



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

Headteacher: Mrs Dawn Lindley B.Sc (Hons) QTS CofEPQH

### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 12th January 2024**

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](#)

### **Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year to all our children and families. It has been lovely welcoming the children back in this new year and they have quickly settled back into fabulous learning routines. I am so looking forward to seeing all the wonderful progress and engagement in experiences over the coming term. Evie, our school dog, has been a frequent visitor this week and has loved seeing all her friends in class again. The children have loved being able to stroke and walk her and she has helped children to settle quickly coming back after the holiday.

### **Worship**

We began this week celebrating Epiphany, when the Wise Men came to visit baby Jesus and brought him gifts. We reflected on how the Wise Men were changed by this and how we can follow this example and make changes for the better so we can be the best we can be.

### **Parents' and Carers' Evening - Thursday next week (18.01.2024)**

Please make sure that you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher. Booking closes on Monday afternoon. Details of how to book are below. We look forward to meeting with you, discussing your child's progress and their next steps.



### **RECEPTION ADMISSIONS CLOSES ON MONDAY!**

Don't forget to apply online!

[Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

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](#)



### Baby News!

Congratulations to both Mrs Murphy and Mrs Carney who are both expecting new babies very soon!!

Mrs Murphy's last day in school will be next Friday when she begins her maternity leave, and Mrs Carney plans to begin her maternity leave closer to the Easter break.

### Absence and Lateness



This is a further reminder that the School day begins at 8:55am. The gates are open from 8:45am and shut at 8:55am. There are a number of children arriving late to school each day which is taking away from their learning time and causing extra administration for school office staff. Please do your best to get children to school for 8.45am, when the gates open.

**To safeguard all of our children effectively, ALL CHILDREN arriving after the gates are shut MUST BE SIGNED IN BY THEIR ADULT at the front office.**

### 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	

### Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening - Thursday 18th January

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.

### 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>

## This Week's Attendance !

	<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance this week</b>
	Herons	98.5
	Owls	97.8
	Swifts	97

# Weekly Highlights

## Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



This week our early years children have made a fantastic start to 2024! They have been keen and eager to learn after the Christmas break. In Nursery the children have been learning from the story of 'The Lost Coin' and in Reception 'The Lost Sheep.' We have been thinking about what we can learn from stories, especially ones that happened so long ago. Our learning has developed our understanding of using positional language and recognising what perseverance is. We have been on treasure hunts and looked carefully for things, just like the characters in this week's stories. Lots of counting and fun playing together has resulted in a wonderful week. Well done everyone!

## Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



Key stage one have had a great week back beginning lots of new learning. In RE, we created a piece of art about special friends ready for our unit on What Made Jesus special. We looked at things such as timing and patterns that help us in PE with dance. Everyone enjoyed using the bee bots in Computing and we used circles in our abstract art. We learned about what started the Great Fire of London in 1666. Finally, our new Science work about materials was very exciting with some of us discovering that eggs are actually strong enough to hold a whole pile of books before they break. What a busy week back!

## Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



Lower Key Stage 2 have had a very exciting return to school after the break! We have started to look at two great new books which we will be using this half term. We have been able to use all the knowledge we learnt in our last History topic with our new writing book, 'Stone Age Boy'. In our Reading lessons, we have made predictions and began to read our new novel, 'Ice Palace'. In History we are learning about the 150th anniversary of our school, and what the Victorian times were like when the school was built. In PE we have been practising our dancing, working in groups to create a routine. In Science we have learnt about how different animals are classified, specifically looking at vertebrates and invertebrates. Well done everyone!

## Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



### Year 5

We have had a great first week in the Spring Term and have started lots of new and exciting units of learning. In Guided Reading, we have been introduced to Shakespeare's *'Macbeth'* and have learned more about the playwright himself. In English, we have had a go at writing our own myths before we start reading *'Arthur and the Golden Rope'*. We have started to choreograph a spooky dance in PE and Swifts enjoyed their first swimming session. In Spanish, we learned new vocabulary to describe where we live and in Art, we learned about Banksy and adapted one of his famous murals. In History, we started to learn about the Ancient Mayan Civilisation while in Science, we identified and described properties of different materials, evaluating their usefulness. In RE, we considered what makes Jesus a great teacher. A fantastic start to the new term, well done Year 5!

### Year 6

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after Christmas. We have started our new writing unit based on the story of the 'Selfish Giant' and our new class novel - 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans - both of which they have enjoyed. In Science, the children learned about blood as part of our new unit of work on the circulation system and found out what blood is made of and what it does. In History, we learned about William the Conqueror and the legacy that he left behind and in RE, we have learned about the Exodus story. It has been a busy week and the children have worked very hard - well done Year 6 !

## Diary Dates

January 2024!	
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)
Monday 22nd January	Y2 & Y6 Road Safety Talks from the Fire Service
Friday 26th January	9:00am <b>Eagles</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
February	
Wednesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th February	9:00am <b>Doves</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Thursday 22nd February	World Thinking Day Children who are part of Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows are encouraged to come to school in their club uniform and share their experiences.
Friday 23rd February	9:00am <b>Swifts</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
March	
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (more details to follow)
Friday 8th March	9:00am <b>Blackbirds</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Friday 22nd March	9:00am <b>Robins</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Wednesday 27th March	Y1 and Y2 Visit to Skipton Castle. (More details to follow next week.)

St Leonard's  
C of E Church  
Langho & Billington

### Sunday Services

10:30 Family Service

Tuesdays 12:00pm Midday Prayers

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

# FEBRUARY



# HOLIDAY CLUB

AT OAKHILL LEISURE, WHALLEY, BB7 9AF

12th Feb  
UNTIL  
16th Feb

8:30am  
UNTIL  
4:00pm

AGES  
4-11



**£20 PER DAY • £80 PER WEEK**

**Inflatables • Multi Sports • UV Dodgeball • Football • Laser Tag  
Dodgeball • Archery • Tri-Golf • Dance • Ultimate Frisbee**



To book on, head to [sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk](https://sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk) or scan the QR code



1. Sign in or create a parent account.
2. Ensure your child is added to your account.
3. Go to Book a course and find Holiday Clubs.
4. Select the Holiday Club you would like.
5. Follow the boxes and make payment.

**0845 094 2290**

