



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

On Monday we began our Advent series, lit our first candle on the wreath and reflected on HOPE. Our week ended with Kingfishers leading us in worship in church all about Christ as that hope, that light in the darkness. We also learnt about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah! Thank you Kingfishers class ☺

Christmas Fair! - Friday 15th December!

Friday 15th December is our Christmas Fair with lots of exciting stalls and games that the staff and children have been busy preparing. Thank you for the donations of fancy goods. We are also calling on bakers to **bake Christmas cakes for the fair** which can be dropped off on the morning of Friday 15th. Also you may bring in any bric-a-brac and toy donations anytime before the fair. On the day of the fair, children can bring in **£3** which will be exchanged for tokens they can use at the fair in the afternoon. Families are invited to join us after school as the fair continues- which may include a very special visitor! **Ho ho ho!** Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!



Y6 and Choir

On Wednesday, some of our children sang carols for parishioners who joined us for lunch. It was wonderful to share this with our parish community. Today our Year 6 children and some members of our choir from years 5 and 4 performed a Carol concert at Blackburn Cathedral. This is a wonderful tradition at St. Leonard's and once again, the children made themselves so proud. They truly raised their voices to Heaven. Well done!

Santa Dash and Football

Yesterday our children participated in a Santa Dash - they had lots of fun being extra active and looked great with all the Santa hats! Well done to our footballers who braved the winter weather this week and competed in a tournament - Mr Taylor was very impressed with their team playing!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley



Facebook

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

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

NPSCC



In December, children will be participating in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme.

Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 and 9-11. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening

We are holding our second Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening on **Thursday 18th January from 3:50pm to 7:15pm**. This is a chance for you to speak 1:1 with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress so far this year.

For **Years 1-6**, appointments can be made on www.parents-booking.co.uk. Booking on this site will be open from 5:00pm on Monday 11th December. To make an appointment you will need your child's details and the email address that matches the one we have on file. If you have any difficulties booking, please contact our office staff.

For **Reception** appointments, please telephone the office so that you will be able to book with your child's key adult. These appointments will be available from 9:30am on Monday 11th December.

Little Lennie's Nursery will be hosting a separate event - more details to follow soon.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Help and Support

Please see the new page on our school website for links and phone numbers for a variety of sources of help and support such as community groups, housing, domestic abuse, mental health and food banks. If you know of any other support sources that we could add, please contact the office staff. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/help-and-support>

Books

Reading books that are sent home must be kept in good condition - please support us with this. These books are vital for all our children to practise reading and they are costly to replace. We have a number of books that are being returned in a condition that is not conducive to being passed on to other children. Please do all you can to ensure that books are looked after carefully at home and if an accident occurs with them, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

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>

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](#).

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 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
	Blackbirds	99.5
	Eagles	98.8
	Hérons	98.5

Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Harry</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Ted W & Thomasin</u></i>	<u>Doves</u> <i><u>Sophia P & Theo</u></i>
<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Musa & Maisie</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Chloe G & Usayd</u></i>	<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>Tobias & Maryam</u></i>
<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>Emilia & Sam</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Oliver & Frank</u></i>	<u>Robins</u> <i><u>Harriet & Halle</u></i>
<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Oliver S & Erin</u></i>	<u>Wagtails</u> <i><u>Max & Dalton</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Zayn & Isabelle H</u></i>

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



Focussing on expressive arts and design this week, Blackbirds have been exploring bridges. After reading the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', the children explored beam, truss and suspension bridges thinking about how each of these are made to be strong and sturdy. After initial exploring and planning, the children had a go at making their own bridges out of paper, cardboard and various other materials found in the classroom, using a range of techniques - some bridges collapsed and some were strong. The children evaluated their bridges and thought of different ways to make their bridges even better!

Little Lennies have been thinking about the habitat of hedgehogs. The children made their own clay hedgehog using fine motor skills and created a habitat box for their hedgehog to live in, making sure they have enough autumn leaves to keep them warm. Little Lennies have also thought about what they use to keep themselves warm during our cold winter months - hats, scarves, gloves, wellies, warm boots and earmuffs!

