wednesday 6th November 10.30 am Wednesday 20th November 10.30am
Wednesday 13th November 1.30 pm Tuesday 26th November 1.30pm



St Edward's
Church of England
Academy

28 SEPT 2024 9.30AM - 12.30PM
AND 10 OCT 2024 5PM - 8PM

WE ARE OPEN!

Join us at one of our open events for a taste of the exciting opportunities St. Edward's has to offer for admissions in 2025. The academy's Principal, Mrs. Smith, will warmly welcome prospective parents and pupils in the hall where, after a short presentation, you will be guided around the academy in small groups, seeing first hand what we think makes St. Edward's great.

Events will be divided into two sessions - please book one:

Saturday 28th September: Session 1: 9.30am - 11am Session 2: 11am - 12.30pm	Thursday 10th October: Session 1: 5pm - 6.30pm Session 2: 6.30pm - 8pm
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REGISTER NOW

SCAN THE QR CODE OR
VISIT THE ACADEMY
WEBSITE TO BOOK YOUR
PLACE!

<https://stedwards.academy>



family
**Warm
welcome**
a warm space for all

2pm–5pm every Friday

in the school holidays at
the Methodist Schoolroom,
Brookfields Road

drop in for:

- Food & Drinks
- Colouring & Crafts
- Jigsaws, Games, and Lego
- Company and Conversation

For more information about 'Warm Welcome' please contact:
Rev'd Jane Held on 01538 262116 or Rev'd Julie Hassall on 01538 751907

Want to be part of something special in your community,
make new friends
...and... have LOTS of fun?

YOUNG PHOENIX SINGERS LEEK

**LOOKING FOR ALL MUSIC LOVERS
AGED 6+**

No auditions - and your first session is on us!

We meet at: Come Along!
Leek First School, Every Monday
East Street, from 6pm - 7pm
ST13 6LF (Excluding School Holidays)

For More Information,
Please Contact Our Secretary Sally

 07947450596

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Registered Charity
No. 2051192

Uniform Bank.

Please remember we do have the school uniform bank available with a various range of uniform. Please email the office if there is anything you are looking for and Mrs Crooks will have a look to see if we can help.



Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term:

Half term: Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov

Inset: Mon 4th Nov – Children not in school

Pupils return: Tues 5th Nov

Term ends: Fri 20th Dec

Spring Term:

Term starts: Tues 7th Jan 2025

Half term: Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb

Pupils return: Mon 24th Feb

Term ends: Fri 11th April

Summer Term:

Term starts: Mon 28th April

May Day: Mon 5th May (school closed)

Half term: Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

Pupils return: Mon 2nd June

Term ends: Fri 18th July

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 15th Oct: Open morning 9.30am-11.30am

Friday 25th Oct: Family Celebration Worship – Methodist Chapel - 9.15am-all welcome

Weds 6th Nov: Parents Consultations

Fri 8th Nov: Enrichment Day – Careers

Fri 15th Nov: Children In Need

Friday 29th Nov: Advent Service

Thurs 5th Dec/Fri 6th Dec – Christmas Nativity at Ipstones Memorial Hall 6pm.

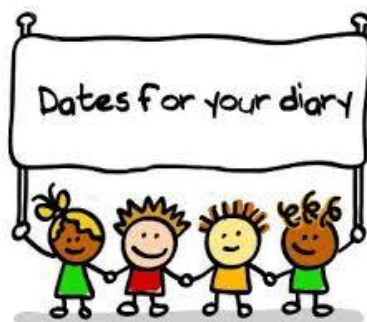
Fri 13th Dec: Christmas Coffee Morning

Thurs 19th Dec: School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 23rd October: Twycross Zoo

Monday 16th December: Jack & The Beanstalk Pantomime

Please note that some dates may change.



National Online Safety.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that bonfires should never be approached, and that children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any fireworks activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures - over 1,000°C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water - which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them all well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency - such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference below guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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Wraparound Care.



Breakfast club: Arrival 7.30am – 8am: £5
Arrival 8am: £4

Breakfast and a drink are available to all children.

After school: 3.15pm – 4.15pm: £5
3.15pm – 5.15pm: £10.25
3.15pm – 6pm: £14.20

(Fridays we close at 4.15pm)

Children which are in club after 4.15pm, prices reflect a light tea of sandwiches, fruit and vegetable sticks and drinks.

