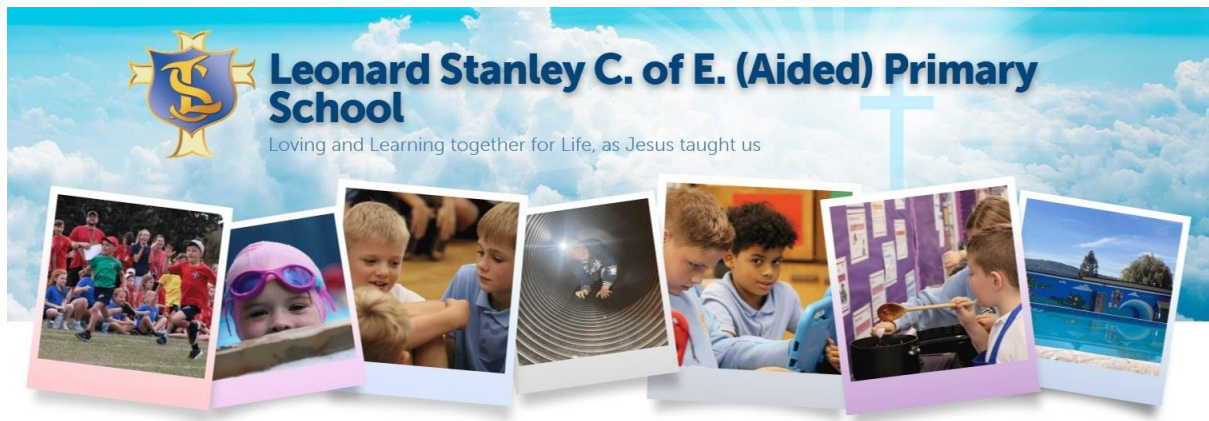




Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 20th March 2026

From the Head Teacher

A Creative Week Leading Up to Easter

It has been an especially creative week in school as we prepare for Easter. Mrs Hill and Mrs Jackson delighted us once again with their annual Easter egg creations—now a much-loved tradition. At just £1.50, these fabulous pieces are a real bargain, and all proceeds will go to a worthy cause.

Creativity has also been shining across Years 1 and 2. On Monday, Year 1 travelled to Cheltenham Town Hall, where they performed their samba brilliantly in front of a large audience of schools. Year 2 have been busy too, producing their wonderful annual penguins as part of their topic work—always a highlight and looking fantastic as ever.

Reception enjoyed a very special visit today from the SARA rescue boat team, learning all about how SARA operates on the River Severn.

The organiser of the Year 1 music event commented,

“The children played magnificently, and it was truly amazing to see how much they enjoyed themselves on the big stage.” Parents’ Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents’ evening this week. These meetings are invaluable opportunities to discuss progress, strengths, and next steps. They also provide a chance to thank teachers for the care and support they give every child.

Next week, grade cards for Years 1–6 will be emailed home, showing effort and attainment in reading, writing, and maths.

Thank you also to many of our school community for attending the Mothering Sunday service at Kings' Stanley last week. Eve and Tom (Y4) read a fantastic poem, and the children all received daffodils to give to their mothers; a worthwhile community event.

Looking Ahead

The final week of term is a particularly busy one. Please refer to the notes below and the attached schedule for details of the many events taking place.

A reminder that **term finishes on Friday at 1pm.**

Notable Successes

- **Jos Hathaway**, one of our alumni, achieved an impressive 12th place in the English Schools Cross-Country Championships and is currently 2nd reserve for the England Schools cross-country team.
- **Frank (Year 3)** has been awarded the **Super Badger Award** through St John Ambulance—the highest honour a Badger can receive. A tremendous achievement—well done, Frank





Last week of term

Monday: FOLSS Bunny Hop. This event happens throughout the day; children should wear sports clothes (bunny ears are optional)

Tuesday: Normal uniform. Year 1 family breakfast in the hall (8.50am-9.30am) and Year 3's afternoon trip to Highborder Lodge

Wednesday: House winners' non-uniform day. Whole school prayer workshop in the afternoon.

