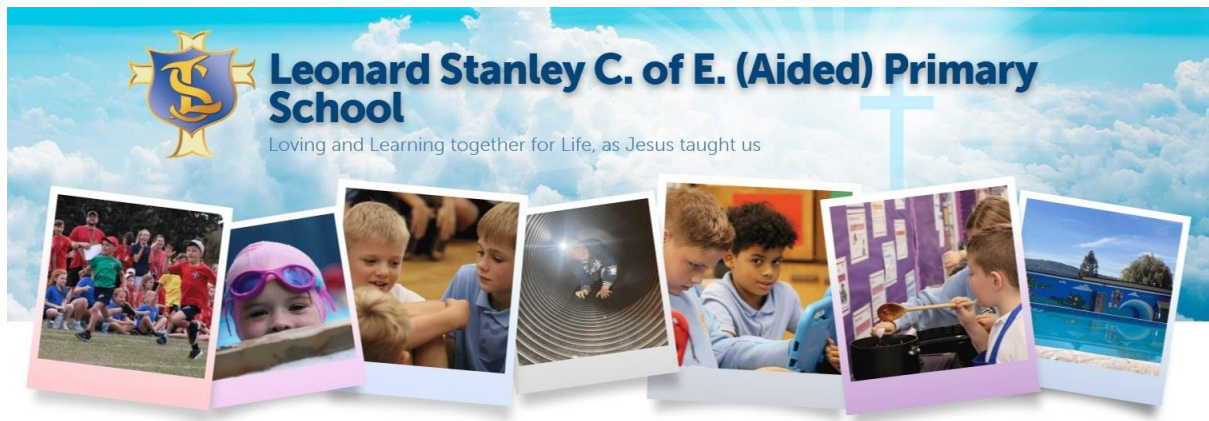




Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 16th January 2026

From the Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy week in school. We were especially delighted to see Judo return to PE lessons for our Year 2 and Year 3 classes—always a highlight of the term.

We began the week in collective worship by exploring the idea of making *1% improvements every day*, inspired by the Japanese philosophy of *Kaizen*. It was also lovely to join together with both pre-school and reception for a shared collective worship based on stories from the Bible.

Applications for reception places for September 2026 have now closed. We have received an exceptionally high number of applications this year and are incredibly proud of our growing reputation. Reception places will be allocated in mid-April.

Term dates for 2026/27 have now been confirmed and are available on the school website. These include INSET days for both the school and pre-school. We can also confirm that this term's **Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March.**

Aligned with our vision, "*Loving and Learning together, for Life, as Jesus taught us,*" we held our second **Vision Day** this week. Last term we focused on "loving"—ourselves, others, and the environment. This time the theme was **learning**, and we aimed to offer children a wide range of new experiences. Every child took part in four activities, choosing from options such as making flatbread, playground and card games, tying shoelaces, drama games, massage, sewing buttons, playing musical instruments, dancing, origami, and aeroplane making. Pre-school and reception enjoyed their own carousel of new learning opportunities as well.

Our next Vision Day will look ahead to our third theme: **working together**.

Mr A Milner

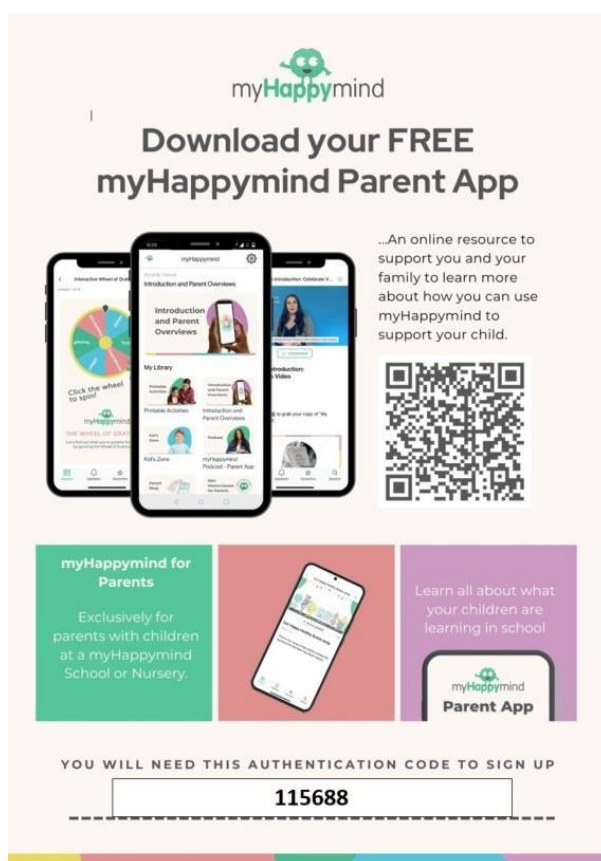


Our School Charity



1 - Our chosen school charity this year.

My Happy Mind



‘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.

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 = 84%

Y5 = 97%

Y4 = 94%

Y3 = 93%

Y2 = 100%

Y1 = 84%

FOLSS News

We are incredibly grateful for the support you showed for our Christmas events.

- The Reindeer Run raised a fantastic £825 in sponsorship.
- The Christmas Carol Event was a huge success and raised an amazing £1100.
- This money will be put to great use enriching the children's education.
- We will be holding a preloved school uniform sale on Wednesday 21st January after school – cash & card accepted. Jumpers & hoodies are all reduced in price.

Check out our Facebook page for updates.

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

Please note the dates for 2026/27 are now on the school website.

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)

Fire Rivers Fostering

*There are children in **Gloucester and surrounding areas right now** who need a safe, loving home.

*You don't need to be perfect – just patient, caring and willing to learn.

*Could fostering be something you've never considered ... but should?

Fostering Myths –

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You have to be married **X**

You need a spare mansion **X**

You have to be a stay at home parent **X**

You just need a spare room and a big heart

Contact Five Rivers Fostering – 0333 0603 962

carer.enquiries@thefosteringcompanyltd.co.uk

Holiday Camp



A promotional poster for Supafit Sports Holiday Camps. The poster features a red and white color scheme with various images of children participating in activities like archery, football, and indoor games. Text elements include the Supafit Sports logo, the title 'HOLIDAY CAMPS', location details for Great Oldbury Primary Academy and Churchdown Village Infants School, a QR code for booking, pricing information (£22.50 per day, £12.00 half day), sibling discounts, a list of activities (Multi-Sports, Football, Arts & Crafts, Singing, Dance), and contact information at the bottom.

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