Fees are payable via ParentPay, alternatively we accept payment through the following voucher schemes: KiddiVouchers, Sodexo and Tax Free Childcare.

If you use a different scheme it is most likely we will be able to accept payment through them once registered. Please speak to Mrs Crooks regarding this.

Please ensure accounts are kept up to date to ensure the continued running of Wraparound Care – Thankyou.





Celebration awards.

<p>Spark to a Flame</p> 	<p>Theo Jaycee Emily</p>
<p>Star of the Week</p> 	<p>Maisie Eleanor.B Ursula Ezme</p>
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>Eva</p>
<p>Lunchtime</p> 	<p>Theo</p>
<p>Writing</p> 	<p>All of Flames class</p>
<p>Headteacher's</p> 	<p>Sam</p>

Autumn Term Trips.

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Twycross Zoo

IN THE HEART OF CONSERVATION

WEDNESDAY 23^d OCTOBER

Cost: £8 - payable on ParentPay due 18th October.



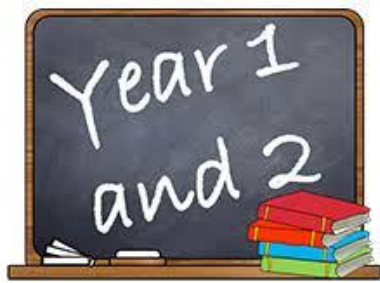
MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

Cost: £13 - payable on ParentPay due 9th December.

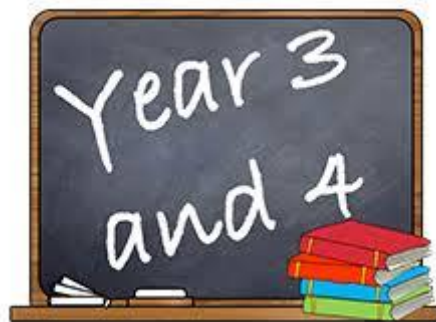
*After school club can still be available for both trips if required but please confirm you will require it with Mrs Crooks so she can confirm numbers with ASM.
Thankyou.*

Spellings.

Children in year 1 and 2 will be coming home with spelling books with spellings in to practice – these books need to be returned to school on a Monday to be updated.



Mrs Hodgkins will be putting spellings into reading diaries on a Friday after the children have been tested on the previous week's spellings.



Mrs Hodgkins also asks if Year 3 and 4 children could practice numer bonds to 20 where possible:



Thankyou for your continued support.



October Half Term.



ASM sports are offering the following clubs over October Half Term, ASM staff are well known to the children due to them providing our after-school club and being in weekly to deliver PE sessions.



BISHOP RAWLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHEADLE
MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **October 28 - November 01**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program. We provide an environment where everyone is challenged and enjoys themselves.

TEAM SPORTS ALTERNATIVE SPORTS MULTI SPORTS ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Alongside our regular timetable we will be offering some fantastic additional **FREE** activities within our Booster program. Please see our schedule of events on our MyASM booking portal.

BUG CLUB
INFLATABLES
MUSICAL MAYHEM
PUMPKIN CARVING
MONSTER MASH (DISCO/PARTY)
BRING A BIKE & SCOOT SKILLS

Ofsted Registered

We accept payment of childcare vouchers from most schemes. Applies at selected venues.

From **£25.00** per day

Half-Day & Wrap-Around options available
Book now at asmports.co.uk
 Call: 01782 366332 Email: info@asmports.co.uk



CRICKET MASTERCLASS

Cricket Cave (Unit B)
 The Cricket Cave
 Fraylings Business Park, Longport, ST6 4HS

October 29-31 | 09:00-15:30

Come and join us to experience the feeling of training like a professional Cricketer!
 John Hancock, will lead an array of high quality sessions to improve your technique, decision making and match play in all areas. This camp is suitable for club players aged 7-14 years old.

High Class Environment & Facilities!
 The Cave has 5 nets, BOLA bowling machines, Merlyn spin machines and the latest PitchVision video analysis camera software. We will be utilising these state of the art facilities to improve every aspect of your game; whether you are a batsman, bowler or wicket keeper.

