St. Leonard's Church of England First School
Friday 6th 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

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Deputy safeguarding lead: Mrs Eloise Crooks

TMPF TRUST
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Monday 9th November 2026	**School uniform**
Tuesday 10th November 2026	**School uniform** *Parent Consultations*
Wednesday 11th November 2026 **Welly Wednesday**	**PE kit** *Parent Consultations*
Thursday 12th November 2026	**School uniform** *Remembrance Service – St Leonard's Church cemetery* **10am**
Friday 13th November 2026	**PE kit** *Children in Need – wear your pyjamas for a £1 donation*
Attendance 02/11 - 06/11	**95.68%**

Lunch menu for W/C: 09.11.26				
Monday 9th November	**Tuesday 10th November**	**Wednesday 11th November**	**Thursday 12th November**	**Friday 13th November**
Pizza, wedges and vegetables	Chicken pasta and vegetables	Roast Chicken	Beef Burrito and vegetables	Chicken nuggets, chips, beans or peas
Cinnamon Swirl	Biscuit	Flapjack	Apple sponge	Ice cream

Dates for the diary

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

Thurs 12th Nov – Remembrance service – St Leonard's cemetery 10am

Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need – wear your pyjamas

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

School closes: Friday 18 Decembjer
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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ADVERTISEMENTS AIMED AT CHILDREN

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Children are particularly vulnerable to the persuasive effects of advertising because of their still-developing critical thinking and impulse control skills. Children are regularly and passively exposed to advertising online, whether through influencers, paid advertisements, or sponsored content. Although 92% of 12–17-year-olds felt confident recognising online advertising, only 37% correctly identified sponsored adverts in search results.

INFLUENCER MARKETING

Influencers are an increasingly prominent part of children's online experiences, with four in ten 3–17 year olds who watch online videos reporting that they watch influencer content as entertainment. Influencers can appear credible, relatable, trustworthy and aspirational. Although seven in ten 12–17 year olds recognised a paid partnership, some believed products were promoted because influencers liked or thought they were 'cool'.

PARENTAL PRESSURE TO PURCHASE

Children's exposure to online advertising can pressure parents to buy products they see advertised. When told no, children may feel upset, treated unfairly or left out when comparing themselves with peers. With children potentially seeing up to 40,000 adverts a year, parents cannot meet every request. This can lead to arguments and put strain on family relationships.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Advertising often focuses on the positive effects of a product, which can create unrealistic expectations among young people. Children may be particularly susceptible to these claims when they do not recognise the persuasive intent behind them. They may be more likely to believe that a cream will 'transform' their skin, clothing will help them fit in, or protein powders will quickly build muscle. Repeated exposure to adverts such as beauty content can normalise unrealistic expectations and create material dissatisfaction or body image concerns.

HARMFUL ADVERTISING

Children can encounter online advertising through games, videos, social media and links, meaning they may see content that is inappropriate for their age. This can include products or messages that influence attitudes towards body image, health or behaviours such as gambling. Repeated exposure to beauty content can normalise adult-oriented beauty routines and psychological pressure.

UNINTENDED PURCHASES

Online advertising can encourage young people to make purchases. Ofcom found that 58% of 8–17 year olds had spent money online, with 27% saying adverts encouraged them to spend and 22% influenced by influencer content. Despite this, a third of the children regretted an in-game purchase, while almost half said they were unclear about what they were buying. This can lead to children spending more than intended or making purchases without fully understanding the cost or product, adding pressure on parents to spend.

LACK OF ADVERTISING TRANSPARENCY

Advertising is not always obvious to children, particularly when influencers promote brands, products or services without clearly stating that it is an advert, or when advertising is embedded within entertaining content and uses positive language. Children may not realise that the adverts are promoting something, making the recommendation seem more trustworthy and more influential.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH CHILDREN HOW TO SPOT ADS

Help children to recognise when content is trying to sell them something. Teach them to look for signs such as '#ad', 'sponsored', 'paid partnership' as well as promo codes or product links attached. Explain to your child that these adverts can be embedded within videos, social media posts, games or influencer posts and are not always obvious to identify. Helping children recognise these advertisements can make them less likely to be influenced by them.

