



Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 22nd May 2026

From the Head Teacher

Dear parents / carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at school. On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome our School Improvement Partners, who were extremely impressed by the children, their learning, and the wide range of opportunities on offer. During their visit, they observed a variety of activities, including playtime, sign language, coding, cooking, Forest School, porridge making, Reception's Fairy Tale Day, pre-school, cycling, and an engaging World War II talk by Mr Baird—what's not to enjoy!

All of Year 5 and Year 6 also had the opportunity to participate in an indoor athletics event at Stratford Park this week. Competing against a number of other schools, the children took part in a range of events and represented the school brilliantly. It was a very successful afternoon, and it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and involvement from everyone. In addition, our Judo team attended their first competition at Horsley and performed exceptionally well, bringing home gold medals—an incredible achievement.

A reminder that our swimming pool will reopen on Monday, 1st June. Please see the timetable below. As always, swimming lessons will be weather dependent, but we are hoping for another glorious summer!

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break. During this time, contractors will be in school to install new flooring in pre-school and to complete the heating project in Years 1 and 2.

Next term is always a particularly busy one, and we will continue to keep you updated with all upcoming events and activities.

Mr A Milner

Year 6 World War II Visitor

On Thursday, Year 6 were delighted to welcome Mr Baird, Amelie's father, who delivered an engaging and informative talk on World War II. Dressed in full period army uniform, he brought along a fascinating collection of artefacts, including weapons, gas masks and survival kits.

Mr Baird provided a vivid insight into what life was like during the war, helping to bring our topic to life. He shared powerful images from D-Day and the Normandy beaches, as well as photographs of both Allied and German forces.

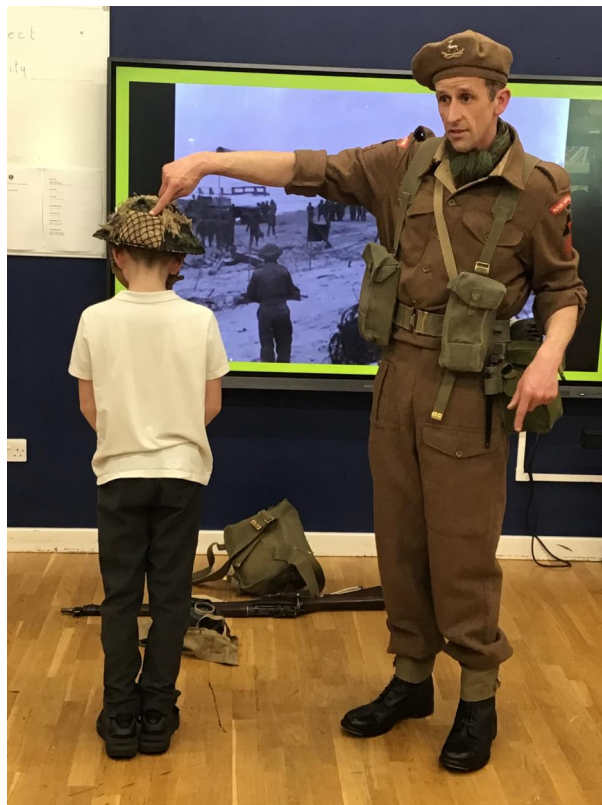
The children had a fantastic hands-on experience, with the opportunity to hold the (surprisingly heavy!) equipment, try on helmets and wear gas masks used for protection against mustard gas.

He also explained the materials used for army clothing and footwear, and the meaning behind different badges and insignia.

It was an incredibly valuable and memorable experience—thank you, Mr Baird!

Amelie Baird





Year 4 Writing Success – Ridiculous Writers Competition

Earlier this year, Year 4 pupils took part in the *Ridiculous Writers* competition, and we are delighted to share that their work has been selected for possible publication in a book titled *Ridiculous Writers: Marvellous Myths*.

Children will bring home a letter with further details, including a permission form (online) that must be completed by **31st May** for their work to be included.

To celebrate their achievements, all participants will also receive a certificate, sticker, and bookmark.

