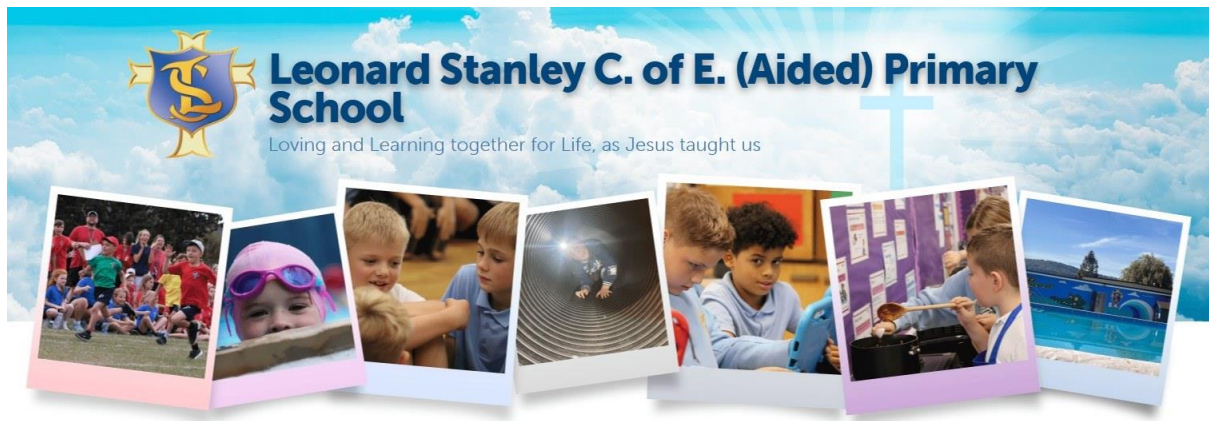




Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 30th January 2026

From the Head Teacher

Dear parents/carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Open Classrooms last night. Sharing your children's learning journey is both rewarding and important, helping to ensure that parents feel actively involved in their child's progress and experiences in school.

In last Monday's collective worship, we took time to reflect on the Holocaust—an essential and sensitive part of our historical understanding. I was extremely proud of the whole school for the respect they showed, the thoughtful questions they asked, and the mature way they marked Holocaust Memorial Day.

A gentle reminder to all families that, during our current PE uniform trial, children should wear a school sweatshirt or hoodie along with plain joggers on their PE days.

We have had a great deal of sickness bugs in school this week and many children and staff have been absent. Please can I continue to remind parents and carers to keep children at home if they are unwell to prevent further outbreaks in school.

Mr A Milner

Early Years Senior Practitioner

Mrs Knapp will sadly be stepping down from her role as our Pre-School Leader. As a result, we are seeking an exceptional individual to take on the day-to-day leadership of our thriving pre-school class, which is an integral part of Leonard Stanley Primary School. Further details about the role can be found on our [school website](#).

In due course, we will be arranging an opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Knapp and to celebrate her long and distinguished career at Leonard Stanley.

News from the Kitchen

The Year 3 and 4 children have been making Leek and Potato Soup in their cookery lessons. They practiced their skills with vegetable peelers and knives and it was encouraging to see them becoming more confident in using these tools. They used their mental maths skills to find out the cost of a portion which worked out at 45p. They looked at a tin of soup which cost 63p. Once they had finished their soup and checked that they were happy with the seasoning they tasted the tinned soup and compared it to the one they had made. The general opinion was that theirs was much tastier - and cheaper to make too! Now that they have seen how easy it is to make delicious soup why not try making some at home? Other recipes are easily available online - or come and see Mrs Cropton and she will find you a recipe of your choice to try!



Leek and Potato Soup

2 medium leeks
30g butter
2 cloves garlic
2 medium potatoes
1l vegetable stock
Salt and pepper to taste



Prepare the leeks - removing the outer leaves and cut away any tough green part of the stalk. Split the leeks into quarters lengthwise, leaving the base of the leek intact. Now run the leek under a cold tap, fanning out the leek to remove any grit or dirt. When clean, shake the leeks dry and cut across the width of the leek, chopping it into smaller pieces.

Place a large soup pan or saucepan over medium heat, add the butter to melt. Add the chopped leeks, along with a pinch of salt, and gently cook the leeks for 10 minutes.

Crush the garlic and add it to the pan and continue to cook for 5 minutes.

Peel and dice the potatoes and add to the pan with the vegetable stock. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to medium and cook gently for 15-20 minutes until the potatoes soften.

For a smooth soup use a stick blender and blitz until smooth. If the soup is too thick, you can loosen it with a little more vegetable stock or water. Season to taste.



Breakfast Club

There are often a few spare spaces in breakfast club in the morning. If you need a one-off space for your child/ren, please email Mrs Evans (chris@leonardstanley.gloucs.sch.uk) to book a place. Ad hoc places are charged at £7.50/session.

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 = 96%

Y5 = 100%

Y4 = 100%

Y3 = 100%

Y2 = 100%

Y1 = 91%

A super week, well done!

Our School Charity



1 - Our chosen school charity this year.

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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.

FOLSS News

FOLSS Move Night

Tickets are on sale after school Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th Feb — cash or card. Alternatively, cash can be sent into school in a named envelope. Children can bring PJs and snacks to school with them Wednesday, 11th Feb, ready to stay straight from school 📦🏠 collection 5pm.

Self-Portraits

Children will be coming home with an order form and PIN code to buy personalised self-portrait items such as mugs, tote bags, fridge magnets and more.

Order online using their PIN code at the [following link](#).

Orders close on the 18th February and will be delivered in time for Mother's Day 🌸



Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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

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 –

Busted!

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@thefosteringcompanynelttd.co.uk

Shrove Tuesday Family Fun



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', a QR code for booking, and pricing information: £22.50 per day (09:00 to 15:00) and £12.00 for a half day. It also lists the locations as Great Oldbury Primary Academy and Churchdown Village Infants School, and mentions sibling discounts. A list of activities includes multi-sports, football, arts & crafts, singing, and dance. The poster is signed off with 'DBS CHECKED STAFF' and 'FULLY INSURED'.

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Tuesday-Saturday 10am+

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE MILL

Pay as you can kids jacket potatoes 12-2

Daily craft table 10-12.30

Crafternoons everyday book online

Daily Scavenger hunt with a prize

Silly Science performance Book online

Family fun Silent Disco Book online

Pokemon swap, pop up toy sale, pancake making

Kids Stuff Stroud

Visit the website for the full programme and bookings

THE LONG TABLE