



Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 17th April 2026

[From the Head Teacher](#)

Welcome back to school.

The summer term is always our most exciting—and busiest—term, with lots to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the weekly reminders and advance dates on the EduLink app for upcoming events such as Sports Day and class trips. We are also pleased to confirm that the swimming pool will reopen after half term for both class swimming and public sessions.

Over the Easter holidays, we successfully completed our heating project, meaning the school and swimming pool are now powered by heat pumps. This is an important step in strengthening our commitment to greener energy. Our next planned project is the conversion of the old kitchen into additional teaching space, which we hope to begin after half term. Thank you to the fantastic volunteers who generously gave their time to help with the gardening and polytunnel last weekend—it is looking very well-loved and cared for.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 football team, who won their final on Wednesday evening at Shortwood. Mrs Jones and Mr Babbage were extremely proud of the team's effort, teamwork and sportsmanship. We also won the Year 3 and 4 netball competition held today!

As we begin the new term, we encourage families to visit the class pages on our website to see what each class will be learning this term, as well as the curriculum overview page,

which outlines learning across the whole year. Our curriculum is designed to combine strong academic learning with creativity, practical experiences and essential life skills.

This week, we received our reception allocations for September. We are delighted to have secured 30 places; however, we are disappointed that not all families who named us as their first choice were offered a place. If this affects you, please do get in touch and we will be happy to advise where we can.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Hill and Mrs Jackson for their wonderful annual Easter egg creations. As always, they looked fantastic, and we are very proud that they raised £440 for the Francis House Easter Chick Appeal.





PERFECT PIZZAS!

The children in years 3 and 4 have been making mini pizza's in their cookery lessons over the past few weeks. They learned how to make a delicious tomato sauce to use as a topping and then they made the dough and each made a small pizza. Rolling out the dough into a circle was a challenge and we ended up with all sorts of shapes and sizes, but all equally delicious! Why not try our recipe and have your own pizza night! (If you do please send in a photo - we would love to see what you are cooking at home!)

Mini Pizzas

275g self-raising flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
 125-150ml semi-skimmed milk
 60ml vegetable oil
 150g ball mozzarella
 50g cheddar
 Other toppings of your choice
Tomato sauce - see next slide



Heat oven to 200°C, line baking sheet with baking paper.
 Weigh flour and salt into a mixing bowl and make a well in the centre.
 Pour in the oil and most of the milk, mix with a wooden spoon until you get a soft dough.
 Lightly dust the work surface with flour and knead the dough for about 1 min until you get a smooth ball.
 Cut into four pieces and roll out to a 15cm circle.
 Place dough circle on baking sheet. Top with 1-2 tbsp of the tomato sauce.
 Cut the mozzarella into four pieces and pull each piece into lumps.
 Add the mozzarella and other toppings to the pizza and then top with the grated cheddar.
 Bake for 10 mins until the base has risen and the top is golden.

Tomato Sauce

2tbsp oil
2 cloves garlic (crushed)
1 onion - sliced
1 tin tomatoes
1 tbsp tomato puree
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp sugar



Heat the oil in a pan and gently fry the onion until golden brown, then add the sugar and garlic and fry for 1 min, stirring continuously.
Add tinned tomatoes and tomato puree and bring to boil.
Partially cover pan and simmer for 10 - 15 mins. Stir from time to time to stop it sticking.
Allow to cool slightly then blend to a smooth sauce.

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 = 100%

Y4 = 89%

Y3 = 85%

Y2 = 97%

Y1 = 74%

FOLSS News

Swimming Pool Memberships are now CLOSED

Thank you so much to everyone who's purchased a membership; we have now reached capacity!

We look forward to welcoming you to the pool in June.



Also, huge thanks to those that gave up their time last weekend to help with the gardening and poly tunnel project.



WHO WE ARE

A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO MEET ONCE A MONTH TO PLAN EVENTS & DISCUSS HOW BEST TO SPEND FUNDS RAISED

WHAT WE DO

RAISE MONEY TO ENRICH OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION E.G. SWIMMING POOL UPKEEP, NEW APRONS & PLAY EQUIPMENT ETC.

