



Leonard Stanley Primary School

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 14th March 2025

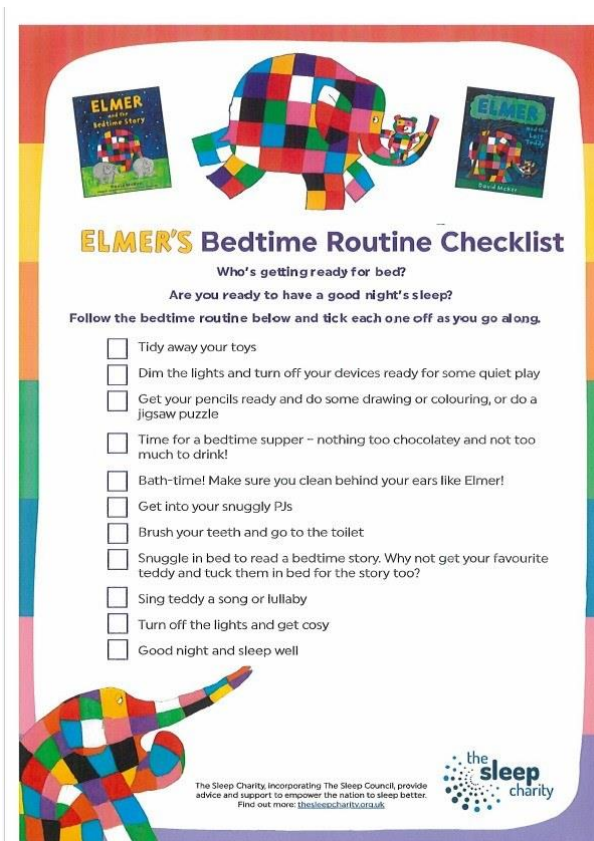
From the Head Teacher

Thank you for supporting the Y1 cake sale this week, both from the production side and the purchasing end of the process. The event worked really well, and the children learnt a great deal about enterprise. The finances of schools around the county are widely published, and we, like so many other primary schools, are in debt, and we have simply no money to subsidise trips, buy new resources, or improve our site. Therefore, we rely on the amazing contribution of FOLSS, financial donations, and careful budgeting to enable us to provide the best education we can.

We are always striving to improve, and our current project is to change what playtime looks like for the children. It is essential that they have opportunities for all types of play, including physical activities in addition to creative play. We are beginning with KS1 and are currently opening up the area into zones to create safe play areas. More information to follow.

As we look forward to the swimming pool opening in May, I will be away for most of next week on a pool maintenance course. Please liaise with Mr Babbage or Mrs Bullingham if you require any help or advice.

Mr Milner



Getting a good night's sleep (Easy Read)

	Sleep is very important. It lets your body and mind rest after a busy day.
	Everyone has trouble sleeping sometimes. There are things you can do to help you sleep better.
	Think about what you eat and drink in the afternoons and evenings. Cola drinks have something in them to keep you awake.
	Try not to eat too much before bedtime. Have at least an hour after dinner to let your food go down.
	Try to get some fresh air each day. You don't have to do a sport every day. Just going outside is good.
	Try not to have where you sleep too hot or too cold.
	Put a nightlight on if you like to have some light or dark curtains if you don't.

Open Classrooms, Wednesday 18th March

The school is hosting open classrooms next Wednesday, straight after school. Please come and see what your children are learning and let them show you what they are proud of!

Gloucester City Kings Basketball

Mr Hawksbee's basketball team, the Gloucester City Kings, are playing their final home game of the season on Sunday, **16th March**, starting at **3pm**, at **St Peter's High School** (Stroud Rd, Tuffley, Gloucester GL4 0DD). Winning this game will mean that they have a chance to be promoted, so any support would be much appreciated.

There is no cost; simply turn up on the day (doors will open at 2.30pm).

HOME READING CHALLENGE

HOME READING CHALLENGE – Well done to all children who have read at home to an adult at least 3 times this week:

Y6 = 97%

Y5 = 100%

Y4 = 100%

Y3 = 97%

Y2 = 100%

Y1 = 92%

97.6% of children read 3 + times this week - let's see if we can smash 100% next week!

