



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

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### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th December 2023**

You can also see more information about us on our school website: [www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk)

Follow us on facebook: [Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)



#### **Worship**

In Worship this week we have reflected on 'Love' in the second week of advent, hearing about John the Baptist's and the prophet Isaiah's calls to prepare our hearts for Jesus. It helps us to reflect on how we can prepare for Christmas in our spiritual lives, not least by showing genuine love and care for others. We also reflected on 'rubbish' and the British Value of individual liberty - and the choice about whether to look after our school and environment.

#### **Pantomime**

On Tuesday and Wednesday we had very successful, enjoyable trips to Blackpool to see 'Beauty and the Beast' the pantomime! All the children had a wonderful time and were incredibly well-behaved. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers accompanying us. Without whom, such a visit would not have been possible.

#### **EYFS Nativity**

Well done and Thank you to our youngest children in Little Lennies and Blackbirds who gave us a brilliant start to the Christmas season with their nativity 'A Miracle in Town!'. They performed their songs and lines so well for such young children and truly spread joy - well done! We look forward to the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Choir Carol Service next week.

#### **Christmas Fair!**

This afternoon was our Christmas Fair! Thank you so much for the donations and to the staff and children who have organised and run it. Thank you also to those who joined us after-school as the fair continued. Events such as these give children a great experience and help to raise funds for extras to enrich your child's experience. We shall have the final total raised in next week's newsletter. Merry Christmas!

#### **Collection of children during school hours**

A number of children each day / week are being collected during school hours for routine and last minute appointments. As previously requested, routine appointments should be made for outside of school hours. If this is not possible, the school office **must** be notified prior to the appointment taking place - please avoid collecting your child during the lunchtime period. If an emergency appointment has been made, you must notify school **BEFORE** collecting your child - a number of parents / carers are arriving at school to remove children for appointments with no prior notice.

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](#)

## Lost Property

Lost property will be out in the hall next week after school - please do take a look to see if there are any of your child's belongings.

## PE Days from 18th December to end of Spring 1

<b>Blackbirds</b> - Welly Wednesdays and PE Fridays	<b>Robins</b> - Mondays and Fridays
<b>Doves</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays	<b>Swifts</b> - Mondays and Swimming on Tuesdays (after Christmas)
<b>Eagles</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays	<b>Wagtails</b> - Mondays and Fridays
<b>Falcons</b> - Tuesdays and Wednesdays	<b>Wrens</b> - Wednesdays and Fridays
<b>Hérons</b> - Mondays and Thursdays	
<b>Kingfishers</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays	
<b>Owls</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays	

## NSPCC



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](http://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](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk). 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.

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

We look forward to meeting with you.

## Help, Advice 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.

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/help-and-support>

We have also updated our **Health and Wellbeing** page with links to help your child regarding mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/health-and-wellbeing>

New links will continue to be added. If you know of any other support sources that we could add, please contact the office staff.

**A heartfelt message from a local composer, Ric Haworth, regarding the release of his new song, 'The Light' (feat. DRIVE) supporting the charity [BAGS \(bagsforstrife.co.uk\)](http://bagsforstrife.co.uk) which was set up by people who have lost loved ones to suicide -**

*'Whilst you're having a morning brew, break at work, lunch, tea or chill time today / tonight...please can I ask you to download our full version of 'The Light' (feat. DRIVE) ... our new song, written by myself and 3 amazing Mums (Angela, Jen and Kathleen) who all lost their young ones after they took their own lives.*

*The song is currently available on most platforms and will be added to others over the next few days.*

*We are asking people if they can go to the download section and physically download the song instead of streaming...this will help in so many ways for the charity and to get the song more attention ...thank you so much for all of your support and we are looking forward to sharing the next stage of the songs release which will be coming soon x'*

#### **A little about the song...**

**The Light**, is a powerful song crafted with the aim of raising awareness about the pressing issue of suicide among young people on a national scale. This heartfelt and emotionally charged composition reflects the inner turmoil and isolation experienced by those contemplating taking their own lives, addressing the darkness that individuals find themselves in and the light, support and hope that they can find from family, friends and others.

Through poignant verses and a moving chorus, The Light, encourages open conversations and a call to action. This strives to ignite a sense of unity and responsibility, urging listeners to be vigilant, reach out to those in need and create a safety net for young people who may be battling with suicidal thoughts.

Ultimately, The Light is a heartfelt musical plea to bring this national crisis to the forefront of our collective thoughts and inspire a movement of compassion and intervention to save young lives.

You can download the song direct from Ric Haworth's website, the link is below:

[Ric Haworth](#)

It can also be downloaded on most platforms including Apple music, Amazon and Spotify.

***'There is always someone that can help you ...'Look for the Light' '***

Please help spread the word by watching and sharing this video and Downloading the song which is available on all platforms.