Our School Charity



1 - Our chosen school charity this year.

Stroud District Food Bank together with Trussell Trust.

At Leonard Stanley Primary School, we understand that every family can face challenging times, and needing a little extra support is nothing to be ashamed of. We are able to issue food bank vouchers for any families who may benefit from them, and we offer this with complete confidentiality and kindness. If you feel this would help you, or you would like to talk through any worries, please get in touch with our family support worker, **Lisa Hills**, who is here to support you without judgement.

Gloucestershire School Nursing Service

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you to explain how The School Nursing Service provided by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust can support you and your family.

What does the School Nursing Service do? The School Nursing Service works in partnership with families, schools, and other professionals to help children stay healthy, safe, and well. Our support may include:

- Providing advice and guidance on healthy lifestyles, sleep, toileting, healthy eating, and emotional wellbeing.
- Supporting parents and carers with concerns about behaviour, growth, development, or long-term health conditions of their child.
- Completing vision screening and measurements as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).
- Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing.
- Signposting families to local services and additional support where needed.

How you can contact us Families can contact the School Nursing Service at any point during their child's time at school if they have questions or concerns about their child's health or development. No concern is too small, and our team is here to help.

You can use our texting service ParentChat on: 07312 263059

You can also visit our website, refer your child for support, or access helpful resources by using this link: <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/children-and-young-people/physical-health/school-nursing/>

Kind regards, The School Nursing Service Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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

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).

Community Information

Birthday parties



2 - 🎉 Looking for a Fun & Active Birthday Party Idea? 🎉 RAW Kids Gymnastics Stonehouse now hosts exciting, high-energy birthday parties perfect for children aged 5+. Each party includes 🕒 60 minutes of gymnastics, games & free play 🍰 30 minutes for food, cake & celebrations All parties are led by qualified, DBS-checked, and first aid-trained coaches in a safe and supportive environment. ✉ For more information or to check availability, please email rawteam@crossfitstonehouse.co.uk.

Holiday Camps & Activities

Bikeability Holiday Course taking place during the May half term. This is a great opportunity for pupils who may have missed Bikeability training in school to still take part and learn an important life skill through cycling. Cycling helps children build confidence, independence, and physical activity into their daily lives. It also plays an important role in road safety, helping pupils develop the skills and awareness they need to ride safely, understand the road environment, and make safer journeys. *Further information and booking details can be found here:*

<https://www.thinktravel.info/upcoming-events/bikeability-holiday-courses>

We also wanted to highlight that we will be running two further holiday course sessions, during the summer holidays and October half term, so there will be more opportunities for pupils to take part later in the year as well.

Local sports clubs

Fridays 5pm

Stroud Sharks
Youth Bowling Club

A fun way to build
bowling skills
for ages 4 - 20 years



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MF DANCE
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**KEY BENEFITS OF
MF DANCE**

- FOCUS
- ANTI-BULLYING
- CONFIDENCE
- RESPECT
- GREAT FUN

JOIN OUR GLOUCESTER SQUAD ON

MONDAYS AT
HUNTS GROVE PRIMARY ACADEMY,
HARRIER WAY, GL2 4EP

WEDNESDAYS AT
LONGLEVENS COMMUNITY CENTRE,
CHURCH ROAD, GL2 0AJ

FRIDAYS AT
LEONARD STANLEY VILLAGE HALL,
MARSH ROAD, GL10 3NH

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BY VISITING WWW.MFDANCE.CO.UK



LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FREE CLASS AVAILABLE



7th January 2020

TABLE TENNIS



**MAIDENHILL SCHOOL
SPORTS CENTRE**

TUESDAYS

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE WELCOME

5:30PM TO 6:30PM – JUNIORS

6:30PM TO 7:30PM – LADIES

7:30PM TO 9PM – ADULTS/ADVANCED JUNIORS

TO BOOK A PLACE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL:

STROUDTTCLUB@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL 07768 527743



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