Well done to all our talented writers!

Judo competition

Well done to our judo team, which is made up of Richard's Friday judo club, who went to Horsley school for a fun, competitive afternoon.

The group did amazingly well, winning gold medals! Brilliant job, all!



Swimming

Swimming Days, from June 1st

Year R: Monday, Thursday and Friday

Year 1: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Year 5: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Swimming costumes: Swimming hats must be worn

- Girls: should wear a one-piece swimsuit.
- Boys: should wear swimming trunks or jammers (longer fitted shorts).

Please avoid “beach shorts” (sometimes labelled as swimming shorts) for boys, as these often have pockets that trap air, making swimming more difficult.

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 = 97%

Y4 = 100%

Y3 = 94%

Y2 = 100%

Y1 = 86%

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> 🏠👤

Break The RULES Day!

Friday 5th June

Tidy hair? No nail varnish? No temporary tattoos? School uniform? Water only? No chocolate?

50p per broken rule 🚫

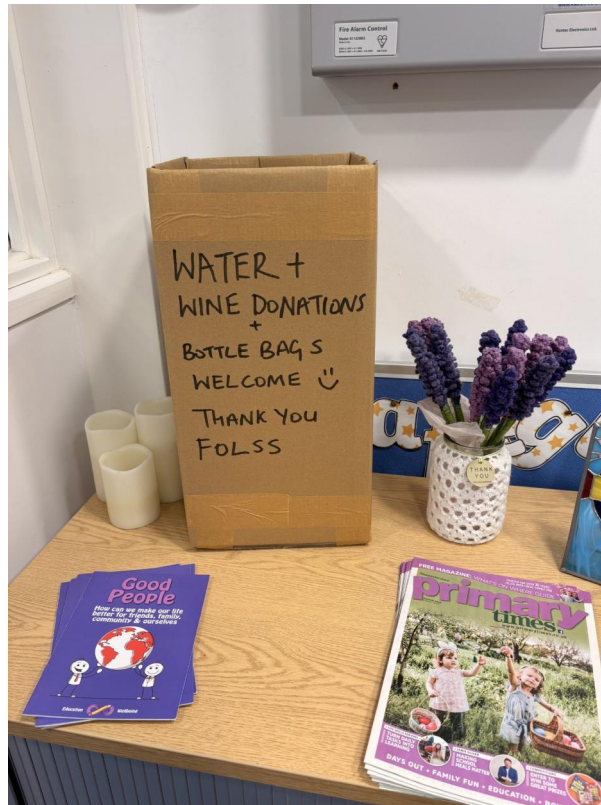
FOLSS SUMMER RAFFLE 2026

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:

June 1st: Swimming Pool opens to the school

June 5th: Break the rules day

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!





HOLIDAY CAMPS

09:00
TO
15:00

PER DAY
£22.50

£12.00
HALF DAY

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EXHIBITION CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL



MUSEUM IN THE PARK STROUD

SATURDAY 23RD MAY-SUNDAY 31ST MAY

OPEN 10AM -4.30PM
(11AM TO 4.30PM SAT/SUN/BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY)

EXHIBITION CURATED BY STROUD HOSPITALS
LEAGUE OF FRIENDS


MAY 2026

WHAT'S ON MAY HALF TERM

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND
THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA





BUZZLEY BEE'S BUSY TRAIL - PAINSWICK ROCOCO GARDENS

BRICK HISTORY EXHIBITION - BERKELEY CASTLE

ACTIVE LIFESTYLES HALF TERM TIMETABLE - STROUD & DURSLEY

HALF TERM IDEAS NEAR STROUD

This May Half Term jam-packed with things to do, places to go, parks, walks, events and spectacles!

Visit Stroud Rocks to make planning your Half Term Holidays easy and inspiring - there's so much to do!

EVENTS

PLACES TO EAT

PARKS & WALKS





[WWW.STROUDROCKS.CO.UK](http://www.stroudrocks.co.uk)



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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WEDNESDAYS AT
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CHURCH ROAD, GL2 0AJ

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

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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:

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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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