



Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 1st May 2026

From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is certainly a good problem to have when our bike shed is full to capacity each day with bikes and scooters. To help ease the pressure, we have installed temporary additional parking in a coned area just inside the school gate. Long may this continue! We are hopeful that funding can be secured in the near future to provide permanent additional bike and scooter storage. Please also remember our **Bike to School Days on 11th and 12th May**, held in celebration of **Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday** (see below).

Our school vision and values are rooted in three key parables: **The Good Samaritan** (respect), **The Feeding of the 5000** (kindness) and **The Lost Sheep** (resilience). These stories are regularly explored through collective worship. This week, the children learned how to sign the story of *The Lost Sheep* using British Sign Language. A link has been added to the website so children can practise at home ([The Lost Sheep](#)).

In keeping with our ethos of **togetherness**, we continue to trial a whole-school playtime on Fridays, where children from all year groups play together rather than in separate playgrounds. So far, this has been very successful, and it has been lovely to see our younger pupils confidently playing alongside our Year 5 and 6 children.

Our staff had a productive INSET day this week focusing on the teaching of mathematics. It is remarkable how much maths education has changed over the years. Many everyday skills—

such as reading bus timetables, handling coins and notes, and telling the time on an analogue clock—are now less common in children’s daily lives but remain an important part of the curriculum. Next week, staff will take part in a second training session, this time focusing on behaviour as communication.

A reminder to **please park safely** around the school site. We continue to experience the occasional near miss caused by parking on yellow lines or road junctions. With the good weather continuing, walking a little further can make a real difference to everyone’s safety.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Milner

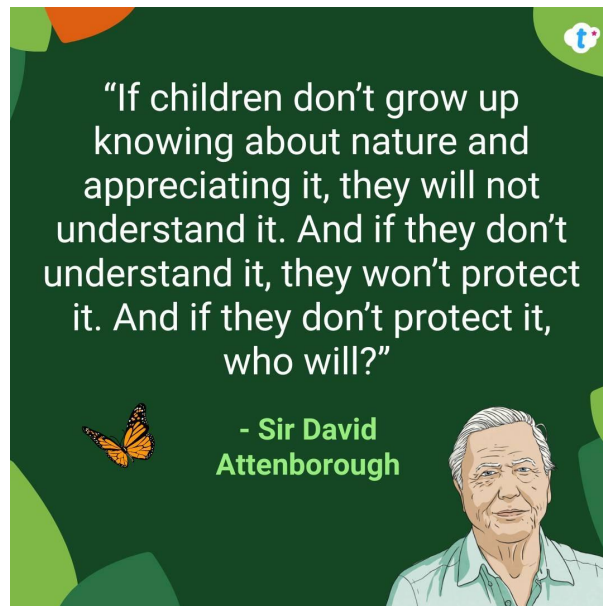


David Attenborough's 100th birthday

In celebration of David Attenborough's upcoming 100th birthday, we are inviting children and families to leave the cars at home and walk, cycle or scoot to school on **Monday, 11th, and Tuesday, 12th May**. We hope that this event will highlight the incredible work that David Attenborough has done throughout his career to bring fascinating insights about the natural world into our homes and to inspire us to take steps to care for our planet now and in the future.

We hope as many of you as possible can take part on either one or both days, and we've tried to tie it in with days Y1 and Y3 are already bringing bikes into school. Early Years, Reception and KS1 children can park their bikes and scooters on the KS1 playground, and KS2 children can use the bike shed at the front of the school and the KS2 playground if needed. Remember to wear a helmet! Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Brunt and our eco-council team



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 = 100%

Y5 = 94%

Y4 = 97%

Y3 = 91%

Y2 = 100%

Y1 = 75%

FOLSS News

We need a new secretary!

Naomi is stepping down as FOLSS secretary in July, and we need someone to replace her as soon as possible to allow for a period of handover.