Thursday: Normal uniform. Easter service at St Swithun's at 9.30am for YR-Y4 & Y6. Year 5's Viking experience day (Viking costumes)

Friday: Appropriate clothes for a walk in Penn Woods. Whole school walk followed by picnic (packed lunches). School ends at 1pm.

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 = 91%

Y4 = 97%

Y3 = 100%

Y2 = 88%

Y1 = 100%

A super week, well done!

Our School Charity

School Council Trip

Today, 7 members of our school council went to visit the Food Hub in Dursley. We brought 48 Easter eggs, kindly donated from the school.

When we arrived, we put all the eggs in large boxes to be donated to the community. We also help put food such as apples, oranges, vegetables and chocolate doughnuts into food parcels.

We also helped put flowers into the parcels too!

Lastly, we heard a story about how the food bank works and had time for some music practice!

We also got to travel by taxi!

Charlie (Y6).



1 - Our chosen school charity this year.

FOLSS News

♥ Sponsor forms will be coming home soon for the Bunny Hop 🐰 on the 23rd March. The sponsored Bunny Hop will take place on Monday 23rd March 🐰 Please return monies in a sealed, named envelope in book bags or into the FOLSS post box in office reception. Thank you! 🐰

Thanks FOLSS.



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Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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

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)

Secondary School News



**SIR THOMAS RICH'S
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OPEN MORNING
21 April and 22 April

"The culture here is one of belonging and community. As a result, pupils flourish. The personal development of pupils threads alongside the academic learning. Pupils thrive through a wide range of established opportunities designed for their personal growth." Ofsted 2020

We warmly invite prospective parents and pupils to visit Sir Thomas Rich's School for our April Open Mornings.

These events are primarily aimed at Year 5 boys planning to sit the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools' Admissions Test this September; although pupils from other year groups and their families are very welcome to attend.

Register online, or for enquiries email the school on admissions@strs.org.uk.

Curiosity
www.strschool.co.uk

A poster for Sir Thomas Rich's Gloucester Open Mornings. It features a group of five boys in blue school uniforms standing in front of a brick wall. The school crest is visible in the top left. The text is in a mix of fonts, with 'OPEN MORNING' in a large, bold font. A quote from Ofsted 2020 is included. The bottom section contains information about the event, including a registration link and an email address. A small inset image shows a boy looking at a tablet with the word 'Curiosity' below it.

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WALK & TALK THE EASTER STORY

Sunday 29th March 2026

Meet 10.00am at King's Stanley Playing
fields

(near the carpark entrance)

Everyone is welcome to join us for a walk around the two villages,
discovering the real story of the Easter story, as told by the donkey (really, not a real donkey!).

Finishing in Leonard Stanley for hot cross buns.

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Holiday Camps & Easter Activities



Copsegrove Farm

Family Farm Open Day

Date: Sunday 26th April
Time: 11.30 - 4.30pm
Location: Copsegrove Farm, Bisley, GL6 7AH
Please come and join us at Copsegrove for the day to celebrate Spring and see what our farm is all about!

- Welsh Black calves
- Derek Blewgi, our handsome bull
- 12pm-2pm Meet Midnight and Moonlight the Owls
- Metal detecting for Roman relics
- Farmyard games
- Spring walk to woodland to toast marshmallows over open fire
- Hawthorne and Hare Morris dancers and music
- BBQ serving Copsegrove burgers, hot dogs & veggie options
- Teas, coffees and ice creams
- Bull pen bar (minus the bull!) soft drinks or something stronger

Limited tickets on sale now
£4.75 per adult, £2.50 per child

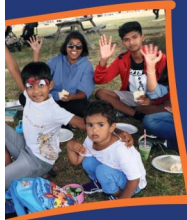


We hope very much to see you there!
Kate and Martin
www.copsegrovefarm.com



HAF Spring 2026 is coming!

Make sure you're signed up
and ready to book!



Bookings open

Monday 23 March at midday

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TUESDAYS, 5.30PM - 6.30PM (**CLEEVE**)

Cleeve Sports Centre, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, GL52 8AE



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Prestbury Park, New Barn Lane, Prestbury, GL52 3LE

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