ENSURE PAYMENT DETAILS ARE LOCKED DOWN

Avoid saving your bank card details on children's devices, games or apps wherever possible. This can help reduce the risk of children making accidental or impulsive purchases following seeing an advert. Check the purchasing settings on games and social media accounts and use parental controls or purchase approval settings where possible. Talk to your child about the importance of asking before making a purchase online.

DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

It is important to encourage children to question what they see online rather than automatically believing it. Encourage them to stop and think before clicking. Have them ask themselves, 'Why am I seeing this?' and 'What are they trying to get me to want/buy?'. Remind them that adverts and influencers only highlight the positive aspects of a product. By developing these skills, children will begin to recognise, question, and respond to manipulative marketing practices.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

While it is important to set age restrictions on games and social media, inappropriate adverts can still slip through. Talk regularly with your child about adverts or influencer content they see online. Open communication makes it easier for your child to come to you if they have any questions about products or inappropriate content. It also helps you understand what your child is being exposed to online and where they may need support.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Claire Sutherland is an education consultant and digital safety expert, with a background in primary teaching. She combines her PhD research in cyberbullying with hands-on experience, delivering impactful digital wellbeing workshops and policies for schools across Australia and now in the UK.



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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.





Children in Need Pyjama Day - Friday 13th November

Wrap up warm and join us for a cosy **Children in Need Pyjama Day!**

For a £1 donation, children are invited to come to school in their comfiest pyjamas and help us raise money for a wonderful cause.

Please remember to wear **trainers**, as PE lessons will still take place as normal.

Snuggle up, don't delay,
Wear your PJs for the day!
Nice and cosy, warm and bright,
Helping others feels just right! 🐻

We can't wait to see everyone's snug, sleepy styles while supporting Children in Need!





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!



The [1]first instalment of £6.50 is now OVERDUE – please make payment as soon as possible – thank you to those who already have.

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.

October Half Term Disco



A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PFA for organising such a fantastic disco over the October half term.



Thanks to the support of our families and community, an incredible **£300** was raised. Every penny will go directly towards creating even more opportunities and experiences for the children of St Leonard's.

Events like these simply wouldn't happen without the time, energy, and dedication of our amazing PFA committee, who give so much behind the scenes to make special memories for our children.



From all of us at St Leonard's, thank you for everything you do. We are so grateful to have such a supportive school community.



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.



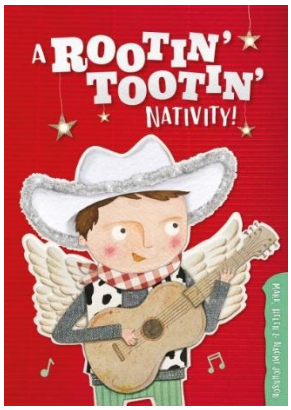
Parent consultations



Parent consultations are on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November, if you are unsure of your appointment time please contact Mrs Crooks.

'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.



Outside of School Achievements

Well done to Stanley for achieving 'Player of the tournament' in football!



‘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.

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

PFA

Ipstones Christmas Light Vehicle Run

Friday 18th December | 5pm Start



The Route

- **START** – Ipstones Memorial Hall, Church Lane
- Church Meadow
- Daisy Avenue
- Froghall Road
- St Leonard's Avenue
- Mayfair Avenue
- Froghall Road
- Brookfields Road
- Ruelow Meadow
- Barley Road
- Brookfields Road
- **FINISH** – The Red Lion *for a Christmas drink!*

£3 PER VEHICLE

All Welcome!

Scooters, bikes, prams and anything with wheels!

Celebrating the last day of term!

All we ask is you add some **Christmas sparkle & light up the village!**