



Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 24th April 2026

From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The improvement in the weather has certainly been felt this week, allowing us to make excellent use of our wonderful outdoor spaces. Spring has well and truly arrived, and it has been lovely to see the trees and flowers being injected with colour around the school.

It has been an exceptionally successful fortnight for our sports teams. We have taken part in two netball competitions and two rugby competitions, alongside the postponed Year 3/4 football final from last term. The results were fantastic, with four gold medals and one bronze achieved. However, even more impressive than the victories were the sportsmanship and positive attitudes displayed by all pupils. As Nelson Mandela famously said, *"I never lose. I either win or learn."* Competing, learning with humility, and enjoying sport remain at the heart of all our sporting experiences.

Please note that I have included some key dates for your diary below; these are also available on the EduLink app. This is a particularly busy time of year, and we will continue to do our best to keep you well informed.

We would like to wish the very best of luck to Rob Burrows as he begins his sponsored cycle to Paris next weekend. He is raising money for our school and other worthwhile causes, and we would be extremely grateful for your support. Please consider sponsoring him using the link below.

Finally, we wish Mr Hawksbee the best of luck as he competes in the Gloucestershire Cup Final this weekend. He would welcome spectators; please see below.

Kind regards,

Mr A Milner



Sporting Success

In an incredible couple of weeks Leonard Stanley once again showed how amazingly sporty our children are, doing well in the district competitions.

Mrs Jones took a team of Y3/4s to the netball competition, where they won their group, semis and eventually the final to bring home gold medals.

This was then carried on by the Y3/4 footballers, who won the Stroud large schools tournament to be put through to the district finals. Up against Callowell, Foxmoor and Woodchester, the boys did so well – winning 2 and drawing the other to win the trophy and more gold medals.

The following week the Y5/6s got a chance to compete in the netball competition. After winning their group comfortably, they got a tough semi-final against Gastrells, who narrowly edged us out 2-3. They did then win the bronze medal match to bring home more silverware.

Finally, Wednesday night saw the Y3/4 and Y5/6 rugby teams compete in the district finals after both winning at the Stroud festivals. Up against tough opposition, the 3/4s beat Amberley 6-3, Foxmoor 5-4, and Sheepscombe 9-0 to win the trophy. On the neighbouring pitch the Y5/6s beat strong opposition in Birdlip 5-2 and Rodborough 6-3 and, in the deciding match, drew 2-2 with Thrupp (after being 0-2 behind). This put points tied, but with us scoring more tries, we again won the trophy and another round of gold medals.

Incredible achievements – thanks to all the boys, girls, parents, spectators and staff involved in putting our school firmly back on the sporting map!!





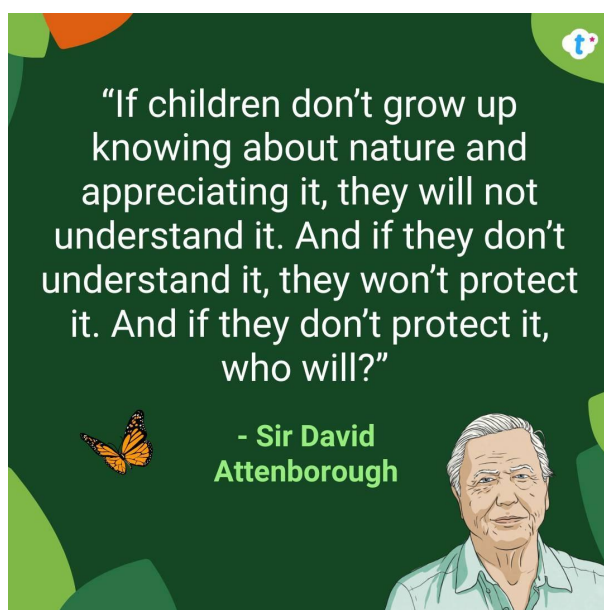
David Attenborough's 100th birthday

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



Basketball Final

As some of you will know, **Mr Hawksbee** is a superb basketball player, currently playing (and coaching) for Stroud Sharks Basketball Club.

Following an undefeated season in 2 separate leagues, they are in the Gloucestershire Basketball Cup Final on **Sunday 26th April**. The event details are below, and it would be great to see some of you there to support a local growing sports club.

Date: Sunday 26th April 2026 (this weekend!)

Venue: Oxstalls Sports Park Arena (Plock Court, Tewkesbury Rd, Gloucester, GL2 9DW) (The sports hall is the far end from the entrance.)

Cost: Free entry!

Schedule

15:15 Youth Cup Final : Stroud Sharks U17s vs Worcester Wolves U17s

17:15 Cup Final : **Stroud Sharks Men's (JH's team) vs Worcester Bears**

19:15 Plate Final : Malvern Mavericks vs Worcester Cyclones



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 = 92%

Y5 = 100%

Y4 = 97%

Y3 =100%

Y2 =100%

Y1 = 74%

FOLSS News

In just one week, Rob Burrows will be cycling all the way to Paris 🇫🇷 in support of four amazing causes — including our swimming pool and for FOLSS.

We've already raised £3,000 of our £4,000 target, and with your help, we can get there! Every donation counts, whether it's £1, £2, £10 or more — it really does make a difference.

If you're able to support, I'd be hugely grateful 🙏 <https://gvwhl.com/FGP8W>



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

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 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

Birthday parties

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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>

Local sports clubs



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HARRIER WAY, GL2 4EP

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CHURCH ROAD, GL2 0AJ

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

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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:
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