Details of the role can be found below; please email us for more details or to express an interest. Friendsofleonardstanleyschool@gmail.com

Secretary

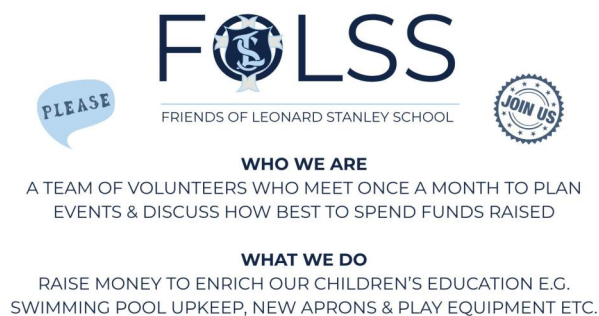
Main purpose of role: To ensure the PTA runs smoothly and efficiently through the preparation and organisation of the committee's paperwork and communications.

Typical responsibilities:

- Working with the chair to prepare for and run meetings
- Circulating the agenda and reports before meetings and identifying outstanding items from previous meetings
- Helping the chair in planning the AGM and preparing the annual report
- Managing all correspondence received by the PTA
- Taking minutes during PTA meetings, typing them up and distributing them to committee members once approved by the chair
- Maintaining the PTA's records, including minutes, member contact details and legal documents
- Ensuring there are enough committee numbers present at meetings to make up the quorum

Skills required:

- Motivated
- Strong communicator



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

Key Dates:

May 11th-14th: Year 6 SATs

May 20th: Y5/6 Sportshall athletics, Y1 class trip

June 1st: Swimming Pool opens to the school

June 9th: Y6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral

June 11th: New reception information evening

June 15th-June 17th: Year 6 residential

June 17th: Y4 Quad kids

June 19th: Poetry Competition

June 23rd: Sports Day

June 24th: year 6 class trip

June 26th: INSET DAY

June 30th: Year 2 class trip

July 1st: Year 4 class trip

July 3rd: Moving-up morning

July 8th: Year 2 graduation

July 10th Year 2 graduation party

July 14: Year 1 class trip

July 14: Year 6 production

July 15: School Swimming Gala

July 17th: Leavers' Assembly, End of Term 1pm

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



2 - Birthday parties

🎉 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

The **Gloucester Brick Festival (10th May)** is a must-visit event for LEGO fans of all ages, bringing together families, collectors, adult builders and casual enthusiasts for a fun-filled day of creativity. The festival features exciting hands-on activities such as speed-building competitions, master builder challenges, scavenger hunts, dedicated building zones, gaming areas and even a LEGO RC car zone, all designed to inspire imagination and playful competition. Visitors can also explore impressive, one-of-a-kind LEGO displays built by talented creators from across the country and chat with them to learn about their techniques and ideas.

Alongside the activities, the event offers a vibrant marketplace packed with trader tables selling loose bricks, rare and retired sets, minifigures, accessories and LEGO collectibles to suit every budget. Early Bird ticket holders enjoy an extra hour of brick-building fun and a free LEGO gift, while standard tickets offer great value for individuals and families. Held at GL1 Leisure Centre, the Gloucester Brick Festival promises a memorable day celebrating creativity, building and everything LEGO — making it the perfect destination for anyone who loves bricks, big ideas and hands-on fun.



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.

Completely FREE football camp day during May half term, which we hope to deliver to as many girls as possible! The date for this event is Wednesday the 27th of May, and we hope to engage as many young players as we can. This event will be held at Archway Secondary School, on their brand-new 3G football pitch.

The booking link for this

event: <https://bookings.atlascamps.co.uk/activity/69e21dc6fead0dc41ad3edc5>



WHAT'S ON MAY POP-UP SALES



We are excited to be popping up with sales across Gloucestershire this May

Saturday 16th May
Nailsworth Festival - 10am - 3pm
Nailsworth Festival, Mortimer Gardens, 17 Fountain St, Nailsworth, Stroud GL6 0BL
Find us at the Nailsworth Festival Market, we will be bringing Kids Stuff's circular economy shop to the market with toys, games, books and clothes for ages (0-12 years), TeenStuff (12-16 years), and a family drop-in craft table.