In Association With:
THE CRICKET CAVE

Price **£25.00** per day

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 Email: info@asmports.co.uk

MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

BOOSTER SCHEDULE

Bishop Rawle Primary School

Mon	MUSICAL MAYHEM
Tue	BUG CLUB
Wed	BRING A BIKE AND SCOOT SKILLS / INFLATABLES
Thu	PUMPKIN CARVING
Fri	MONSTER MASH (DISCO/PARTY)



October is 'Walk into school month'

If possible, let's get them walking shoes on and get walking into school, this helps the environment, makes you feel better within yourself AND stops the car parking congestion around school...every little helps!

October is
walk
INTO school
MONTH

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!

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It's time to walk



We are pleased to announce that Year 3 and 4's residential trip will be taking place at Gullivers Rother Valley, South Yorkshire on 23rd June – 25th June 2025.

Letters have been sent out to all of Flames parents and payments can be made on ParentPay.



Unfortunately the school health team had to cancel the flu vaccination session on 09.10.24. As soon as we have a new date we will let you know.



Please ensure all of your children's belongings are labelled – Mrs Crooks can not find and return uniform if it isn't labelled!

School admissions for September 2025 for Reception and Year 5.

Applications open online for Reception and Year 5 on the 1st November 2024.

The easiest way to apply is online at:



www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions



You will need to make your application by 15th January 2025 and you will receive your offer on 16th April 2025.



Year 4 children will be coming home with a letter over the next few weeks with more information

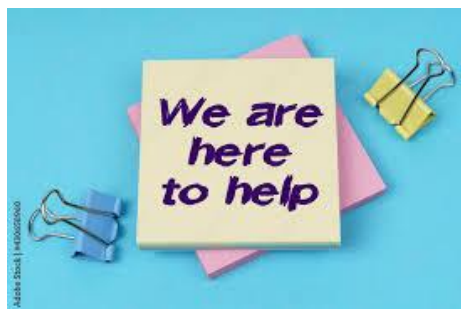




All accounts on ParentPay and any Wraparound Care voucher schemes need to be kept up to date as much as possible, this is **ESSENTIAL** for the running of the school – it can not run on fresh air!



It is vital that parents pay their relevant debts on time. If you are unsure of your outstanding payments or are struggling to clear your accounts please speak to Mrs Crooks who will be able to point you in the right direction.



If debts are not paid then money which is reserved for providing the range of activities and experiences that your children enjoy will have to be used to clear these debts, therefore putting the children at a disadvantage.

There is an option on ParentPay for all parents to contribute to the 'School Fund Contribution'.

THANKYOU!

Parents Consultations.



We will be holding 'Parent Consultations' in school on Wednesday 6th November for all children.

These will be available from 1.30pm to 5.50pm.

Please contact Mrs Crooks with a suitable time slot for yourself from the following and we will do our best to match it.

Time slots are for each teacher:

1.30pm-2.30pm

2.40pm-3.40pm

3.50pm-4.50pm

5pm-5.50pm

Tele: 01538 266292

Email: office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk

Wraparound Care – Online Bookings.

After October half term bookings for Wraparound Care will need to be made online and paid for at the time of booking.



They will appear on your ParentPay account as:

St Leonard's Breakfast Club

St Leonard's After School Club Monday-Thursday

St Leonard's After School Club Friday

Upon clicking onto any of the above you then need to click on the sessions you require and make your payment. This will then inform the office that you require a place for your child.



Last minute emergency sessions can still be booked on the day by contacting the office.



For those who pay via voucher schemes details will be coming out to you regards of your payments.

St Leonard's Nativity 2024.

We can hardly believe it is that time of year again where we will be starting to give out parts for the Nativity play and starting to rehearse lines and songs!



This years nativity will be taking place at Ipstones Memorial Hall on **Thursday 5th December and Friday 6th December at 6pm.**

Nativity time is always a very exciting time within school and when your child does bring home their parts, it would be greatly appreciated if you could practise with them (this will be after half term). In the meantime if you have nativity costumes which are no longer of any use at home please send them into school to be reused.

Many thanks!



Birthday Celebrations this week!

A big Happy Birthday to Maggie and James.C.

