St. Leonard's Church of England First School
Friday 13th November 2026

'Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

Executive Principal of St Leonard's CofE First, St Bartholomew's CofE Primary and Hollinsclough CofE Academy: Mrs Kelly Stanesby

http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk/st-leonards

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby
Deputy safeguarding lead: Mrs Eloise Crooks

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Monday 16th November 2026	**School uniform**
Tuesday 17th November 2026	**School uniform**
Wednesday 18th November 2026 **Welly Wednesday**	**PE kit**
Thursday 19th November 2026	**School uniform**
Friday 20th November 2026	**PE kit**
Attendance 09/11 - 13/11	**95.17%**

Lunch menu for W/C: 16.11.26				
Monday 16th November	**Tuesday 17th November**	**Wednesday 18th November**	**Thursday 19th November**	**Friday 20th November**
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Sausage roll, potatoes and vegetables	Savoury mince, potatoes and yorkshire pudding	Macoroni cheese or tomato pasta and vegetables	Fish fingers, chips, beans or peas
Cinnamon Swirl	Chocolate Biscuit	Cookie	Apple sponge	Ice cream

Dates for the diary

Tues 24th Nov – The Borrowers trip, whole school

Thurs 26th Nov – Coffee and Craft afternoon (PFA event) -1.30pm

Weds 2nd Dec – Peak Wildlife Park at Christmas

Thurs 3rd Dec – Christmas Movie Night (PFA event) 3.15pm-5pm

Weds 9th Dec – Christmas Nativity Dress rehearsal show – 1.30pm

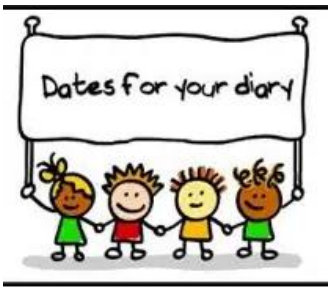
Thurs 10th Dec – Christmas Nativity – 1.30pm and 6pm

Weds 16th Dec – Christmas Light Vehicle Run (PFA event) 5pm start

Thurs 17th Dec – Christingle Service, ***St Leonard's School*** – 2pm

Christmas Jumper day

Christmas Dinner



Dates are subject to change

Academic Year 2026/2027
Autumn Term 2026 **School closes:** Friday 18 December **Holiday (school closed):** Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January
Spring Term 2027 **School opens:** Monday 4 January **Holiday (school closed):** Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February **INSET day:** Monday 22nd February **School closes:** Thursday 25 March **Good Friday (school closed):** Friday 26 March **Holiday (school closed):** Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April
Summer Term 2027 **School opens:** Monday 12 April **May Day (school closed):** Monday 3 May **Holiday (school closed):** Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June **School closes to pupils:** Friday 16 July **INSET days:** Monday 19, Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21July **Holiday:** Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1 September inclusive



Birthdays



Celebrating their special days in November are: William and Ronnie.

Have a wonderful day!



St Leonard's Wraparound Care

Need care before or after the school day?

Our **Wraparound Care** is available to support St Leonard's families.

📲 **Book and pay securely through ParentPay**
💳 **We also accept payment through childcare voucher schemes**

Breakfast club

Arrival between 7.30am-8am	**£5.75**
Arrival 8am	**£4.75**

After school club

	3.15pm – 4.15pm	3.15pm – 5.15pm
Monday	**£5.75**	**£11**
Tuesday	**£5.75**	**£11**
Wednesday	**£5.75**	**£11**
Thursday	**£5.75**	
Friday	**£5.75**	

Late Charge

£5.00 per 15 minutes (or part thereof) will be applied for children collected after their booked wraparound care session has ended and must be paid on ParentPay.





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 WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION 13+ In the UK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, that allows users to send messages, share multimedia, make calls, and participate in group chats. In September 2026, WhatsApp announced new optional parental controls for teenagers, including privacy settings, group notifications, and restrictions on AI content, which parents and educators should be aware of.

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats help young people stay connected, but they can also leave them feeling excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and frequent notifications can create a sense of needing to be constantly available. WhatsApp's new parental controls notify parents when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size.

HARMFUL CONTENT ON CHANNELS

WhatsApp Channels allow users to receive updates from public figures, organisations, and content creators; however, some Channels may expose young people to misinformation, harmful ideologies, or age-inappropriate material. New optional parental controls allow adults to restrict which Channels teenagers access, including limiting them to approved Channels.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers may use WhatsApp to trick young people into sharing personal information, sending money, or sharing security codes. They may impersonate friends or family members, using convincing stories about emergencies or urgent requests for help. New parental controls can help manage who contacts teenagers; however, they cannot prevent all scams or fraudulent messages.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp allows users to share their live location, profile information, and Status updates. Without appropriate privacy settings, this information could expose young people to unwanted attention or reveal their whereabouts. New parental controls enable adults to manage certain privacy settings, including who can view account details and add teenagers to groups.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp features such as disappearing messages and Chat Lock can make conversations harder for adults to identify. Although these tools are designed to protect privacy, they may also make it harder for adults to recognise inappropriate exchanges or harmful behaviour. WhatsApp's new parental controls do not give adults access to teenagers' private messages or calls.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp includes advertising in parts of its Updates section and offers Meta AI, an integrated AI assistant. Young people may encounter sponsored content, misleading AI responses, or information which is unsuitable for their age. New parental controls offer a stricter 'Limited Content' setting for Meta AI; however, this cannot guarantee that every response will be accurate or appropriate.

ONLINE

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLORE NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS

WhatsApp's new optional parental controls are being rolled out gradually, giving families more ways to manage teenagers' privacy and interactions. Teenagers will need parental approval using a parent-set PIN to relax any protected settings. Keep the conversation open and set up the controls together, remembering that parents can adjust or switch them off at any time.

MANAGE CHANNELS AND AI

Explore the new settings for Channels, Status updates, and Meta AI. Parents can restrict Channels to approved selections or prevent teenagers from viewing them. They can also choose Meta AI's stricter 'Limited Content' option, which restricts certain topics. Remind young people that AI can produce inaccurate information and encourage them to question responses rather than accepting them at face value.

MONITOR GROUP ACTIVITY SAFELY

New parental controls notify adults when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size. These alerts can help identify potentially concerning interactions without revealing private messages. Encourage young people to discuss unfamiliar groups, uncomfortable conversations, or pressure from other members and that they can leave, mute, or report if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

PRIORITISE TRUST AND COMMUNICATION

Parental controls should support conversations about online safety, not replace them. Explain that WhatsApp's new features do not give adults access to private messages or calls, helping teenagers understand that their privacy remains protected. Reassure young people that they can speak openly about upsetting content, unwanted contact, or pressure from other group members.

Meet Our Expert

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



See full reference list on our website

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Wellies

Please can all children bring a pair of wellies into school for Welly Wednesday.



Uniform

Please can all uniform be labelled. Mrs Crooks has no hope of returning items if they are not labelled; a sharpie pen works very well!



ParentPay

It is essential that all accounts are kept up to date – the school cannot operate on fresh air.



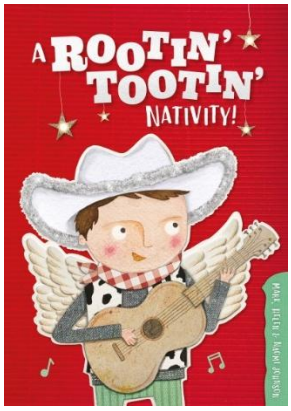


Peak Wildlife Park at Christmas

The first instalment of £6.50 is now OVERDUE – please make payment as soon as possible – thank you to those who already have.

'A Rootin' Tootin' Nativity'

Tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay. If you would like extra tickets, please contact **Mrs Crooks** to be added to the waiting list.



St Leonard's CE(A) First School, Ipstones

PFA

The PFA would like to invite all parents, grandparents etc to a

Coffee & Craft afternoon

Thursday 26th November

1:30 - 3:15

Each child will receive a handmade Christmas decoration to paint and take home.

FREE ACTIVITY!

