



St Leonard's CE Primary Academy

Living and Learning Together with God's Help

19th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the new term here at St Leonard's CE Primary School. The children have returned full of enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see the school buzzing with energy and positivity once again. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us make such a strong start.

We are delighted to share some excellent and exciting news for our school community. Mrs Johnson will be returning from maternity leave and will resume leadership of the school on Monday 26th January. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her back and know that the children and staff will benefit greatly from her guidance and experience.

In the meantime, Mr Beadnell would like to extend his sincere thanks to all parents and carers for their encouragement and support during the period he has been covering the leadership role. Your kindness and cooperation have been greatly appreciated.

We look forward to another happy and successful term together.

With very best wishes,

St Leonard's CE Primary School

The Value of Generosity

We were delighted to celebrate with the children who received our Values Cup Award. Generosity means more than simply sharing things – it is about sharing our time, kindness and love with others. Inspired by Jesus' example, we encourage the children to think about how they can help those around them and show care in their daily actions. We are very proud of the pupils who have demonstrated this value so thoughtfully, and we thank you for continuing to support us in nurturing hearts that are willing to give and serve.

Stories by Candlelight – A Magical Key Stage 1 Moment ✨

Last week, our Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a truly special experience: *Stories by Candlelight*.

As the classroom lights were gently dimmed and the soft glow of candlelight flickered around them, the children settled down together, ready to listen. The calm and cosy atmosphere created a lovely sense of wonder and excitement.

Our teachers shared stories, bringing them to life with expressive voices and plenty of imagination. It was a wonderful way to inspire a love of reading, strengthen listening skills, and enjoy a peaceful shared moment at the end of a busy day.

Moments like this help to create lasting memories and nurture the children's curiosity and joy in learning.

We are so proud of how well they listened and took part — it truly was a magical time for everyone involved.



Dates for this term

Other dates to remember:

6th February: Open Afternoon

9th February: Children's Mental Health Week

12th February: PTA Numbers Day with after school Bingo – details TBC

13th February: Last day of term

Upcoming TD Day

Monday 23rd February