



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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 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 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	School Uniform
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	School Uniform
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024 Welly Wednesday	PE Kit
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	School Uniform  <b>CENSUS DAY – It would be great if every child had a hot meal today for census day!</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	PE Kit

### Your lunch menu for the 30<sup>th</sup> Septmber – 4<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct <i>CENSUS DAY</i>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Cottage Pie and vegetables	Roast Gammon, potatoes and vegetables	All Day Breakfast	Fish fingers & Chips, Beans or Peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice Cream

# CHARITY BIKE RIDE

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER. *(THIS SUNDAY!)*

*A BIG thankyou to Mrs Falder for organising.*



**Aim to meet at 10am for 10:30am start.**

**Parsley Hay car park w3w: [///craftsman.bakers.capers](https://www.craftsman.bakers.capers)  
SK1469363690**

**The cafe will be open from 9:30am.**

“We plan to cycle up to Hurdlow then back through Parsley Hay before heading south through Hartington, Alsop, Tissington, Thorpe and finishing at Mapleton Lane so once we’ve left if any spectators want to hang around with a brew and butty they’ll see us again!



We will again be raising funds for the school and will also be raising money for the Oxford University Development Trust (funding vital research into encephalitis autoimmune disease at the Nuffield department of clinical neuroscience). This is in memory of Ezme’s grandfather...a worthy cause I’m sure you’ll all agree.

Participants can do as much or as little cycling as they like on the Tissington Trail but please can all who are keen bring a responsible adult along with them.



Scan the above QR code to donate.

## School Harvest Festival



This years School Harvest Festival will be taking place at St Leonard's Church on ***Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October*** at 11am.

All children are welcome to attend, please let Mrs Crooks know if you can as we will be giving out readings for the children to do through the service.

Any harvest donations are welcome on the day but if you are not able to attend and would still like to donate, please bring these to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.



# 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 [cvm.office@ttlt.org.uk](mailto:cvm.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:	Thursday 10th October:
Session 1: 9.30am - 11am	Session 1: 5pm - 6.30pm
Session 2: 11am - 12.30pm	Session 2: 6.30pm - 8pm

## 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:  
Leek First School,  
East Street,  
ST13 6LF

Come Along!  
Every Monday  
from 6pm - 7pm  
(Excluding School Holidays)

For More Information,  
Please Contact Our Secretary Sally



07947450596



YP@PHOENIXSINGERSLEEK.CO.UK



@YOUNGPHOENIXSINGERS



Registered Charity  
No 105114

# Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term:

Term starts: Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

Half term: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

**Inset: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children not in school**

Pupils return: Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

Term ends: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Spring Term:

Term starts: Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

Half term: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Pupils return: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term ends: Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term:

Term starts: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April

May Day: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May (school closed)

Half term: Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May

Pupils return: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Term ends: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July

## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: Open morning 9.30am-11.30am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Flu Vaccinations – please complete your form online via the link sent out in an email

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: PSHE Enrichment Day – Friendship

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Family Celebration Worship – Methodist Chapel - 9.15am...all welcome

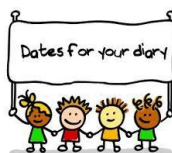
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parents Consultations

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Enrichment Day – Careers

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Twycross Zoo

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

Instagram is a highly popular social media platform with over 2 billion active monthly users. The app is continuously updating and adding new features to meet the wishes of its audience, allowing them to upload images and videos to their Instagram feed, create interactive 'stories', go live, exchange private messages or explore and follow other accounts that catch their eye.

### ADDICTION

Many social media platforms, Instagram included, are designed to keep us engaged on them for as long as possible. They encourage scrolling often and scrolling more in case we miss something important – in essence, a fear of missing out. On Instagram, young people can lose track of time when aimlessly scrolling and watching videos posted by friends, acquaintances, influencers and possibly strangers.

### UNREALISTIC IDEALS

Children sometimes compare themselves to what they see online: how they look, how they dress, and the way their life is going in comparison to others on social media. However, most people only share the positives about their lives online and many use filters when sharing pictures of themselves. A constant comparison with unrealistic ideals can lead to insecurity over one's own appearance and lifestyle.

### GOING LIVE

Livestreaming on Instagram allows users to connect with friends and followers in real time. Risks increase if the account is public, because that means anyone can watch the broadcast, which could result in further contact from strangers. Additional dangers of going live include an impulse to act inappropriately to draw more viewers, as well as being exposed to harmful content or offensive language.

### INFLUENCER CULTURE

Social media influencers are sometimes paid thousands of pounds to promote products, services, apps and more. When celebrities or influencers post such content, it often says 'paid partnership' above the post. In April 2024, Ofcom found that over a quarter of children (27%) believed in influencer marketing, accepting their endorsement of products wholeheartedly. So it's perfectly possible for young people to be taken in by this kind of content.