Sportshall Athletics & Hockey Competition

All the Y5 and 6 children went to Stratford Park for this year's **Sports Hall Athletics competition**.

There were many events, including relays, javelin, triple jump, chest push, and speed bounce. The points were totalled up to see the Leonard Stanley 'A' squad in second place (despite being given the wrong medals on the day!). Other results to come, so waiting to hear how our others fared! Everyone competed amazingly well, showing real resilience and team spirit for each other! There was a fabulous atmosphere, though earplugs are a must! Well done all!

Massive well done to our **hockey teams** who represented us brilliantly. Across the 3 teams they played 17 group games - winning 11 and drawing 1.

Overall, LS2 came 7th out of 27 teams, with LS1 coming 11th and LS3 13th. Fab day out competing in the sun!



Attendance is improving!

We have been pleased to see an improvement in attendance over the school; thank you for all your support. Please note that if children are late due to any major traffic accident or adverse weather, their lateness is not represented as an absence. However, it is imperative that all children arrive at school on time.

Why is good attendance important?

- Statistics show that pupils with good attendance achieve well in school.
- Children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically.
- Children who attend regularly find their learning more satisfying and have fewer gaps in their knowledge.

If your child misses..	Their attendance rate will be...	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years schooling that's....
1 day every 2 weeks	Less than 90%	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	Less than 80%	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	Less than 60%	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	Less than 40%	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

Should I keep my child off school?



UK Health Security Agency **NHS**

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minifec>

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BBC Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Fri 21 March

Please click on the link below to donate to BBC Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2025, taking place next Friday, 21 March. To avoid bringing cash into school, please donate [using this link](#) below in ParentPay. Children can wear anything RED—the REDDER the better!

Author Visit

Author Visit at Leonard Stanley

We're excited to announce that B. Ware will be visiting on Thursday 20th March with ***WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!*** – her debut children's book (suitable for all ages). All of the children will take part in activities with the author throughout the day. If parents wish to, they can purchase a copy via linktr.ee/bwareauthor which their child can bring along on the day for the author to sign (it's currently on offer on Amazon for £7.85). B. Ware will also be selling signed copies **via cash or card payments** at lunchtime and at the end of the school day, at the retail price of £8.99. Simply send your child in with cash in an envelope on the day (change will be available), or pop by the stall outside the front of school at home time.



FOLSS Second Hand Uniform Sale

FOLSS will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 19th March, at 3.15pm. We have jumpers, trousers, dresses and skirts in stock. Various sizes available. Come along and grab a bargain.

Key Dates

19/03/25: Open Classrooms, 3.15pm, Second hand uniform sale

21/03/25: Comic Relief Red Nose Day—wear RED, the REDDER, the BETTER

27/03/25: Swimming Gala

02/03/25: Panathlon Competition

08/04/25: Easter Service

09/04/25: Y1 Family Breakfast

11/04/25: **School closes 1:00pm**

SUMMER TERM

28/04/25: School Reopens

05/05/25 - **School Closed - Bank Holiday**

23/05/25 - **School Closes at 3:15pm for Half Term**

HALF TERM

02/06/25 - **School Closed - Inset Day**

03/06/25 - School Reopens

18/07/25 - School Closes at 1pm for Summer Holidays (No OOSC Club)

21/07/25 - **School Closed - Inset Day**

Please refer to the school website for term dates and INSET day, 2025-2026

FOLSS NEWS

Save the Date: Sunday, 8th June - Grand Pool Opening Celebration!

The countdown is on! Over the next few weeks, we'll be rolling out a range of dates and activities to help us get the pool ready for a fantastic summer. But we NEED YOU to make it happen!

- ◆ Are you a tradesperson? We'd love any donated time or resources, such as paint, to help with the finishing touches.
- ◆ Can you help with odd jobs? We have some fiddly tasks - like changing a door handle and fixing a fence panel - that need a little TLC.
- ◆ Want to be part of something great? Whether you can lend a hand or just cheer us on, we'd love for you to get involved!

