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Class News

Nursery	- have been enjoying making bear toast as part of our Goldilocks and the Three Bears story this week.
YR	- have been learning about Remembrance Day and making Poppy artwork.
Y1	- have enjoyed creating their own bridges by testing different materials this week during our science learning.
Y2	- have enjoyed making shelters using natural materials for our teddies.
Y3	- have enjoyed recreating art in the style of Alaa Awad.
Y4	- have loved finding out about the Battle of Hastings in History.
Y5	- have enjoyed their Science investigation this week; measuring children from other year groups.
Y6	- have led our whole-school Remembrance service brilliantly on Tuesday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic week! Y6 were excellent ambassadors during our Open Evening this week and shared their journey through the school. Thank you and well done!

Neighbourhood Plan

Our parish is creating a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a community project to guide future building and protect green spaces in St Leonards and St Ives. It helps decide where homes, shops, and facilities should go, making sure changes suit our area. We'd love the school community to get involved! Parents can complete the questionnaire using the link below. Children can enter a special competition to share ideas for the parish's future. The most creative entry (written or drawings) wins a family mini golf ticket and two mini Range Rover sessions at Moors Valley! Deadline for completion of the questionnaire and competition entry is **Friday 28th November 2025**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4MsAUN90Me>

Nursery Open Morning for prospective families

We currently have some spaces in our nursery. Come and see it in action at one of our nursery open mornings at 9.30-10.30 on the following dates: (Please book via the school office)

Wednesday 19th November
Wednesday 26th November
Monday 1st December



Christmas Lunch Order Reminder

Please note that the cut-off for Christmas lunch orders is **midnight on Monday 2nd December**.

Online Safety

A deepfake is an extremely convincing piece of media that is created using artificial intelligence (AI), based on pictures and recordings of the subject. The name comes from the deep learning approach to AI needed to generate them – and the fact that they're used to create fake content. Deepfakes can be made as videos, static images and audio – where a person's voice is accurately mimicked to make it seem as though they have said something which, in reality, they have not.

In this week's guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as fake news and fraudulent use.

Value of the week – Unique

The whole school took part in a very moving Remembrance service on Tuesday led by Y6. It was very poignant. Our assemblies have focused on Antbullying week.

Wellbeing Week

Week commencing Monday 17th November is Wellbeing Week here at St Ives. Please see below what activities are happening for the children;

Monday	– Marshmallows with Forest School
Tuesday	– Yoga
Wednesday	– Movie afternoon
Thursday	– Pyjama Day! Children to come to school wearing their pyjamas
Friday	– Yoga

New PE Kit days for November 2025

YR – Wednesday & Thursday
Y1 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y2 – Wednesday & Thursday
Y3 – Monday & Thursday
Y4 – Monday & Thursday
Y5 – Monday & Wednesday
Y6 – Monday & Wednesday

Flu Immunisations

Flu Immunisations are being held on **19th November 2025**. Please return the Consent Form(s).

If your child has already completed a form for this season, or your child has already been vaccinated, please do not complete another form.

Shorts

A gentle reminder that trousers are now to be worn until March 1st.

Dates for Diary

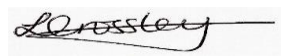
November

19th Flu Immunisations
27th Book your Nativity/Panto Tickets on Bookwhen
28th SISA Christmas Fair

December

1st Treehouse Theatre
10th Christmas lunch (please order via Forerunner)
16th 2.00pm KS1/Nursery Performance
17th 9.30am KS1/Nursery Performance
17th KS2 Christmas Performance @ Verwood Hub (4pm & 6.45pm)
18th Carol Service @ All Saints Church @ 1.30pm
19th School closes for Christmas 1.00pm – Nursery
1.05pm – Key Stage 1
1.15pm – Key Stage 2

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

