



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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You can also see more information about us on our school website: www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

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Worship

This week we were led by Rev. Cheesman on Monday in a further Remembrance worship, in which the whole school joined in with a silence and we were able to listen to The Last Post played live on the trumpet. Thank you to the Worship Leaders who led us in prayer and read the Gospel. Rev. Cheesman invited us to reflect on how we can be peacemakers and go out of our way to make the world just a little bit better each day.

Cold Weather

Please remember to send children in with waterproof winter coats everyday, and hats and gloves as the weather turns cold. If your child needs to use lip balm due to dry skin in the cold weather, this is permitted before school and at break times, not during lessons. Please remind your child that lip balm is not to be shared. Labelling of lip balms in case they get lost will help with a swift return. Please see our website for our severe weather procedures should we get any snow coming our way in the near future! <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/home>

Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks!



It was an array of colour this morning as the children came into school with their fabulous odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness! There have been lots of kindness notes written by the children shared to spread positivity and joy! The children have reinforced their knowledge and understanding of appreciating diversity and standing up for what is right during anti-bullying week in line with our school vision including 'Love and value all'.

Facebook

Our new facebook page is live which will include regular updates - please follow and like!

[Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)



Film Night

Last week's film night was a big success - thank you to all the volunteers and staff who helped to make the event happen. This raised a total of £493.30. Fab!!

Thank you to all our parents and carers whose support for school in every respect, is very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lindley

Nut free school



Please remember to be careful when packing children's lunches and snacks sent into school. Products containing any type of nuts are not allowed due to children with nut allergies in school. Kinder Bueno and Nutella snacks contain hazelnuts - please leave these at home.

Many thanks for your cooperation

Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Next week, children will be focussing on the value of every individual in line with our school vision including 'Love and value all' and anti-bullying week. The School Council is inviting children to come to school on

Friday 17th November wearing odd socks to celebrate our own uniqueness. School Council are also inviting children to write kindness notes throughout week to spread kindness and positivity to everyone ☺



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Bobbies on a Bauble Competition!

Follow the below link if you would like to enter a Christmas Bauble design competition being run by Lancashire Police!

Get creative everybody!

[https://www.lancashire.police.uk/christmas-e-card-design-competition-](https://www.lancashire.police.uk/christmas-e-card-design-competition-2023/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Christmas+Cards)

[2023/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Christmas+Cards](https://www.lancashire.police.uk/christmas-e-card-design-competition-2023/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Christmas+Cards)

Absence and Lateness



The School day begins at 8:55am. Gates are opened ten minutes earlier at 8.45am when children are welcomed in by a leader at the gate. After gates have shut at 8:55am, we frequently have a number of children arriving after school has officially begun. When children arrive late they are missing out on morning learning opportunities. Please ensure that your child is on time every day.

If you do arrive late with your child, you need to accompany them to the front office and sign them in on the touch screen 'inventory' system.

Please do everything you can to avoid taking children out of school as this comes at a cost to your child's education. Please see our attendance policy on the website for information regarding penalty notices which will be issued if a pupil has had 5 school days (10 sessions) lost to unauthorised absence during the current term or 7 school days (14 sessions) in 2 consecutive terms. A holiday form must also be completed at least **2 weeks prior** to the start of the absence to avoid a penalty notice being issued.

Please refer to this link from the NHS if you are not sure if your child is too ill to attend school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to school next week...

Books will be for sale from 3:30 – 4:00 after school on **Thursday 23rd November,**

Friday 24th November,

Monday 27th November

Tuesday 28th November.



All books bought will help to earn free books for our school! Thank you for your support.

Times Table Rock Stars Challenge

Congratulations to all our children who worked so hard on the Times Tables Rocks Challenge! School winners to be announced next week!



The Big Ambition



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to

make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. Further resources are available on the [website](#).

Christmas Fair - 15th December 3:30pm!