We're on the final stretch, and with your help, we can cross the finish line to open the pool for a summer of fun and community spirit!

Get in touch if you can help - every little bit counts! You can text or call Rob (07557 332533) or Ally (07827 221697).

We are seeking some fabulous new members of the FOLSS PTA and a new Co-Chair to help ensure the Friends of Leonard Stanley School PTA can continue its vital work. As Ally moves on to her Governor role, Danni needs someone to volunteer alongside!!

The PTA plays a crucial role in enhancing the school experience for all students by raising essential funds for activities, equipment, and supplies that enrich learning and create memorable experiences. Without a Co-Chair, the future of these fundraising efforts is at risk, which could significantly impact the opportunities available to the children.

Volunteering as a Co-Chair is a rewarding way to support the school community, and your involvement can make a lasting difference. If you're passionate about improving the school's resources and helping students thrive, as well as supporting with the organisation of fun events, please consider stepping forward to fill this important role and join our Committee.

If you'd like to ask any questions reach out to Ally or Danni on friendsofleonardstanleyschool@gmail.com

FOLSS 100 Club





Cheerleading Camp, Easter 2025

We're excited to invite your school students and families to our LCS Easter Cheerleading Camp 2025! Join us for two action-packed days of cheer, fun, and skill-building this Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April at Brimscombe Primary School.

 Dates: 15th & 16th April

 Time: 9 AM – 3 PM (Early drop off and late collection are available at an additional cost).

 Ages: 4-14

 Pricing: £25 per day | £15 for half-day

 Discounts available for block or sibling bookings!

Spaces are filling fast—don't miss out! Book now by contacting us at 07462464246 or emailing bethsweetland2002@gmail.com.

Atlas Camps

Atlas Camps Easter Multi-Activity Camps and Sports Academies (www.atlascamps.co.uk)

With the Easter break less than 4 weeks away, Atlas Camps will be back with a bang with our award-winning multi-activity camps running throughout the Easter holidays! Joining them will be our ever-popular Atlas Camps Sports Academies – ideal for football and netball lovers – allowing sports-mad All-Stars aged 7-14 to hone their sporting skills with drills, games and plenty of FUN.

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children aged 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

- Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount and 5th day savings available
- Multi-activity and sport-specific camps

For further information, please watch [this video](#) or check out the attached posters. Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book our multi-activity camps. Atlas Camps Sports Academies can be found at <https://www.atlascamps.co.uk/sports-camps>.

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Appeal to support Ukraine

St Swithun's Church Leonard Stanley Appeal to support Ukraine

Who would have thought when we helped load the first lorries from Gloucester in March 2022 that sadly, we would still be appealing for help three years on.

St Swithun's Church appeals have been generously supported by the local community on many occasions since the start of the war. Initially donation of goods for the first 6 lorries to travel from Gloucester in 2022 and since then working with the Ukrainian Church in Gloucester who regularly travel to Ukraine.

In addition, our Candlelit Carol Service collection 2024 went towards the transportation of a donated ambulance which arrived in Ukraine in January

Currently they are requesting the following items

Please help us by donating items or giving a cash donation for us to purchase them.

Tinned Food – things that can be heated and eaten from the tin, Chunky stews, meatballs, beans with sausage, chilli con carne, ravioli etc. Toothpaste and toothbrushes Batteries Easter Eggs to spread a little cheer in view of recent events	Paracetamol – always desperately needed For Soldiers – frontline & in military hospital Sweets and Chocolate treats NEW socks NEW Underwear Hand warmers (air activated)
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Also needed:
Adult Incontinence products if you or someone you know have any items no longer needed we will be pleased to take them

Part used or any candle stubs gratefully received the wax is melted down and made into trench candles in food tins by a working party and sent out to Ukraine

St Swithun's will be open to receive donations on:

Wednesday	19 March 11.00 – 4.00
Saturday	22 March 10.00 – 2.00
Sunday	23 March 11.00 – 2.00

Thank you

For further information or queries please contact Julia or Jan 01453 828372