

St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Living and Learning Together with God's Help

5th December 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Leonard's,

As we head into the final two weeks of term, St Leonard's is filled with a warm sense of anticipation as we journey together towards Christmas. Across the school, children are enjoying rich learning opportunities alongside the special traditions that make this time of year so meaningful.

Our Key Stage 1 children are busy preparing for their nativity, always a highlight of the season and a wonderful way to reflect on the true heart of Christmas.

We also have plenty for the whole school community to look forward to, including our much-loved Christmas lunch, the whole-school trip to the panto, and there's even a festive performance from the St Leonard's staff on the horizon!

These shared experiences bring so much joy to the children and help us end the term with smiles, laughter and a strong sense of togetherness. Thank you, as always, for your support this term.

We look forward to a magical and memorable finish to the year with all our St Leonard's families.

Warm regards,

Mr Beadnell



Choir Performance

Monday 8th December

Our school choir will visit Park View nursing home on Monday morning to perform to residents. This is an event that has happened in other years and is very popular at Park View. Our choir is busy rehearsing and they sound amazing. It is a very special community activity for St Leonard's, and we are very proud and happy to be able to do this.



Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December

Our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will perform to their parents/carers over 2 days. This is a ticket only event and tickets have been sent out. Parents of Owl class should have tickets for the Tuesday performance while parents of Hedgehog class should have tickets for the Wednesday performance.



Christmas Panto Trip

Thursday 11th December

Everyone is very excited about the whole school trip to the panto. Starring Jenny Ryan from The Chase it promises to be full of fun.

The key bits of information are :

- Please send your child with a pocket-sized snack. They will have to carry and take care of this so ensuring it fits in their pocket will make it much easier for them.
- We will leave school at 1.15 and estimate our return to St Leonard's to be at approximately 5.15. If there is a significant change to this you will be notified via email so please keep your phones handy.
- All children **must** be collected after the panto, even those that would normally walk home alone. Due to the lateness of our return, we cannot allow children to walk home unaccompanied.
- Children can be collected in the usual way via the school playground. The gate will be opened when the bus arrives back.
- Because of maneuverability the bus will need to drop children off by the main road. If you see the bus, **please ignore it**. Carry on to the playground to collect children. For the safety of all please do not gather around the bus. You will not be given your child at this location. All children will be taken to the school and collected on the playground. Your support is very much appreciated with this.

Merry Christmas



Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 16th December @ 5pm

All are welcome to join us for our late afternoon carol singing. The usual school gate by the side path will be open at 4.50pm. Children in Years 3 to 6 should go straight into their classroom. For everyone else, the PTA will be on-hand with various refreshments for sale. Please see below for details of what is for sale and prices.

As soon as possible after 5pm, the children will come out onto the playground ready for the carols and songs to begin. We look forward to kicking off your Christmas celebrations in fine voice!



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 17th December

There has been a change on SchoolGrid to our Christmas dinner day. If you would like to book the dinner, please check SchoolGrid. The children will enjoy a meal with reindeer shortbread and Christmas crackers.



Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December

To ensure the Christmas spirit is fully present, all pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumper on Christmas dinner day.



Christmas Card Postbox

Our postbox is in place in the hall. If children would like to send cards to other children at the school they can drop them in to the postbox where they will be distributed by our allocated posties.

COMMUNITY



Remembrance Day Fund-raising

We have been notified by the Royal British Legion that we raised £176.16 which is wonderful. Thank you to everyone who bought items from our Remembrance Day items.



Year 6 : Harry Potter

Our year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Warner Brothers Studios. It was wonderful to visit at a time when the studio was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Our pupils were a credit to the school and their families while on the trip with excellent behaviour.



Dates for your Diary

Upcoming TD Days

Monday 5th January

Other dates to remember:

- 9th December, Tuesday : Nativity performance to Owl class parents/carers
- 10th December, Wednesday : Nativity performance to Hedgehog class parents/carers
- 11th December Thursday : Whole school trip to the panto
- 19th December, Friday : Last day of term
- 6th January, Tuesday : 1st day of term 3
- 14th January, Wednesday : stories by candlelight
- 6th February, Friday: number day
- 6th February, Friday : PTA bingo evening
- 12th February open afternoon
- 13th February, Friday : Last day of term
- 23rd February, Monday : TD day, school closed
- 24th February, Tuesday : 1st day of term 4.