### PRODUCT TAGGING

Product tags allow users to tag a product or business in their post. This tag will take viewers directly to the product detail page on the shop where the item can be purchased. Children may also be encouraged by influencers to purchase products that they advertise.

### EXCLUSION & OSTRACISM

Youngsters are highly sensitive to feeling excluded, which comes in many forms: not receiving as many 'likes' as expected; not being tagged in a friend's photo; being unfriended; not receiving a comment on their post or a reply to a message they sent. Being excluded online hurts just as much as offline. Young people have reported lower moods and self-esteem when excluded in this way, feeling as if they don't belong and aren't valued.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### AVOID GOING PUBLIC

If a young user wants to share their clothing style, make up or similar and use product tagging to show off the items in their post, they may be tempted to change their settings to public. This leaves their profile visible to everyone, which carries the risk of strangers getting in touch with them. Set a child's account to private and explain the importance of keeping it this way.

### HAVE AN OPEN DIALOGUE

Talk to children about the positives and negatives of social media, including the risks involved and how they can view or create content safely with family and friends. Explain how safety settings will ensure only followers can view them, and why this is so important. Also, if you find a child continuously uses filters on their photos, ask them why and impress on them that they don't need it.

### MANAGE LIKE COUNTS

Due to the potential impact on mental wellbeing, Instagram allows users to hide the total likes on their posts, to prevent people from obsessing over that number in the corner. Users can hide like counts on all the posts in their feed as well as on their own posts. This means others can't see how many likes a person gets. This can be done by going into Settings > Notifications > Posts > Likes > Off.

### USE MODERATORS

Instagram Live has implemented a mechanic called 'Moderators', meaning that creators can assign a moderator and give them the power to report comments, remove viewers and remove the ability for certain viewers to comment at all. Consider this if a child in your care wants to go live on the platform. It's also recommended to keep devices in communal spaces so you're aware if a child does go live or watch a livestream.

### FOLLOW INFLUENCERS

Following influencers will allow you to monitor what they're sharing as well as being able to discuss anything which you deem inappropriate. Talk to children about who they follow and help them to develop critical thinking skills about what the influencer is trying to do. For example, encourage the child to ask themselves if an influencer is trying to sell them a product when they make a video endorsing it.

### BALANCE YOUR TIME

Instagram has a built-in activity dashboard that lets you control how much time is spent on the app. Make sure children sign in to the platform with the correct age, as Instagram's 'Teen Accounts' afford much more control for parents and carers over how long they can use the app each day. Talk with young users about how much time they spend on Instagram and work together to set a healthy time limit.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr. Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/instagram-2022>

@wake\_up\_weds

/www.thenationalcollege

@wake.up.wednesday

@wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 00.00.2024



# Wraparound Care.

As always, we will try to be as flexible as possible to fit in with your family's needs. As of September, sessions will be charged at the following:

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

***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.**







## **NUT FREE SCHOOL!**

When sending packed lunches in with your child or a snack for morning snack time please remember we are a **'NUT FREE SCHOOL'** and morning snacks need to be an 'Healthy Option'.

## **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.





## Celebration awards.

<p><b>Spark to a Flame</b></p> 	<p><b>Savannah</b> <b>All of Flickers</b> <b>Olivia</b></p>
<p><b>Star of the Week</b></p> 	<p><b>Jacob.G</b> <b>Sophie.F</b> <b>Jack</b></p>
<p><b>Reading</b></p> 	<p><b>Charlie</b></p>
<p><b>Lunchtime</b></p> 	<p><b>Eleanor.F</b></p>
<p><b>Helpfulness</b></p> <p>No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. <small>- Aesop</small></p>	<p><b>Corah-Rae</b> <b>Megan</b> <b>Annie</b></p>
<p><b>Sponsored Bike Ride – WOW!</b></p> 	<p><b>Jack, Jacob.L, Kallum, Eva, Elijah,</b> <b>Ursula, Ezme, Eleanor.F, Charlie,</b> <b>James.R, Zara, George, Theo</b></p>
<p><b>Headteacher's</b></p> 	<p><b>Sophie.F</b></p>

# Autumn Term Trips.



## WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER

To support the children's learning of 'Paws, Claws, Whiskers and Wings'.  
We will be leaving school at 8.30am and returning at 5pm (traffic dependent). Children will need to be in school for 8.20am to allow a prompt departure.

Packed lunch is required and can be ordered from the kitchen (Reception, Y1 and Y2's can receive these free of cost). ***Please let Mrs Crooks know if you require a lunch via the office email or by filling in the form in reception - there will be a choice of ham or cheese sandwiches.***

**Cost: £8 - payable on ParentPay due 18<sup>th</sup> October.**



## MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

We will be departing school at 12noon and returning at 4.15pm. An early lunch will be provided before the children leave school.

