



# Leonard Stanley Newsletter 2026

Weekly Newsletter, Friday 10th July 2026

## From the Head Teacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

What a wonderful week it has been at Leonard Stanley, filled with memorable events, celebrations and opportunities for our children to shine.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the **Year 2 Graduation** on Wednesday. It was a truly special occasion, featuring a fantastic mix of songs, photographs, cherished memories and perfectly delivered speeches. The children made us incredibly proud, and the event was a fitting celebration of all they have achieved. A huge thank you to **Miss Bahia and Mrs Simmonds** for organising such a memorable occasion. It was also lovely to see so many families joining us for the Year 2 end-of-year party this afternoon.

Our Reception children also enjoyed a fantastic **Beach Party** on Thursday, complete with a water fight, ice creams and even donkey rides! It was wonderful to see the children having so much fun together as they celebrate the end of a successful year.

Today, we sent out **end-of-year reports**. These reflect the tremendous progress children have made throughout the year, both academically and socially. Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties accessing your child's report. We are also awaiting the arrival of the **Year 6 KS2 results**, which will be shared with families as soon as they are received next week.

As we enter the final week of term, there is still plenty to look forward to. We have the **Year 6 production, Year 1 trip, Swimming Gala, Year 6 House Captain elections**, our **end-of-year church service** and, of course, the **Leavers' Assembly**. It promises to be another busy and exciting week as we celebrate the many achievements of our pupils.

A reminder that **school closes at 1:00pm next Friday** for the summer holidays.

Looking ahead, we are excited that our programme of school improvements will continue over the summer break. The former kitchen area will be transformed into **two dedicated intervention rooms**, alongside the creation of a smaller, modern kitchen space. In addition, the old **Elliott building** will be removed, allowing us to significantly expand the outdoor provision for our Reception and Year 1 children. These developments will further enhance the learning environment for our pupils, and we look forward to sharing updates as the work progresses.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We have one final week to enjoy together before the summer holidays begin.

**Mr Milner**

**Headteacher**



## Great British Summer Saving

The Department for Education has asked us to share information about the government's **Great British Summer Savings** scheme, which aims to help families make the most of the summer holidays while reducing costs.

From **25 June to 1 September 2026**, families can benefit from a temporary reduction in VAT on a range of family activities, including children's meals at participating restaurants, family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to many attractions across England. In addition, children aged 5–15 can travel free on buses throughout August.

The scheme provides an opportunity for families to enjoy educational, cultural and recreational experiences at a lower cost during the summer break.

To help families find participating venues, the Government has launched an attraction finder website where you can search for offers in your local area:

👉 [Great British Summer Savings Attraction Finder](#)

We hope this information is helpful as you plan activities for the holidays and wish all of our families a happy and enjoyable summer. ☀️

## SIAMS Inspection

### SIAMS Inspection Success

We were delighted to welcome our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspector to Leonard Stanley CE Primary School today.

The inspection explored how effectively our Christian vision and values shape school life and enable all members of our community to flourish. Throughout the day, the inspector met with pupils, staff, governors and leaders, observed learning and collective worship, and saw first-hand how our vision is lived out in daily school life.

We are incredibly pleased that the inspection went very well. The inspector commented positively on the warmth, care and inclusivity of our school community and recognised the many ways in which our Christian ethos supports both children's achievement and wellbeing.

We would like to thank our wonderful pupils, staff, governors and families for their support and for representing our school so brilliantly. The children were exceptional ambassadors for Leonard Stanley, speaking confidently and thoughtfully about their experiences and demonstrating the values that make our school such a special place.

We look forward to sharing the full inspection report with you when it is published, and we are proud to celebrate this positive outcome together as a school community. 🎉

## 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** = XX%

**Y5** = 92%

**Y4** = 89%

Y3 =97%

Y2 =100%

Y1 = 93%

## FOLSS News

☀ Yesterday, your child brought home their Big Stanley Summer Sponsorship pack.

Each child has received:

- A challenge booklet - Their own Stanley pig to decorate & keep - 6 stickers

The pack contains everything you need to get started. The fundraising challenges will begin next Friday, so there's plenty of time to have a look through everything and get ready.

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see how everyone gets on!

Feel free to share photos, stories, etc. over the summer with us.

🎫 Raffle! Last few days to buy tickets for some fantastic prizes.

Today all money raised from the ice cream sales after school will be donated to the Penelope Fundraiser – a local little girl who very sadly passed away this week.

[Donate to 🌟 Penelope Fundraiser💖, organized by Rebecca Dyos](#)[fund.me](https://fundraising.gofundme.com/penelope-fundraiser)

  
**Penelope  
Fundraiser** 

Organized by  
Rebecca Dyos



## Atlas After-School Provision

Please find a link to **book Atlas aftercare** at Leonard Stanley for the Autumn term 2026. Please note there is no maximum number each evening to facilitate ad hoc bookings.