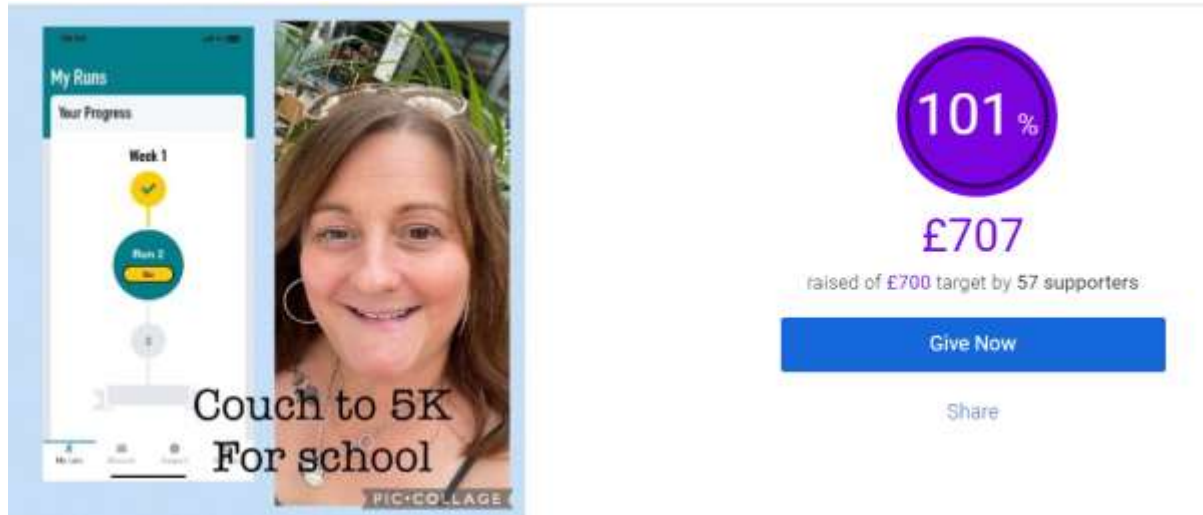


Friday 24th November will be a non-uniform day in exchange for fancy goods for the Christmas Fair which will be used for our raffle hamper prizes and tombola.

Thursday 7th December (Please note the change of date) will be a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

Thank you everyone...Ho ho ho!!!

Miss Clayton's Book Run - Target Reached!



I would firstly like to say a massive thankyou to everyone for all your kind donations!

I managed to run another 5K 2 weeks ago! However, since then I've had to take a (hopefully short) break from running, due to a possible injury. Fingers crossed that all is ok and I'll be able to get back training soon. I have been advised that I will have to take it slowly but I am determined to complete a 5K park run!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vicky-clayton?utm_term=My98vZDqm

Friday Worship in Church - Parents & Carers Welcome!

Every other week, a different class will lead the whole school in Worship in church on a Friday morning starting at 9am.

The upcoming dates for Autumn term are:

Friday 24th November - Owls

Friday 8th December - Kingfishers

Friday 22nd December - Herons

All welcome ☺

Admissions







If you or anyone you know would like a tour of our school to inform decision-making for Reception 2024 places, please contact the school office - we would be incredibly proud to show you around our wonderful school!

Applications are open to apply for a Reception school place starting in September 2024.

You can apply online at : <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Wagtails	99.6
	Blackbirds	99.8
	Hérons	98.1



Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<u>Little Lennies</u> <u>Charlie & Hugo</u>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <u>Ludwik & Heidi</u>	<u>Doves</u> <u>Spencer & Violet R</u>
<u>Eagles</u> <u>Noah & Olive</u>	<u>Falcons</u> <u>Roman & Alice</u> <u>H</u>	<u>Hérons</u> <u>Arthur & Harry</u>
<u>Kingfishers</u> <u>Matilda & Harley</u>	<u>Owls</u> <u>Oscar & Evie</u>	<u>Robins</u> <u>Iris & Albie</u>
<u>Swifts</u> <u>Amelia & Tom</u>	<u>Wagtails</u> <u>Hugo & Erin</u>	<u>Wrens</u> <u>Ella & Ali</u>

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



Little Lennies have been exploring our changing world in Autumn and this week - tapping into their prior knowledge of trees - focussed on leaves! They have been identifying different types of leaves, looking carefully at their colours and textures. They have been reading the story of 'Leaf man' and used the leaves they collected in our woodland to create their very own leaf person!

