



Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 3rd July 2026

[From the Head Teacher](#)

Dear parents / carers,

The summer term continues at a wonderfully busy pace, with trips, rehearsals, swimming sessions and a host of exciting events taking place across the school. It was a real pleasure to spend time with Year 3 this week as they flew the kites they had designed and made as part of their DT project—a truly magical childhood experience. Year 2 enjoyed an excellent visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park, while Years 4 and 6 took part in local geography and art visits to the canal, the mill and Horse Marling Farm. It has been fantastic to see pupils making the most of our local area and learning from the rich opportunities on our doorstep. Thank you to all the staff who organised and supported these memorable experiences.

At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Christine Evans as she begins her well-earned retirement. Mrs Evans has been a valued member of the Leonard Stanley team since 1999 and has played a central role in overseeing school lunches, Breakfast Club and after-school care. She has helped shape our catering provision over many years and has

always gone above and beyond to ensure every child is cared for and supported. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to our school community and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

This week we also completed our annual Safeguarding Review. The review examined our policies, procedures and practices to ensure that children and adults remain safe physically, emotionally and within the school environment. It was a rigorous and thorough process, during which we were able to showcase our pastoral support systems, revised behaviour policy, and robust procedures for attendance and recruitment. We are delighted that the review was highly successful.

As many of you may have heard, this year's KS2 SATs results have been delayed nationally and will not be available until 16 July. As a result, Year 1 Phonics Screening Check results and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check results will be emailed to parents on Monday, while school reports remain scheduled for next Friday. Year 6 SATs results will be shared with families as soon as we receive them.

Today we enjoyed our annual Moving Up Morning, giving children the opportunity to spend time in their new classes and meet their teachers for September. Thank you to everyone who has completed our Unique Child Survey, which provides valuable information to support transition and helps teachers get to know the children in their class. One of the highlights is always reading about the children's future aspirations—when I was at school, all I ever wanted to be was a Royal Marine! There is still plenty of time to complete the survey if you have not yet done so. Don't forget to come and meet your child's new teacher at the end of the school day today.

It has also been exciting to see England's continued success in the World Cup. Sunday's match against Mexico falls at a rather unsociable hour, and whilst we would not expect children to stay up to watch it, we recognise that some families may choose to do so. To provide some flexibility, we will operate an open register on Monday morning. We do ask, however, that all children arrive by 10.00am, as Year 3 have their clarinet concert at 10.00am (10.15am for parents) and Year 6 will be taking part in a full rehearsal for their production shortly afterwards.

Finally, I would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance. Every day in school matters, and even a small number of missed days can have a significant impact on children's learning and progress. We have unfortunately had to issue a number of penalty notices in recent weeks for holidays taken during term time. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children attend regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr A Milner

Year 4 trip to Ebley Mill

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic rivers fieldwork trip to Ebley Mill this week, where they took part in a range of hands-on geography and science activities. The children explored river flow and erosion, worked together to build weirs, and sampled living things in the River Frome to help measure pollution levels and assess water quality. They also enjoyed a tour of Ebley Mill, comparing OS maps from 200 years ago with modern-day maps to see how the local area has changed over time, before completing a 2-mile walk back to school along the canal path. Despite the warm weather, the class were engaged and enthusiastic throughout and represented Leonard Stanley well.



Year 2 trip to Cotswold Safari Park

The children had a fabulous time! They saw animals from different continents, penguins, rhinos and giraffes! They were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to our school.





SIAMS Inspection

We are looking forward to welcoming a **SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspector** to our school Friday, 10th July. SIAMS inspections look at how effectively our Christian vision and values shape school life and support all members of our community to flourish.

During the visit, the inspector will spend time with pupils, staff, governors and leaders, observe learning and collective worship, and explore how our values are lived out each day.

For children, it will be a normal school day, and they may have the opportunity to talk about their experiences of school. We are proud of our caring and inclusive community and look forward to sharing the inspection outcome with you in due course.

Swimming Gala

Parents are welcome to attend our swimming gala on Wednesday, 15th July.

Running Order

9:15: Year 4

9:45 Year 1

10:15 Year R

11:20 Year 3

11:50 Year 2

1: 30 Year 6

2:00 Year 5

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.

Could you spare 2 minutes to support our school?

We're aiming to win **£1,000 worth of National Book Tokens** to help us continue inspiring a love of reading in our children. Every nomination counts!

As part of the nomination, you'll be asked why our school deserves to win. To make it even easier, we've suggested some wording below that you can simply copy and paste.

Thank you for your support – it really could make a huge difference to our pupils!

At our school, our motto is **"Every Child a Reader."** We work hard to foster a love of reading through engaging books, reading initiatives and dedicated support. Winning £1,000 in book tokens would help us inspire even more children to become confident, enthusiastic readers.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>

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 = 94%

Y4 = 97%

Y3 = 97%

Y2 = 100%

Y1 = 88%

FOLSS News

Raffle ticket sales outside school Wednesday Thursday next week, 3-3:15.

Friday, 9th July: Bring a Game to School Day!



Atlas After-School Provision

Please find a link to **book Atlas aftercare** at Leonard Stanley for the Autumn term 2026.

<https://atlasamps.co.uk/aftercare/leonard-stanley-primary-school/>







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Our School Charity



1 - Our chosen school charity this year.

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Key Dates:

July 6th: Year 3 Clarinet Concert, 10.15am

July 8th: Year 2 graduation event

July 10th: SIAMS Inspection, Year 2 graduation party, End-of-term reports sent to parents

July 14th: Year 1 class trip

July 14th: Year 6 production

July 15th: School Swimming Gala

July 16th: Church Service, 9.30am

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

PROFORMANCE COACHING
SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS
 9:00 - 15:30

CHIPPING SODBURY FOOTBALL CAMP
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The Three Choirs Festival returns to Gloucester this summer with an incredible range of musical activities for everyone!

Experience the joy of singing in our creative workshops led by renowned musical director Tim Shiner. If you're looking for drama, join Festival favourite Edward Derbyshire for an immersive show featuring some of Shakespeare's most intense characters. Planning a holiday with the little ones? The Lilliput Duo will take you on an interactive journey to your favourite destinations.

With free admission for children at selected family events, it's the perfect time to discover why audiences return to the Three Choirs Festival year after year!

Saturday 25 July

MY FAVOURITE THINGS

Discover the joys of singing, creativity and performance in this brilliant age-appropriate workshop led by renowned musical director Tim Shiner. Based on songs from the beloved musical The Sound of Music. Ideal for adults and children alike.

Sunday 26 July

MEET THE MACBETHS

Two of Shakespeare's most dramatic characters are brought to life by actor and musician Edward Derbyshire in this immersive show for adults and older children.

Thursday 30 July

LET'S CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF

It's time to light up! Working from renowned music director Tim Shiner you will sing through the classic song 'Let's Call the Whole Thing Off', then re-write it for the modern generation. Ideal for adults and children alike.

Saturday 1 August

BESIDE THE SEASIDE

Let us while away the day in a range of holiday destinations with kaffe tunes and songs to join in with – and don't forget to come and have a picnic with us at the end! Ideal for babies, toddlers and young children.

Full family event listings and more information available at 3choirs.org or 3choirs.org/whats-on

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23rd July, 6th, 20th & 27th August

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Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

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