Saturday 24th May
St John Churchdown & Innsworth - 10am-12:30pm
St John the Evangelist Churchdown and Innsworth, Johns Ave, Gloucester GL3 2DB
We are bringing our Circular Economy pop-up Sale back again to St John the Evangelist Churchdown and Innsworth to support local families this spring. There will also be Pay-as-you-can refreshments available.

May Half Term Family Fun - 10am-1pm
FREE - Drop in - All Welcome
Kids Stuff in partnership with Family Action, Sportily and World Jungle are inviting community partners to join us with planning a number of pop-up events this May half term.
Bringing families together this May half term with free fun, food and activities, an affordable Kids essentials pop-up sale and community support - everyone welcome.

Tuesday 26th - Stonehouse, Old Ends Park
Oldends Lane Playing Fields, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, GL10 2DQ

Wednesday 27th - Dursley, Treetops Family Centre
Treetops Children and Family Centre, School Rd, Dursley GL11 4NZ

Thursday 28th - Upper Rissington, Village Hall
Upper Rissington Village Hall, GL54 2QW

Friday 29th - Bourton-On-The-Water
Naught Park, GL54 2AR



All event details here: www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk
Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN
@strouddistrictkidsstuff Stroud District Kids Stuff





WHAT'S ON Holiday fun MAY HALF TERM...




At Kids Stuff Stroud

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
Daily Craft Tables: 10am-12:30pm
Suitable for all ages and abilities.



Tuesday 26th - Orbbeeze Stress Balls
 Make a water bead Orbbeeze stress ball, squidge, squeeze and shape sensory fun.



Wednesday 27th - Sharpie Tie Dye
 Get designing and tie dying with coloured sharpies. Take home your own design on fabric!



Thursday 28th - Badge Making
 Get making your own badge, draw, collage, decorate your own design and wear it with pride!



Friday 29th - Skewer Sculpture
 Get creative with paper, beads and clay and make a colourful Skewer sculpture!



Saturday 30th - Toilet Roll Windsocks
 Recycle a toilet roll and transform it into a colourful windsock to enjoy in your garden, window or bedroom!



Scavenger Hunt all week - Pick up a sheet from the till area



All Offered: Drop-in, Join-in, Pay-as-you-can
 If you enjoy our activities and are able to, please pop a donation in the pot at the till or donate online. This helps us provide more sessions to support local families. Thank you!
 No need to book - A member of the team will be hosting 10:30am-12pm

The Long Table will be offering **pay-as-you-can lunches and kids jacket potatoes** throughout the Half term holiday. Lunchtimes daily, 12-2pm *Subject to availability
All event details here: www.stroudistrictkidsstuff.org.uk
 Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN
 @stroudistrictkidsstuff Stroud District Kids Stuff



Local sports clubs

Fridays 5pm

Stroud Sharks Youth Bowling Club

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



stroudbowlybc@gmail.com

MF DANCE
THE FUTURE OF DANCE

**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
LONGLEVEN'S 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**

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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

**STROUD
TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

**Table Tennis
PremierClub**





Stroud Ladies Junior Netball

Stroud Ladies Netball Club proudly develop junior players in the Gloucestershire League for all age groups from Year 7 upwards. As part of this development we host taster sessions for Year 6's

YEAR 6 TASTER SESSIONS 2026

 **JUNE 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd**
18.00-19.30
STROUD HIGH SCHOOL
£5 PER SESSION

LIMITED NUMBERS

TO REGISTER INTEREST PLEASE EMAIL
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Loving and Learning Together, for Life, as Jesus taught us