

# Newsletter



Love Live & Learn

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Issue 06



## Headteacher's message

Dear families,

This week has been all about preparation, preparing for upcoming events, looking ahead to the final half term of the year, and supporting our Year 6 pupils as they get ready for their SATs next week.

The children have continued to work hard, and I have had the pleasure of spending lots of time in classrooms this week. We are working hard to develop strategies that help children become more independent in their learning, and it has been lovely to see this through the use of working walls, concrete learning resources and practical activities. Many members of staff have also completed pupil voice activities with groups of children. It has been wonderful to hear how much the children value being part of a church school and, in particular, taking part in collective worship. The children have been very thoughtful and honest, and they have also shared their ideas about how we can make some learning even more enjoyable.

In other news...

Mrs Mayhew and I have updated our safeguarding training. The children took part in a Climate Change enrichment day. I attended the SUAT Principals' meeting, where new initiatives in maths, behaviour and PSHE were discussed across the Trust. We held our residential meeting for our upcoming visit to Standon Bowers. Staff attended training in preparation for our SIAMS inspection next year.

Mrs Butler attended her first training session on the new RSE scheme, which will begin in September 2026 (more details to follow). We also held our termly LAC meeting.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for next week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

All we ask is that you do your very best.

Enjoy your weekend.



## Prayer of the Week

Father God,  
Give us willing hearts to serve others with joy  
and  
bring them help and comfort.  
Give us humility to accept help and service from  
others  
with thankfulness and grace.  
Amen



# Diary Dates



What's Gone

On

## Summer Term 2026

Holiday: Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Inset Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - School Closed

Term Ends: Friday 17th July

Inset Day: Monday 20th July - School Closed

Holiday: Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

11th May- SATS week

15th May- Clean up the village day

18th - 20th May- Year 4,5,6 Residential at Standon Bowers

22nd May- break up for half term/ Happy Clothes Day

1st June- INSET day – school closed to pupils / staff first Aid training

2nd June- Multiplication times tables check for Year 4 this week

8th June- phonics screening week for Year 1 pupils

26th June- Happy Clothes Day

10th July pm-All Saints Summer festival/170th celebration

15th July- Year 6 leavers trip

18th July- Leavers service in church at 12.30pm/ school breaks up for summer 1.15pm.



## Wildlife Wednesday

In Wildlife Wednesday, we have enjoyed planting even more plants and installing our water fountain. We have also continued developing our bug hotel and are excited to see everything come together. We cannot wait until it is finally completed.

If you would like to donate any herbs, plants or flowers for the garden, please contact Mrs Howarth.



# Notices



## School Parking

Please can we kindly ask parents and visitors not to park in front of the school opposite the entrance. We have received several complaints that cars and tractors are unable to get past.

It is also important that the road remains clear at all times in case of any emergencies.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## PTA Thank You and Farewell

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Alex and Melissa, who are stepping down from their roles within the PTA.

We are extremely grateful for all the time, energy, and support they have given. Their commitment has made a real difference to our school community, and they will be greatly missed.

We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them sincerely for everything they have contributed.

If any parents or carers are interested in volunteering with the PTA, please contact the school office, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

## Reminders

For pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are attending the residential trip to Sandon Bowers, please can all forms be returned to the school office by Monday.

We need to provide the residential centre with all relevant information before the visit.

Please could any outstanding payments also be made by Monday.

Thank you for your support.



Look inside our

# Classroom Moments



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Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson, and one success at a time!

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Since coming back from the Easter break here's a quick look at what we've been up to the past two weeks:



## Doves Class

Doves Class have had a busy and exciting week. In English, we have been learning about the grammar features of instructions and will be using these next week to write our own instructions based on *The Most Magnificent Thing* and the creations we made at the start of our learning journey. We have all made fantastic progress in swimming. From being brave enough to lift our feet off the floor, to swimming a width for the first time without swimming aids, and improving our technique as we move through the different groups, everyone should feel very proud of what they have achieved. We have also been thoroughly excited about our Sensory Garden. The children have done an amazing job planting and helping to install the fountain, and they have shown great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Sparrows Class

Sparrows Class have all been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks, and every child has earned either a 10 or 20 Dojo certificate is a fantastic achievement. We have been busy learning about mechanisms and are very excited to build our moving monsters next week. In science, we have really enjoyed our topic on microhabitats. Last week, we opened our class wormery to see what the worms had been up to, and next week we will be carrying out another experiment. In English, we have been doing a fantastic job learning to write different types of sentences and are nearly ready to complete our final piece for this half-term, all about earthworms. Keep up the great work, Sparrows!



## Eagles Class

Eagles Class have had a busy and exciting few weeks. We have started reading our brand-new class text, *Holes*, which is already proving to be a firm favourite. In PE, we have been enjoying our Rivers and Mountains gymnastics unit, where the children have been developing their balance, control, and movement skills. Year 6 have also been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs next week, showing great focus, determination, and resilience.

Thank you to all parents who attended the residential meeting. There is lots of excitement building for our upcoming trip to Standon Bowers.

