



Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 15th May 2026

From the Head Teacher

Dear parents / carers,

Year 6 SATs are now complete! This is always a significant milestone, and I am incredibly proud of this year's cohort for the maturity they showed, the way they supported one another, and their excellent attitude throughout. Learning how to approach exams is an important life skill which will serve them well as they move on to the next stage of their education.

It has been fantastic to see that enthusiasm for cycling and scooting to school remains strong. We are making great use of the additional space, and it was wonderful to see our Year 5 pupils taking part in Bikeability this week.

We have also enjoyed welcoming members of our pre-school into school every Tuesday afternoon as part of their transition. It is lovely to see so many children beginning their journey with us at Leonard Stanley, and places for September are filling quickly.

We are delighted that the school pool is nearly ready for use. Final checks are underway, the water is crystal clear, and the temperature is already a pleasant 25°C. We are still looking for volunteers to support class sessions, so please do contact the school office if you are able to help.

Mr Milner



News from the kitchen

News from the kitchen! Much enjoyment has been had in the Year 5 and 6 cookery sessions where we made sausage rolls – and yes, we did make the pastry as well! We talked about how to handle and store raw meat and made sure that our hygiene was even more strict than usual to avoid any danger of food poisoning. We tantalised the rest of the school with the delicious smell of baking that wafted down the corridors, and everyone agreed that the end result was truly delicious. Make some at home yourself and see!

Sausage Rolls

100g plain flour
50g butter
Pinch salt
1 - 3 tsp cold water
200g sausage meat
25g stuffing mix
25ml water
1 egg



Heat oven to 200°C, line baking sheet with baking paper.
Weigh flour into a mixing bowl. Add a pinch salt. Cut the butter into cubes and rub into the flour until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs.
Add the water and mix to a soft dough.
Put the sausage meat in a bowl and add the stuffing mix and water. Mix together.
Lightly flour the work surface and roll the dough using a rolling pin to a rectangle 20 cm x 15cm. Trim with a knife to get an even shape.
Tip the sausage meat onto the floured surface and gently pat or roll into a sausage shape 20cm long. Place along the middle of the pastry.
Beat the egg.
Damp the long edge of the pastry with beaten egg and roll the pastry around the meat. Use the handle of a teaspoon to seal.
Cut the roll into six small pieces, glaze with the egg and snip the top of each roll.
Bake for around 20 mins until golden brown.

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 = 88%

Y5 = 100%

Y4 = 100%

Y3 =88%

Y2 =88%

Y1 = 100%

FOLSS News

Donations Please

Please donate any spare bottles of wine, spirits, water or bottle gift bags for the Kings Stanley Village Fete FOLSS stall – thank you.

 **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

 We're so excited to be attending the fantastic Kings Stanley Fete on 14th June, where we'll be running our hugely popular Wine & Water game. 🍷

 BUT... we cannot do it without your help.

Please, if you can help at all, sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/HBYAL> 

We are having a voluntary pool clean-up this weekend – Sunday 1-3pm, led by Rob. If anyone can spare some time to help, please do.

 Finally, huge congratulations and thank you to Rob, our FOLSS Co-Chair, for his fantastic achievement in raising an amazing £1500 for our school. He passes on his gratitude to all who sponsored him.

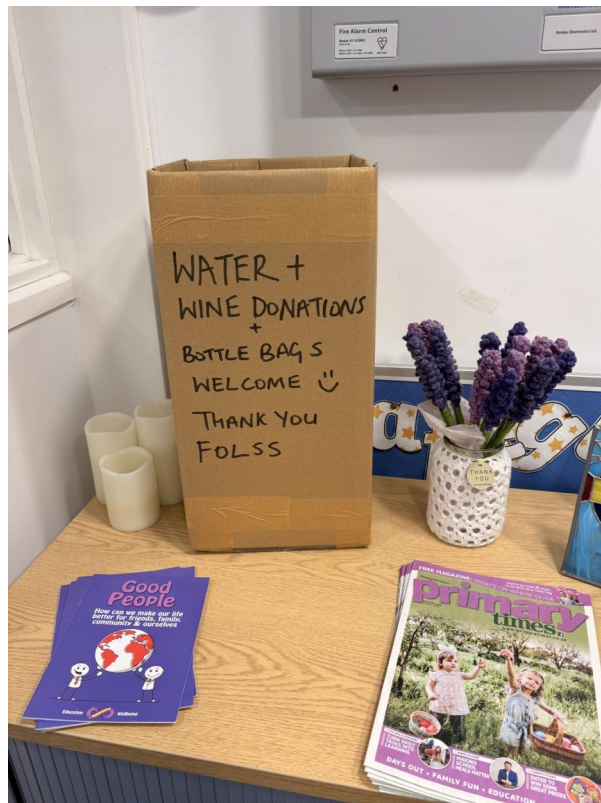
FOLSS SUMMER RAFFLE 2026

The FOLSS Summer Raffle is BACK! Look out for raffle tickets coming home with your children next week! Prizes so far include:

- £50 Highfields
- £40 Old Lodge
- £40 The Cornerhouse
- £30 Gloucester Services
- Afternoon tea at Stonehouse Court Hotel
- Vouchers for: Cotswold Wildlife Park, Birdland, Fairytale Farm, Cotswold Falconry, The Sherborne Cinema, Anotais Thai street food, 270 Climbing, the Lazy Goose, Atlas Camps, Wholly Gelato, Woodchester Park, LCS cheerleading...and more!

Tickets cost £1 each. Please can ticket stubs, cash/cheque payment and any unused tickets be returned to school by Tuesday 14th July ready for the draw on Wednesday 15th July? We will be able to take card payments in July (we will message about this closer to the time!)

Thank you for your support and good luck!





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.

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Key Dates:

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

May 22nd: Half term begins, 3.15pm

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.

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).

Holiday Camps & Activities



2 - We're delighted to be returning with our award-winning multi-activity and football camps this May Half-Term, back for more jam-packed weeks of fun that children love and parents trust.

Our May camps are packed with engaging, age-appropriate activities designed to keep children active, smiling and inspired throughout the school holidays. From energetic sports and team games to creative challenges, themed activities and plenty of opportunities to make new friends, every day is carefully planned to be safe, inclusive and full of excitement. All sessions are delivered by our experienced, friendly team in a familiar school environment, giving you peace of mind whilst your little ones enjoy an unforgettable holiday experience. We also have football-centred camps for sporting superstars in the making, designed to hone skills whilst making lots of new friends.

We'd love to welcome your child along this May Half Term. Please see the attached flyer for full details, or visit atlascamps.co.uk/holiday-clubs to find out more and book your place at your camp of choice. We can't wait to see lots of familiar and new faces very soon!



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.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk

Find us at: Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN

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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



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- ANTI-BULLYING
- CONFIDENCE
- RESPECT
- GREAT FUN

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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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FREE CLASS AVAILABLE





U11 BOYS & GIRLS JOIN OUR TEAM!

Starting for the **2026/27** season

We're looking for **boys and girls** going into school **Years 5 & 6** this **September**.

Whether you're new to football or already playing, we'd love to hear from you!

Get in touch with **Mark:**
07854 353342



7th January 2026

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



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