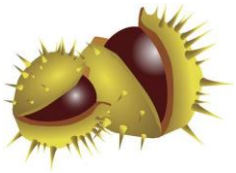


The Leighterton Leaf

Rooted in optimism, ambition and kindness, we grow together.

Term 1, Newsletter 4 (2026-2027)
Thursday 24 September 2026

Value in focus: Gratitude
Gratitude is more than saying "thank you." When it becomes an attitude — a consistent way of orienting your attention toward what's good— it reshapes how you move through your day, your relationships, and the harder moments in life. ***The Positivity Team***



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Governors

This week's news

Yesterday, we were joined by volunteers from the British Horse Society who ran a 'Henry the Horse' workshop for children in Saddlewood and Ozleworth classes. The child learnt about how to interact with horses and how to safely pass horses on the roads.

Thank you to the PTFA and everyone who supported the Teddy Bear Takeover last Friday despite the wet weather, helping to raise funds for the school. We are also pleased to let you know that the Book Fair raised £213.11 for us to spend on books for the library 😊

Phonics Workshop
It was lovely to see the parents who came along to our phonics workshop on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend but would like further information on how we teach phonics, please do get in touch.

Asthma Inhalers
We are in the process of producing individual health care plans for children with inhalers. If your child has an inhaler, please check that we have it in school.

Young Voices
We are excited to be taking part in our second Young Voices concert. Information went out to Key Stage 2 children about this opportunity this week. This is a reminder to please complete the online form (see letter emailed home) by **Friday 25 September** so we can finalise choir numbers as spaces are limited. Miss Bence and Miss Roberts will be practising the songs and dances with the children at their lunchtime club. All Key Stage 2 are welcome to join the club, even if your child is not going to the concert.

Govilon Residential – Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 October
The anticipation is mounting with the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Govilon Learning and Activity Centre just around the corner. The children are in for an action-packed few days on the edge of the beautiful Brecon Beacons National Park. If you have any questions about the visit, please contact Mrs Ward or Mrs Holian via the School Office.

Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day
Friday 9 October is World Mental Health Day and to mark this occasion we are inviting the children to come to school wearing one yellow item with their school uniform such as yellow socks or a yellow jumper. To find out

more about Young Minds and their work to support children's mental health, please visit [Hello Yellow | World Mental Health Day | 9 October | Young Minds]

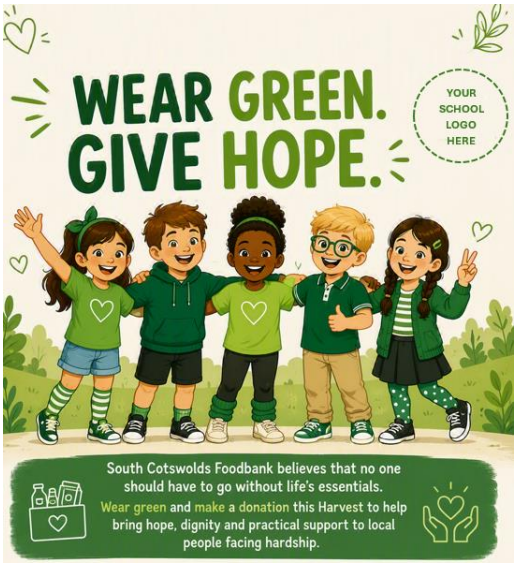
Bikeability – Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 October

Having recovered from their residential, the Year 6 children will be taking part in Bikeability the following week. Please see separate letter that was emailed home for further information.

'Wear Green – Grow Hope' Harvest Festival – Thursday 22 October, 2.15pm

You are welcome to come along and enjoy our Harvest Festival which takes place on Thursday 22 October.

This Harvest, our school is supporting South Cotswolds Foodbank to help local people who are facing difficult circumstances. South Cotswolds Foodbank provides emergency food and essential items to people in our local communities, while also offering practical support to help people build resilience and move beyond the need for food banks. Last year, the food bank provided 3,257 emergency food parcels to adults and children across the South Cotswolds.



We are inviting pupils and families to support our Harvest appeal by taking part in the Foodbank's 'Wear Green - Grow Hope' fundraising event. Children are invited to wear something green to school on Thursday 22 October, in exchange of a financial donation for the Foodbank. Financial donations can be made via XXXX. Thank you for helping us show kindness and support to people in our local community this Harvest.

Open Morning

We are holding our open morning on Thursday 15 October. This is a drop-in session between 9am and 11.30am – no need to book. The older children will be giving guided tours and there will be coffee and biscuits available in the hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please can we encourage you to make appointments outside of school time where you can; we appreciate that this is not always possible – particularly with the local dentist - but limiting your child's time away from school supports their progress. Thank you.

