St. Leonard's Church of England First School
Friday 9th October 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

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

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Monday 12th October 2026	**School uniform**
Tuesday 13th October 2026	**School uniform**
Wednesday 14th October 2026 **Welly Wednesday**	**PE kit**
Thursday 15th October 2026	**School uniform**
Friday 16th October 2026	**PE kit**
Attendance 05/10-09/10	**91.36%**

Lunch menu for W/C: 12.10.26				
Monday 12th October	**Tuesday 13th October**	**Wednesday 14th October**	**Thursday 15th October**	**Friday 16th October**
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Beef bolognaise and vegetables	Toad in the hole	BBQ chicken and rice	Fish fingers, chips, beans or peas
Mousse	Shortbread	Flapjack	Chocolate sponge	Jelly

Dates for the diary

Tues 20th Oct – Reception height and weight checks

Weds 21st Oct – Space explorer stay and play 9am-10am – all welcome

Sun 1st Nov – PFA Halloween Party at Ipstones Memorial Hall

Tues 3rd Nov – Flu immunisations, whole school via parental consent

Tues 10th/Weds 11th Nov - Parent consultations – please refer to emails for your date

Thurs 12th Nov – Remembrance service – St Leonard's cemetery

Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need

Tues 24th Nov – The Borrowers trip, whole school

Thurs 26th Nov – Coffee and Craft afternoon -1.30pm

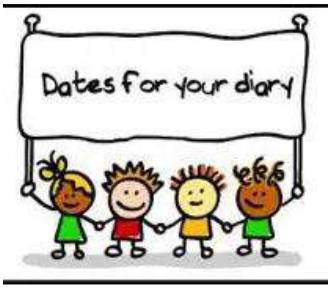
Weds 2nd Dec – Peak Wildlife Park at Christmas

Thurs 3rd Dec – Christmas Movie Night 3.15pm-5pm

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

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

Thurs 17th Dec – Christmas Service, St Leonard's Church – 2pm



Dates are subject to change

Academic Year 2026/2027
Autumn Term 2026 **Holiday (school closed):** Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October **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 October are: Lilly.E, Elise.B, Autumn, Ruby, Maggie, James, Millie, Seth and Liam.

Have a wonderful day everyone!



Faith Trail Trip

On our visit to The Open Centre Faith Trail in Derby, we had the opportunity to learn about three different places of worship. We visited a Hindu Temple, a Mosque, and a Sikh Gurdwara.

At each venue, we learned about the beliefs, traditions, and customs of the faith community. We explored the significance of these special places, discovered how people worship, and had the chance to ask questions and deepen our understanding of different religions and cultures.

At the Hindu Temple, the children enjoyed trying on traditional clothing and observing prayer and worship. This helped them gain a greater understanding of Hindu beliefs and practices.

At the Mosque, the children learned about the five daily prayers observed by Muslims and discussed the different times of prayer throughout the day. They were interested to learn how prayer is an important part of daily life and faith for many Muslims around the world.

At the Sikh Gurdwara, we experienced the Sikh tradition of hospitality by taking part in a food tasting. The children enjoyed tasting curry, bread and fruit, learning about the importance of sharing food and serving others within the Sikh faith.

The children were wonderfully behaved throughout the day and represented our school superbly. They showed curiosity, respect and enthusiasm at every venue and thoroughly enjoyed this valuable learning experience.

The visit was an engaging and memorable experience that helped the children develop respect, understanding and appreciation for the diversity of faiths and cultures within our wider community. It provided valuable opportunities for learning beyond the classroom and supported our understanding of different world religions.














🏫 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**	





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

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Regularly engaging children in open dialogue fosters trust and emotional expression. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings freely without judgment. Set aside time daily, perhaps during dinner, to ask open-ended questions such as, "What's made you happy today?". This encourages children to express themselves openly.

2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Children often learn how to manage emotions by observing adults. By modelling calm and positive responses to challenges, you can teach them valuable emotional management skills. If you've had a difficult day, verbalise how you're feeling and explain how you plan to handle it, such as "I'm a bit worked-up, so I'm going for a walk to clear my mind."

3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

Helping children break down challenges into manageable steps encourages a proactive mindset. Explain that every problem has a solution, even if it's not immediately obvious. For example, if a child is stuck on homework, support them in breaking the task into smaller steps, saying things like "Let's focus on just this first question for now."

4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET

Encourage young people to view mistakes as learning opportunities. A growth mindset helps them see setbacks as part of the process, rather than something to be upset about. After a child loses a game or performs poorly on a test, for example, ask them what they've learned from the experience. This reinforces the idea that effort – and even failure – leads to improvement.