Blackbirds have also been exploring our changing Autumn scenery, extending their learning of trees to explore the importance of leaves. They have learnt that trees need 3 things: sun, water and carbon dioxide to make their own food and that this is called photosynthesis. The children have also learnt that the more sun there is, the more chlorophyll in the leaves which makes them green - this means that in the Autumn time, with less sunlight, less chlorophyll, the leaves turn brown/yellow/orange. We used our geographical skills to create our own accurate maps of our woodland which later turned into 3D maps in the classroom!

A very busy, autumnal week in Early Years!

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



Key Stage 1 has worked incredibly hard all week and we are all proud of each and every one of them. This week they have shown a fantastic attitude with great perseverance towards designing and building their windmills. This week we have continued to read Nibbles as part of our English lessons looking around for clues, and we enjoyed writing our own diary in the character of Nibbles. In Geography, we started to learn more about the differences between the sea and ocean whilst still learning more about the different continents and polar habitats. Well done everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



What a busy week we've had in Lower Key Stage 2! The children have enjoyed reading more of our class book 'Winter's child' and making predictions about the text. In geography we have been learning about human and physical features, and looking on maps to identify densely populated areas. The children have had so much fun in DT following a recipe and making apple and berry crumbles, thinking about the different seasons food grow in. They particularly enjoyed tasting the finished product! The week has been rounded off with wearing odd socks for anti-bullying week. Well done on working hard this week everyone!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

Our exciting week began with vector drawings in Computing, where we explored layering objects. In Geography, we conducted high quality research to locate cities and countries around the world. In Science, we continued studying the different phases of the moon. In RE, we learnt about the importance of Mary by reading the Magnificat. We are thoroughly enjoying our brass music lessons - please remember to bring the instrument in for the lesson every Thursday. We finished our week with our Key PE session and started designing our product in DT. Well done Year 5

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been enjoying the new writing unit based on the book 'Can we save the tiger?' and enjoyed making paper 'fortune tellers' which involved finding information out about these wonderful animals. In Geography, the children have started to look at the Lake District and considered what the effects of tourism are on the area and why it is so popular with visitors. In RE, the children have continued to consider Advent as a time of preparation, specifically learning about John the Baptist and what his message would be to people today. The children have also been learning some new Christmas carols ready for our concert in three weeks' time and I must say, they sound amazing ! Well done Year 6 !

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd November	3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 24th November	Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Fancy Good for Christmas Fair 9:00am Owls leading Worship in church. All welcome. 3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 27th November	3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 28th November	3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
December	
Thursday 7th December	Please note the change of day! Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Chocolate for Christmas Fair
Friday 8th December	9:00am Kingfishers leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Tuesday 12th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 Pantomime Visit 2:30pm Early Years Nativity in the school Hall
Friday 15th December	3:30pm Christmas Fair!
Monday 18th December	6:00pm 9 Lessons and Carols in church. All welcome.
Tuesday 19th December	2:30pm KS1 Nativity in Church 5:30pm KS1 Nativity in Church
Friday 22nd December	9:00am Herons leading Worship in church. All welcome. 1:30pm School closes for the Christmas Holiday
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 8th January 2024!	8:45am school re-opens for the Spring term.

St Leonard's
C of E Church
Langho & Billington

Sunday Services

10:30 Family Service

Current services are being shared among clergy from other local churches in the area.



Your invitation to

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH



Christmas FAIR



Saturday
25th
November

1-4pm



Enjoy stalls with gifts, crafts, cakes,
hot & cold refreshments, a bumper
raffle, tombola, fun and much more !

Billington & Langho Community Centre
behind St Leonard's Church

Adults £1, Children 50p (includes a visit to Santa and a gift)

Proceeds to St
Leonard's
Church, Langho

Everyone welcome



