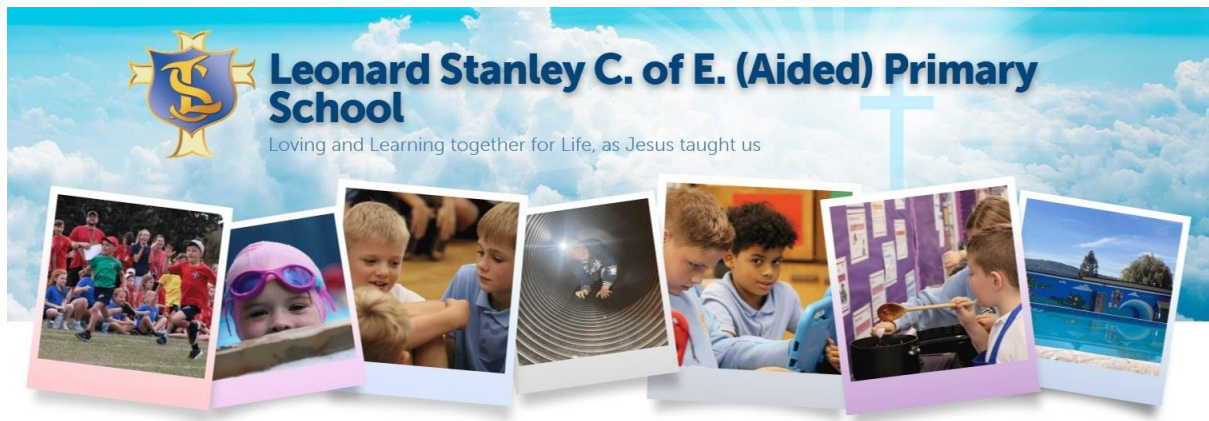




Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 9th January 2026

From the Head Teacher

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome Back & Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful break. While school was closed, our building programme continued — at one point, we had five different contractors on site in a single day! We're delighted that the new path is now complete. Next up: finishing our heating project and transforming the old kitchen into intervention rooms.

Curriculum Plans – See What Your Child Is Learning

Want to know what your child will be learning this term? Each class's termly curriculum plan is now available on our school website. These plans outline all subject areas and give you an overview of the exciting learning ahead.

[Click here to explore your child's curriculum:](#)

What's New This Term?

- **Lunch & Play Enhancements:** We've made changes to lunch arrangements and started improving our outdoor play facilities. KS2 children now have the option of an indoor "quiet classroom" after lunch, alongside lots of new toys and games. Playtime is a vital part of the day where children learn to play, build friendships, and resolve conflicts in a safe environment.
- **Can You Help?** To support our play provision, we're looking for donations of **Duplo Lego, marbles, toy cars, card games, and chess sets.**

Vision Day – Next Thursday

Our second Vision Day will focus on **Learning**. Across the year, we'll have four Vision Days based on our school vision: *Loving and Learning together, for Life, as Jesus taught us*. This session will explore practical life skills not usually taught in school — from tying shoelaces and sewing buttons to traditional playground games and other useful skills.

Dates for Your Diary

- Next week: **Judo starts for Years 2 & 3** and **KS2 after-school clubs begin**.
- **Friday**: Pre-school INSET day.
- Please check the attached weekly planner for full details for each class.

Mr A Milner

[‘What I wish my parents or carers knew...’: A guide for parents and carers on managing children’s digital lives](#)

Parenting in the Digital Age

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There’s no manual, and keeping up with the fast-changing digital world your child navigates every day can be challenging.

We’ve put together **up-to-date guidance on children using digital devices** — click here to access it: ([Link](#)).

A few important reminders:

- Please think carefully about how mobile phones and tablets are used at home.
- Children in primary school should **not** be using social media or WhatsApp groups.
- Avoid leaving devices in children’s bedrooms overnight — we’ve recently had several issues with late-night messaging between pupils.

For practical tips on making devices safer for children, visit the **Advice section on our school website**, where you’ll find instructions on how to lock down devices effectively.

Our School Charity



1 - Our chosen school charity this year.

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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 = 80%

Y5 = 100%

Y4 = 85%

Y3 =94%

Y2 =100%

Y1 = 77%

FOLSS News

We will be publishing our timetable of FOLSS events this term; thank you for your continuing support.

Pre-School Inset Days

Please note the pre-school will be closed on the following days for staff training:

Friday 16th January 2026

Wednesday 18th March

Friday 26th June

We are now taking registrations for 3-4-year-olds for September 2026. Please email earlyyears@leonardstanley.gloucs.sch.uk for further details.



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

SPRING TERM

Friday 16/01/26 - Pre-School Inset Day

Friday 13/02/26 - School Closes at 3:15pm for Half Term

HALF TERM

Monday, 23/02/26 - School Reopens

Wednesday 18/03/26 - Pre-School Inset Day

Friday, 27/03/26 - School Closes at 1pm for Easter Holidays (No OOSC Club)

EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM

Monday, 13/04/26 - School Reopens

Monday, 04/05/26 - School Closed - Bank Holiday

Friday, 22/05/26 - School Closes at 3:15pm for Half Term

HALF TERM

Monday, 01/06/26 - School Reopens

Friday, 26/06/26 - School Closed - Inset Day

Friday, 17/07/26 - School Closes at 1pm for Summer Holidays (No OOSC Club)