**Cost: £13 - payable on ParentPay due 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

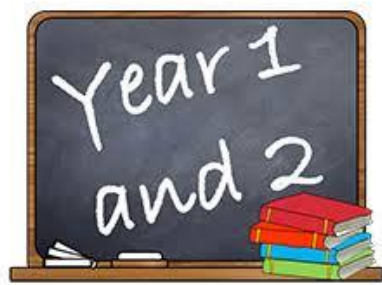
***After school club can still be available for both trips if required but please confirm you will require it with Mrs Crooks so she can confirm numbers with ASM.***

***Thankyou.***

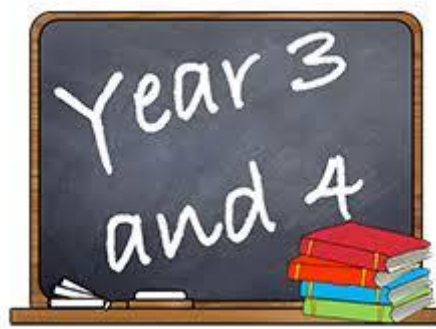


# Spellings.

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 using SeeSaw for year 3 and 4's spellings, but until this is up and running spellings will be coming home with your children in their bags.

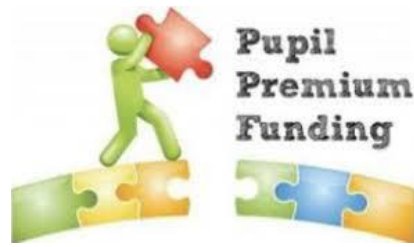


Mrs Hodgkins also asks if Year 3 and 4 children could practice numer bonds to 20 where possible:



Thankyou for your continued support.

## Free School Meals – (Reception – Year 4).



**Please apply online at gov.uk if you think you may be eligible:**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the [Holiday Activity and Food Programme](#). Food vouchers may also be available through the [Household Support Fund](#). Find out more by [contacting your local council](#).

***By claiming 'Free School Meals' the school is also eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' funding for your child:***

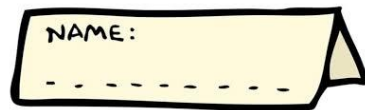
What is it for? The Pupil Premium grant is an amount per child, and it is intended that schools use this money to close the gap in attainment between pupils and their peers. This does not mean that each pupil directly receives the grant.; all spending decisions rest with the school.

**If you are unsure if you could claim please speak to Mrs Crooks.**

## HOUSEKEEPING.



- ✓ All uniform and bottles to be labelled with child's name – including coats.



- ✓ A pair of wellies to be brought every Wednesday for 'Welly Wednesday' – ideally to be left at school.



- ✓ If bringing own snack for morning break to be a 'healthy' snack and nut free.



- ✓ A suitable coat to be brought every day suitable for the days weather – as we like to be outside as much as possible.





# Birthdays

Have a wonderful time celebrating!



This weeks birthday wishes go to:

Lilly.E and Autumn – have a super birthday!





## 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 MyNight 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 [asmsports.co.uk](http://asmsports.co.uk)**  
 Call: 01782 366332 Email: [info@asmsports.co.uk](mailto:info@asmsports.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

Call: 01782 366332  
 Visit: [www.asmsports.co.uk](http://www.asmsports.co.uk)  
 Email: [info@asmsports.co.uk](mailto:info@asmsports.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)



## Design and Technology Week

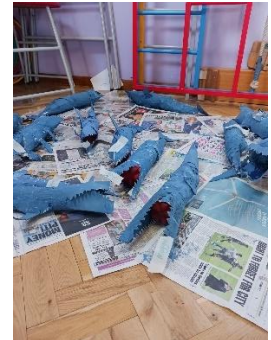


The children have had a very busy week making their animals out of junk materials.

After a collection of all the materials they had brought in, the children got to work with picking what would be most suitable for their design, the older children in Flames were excellent in helping the younger ones to pick what they would need going off the instructions on the design sheet...well done Flames!

Children split into groups of: Sharks, Elephants and Squids, as well as making their animals the children have been finding out interesting facts about them and enjoyed watching David Attenborough clips whilst working.

We present to you our 'Fantastic Sculptures!'







## School Census Day.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

The School Census is a crucial annual process for state-funded schools in England. It collects vital data used for funding allocation and national education statistics. This data is gathered three times a year.



It would be great if every child had a hot meal on this day as it brings vital funding into the school – lunch for census day is 'All Day Breakfast' and 'Flapjack'.





## 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](mailto:office@st-leonards-ipstones.staffs.sch.uk)