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



Key Stage 1 have had a brilliant week and we couldn't be more proud of their determination and perseverance during their assessment week. In Geography, we started to learn all about the seas and oceans which surround the United Kingdom and explored more of their capital cities. In PE we have had a lot of fun creating our own gymnastics routine with our partners. This week we are still working hard on creating our windmills and we even tested some to find they worked! Well done everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



There's been a lot of hard work in Lower Key Stage 2 this week whilst completing our Autumn assessments. Well done everyone on your wonderful behaviour and attitude. In Geography we have continued to study maps, and we are becoming experts at identifying human and physical features. In Science we are enjoying learning about skeletons and how they function. In PE we are becoming super gymnasts with amazing balancing skills and rolls. In RE we have been looking at Christians who follow in Jesus' footsteps, in particular the work of the Salvation Army. Well done everyone on a lovely week.

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have all been superstars! Every single pupil worked incredibly hard in their end of term assessments, and we are so proud of them. In Geography, we looked at the human features in our focus continents - Europe, North America and South America. In Science, we explored the fascinating life cycle of a star. In RE, we continued learning about the significance of the flight to Egypt. Towards the end of the week, we had special visitors from the NSPCC to conduct workshops with us and we enjoyed a well-deserved Key PE session. Great job, everybody!

Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children have enjoyed completing their letters home 'in role' as Jim as part of the Christmas Truce writing unit. In Geography, the children have learned more about the Tatra mountains in Poland and in Science learned about the colours of light and how we see colours of objects. The week was finished off with our long awaited trip to Blackburn Cathedral where the children sang beautifully.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th December	9:30am Telephone booking opens for Reception Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening 5:00pm Online booking Opens for Years 1-6 Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening
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. KS2 & Choir. All welcome.
Tuesday 19th December	2:30pm KS1 Nativity in Church (further information to follow) 5:30pm KS1 Nativity in Church (further information to follow)
Wednesday 20th December	2.30pm Carols by Christingle Candlelight in Church. All welcome.
Friday 22nd December	9:00am Herons leading Worship in church. All welcome. 1:30pm School closes for the Christmas Holiday
Christmas Holiday	
January 2024!	
Monday 8th January	8:45am school re-opens for the Spring term.
Friday 12th January	9:00am Falcons leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Monday 15th January	3:00pm Telephone booking closes for Reception Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening 5:00pm Booking closes for Y1 - Y6 Parents' and Carers Consultation Evening
Thursday 18th January	3:50 - 7:15pm Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening (booking opens on Monday 11th December)
Friday 26th January	9:00am Eagles leading Worship in church. All welcome.
February	
Friday 9th February	9:00am Doves leading Worship in church. All welcome.

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.



Festive Spectacular

Wednesday 6th December

15:30 - 17:30pm

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"

Craft Activities & Refreshments

To Book Your Place Please Call

01200 420460

or Email

cfwhrvgroups@lancashire.gov.uk

Clitheroe Children & Family

Wellbeing Service

Wesleyan Row

Parson lane

BB7 2JY





Join us for

Snacks

With Santa

SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER

10:00AM - 12:00PM

The Park Family Hub

Norfolk Grove
Church
Accrington
BB5 4RY

CRAFT ACTIVITIES & GAMES

Call 01200 420460

To Book Your Place or Email

cfwhrvgroups@lancashire.gov.uk

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WINTER Wonderland



January 4th 13:00 - 15:00pm
Craft Activities & Games
No Booking Required

Clitheroe Children & Family Wellbeing Service
Wesleyan Row
Parson Lane
Clitheroe
BB7 2JY

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DECEMBER

SATURDAY | **16** | AT 7.30 PM

AT ST LEONARDS CHURCH
LANGHO BB6 8AB
TICKETS £7 ADULTS £3
CHILDREN