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

If you are able to donate cake or cookies to the event that would be greatly appreciated.

Please alert the PFA & school of any allergies or intolerances.



Please use the above QR code or Paypal to secure your child's place.

School Uniform

Please be reminded of the following for school uniform requirements:

Uniform

- Bottle green v-neck jumper or cardigan with school logo and gold trim
- White shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- White/grey socks
- Grey tights
- Black shoes
- Green, gold and purple striped clip on tie
- Long hair tied back
- Appropriate coat for the weather
- Earrings – 1 pair of small studs, **must** be removed for PE

Optional summer uniform

- Purple gingham summer dress
- Grey shorts

PE kit

- Polo t-shirt with school logo in house team colour
- Black shorts
- Trainers or black pumps

Optional PE kit

- Hoodie with school logo/plain black hoodie
- Joggers with school logo/plain black joggers or leggings

All uniform is available to purchase at 'Something Special' Cheadle, alternatively we do have a uniform bank within school which has a range of uniform available dependant on donations.



‘A Rootin' Tootin' Nativity' Refreshments Appeal

As we get ready for our three performances of *A Rootin' Tootin' Nativity*, we would be so grateful for any donations of **mince pies, cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee, or sugar** to help us provide refreshments for our audience.



Every donation, no matter how small, will help make the performances even more special for everyone attending.



Best of all, every penny raised from the sale of refreshments will go directly towards enriching experiences and opportunities for the children of St Leonard's.



Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity, and continued support. We couldn't do it without you!



Please let Mrs Crooks or a member of the PFA committee know if you are able to contribute a donation.





NEW DATE ALERT – 16.12.26



Reception Class 2027 Applications Now Open!

Is your child due to start school in September 2027?

Applications for Reception Class are now open and must be submitted by **15th January 2027**.

Apply online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Don't miss the deadline! Secure your child's place and begin their exciting school journey with us. We can't wait to welcome our newest members of the St Leonard's family.

Spread the word far and wide and extend our wonderful school family at St Leonard's!

ST LEONARD'S CE (A) FIRST SCHOOL
from a tiny spark to a bright flame

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Parking around school

Parents and guardians are reminded that stopping or parking on 'Back Lane' outside the top school gate is not permitted when dropping off or collecting children.



The white cross-hatched area on the bend by the community garden must be kept clear at all times. Parking in this area restricts access for emergency vehicles to both the school and Back Lane.



Drivers are also reminded that the speed limit is 30mph. Please drive with caution and at an appropriate speed during drop-off and collection times when children are walking to and from school.



These measures are in place to protect the safety of our children, families and wider community. We ask all parents and visitors to follow them at all times. Persistent unsafe parking or driving will be reported to the appropriate authorities.



Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mrs Stanesby



Christmas Raffle Donations Wanted!

As we begin to celebrate the festive season, we're asking for your support with our Christmas Raffle.

If you can donate a prize, no matter how big or small, we would be incredibly grateful. Your generosity helps make our raffle extra special and brings lots of festive excitement for the children.

Please send any raffle donations into school by **Friday 11th December 2026.**

Every penny raised from the Christmas Raffle goes directly towards enriching experiences and opportunities for the children at St Leonard's CE First School.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PFA for organising this event and for all their hard work and dedication in supporting our school community.

Wishing you all a joyful and festive season, and thank you for your continued support.

Thursday 18th December

Get ready for a truly magical day as we celebrate the festive season together!

Christmas Jumper Day (Non uniform)
Come dressed in your favourite Christmas jumper or festive T-shirt and help fill the school with colour, sparkle and Christmas cheer.



Christmas Dinner
Enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch lovingly prepared by **Mrs Booth**, making this special day even more memorable.



Christingle Service - 2:00pm at School
Parents, families and friends are warmly invited to join us for our Christingle Service as we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and celebrate together as a school community.



With Mrs Booth's delicious Christmas dinner, the glitz and glamour of festive jumpers and T-shirts, and the joy of coming together for our Christingle Service, it promises to be a day filled with laughter, celebration and Christmas spirit.

We can't wait to share this special day with you all!