### KS2 SATs – next week's timetable:

- Monday 11th May: English Grammar; Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) Papers 1 and 2
- Tuesday 12th May: English Reading test
- Wednesday 13th May: Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Paper 2 (Reasoning)
- Thursday 14th May: Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning)

All Year 6 children must arrive at school on time so that they can be registered and settled before the tests begin. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo over the next few days for updates about early Year 6 classroom access during SATs week.

We are looking forward to the next two weeks, completing SATs, visiting Standon Bowers, and finishing Summer 1.

Keep up the fantastic work, Eagles!



## Robins Class

Robins have been busy exploring the wonderful world of minibeasts! We have been learning all about the life cycle of butterflies, watching closely as caterpillars grow and change. Our learning was inspired by the much-loved story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, which encouraged us to explore healthy eating too. The children enjoyed tasting a variety of fruits just like the caterpillar in the story!

Alongside our science learning, the children have been developing their creativity by becoming artists. They have created beautiful minibeast artwork inspired by famous artists including Henri Matisse, Andy Warhol, and Yayoi Kusama, also known as the "Polka Dot Princess"! We are excited to announce that our EYFS Art Gallery will be opening on Wednesday, 20th May, where families are warmly invited to visit and purchase the children's artwork. (Time to be confirmed) All donations will go towards supporting our classroom resources, including some much-needed new playdough.

We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate our young artists' fantastic work!

# Recognition Achievements

## Love Live & Learn



As a result, a reward has been chosen and will be sent home for the following child, who will receive a Love, Live & Learn Certificate in recognition of their hard work, positive attitude, and achievements. These awards reflect our school values and celebrate the many ways our pupils contribute to our school community.

### Love Award

The Love Award recognises pupils who consistently show kindness, respect, and care for others. This includes being a good friend, showing empathy, offering help, and contributing positively to school life. Pupils who receive this award demonstrate our value of treating everyone with compassion and understanding.

WC 1<sup>st</sup> May -Presented to:  
Ethan - for being kind & generous  
WC 8<sup>th</sup> May -Presented to:  
Adela - for her love and care of the environment

### Live Award

The Live Award celebrates pupils who embrace school life with enthusiasm and resilience. This may include excellent behaviour, perseverance, teamwork, or representing the school positively. It also recognises achievements and participation in activities outside of school. Pupils receiving this award show a willingness to engage fully, try new experiences, and make positive choices each day.

WC 1<sup>st</sup> May -Presented to:  
Romeo - for being mature  
WC 8<sup>th</sup> May -Presented to:  
George - for being brave at swimming

### Learn Award

The Learn Award is presented to pupils who demonstrate a strong commitment to their learning. This includes trying their best, showing determination, making good progress, and displaying curiosity and independence in the classroom. Pupils who receive this award embody our value of striving to achieve their full potential. We look forward to celebrating our pupils' achievements and continuing to build great habits and a love of learning together.

WC 1<sup>st</sup> May -Presented to:  
Luca - for great pencil control  
WC 8<sup>th</sup> May -Presented to:  
Tobias - for excellent effort in phonics  
Walter - for working hard in English & Maths

*Well Done!*



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**ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 5 - 12YRS**

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| Tuesday<br><b>MAD SCIENTIST DAY!</b><br>CREATIVE FUN | Wednesday<br><b>DRAGONS DEN</b><br>SPORTS & GAMES | Thursday<br><b>SPACE CAMP</b><br>EXPERIMENTS & CHALLENGES | Friday<br><b>MINI FESTIVAL</b><br>IMAGINATION & PLAY |
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# BioBlitz

**Free Event Drop in**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
10:00<sup>am</sup> - 12:00<sup>pm</sup>  
At All Saints' Church Sandon ST18 0DB

Heritage Fund

- Join Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's rangers to take part in a BioBlitz in the grounds of All Saints' Church Sandon.
- Find and identify as many species as possible and record your sightings.
- Take part in bug hunts, bird watching and investigate plants and trees
- Have a go at tree bingo and clay creature modelling
- For further details see [www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com)





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**OUR MAY HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR AGES 5 - 12**





**CREATIVE!** **ACTIVE!** **FUN!**

As always, sessions are **child led, inclusive and supportive**, helping every child build confidence, make friends and enjoy their school holidays to the fullest.

**NOW ACROSS 9 VENUES!**

- Camp Littleton, Cannock
- Camp Five Ways, Cannock\*
- Camp Streethay, Lichfield
- Camp Darwin, Lichfield\*
- Camp Outwoods, Burton
- Camp Parkside, Stafford
- Camp Oakridge, Stafford
- Camp Coppice, Sutton Coldfield\*
- Camp St Dominics, Stone

\*Extended day available

**TIMESLOTS**

- Morning session: 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Afternoon session: 1.30pm - 5.30pm
- School day: 9am - 3.30pm
- Full day: 8.30am - 5.30pm
- Extended day: 7.45am - 6.15pm

All children are entitled to a **FREE** trial with us!  
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## Parenting Support Group

- 24th April Attachment, Separation Anxiety and Emotions
- 1st May Weaning and Fussy Eating
- 8th May Potty Learning
- 15th May Positive Parenting
- 22nd May Tricky Behaviour
- 29th May Common Childhood Illnesses
- 5th June Sleep
- 112th June Parental Wellbeing

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