



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

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Worship

We began our week together hearing the parable of the talents and reflected on how we can use our talents to help others. Today Owls class led the whole school in worship focussed on Jesus Christ as the king who comes to save and redeem us. Well done Owls for a beautiful, spiritual reflection.

Netball and Sports at Oakhill

Well done to all our children who represented the school in sports this week. Our Hi-5 Netballers performed amazingly with so many games won! Also this week, some children in KS2 took part in a variety of different sports activities in friendly competition at Oakhill with other schools.

Road Safety



Thank you to our School Councillors who gave good reminders about Road Safety to everyone on Wednesday, as part of Road Safety Week. Our first Pupil Promise is to 'keep myself safe' and we know this includes being safe around roads. We are also excited that the School Council are beginning a longer term campaign project about road safety on Whalley Road.

Times Tables RockStars Challenge

Congratulations to our winning year group - Year 4! Who scored the highest average per student. Well done also to our three 'Most Valuable Players' - Ali in Y6, Alfie and Hugh in Y4. Keep up the practice everyone - the more fluent you are with times tables, the easier calculations are!



Facebook

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

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

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



Mr Hanan from Unigreen came to speak to Eco Club about how we can use bamboo over trees as a natural resource. We looked at the impact of using trees over bamboo (they take 1 year to grow, trees take 38 years), bamboo doesn't need any chemicals mixed in, they use natural colouring from plants. We completed 2 science investigations - 1 using a McDonalds straw compared to a bamboo straw to see which would last longer and then how quick and easy it is to break down the bamboo products using only water.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is here!

Monday 27th November 3:30-4:00

Tuesday 28th November 3:30-4:00

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



A huge thank you to all those children who entered the competition to design bookmarks encouraging others to read, you were all so creative! The winners of the book vouchers are as follows;

EYFS Winner - Lilah (Little Lennies)

KS1 Winner - Oliver B (Falcons)

LKS2 Winner - Mason (Kingfishers)

UKS2 Winner - Erin (Wagtails)

The winning designs will be copied and available for children to pick up from the library when they are visiting.

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

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>



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)

(All entries must be received by the closing date of Wednesday 6th December by 23:59)

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/>

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!



Thank you for all the donations of fancy goods for the hampers and tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair today.

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!!!

FINCH BAKERY

A huge thank you to Finch Bakery who have donated jars which will be used for children to create exciting products for the Christmas Fair!

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 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.

School Uniform and PE Kit

This is a polite reminder about the details of our school uniform policy, specifically PE kit and jewellery. Skins are not part of the school PE kit. If you feel your child needs additional layers, these can then be worn discreetly underneath the correct kit of long pants and jumper at this time of year.

Our PE Uniform

Children are asked to come into school on the day of their PE lesson wearing their PE kit. They can wear it for the full school day.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for PE.

The PE kit is as follows:

- Blue PE T shirt with logo
- **Plain navy** zipped hoody or sweatshirt
- **Navy tracksuit** bottoms or leggings (Autumn/Winter)
- **Navy shorts** (Spring/ Summer)
- Plain, suitable trainers or black pumps

Jewellery

Jewellery is not allowed with the exception of small, plain, stud earrings (not hoops or huggies) and a sensible watch. (No smart watches)

All jewellery must be removed during practical lessons, for example, PE lessons / swimming lessons.





If children cannot remove their own earrings, then this should be done at home on the day of PE.

Full details of our school uniform policy can be found on our website: <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/school-uniform>

Recycled Uniform can be purchased online from our Uniformd shop run by our 'Guardians of the Planet' Club and Mrs Duckett <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/231>

Thank you for your cooperation.

This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Falcons	100
	Eagles	97.3
	Hérons	97.3



Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Doris & William</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Margot & Aubrey</u></i>	<u>Doves</u> <i><u>Reeva & Ethan</u></i>
<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Harper W & Jessica</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Arthur & Alice K</u></i>	<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>William & Ettie</u></i>
<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>Theo & Evan</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Arabella & Jannah</u></i>	<u>Robins</u> <i><u>Finley & Emily</u></i>
<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Freddie & William,</u></i>	<u>Wagtails</u> <i><u>James & Charlie</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Halima & Aimee</u></i>

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



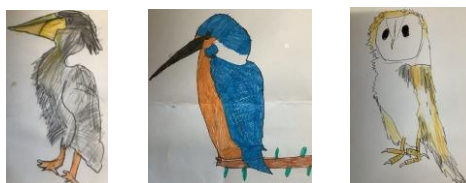
This week in Early Years, we have been exploring The Festival of Light, Diwali. The children have been getting creative, looking at the beautiful, colourful designs seen in rangoli artwork. The children have explored these patterns using finger painting skills, loose-part artwork and painting whilst listening to traditional Hindu music. We have enjoyed learning about the culture of Hinduism and the ways that Diwali is celebrated - discussing the similarities and differences to other faith celebrations.

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



Key Stage 1 has been working hard as always but have shown true perseverance this week. This attitude had allowed them to design and construct their own windmills with a moving turbine! This week we have continued to read 'Nibbles' as part of our English lessons looking at how other well-known stories would have changed if he took a chunk out of our favourite books. In Geography, we started to learn all about the countries which make up the United Kingdom and explored the facts we can derive from an atlas. In PE we have had a lot of fun demonstrating our skills of travelling, jumping, rolling, and balancing on the apparatus. Well done everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



What another busy week we have had in Lower Key Stage 2. The children have enjoyed reading more of 'Winter's Child' and the novel accompanying it, 'The Ice Palace.' They have been looking closely at vocabulary and the meanings of some unfamiliar words. In Geography we have been looking at different maps and learning to point out different features, including human and physical. In French the children enjoyed playing snap games whilst learning how to say and write the names of different animals! Everyone is very excited for the book fair visiting and the brilliant variety of books to buy! Well done everyone on lots of hard work this week.

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

This week was filled with plenty of brilliant learning! In Geography, we learnt all about the different biomes on our planet. In Science, we explored how the rotation of the Earth creates day and night. In RE, we continued our learning on the different views of the importance of Mary. We finished our week with a fun Key PE session and started creating our Doodlers in DT. Well done Year 5!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been writing hybrid texts based on an animal of their choice - they have enjoyed finding out interesting facts about their animal. In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing fractions and the children have really impressed us with their hard work. In Geography, the children have learned how the Lake District was formed and the movement of tectonic plates over billions of years whilst in Science, children used mirrors to see objects behind them and explained how this is possible due to the reflection of light. A very busy week for all ! Well done year 6.

Diary Dates

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 10:30am Early Years Nativity in the school hall (extra performance added!) 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



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