



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

Friday 4th 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 7 th October 2024	School Uniform
Tuesday 8 th October 2024	School Uniform
Wednesday 9 th October 2024 Welly Wednesday	PE Kit Flu Vaccinations – for children with consent
Thursday 10 th October 2024	School Uniform
Friday 11 th October 2024	PE Kit PSHE – Enrichment Day, friendship.

Your lunch menu for the 30th Septmber – 4th October

Monday 7th Oct	Tuesday 8 th Oct	Wednesday 9 th Oct	Thursday 10 th Oct	Friday 11 th Oct
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Chicken Pie and vegetables	Roast Chicken, potatoes and vegetables	Beef Bolognaise and pasta with vegetables	Fish fingers & Chips, Beans or Peas
Shortbread	Sponge	Jelly	Flapjack	Ice Cream

We are a NUT FREE school.



CHARITY BIKE RIDE

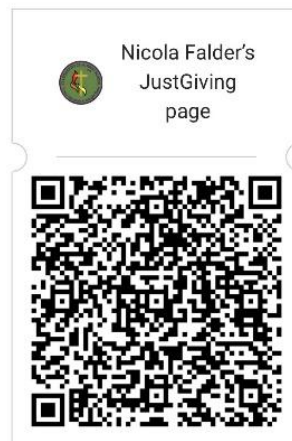
A BIG thankyou to Mrs Falder for organising!



A super well done to all children and adults that took part in the charity bike ride am amazing 17.5 miles – you were all fantastic and everyone at St Leonard’s are very proud of you!

There is still time to donate, the total is currently at £1580:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicola-falder-1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20240930



School Harvest Festival



This year's School Harvest Festival is taking place at St Leonard's Church on **Sunday 6th October** at 11am.

All children and families are welcome to attend, children do not need to be in school uniform.

Any harvest donations are welcome on the day.



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

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

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

Friday 11th Oct: PSHE Enrichment Day – Friendship

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

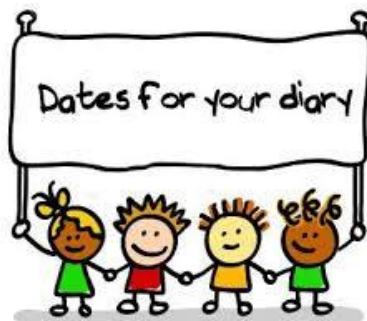
Thurs 7th Nov: Parents Consultations

Fri 8th Nov: Enrichment Day – Careers

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

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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.





Celebration awards.

<p>Spark to a Flame</p> 	<p>Stanley Elijah Eleanor.F</p>
<p>Star of the Week</p> 	<p>Jacob.G Lilly.E Megan Corah-Rae</p>
<p>Reading</p> 	<p>James.R</p>
<p>Lunchtime</p> 	<p>Elise</p>
<p>Writing</p> 	<p>Maggie</p>
<p>Headteacher's</p> 	<p>Megan</p>

Autumn Term Trips.



WEDNESDAY 23^d 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 18th October.



MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

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

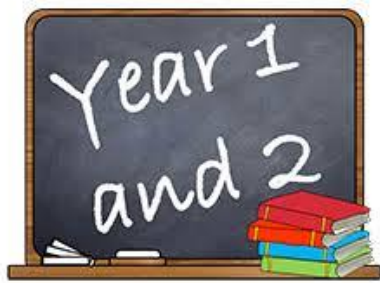
Cost: £13 - payable on ParentPay due 9th December.

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:

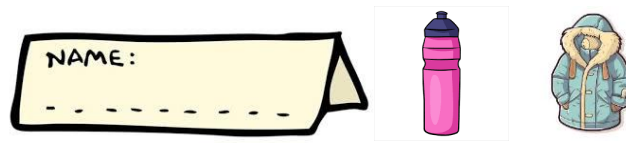


Thankyou for your continued support.

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.





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

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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

Call: 01782 366332
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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)



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

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.

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Staffordshire

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

Discover more at staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel

Staffordshire County Council

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into@staffordshire.gov.uk

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It's time to walk