



# Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

**Weekly Newsletter, Friday 8th May 2026**

## From the Head Teacher

Dear parents/carers,

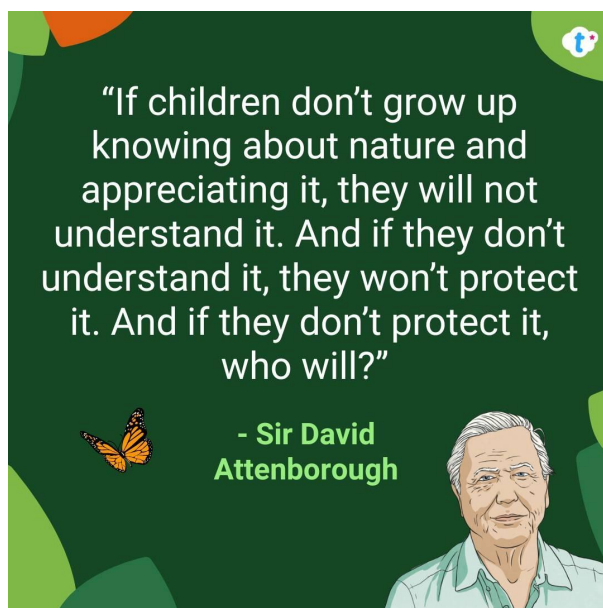
It was lovely seeing families come to school last night for lifeguard training as we prepare for the opening of the pool. The pool was turned on this week, and we are waiting for the annual safety tests and the temperature to rise with the new heat pumps before we can resume swimming in June.

As the weather has improved, it has been useful to have an overflow parking provision for bikes and scooters. Please see the information below to celebrate David Attenborough's birthday and the provision to park at the football club to alleviate parking concerns.

We wish the Year 6 luck as they begin their KS2 SATs tests next Monday – these last 4 days

Mr Milner

## David Attenborough's 100th birthday



To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's upcoming 100th birthday, we are encouraging all children and families to leave the car at home and **walk, cycle, or scoot** to school on **Monday, 11th, and Tuesday, 12th May**. This is a wonderful opportunity to honour Sir David's incredible work in helping generations understand, appreciate, and protect the natural world. By choosing greener ways to travel, we can all take a small but meaningful step towards caring for our planet. We hope as many families as possible will join in on one or both days. Walking, cycling, or scooting to school not only helps reduce our carbon footprint but also encourages healthy habits, fresh air, and a chance for children to connect with nature on their journey to school. We understand that driving may still be necessary for some families. If so, we invite you to take part by using a "Park and Stride" approach. Leonard Stanley Football Club has kindly offered the use of their car park, allowing families to park nearby and walk the final stretch to school together. Leonard Stanley Football Club

Marsh Lane

Leonard Stanley

GL10 3NQ

Bike and scooter parking will be available as follows:

- Early Years, Reception, and KS1 pupils can park under the KS1 canopy.
- KS2 pupils can use the bike shed at the front of the school and the KS2 playground if needed.

Please remember that all children riding bikes or scooters should wear a helmet. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to seeing lots of our children

travelling to school in greener ways as we celebrate one of the world's greatest champions for our planet.

Miss Brunt and the eco-council team



## Pre-School News

I am delighted to tell you that Lisa Osborne has accepted the role of pre-school lead to replace Chris Knapp. She has been acting leader for the last term and has made a huge impact already. We wish her well as she takes on this new role.

## 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** = 97%

**Y3** = 94%

**Y2** = 100%

**Y1** = 93%

## 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](mailto: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:**

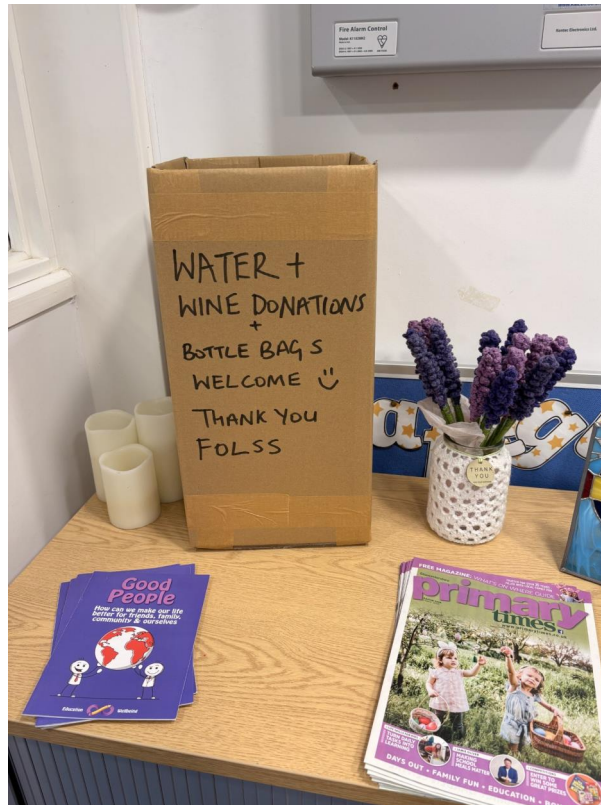
- Working with the chair to prepare for and run meetings
- Circulating the agenda and reports before meetings and identifying outstanding items from previous meetings
- Helping the chair in planning the AGM and preparing the annual report
- Managing all correspondence received by the PTA
- Taking minutes 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

### **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.



#### 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 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.**

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



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.







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**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 2DG

### 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](http://www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk)

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

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Stroud District Kids Stuff



## WHAT'S ON Holiday fun MAY HALF TERM... At Kids Stuff Stroud



### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk)

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Stroud District Kids Stuff



## Local sports clubs

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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  
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