**Thankyou**

#### **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](http://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 - One month left to apply!







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 !

	<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance this week</b>
	Swifts	100
	Blackbirds	99
	Wrens	98.3

## Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<u><b>Little Lennies</b></u>	<u><b>Blackbirds</b></u> <i><u>Poppy &amp; Lucas</u></i>	<u><b>Doves</b></u> <i><u>Lucas &amp; Arthur</u></i>
<u><b>Eagles</b></u> <i><u>Uwais &amp; Willow G</u></i>	<u><b>Falcons</b></u> <i><u>Raece</u></i>	<u><b>Hérons</b></u> <i><u>Heidi &amp; Freddie</u></i>
<u><b>Kingfishers</b></u> <i><u>Maggie &amp; Sonny</u></i>	<u><b>Owls</b></u> <i><u>Toby &amp; Penelope</u></i>	<u><b>Robins</b></u> <i><u>Jessica &amp; Phoebe</u></i>
<u><b>Swifts</b></u> <i><u>Roman &amp; Hattie</u></i>	<u><b>Wagtails</b></u> <i><u>Olive &amp; Ismael</u></i>	<u><b>Wrens</b></u> <i><u>Jack &amp; Amelia</u></i>



# **Weekly Highlights**

## **Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds**



Blackbirds enjoyed going to see the pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' in Blackpool this week- oh yes we did! After a fabulous nativity performance with well-learned lines and beautiful singing, we explored God's Christmas promise further. We even focussed on the star which led to the newborn king, finding out facts about stars - did you know that the sun is a star and shooting stars are rocks?

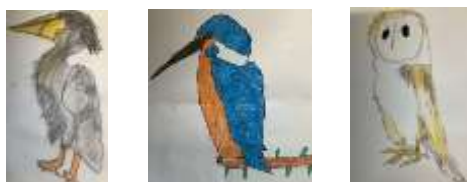
Little Lennies were also superstars in our nativity performance and enjoyed role-playing The Christmas Story in class. Little Lennies have been getting very creative, making Christmas decorations and thinking about the true meaning of Christmas and why we celebrate this special time.

## **Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons**



Key Stage 1 had an amazing week and thoroughly enjoyed going to see Beauty and the Beast! Oh no they didn't... oh yes they did! This week we have started to read a poem all about monsters hiding in our homes and have enjoyed creating some of our own that could be lurking in our homes right now. In Geography, we have been reviewing what we have learnt so far about continents, oceans and the UK. Some children from KS1 had the opportunity to have their lunch with some of our parishioners and talked to them all about our wonderful windmills. Finally, we have all been working hard practising our Nativity ready to show you next week. Well done everyone!

## **Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls**



We have had a lovely week in Lower Key Stage 2. The children have continued to work really hard in all of their learning. In Science we have learnt more about the human body, this time concentrating on muscles and their functions. In RE we were reflecting on the Trinity and how being a Christian helps us to live our lives in a positive way. In English we have finished reading our class story, 'Winter's Child', and have used it to plan our own stories including our own fantasy characters! In Guided Reading, we are continuing to read 'How to Train Your Dragon'



which the children have loved; and are really excited to read the ending next week! Everyone enjoyed our trip to Blackpool to watch 'Beauty and the Beast' - the children's behaviour was impeccable and they represented our school beautifully. We all enjoyed a sing-song on the coaches there and back!

### **Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens**



### **Year 5**

We have enjoyed another brilliant week in Year 5. In Spanish, we demonstrated our wealth of knowledge and shone in our assessment. In Geography, we looked at the physical features in our focus continents - Europe, North America and South America. In Science, we explored how and why ideas about Earth and Space have changed over time. In RE, we learnt about how different countries have different Christmas traditions. We all enjoyed the Christmas Fair at the end of the week - it got everybody feeling festive!

### **Year 6**

This week, the children have enjoyed learning about Jamaica in our Geography unit and contrasting it to the Lake District and Tatra Mountains in Poland. In Science, they have enjoyed looking at the effect of refraction on an object placed in water and wrote super explanations using scientific language. The children talked about resilience in PSHE and made some toolboxes with motivational and positive affirmations in. Towards the end of the week, the children have enjoyed practising for our mystery Christmas project - all will be revealed next week ! Well done Year 6 !

## Diary Dates

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 <b>Herons</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome. 1:30pm School closes for the Christmas Holiday
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	
<b>January 2024!</b>	
Monday 8th January	8:45am school re-opens for the Spring term.
Friday 12th January	9:00am <b>Falcons</b> 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 <b>Eagles</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
<b>February</b>	
Friday 9th February	9:00am <b>Doves</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.

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### **Sunday Services**

10:30 Family Service

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



# WINTER Wonderland



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

Clitheroe Children & Family Wellbeing Service  
Wesleyan Row  
Parson Lane  
Clitheroe  
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