5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES

Teaching children about self-care helps them understand the importance of balancing work with relaxation to maintain emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers could start a screen-free hour before bedtime where the family engages in relaxing activities like reading, setting an example to the child for how to unwind.

6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Strong relationships with peers and adults provide a support system that enhances resilience. Encourage positive, respectful interactions to develop social skills. Playdates or group activities can be instrumental in teaching children how to resolve conflicts with friends by modelling and practicing calm communication.

7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS

Helping children to identify and name their emotions allows them to manage those feelings more effectively. When a child's upset, encourage them to talk to you about what they're feeling in an empathetic and supportive manner, and ask them why they might be experiencing these emotions.

8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE

Giving children opportunities to make their own decisions boosts confidence and problem-solving skills. A good example of this would be letting children choose and pack their own lunches for school, guiding them with options but allowing them to assume responsibility for the task to help them take ownership.

9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES

Teaching children techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing or journaling can help them to manage stress. Show them how to perform breathing exercises when they're feeling anxious, and practise this regularly. Reinforcing this behaviour in young people will make it easier for them to use these techniques of their own accord during stressful moments.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Recognising effort, no matter how small, reinforces perseverance and encourages children to keep trying. After a child completes a difficult task, makes progress on a project or reaches another type of personal goal, praise their efforts. Emphasise the hard work they've put in and be sure to let them know how proud you are!

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School and works on secondment one day a week for Minds Ahead, which works with schools on improving their mental health provisions.



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Space Explorer stay and play – Wednesday 21st October



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite parents, grandparents or someone special to our Space Explorer Day, **9am-10am**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come into school and see some of the exciting things the children have been learning about throughout the Autumn Term.



🚀 Come and explore
🌎 Share in their learning
⭐ Celebrate their hard work and achievements

If you would like to join us, please complete the Microsoft Form that has been sent via email.

We look forward to sharing our learning with you! 🌟



"That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

Neil Armstrong



PAY ON THE DOOR

Awards

Spark to a Flame 	Maisie Sebestian
Star of the Week 	Ava Ruby
Motty Maths 	Bella
Maths 	Zara
Helpfulness 	Elise.G
Writing 	Eden Joshua

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.



Little Roots Forest School

October Holiday Club

Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th, and Friday 30th October, during half term.

Campfire skills | Exploring | Crafts | Playing



9:00-16:00

£45 per day, per child *Siblings discounts available

Ages 8-12

*Enquiries for other ages welcome

Dimmingsdale, ST10

To book your place, contact Harriet on 07728735014 or harrietleedham94@gmail.com

Snacks included / Confidence building / Creativity / Social interaction

Department for Education | Staffordshire County Council

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD



HAF fun this half term

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

SCAN ME!

Bookings open on Monday 5 October at 4pm

staffordshire.gov.uk/haf

HELLO YELLOW!

#HelloYellow

YOUNGMiNDS

Supporting young minds awareness of young people's mental health.

We raised a total of £43 – thank you for all the donations!









OCTOBER 26-30

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

HOLIDAY CLUBS

BISHOP RAWLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Royal Walk, Cheadle, ST10 1QA

We are excited to welcome you to our action-packed holiday club during half-term, running on **October 26**. Our program of sports, games and special events will provide every child with an unforgettable experience that will live long in the memory.

4 year olds are eligible for a maximum of 4 hours per/day (Half Day bookings only)

EXTENDED FULL DAY!

WE'RE GIVING YOU AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES!

FULL DAY **09:00-15:00** **£20.00**









SIBLING DISCOUNT

20% off for all siblings!

Half Day (£12.50)

AM **09:00-12:00** PM **12:00-15:00**

FREE PLACES

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

SCAN HERE

We accept payment of childcare vouchers from most schemes. **Bookings subject to a £3.00 admin fee.**

OFSTED Registered (at selected venues)

For more information:

Call: 01782 366332 **Website:** asmsports.co.uk



Peak Wildlife Park at Christmas

We will be visiting Peak Wildlife Park on Wednesday 2nd December 2026.



The children will enjoy park keeper talks about the Polar Bears and Arctic Foxes to embed their learning of our topic 'Ice Adventure' and visit the other animals within the park. After we will take a magical walk to Santa's Grotto to see Santa and tell him what we would like for Christmas!



Payment and consent to be given via ParentPay and thankyou to the PFA for part funding this trip.

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.

Wreath Making SESSION

Get creative, learn new skills and make your own beautiful wreath!



2nd December

6pm to 7:30pm

£25

Includes light refreshments

At St Bartholomew's Primary School, SK17 0NZ

All materials provided