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







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Busy day at work... Let us help! Our Aftercare service gives your child a fun and safe place to stay, right at school, until you're ready to pick them up. With exciting activities, games, and a relaxed atmosphere, we make sure your child has a great time while you enjoy peace of mind. It's the perfect solution for working parents who need a little extra time in their day!



#### SAVE BIG ON CHILDCARE

Save money on your childcare costs by using the Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare Voucher schemes. As we are Ofsted registered, you could receive up to £2,000 per child per year towards fees. These government schemes make quality childcare more affordable and help you make the most of your savings.

### ENTER OUR MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

Scan the QR code opposite to enter our monthly prize draw! You could win free places or money off our holiday clubs. It's our way of saying thank you for choosing us to care for your children. Don't miss out – scan and enter today for your chance to win!







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[info@atlas camps.co.uk](mailto:info@atlas camps.co.uk)

[www.atlas camps.co.uk](http://www.atlas camps.co.uk)

## Our School Charity



*1 - Our chosen school charity this year.*

## Term Dates 2025 - 2026

### **Key Dates:**

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 9.30am, End of Term 1pm

**Please note the dates for 2026/27 are now on the school website.**



## Holiday Camps & Activities



**COMMUNITY  
HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**BOOK NOW!**

5-13 YRS OLD | GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS | FREE HOT MEAL | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
9:30-15:00 | THE NEW LAW | FUN, INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT [COMMUNITY@FGR.CO.UK](mailto:COMMUNITY@FGR.CO.UK)

**Keen to tire out your bike-loving  
kids over the summer holidays?**



**Kids MTB Development Groups run each week of the  
summer holidays at FlyUp 417 Bike Park for 8-15 yr olds**

- Hone downhill skills in small groups
- DBS-checked qualified coaches
- 9am-4pm Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (except bank holidays)

**Book your child's place now at [www.417bikepark.co.uk](http://www.417bikepark.co.uk)**

Crickley Hill Farm, Witcombe,  
GL3 4UF  
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PROFORMANCE COACHING  
**SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
9:00 - 15:30

**CHIPPING SODBURY FOOTBALL CAMP**  
Chipping Sodbury School, BS37 6EW  
Mon - Fri between 27<sup>th</sup> July - 27<sup>th</sup> August  
**GOALKEEPERS** Mondays Wednesdays Fridays  
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**NEW! ONLY OUTFIELD FOOTBALL**  
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Mon - Wed between 27<sup>th</sup> July - 26<sup>th</sup> August

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP**  
Blue Coat C of E Primary School, GL12 7BD  
Mon - Thurs between 27<sup>th</sup> July - 27<sup>th</sup> August  
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RECEPTION → YEAR 7 ONLY!



**CIRQUE DANCE**  
**YOUR CHILD'S SUMMER STARTS HERE!**

**3-DAY K-POP CIRCUS & DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA**  
27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> JULY | WOODCHESTER ENDOWED C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, STROUD  
MINI PERFORMANCE FOR GROWN-UPS ON DAY 3!

**WHAT THEY'LL DO:**

- Learn moves & tricks on aerial hoop & silks
- Learn dance routines to your favourite K-pop tracks
- Get involved with drama scenes to your favourite K-pop movie
- Pop-themed arts & crafts & creative fun!

**3 DAYS £165** **2 DAYS £120** **1 DAY £65** **9AM - 4PM LUNCH, DRINKS & SNACKS INCLUDED!**

**POP PARTY DAY CAMP**  
MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
★ Aerial circus fun  
★ Pop dance & games  
★ Creative activities  
★ Make new friends!

**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
FULL DAY 9AM - 6PM **£65** OR HALF DAY 9AM - 12PM **£35**

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## JOIN THE FUN AT THIS YEAR'S THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL!



**INSPIRING MUSICAL EXPERIENCES FOR ALL AGES**

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 Lipset 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**  
11-12 years, under 18s, under 16s  
Discover the joys of singing, creativity and performance in this brilliant 1990s pop-themed 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**  
11-12 years, under 18s, under 16s  
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**  
11-12 years, under 18s, under 16s  
In this fun, light-hearted workshop from renowned musical 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**  
11-12 years, under 18s, under 16s  
Let us while you away for a range of holiday destinations with kaffe tunes and songs to join in with – and don't forget to come and have a go on a violin yourself at the end! Ideal for babies, toddlers and young children.

Full family event listings and more information available at [3choirs.org/whats-on](http://3choirs.org/whats-on)  
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**What we do in the Woods**

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# PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS SUMMER COMMUNITY PLAY DAYS

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With thanks to Cainscross Town Council for supporting play.




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.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers.

We welcome disabled children & their families.

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# SUMMER HOLIDAY



## CRAFT TABLES

Daily Monday - Saturday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August

10am  
-  
12pm



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Venue: Stratford Park and Active Lifestyles Stroud  
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Bring your friends, family and a picnic and enjoy a fantastic range of activities for all ages! Activities take place throughout the day, with most offered free of charge and some available at a very low cost. Each day features a slightly varied programme.



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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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**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

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**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**



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JUNE 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd  
18.00-19.30  
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