School lunches next week

WEEK ONE 28 September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	Tomato pasta	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Nuggets*	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
B	Cheese & Pepper Whirl with Herby Rice	Soya Mince Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
C	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans & Peas
	Oaty Cookie	Orange Drizzle Cake	Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit	Carrot Cake with Custard	Strawberry Jelly with Peaches

*Please note the change to the menu on Thursday 1 October. This is school census day and so we encourage as many children as possible to have a school lunch next week as this has an impact on our school budget. Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Rushton
Executive Headteacher

Attendance Information	**Thinking Corner**
97.58%	**Would you rather live now, In the future or In the past?**

Term1 Clubs – w/c 14 September. *Please note, school run clubs do not run in last week of term*

MONDAY	**French Club**	3.10 – 4.00pm	R & Y1. Please see separate email for info (there is a cost)
TUESDAY	**Atlas Sports – Multi Skills**	3.10 – 4.00pm	Y1 and 2
WEDNESDAY	**Cross Country**	8.00 – 8.30am	Y3 - 6 *NOW FULL*
	Dance Club	12.30 – 1.00pm	Open to all Year 1 classroom
	Art Club £5 contribution per child	3.10 – 4.00pm	Y3 - 6 *NOW FULL* Y2 classroom (max 12 pupils)
THURSDAY	**Drama Club**	3.10 – 4.00pm	Y1 & 2 Please see separate email for info (there is a cost)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note that there sometimes may be changes/additions at short notice)

Tuesday 29 September	School photographs (all classes)
Friday 2 October	Flu Immunisation (all classes)
Wednesday 7-9 October	Y5/6 residential
Friday 9 October	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day – come wearing yellow!
Monday 12 – 14 October	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 15 October	Open Morning
Thursday 22 October	2.15pm Harvest Festival

We are O.A.K.

Optimism – We are optimistic.
We persevere to improve.

Ambition – We are ambitious.
We aim high and do our best.

Kindness – We are kind.
We use kind words and kind actions. We respect ourselves, others and our world.

Rooted in optimism, ambition and kindness, we grow together.

Community News

(Please note that the school does not endorse external providers and families should enure they are satisfied will all necessary safegurding checks before engaging with any advertised services below.)

Opportunities to learn & make music with others

Five Valleys Music Centre - Saturdays 9.30 - 12.30, Archway School, Stroud

A great place to learn and develop as a musician, for all children of all ages and abilities. Five Valleys Music Centre (FVMC) offers opportunities to children who play musical instruments. Please note that you do not have to have passed any music grades to attend, and that we welcome all orchestral instruments including recorders. Piano players, please see below for info about our Keyboard Orchestra.

FVMC has an orchestra, string group, wind group, keyboard orchestra and play a mix of classical, folk, jazz, and pop music. Our staff will encourage every member to experience the exciting feeling of playing in ensembles as an extension to lessons and musical activities in schools.

We are really lucky to continue to have the support of Arts Council England to part-fund our music groups. That means that Music Centre membership works out as just £6 per session. Full bursaries are also available for looked after children and those facing financial hardship thanks to the Friends of Gloucestershire Youth Music.
Why not come along to try your first 2 sessions for free!

There is no need to make an appointment, just arrive at the school hall at the start of the morning with a parent / guardian and enquire at the registration desk. Parents are welcome to leave or stay and observe and all new students are assigned a senior member student to help them. Please check first that the Centre is open by checking the GM calendar.

Five Valleys Keyboard Orchestra - Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30, Archway School, Stroud

Do you play the piano / keyboard and wish you got the chance to play music with others? Then look no further! Five Valleys Keyboard Orchestra is just for you.
What? A group for piano / keyboard players to get the chance to make music with others.
Who? Anyone who has some piano / keyboard playing experience aged 6 – 18. All standards welcome!
When? Saturdays 10.30 – 11.30.
Where? Archway School, Stroud – head for the main hall.
How much? Just £30 per term with full bursaries available for those facing financial hardship.
How do I sign-up? Please head to https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com/ - select 'Groups', 'Five Valleys Keyboard Orchestra', 'Enrol Now'. There are limited spaces so these will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk
01452 427242

Five Valleys Adult Wind Band- Saturdays 9.30 - 11.30, Archway School, Stroud

Five Valleys Adult Wind Band is a group specifically for adults players. Working at grade 5 and upwards, the group caters for those who would like to continue developing their playing and ensemble skills whilst at the same time enjoying the experience of being in a band. We have a wide-ranging repertoire including film, swing, and classical music and play several concerts a year.

We are a friendly and supportive group, and you would be welcome to come and join us. Contact our Director, Jenny Steele before attending the first time - glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Rehearsals are at Archway School in Stroud and take place from 9:30am-11:30am on a Saturday morning, term time only. We ask that members be a minimum standard of Grade 5. Please see the calendar for further rehearsal details.

gloucestershire
MUSIC

Five Valleys Keyboard Orchestra

10.30-11.30am - Saturdays
at Archway School, Stroud

Just £30 per term

Open to piano / keyboard players of all standards



Sign up at https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com/
go to 'Groups' then 'Five Valleys Keyboard Orchestra'
Or scan the QR code

glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk 01452 427242

gloucestershire
MUSIC

Five Valleys Music Centre

Archway School, Stroud
Saturdays: 09.30 - 12.30



Music sessions for all young musicians from beginner to advanced

SCAN ME

Join now!
01452 427242
gloucestershiremusic.co.uk
glosmusic@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Make music, make memories

Supported using public funding by
Department for Education | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

GSW Music Hub

Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL