



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Where we care about our learning and each other"

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Important Dates For Your Diary

Monday 28th April

First Day of Term
Y3 Swimming

Wednesday 30th April

Y5 Countryside Skills

Thursday 1st May

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Harry Potter Themed Lunch Menu—see below

Friday 2nd May

Inset Day

Wednesday 7th May

Y5 Countryside Skills

Thursday 8th May

Y5 Countryside Skills
PTFA Cake Sale

Jack Clements Assembly

We had a very special guest for an assembly last week. Jack Clements who plays for Gloucester Rugby, came and spoke to the children about the sport and his journey.

The children had some great questions for Jack and many came away inspired by his story.

Thank you to Mr Bish & Mrs Hollis for organising.



Lateness and Unauthorised Absence

We would like to remind all families of the importance of arriving at school on time every day.

The school day begins promptly, and children who arrive after the register has closed receive a late mark, which is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Persistent lateness not only disrupts your child's learning but may also result in further action being taken. Unauthorised absences, including repeated lateness, can impact your child's attendance record and overall progress.

Please support us in ensuring your child arrives on time and is ready to learn each morning.

If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality, please contact the school—we're here to help.

Year 3 Violin Concert

A huge well done to our Y3 class for their fantastic violin concert.

The violin is a very hard instrument to learn but they listened well, practiced hard and did a super job! Well done Y3, a great performance.



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Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

What a 2 weeks!

We are so impressed with how many of you made an effort to walk, cycle or scoot.

It was also great to see people who travel from outside of the village, making adjustments to their journey so they could join in.

Rowan in Y4 and Anya in Y2 often walk to school from Ryeford. One day last week, they created a 'walk share' when they left home with 4 children and picked up another 2 along the way!

At the end of the challenge, King's Stanley came 157th out of 1195 school—incredible!

A huge well done to our Reception class who scored the highest and recorded a fantastic 256 journeys.

Well done everyone.

Prayer Competition

Mrs Hollis is running a very exciting competition!

She is asking children to create a prayer for the whole school.

There are a few requirements to follow:

- It must be well presented on a sheet of prayer paper.
- It must include one or more of our four prayer types (Thea Thanks, Peter Praise, Andy Ask, Suzy Sorry)
- The prayer must also include some links to our values and mission.

This will need to be worked on over the Easter break as the closing date, is Monday 28th April.

Good luck and have fun!

Harry Potter Menu

On Thursday 1st May we will be having a menu change.

The options will be:

Hogwarts Sausage Casserole
Gringotts Loaded Jacket Potatoes

Slytherins Syrup Sponge

Please note, there will be no plain jacket potatoes on this day.



Panathlon

Another Atlas Sports event that we always try to attend is the Panathlon.

Set up in the main hall at Stratford park, the children take part in a range of activities. It is always a lot of fun and the children enjoy participating in different activities/sports.

We don't yet have the scores from this event, but we do know the children gave their all and loved every second. Well done!



Goodbye & Good Luck

With the return of Mrs Stewart from maternity leave, it's time to say farewell to Miss Hodson.

Miss Hodson has been a fantastic teacher to our Y1 children. She settled into the role quickly and will be missed by the children and the staff.

She has secured a new job and we wish her the best of luck in her new role.



We also say goodbye to Miss Bird as Mrs Dougherty returns after Easter.

Miss Bird has been a real asset to Y4 and has provided consistency to the children for the last few months.

While it is time for that cover to come to an end, we are sure that Miss Bird will be providing cover where needed in the future.

Thank you both, we have loved working with you.

Leonard Stanley Pool

The wait is over! After years of fundraising, hard work, and community dedication, family memberships to use the pool after summer half term and over the summer holidays are now available!

Pay for your family memberships and book your RESUS first aid course here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EPBS>

A family membership covers up to 2 adults and 6 children living at 1 address.

As a reminder, all adults using the pool alone or supervising others are required to attend a first aid course, available through FOLSS, or provide evidence of a recent First Aid Certificate from a third party.

If you have a first aid certificate, email leonardstanleypool@gmail.com with a copy, and we'll send you the forms by email and arrange payment without using the online system.

We can't wait to see you out there this summer! Any questions? Please contact us at leonardstanleypool@gmail.com.

Orienteering

Our final Atlas Sports event for this term was orienteering at Westonbirt.

We had 2 teams of children from Y4 and they had to follow their maps to navigate around the course and checkpoints.

The weather was fantastic for them and they absolutely loved following their maps. Great work!



Value Certificates 04/04/25

Year Reception

Louis for being a wonderful mathematician by completing number tracks, even ones the count backwards.

Year 1

Mabel for being a wonderful reader by doing a fantastic job at reading some real and alien words in Phonics.

Year 2

Martha for being a wonderful mathematician by working out the answers to the sums when solving balanced equations.

Year 3

Beatrice has shown the value of respect when listening to the swim teacher and showing excellent front crawl technique.

Year 4

Scarlett N has shown the value of resilience and worked really hard on her times tables.

Year 5

Freddie P has shown the value of responsibility towards his learning by consistently working hard in every lesson.

Year 6

Rhiannon for being a wonderful learner by trying her hardest in all her learning and being more independent in class.

Value Certificates 11/04/25

Year Reception

Millie has shown the value of respect. She is such a kind friend, always offering help to whoever needs it.

Year 1

Jasper for being a wonderful musician by working well with his partner to create a tune based on their superhero.

Year 2

Maggie for being a wonderful reader by making a huge improvement in her reading fluency and being able to answer lots of different questions.

Year 3

Harry P has shown the value of courage when gaining in confidence in the swimming pool.

Year 4

Henry E has shown the value of resilience by working really hard on his chronological report all about the climate.

Year 5

Evie for being a wonderful artist by producing a wonderful final piece based on our artist Lowry.

Year 6

Rosa has shown the value of responsibility and demonstrated a mature attitude and a desire to improve in all aspects of school life.

WELL DONE EVERYONE