



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

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### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 9th February 2024**

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### **Wonderful Baby News!**

I am absolutely delighted to announce the arrival of **two** new members of our St Leonard's family who were born on the same day this week!!

Mrs Carney is now a proud mummy to a gorgeous baby boy, Peter, and Mrs Murphy has had baby number three, a beautiful little girl, Maggie. Both babies

and mummies are doing very well, and we send huge congratulations to both families. We are all very excited to welcome Peter and Maggie when they come to visit us at school! Photographs will follow shortly!



Thank you to Doves class for leading our worship beautifully this morning, and teaching us all about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday next week. We enjoyed hearing the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness and how we can resist making wrong choices in our own lives by trusting in God. Thanks to parents who attended - it is always lovely to share what we are doing with our families.

### **Winter Bugs and Hand Hygiene**

We have continued to reinforce with the children the importance of good hand hygiene and covering mouths when coughing to help prevent the spread of germs in this winter season. This week's attendance has been very low across all classes due to the number of poorly children. Please support this at home by practising thorough hand washing with your child/ren. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe over half term!

Mrs Lindley



### **Facebook**

Our facebook page is live and includes regular updates - please follow and like!

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



## World Thinking Day - Thursday 22nd February

The theme for 2024 is Our World, Our Thriving Future. This is about becoming more environmentally aware and looking after our world. If your child is a member of a uniformed organisation, they may wear their uniform to school to celebrate World Thinking Day on Thursday 22nd February.



# INTERNET SAFETY

## change and influence

The children at St Leonards have been learning, discussing and applying their internet safety skills and knowledge this week.

We have been looking at who our safe superhero adults are if we have a worry about something online.

We discussed and explored how through artificial intelligence the change children can see online and how they are influenced by it.



## Eco Club - Reducing Waste at Lunchtime

Please continue to talk to your child about making sure they take home any uneaten food from packed lunches. This means that any recycling can be done at home and parents are fully aware of how much children are eating.

Thank you for your support and well done Eco Club for being great ambassadors!



## School Books

Please ensure that all books from school whether 'library' or 'reading books' are treated with care and returned in the condition you would wish to receive them. **Please keep water bottles away from books.** If an accident happens, please let the office or your child's teacher know. Thank you.

## Named Items

**Please** ensure that **ALL** items belonging to your child are clearly named (including coats, lunch bags, hats, scarves and gloves) to ensure that any mislaid items can be promptly returned. Thank you.

### 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. Please do your best to get children to school for 8.45am, when the gates open. Once the gate at the top of the path is shut, please don't bring children in through the car park. **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.**

### 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>



### Vision Screening in Lancashire - Reception children

**Tuesday 19th March 2024**

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

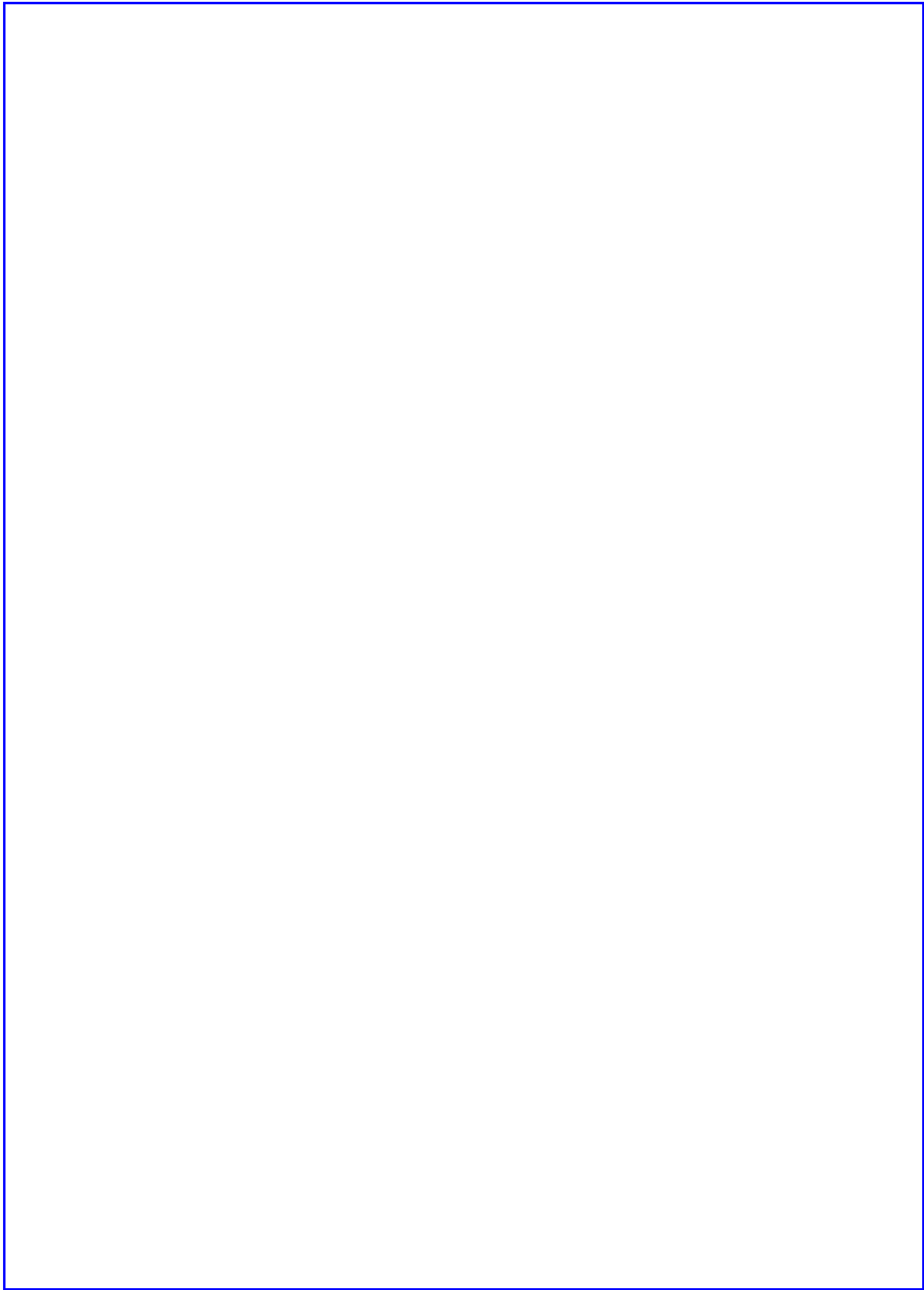
Every child in Reception receives an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter has already been sent home with your child (Wednesday 7th Feb 24).

**NOTE:** This is an OPT-OUT system. All children will have vision screening in school on the date below unless a reply slip is returned to school stating that you **DO NOT** wish your child to have the vision screening.

Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



# Weekly Highlights

## Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



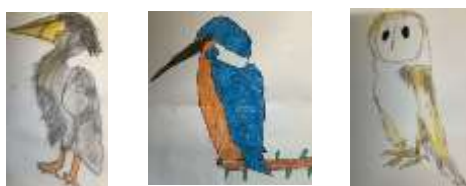
This week in early years we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. Across the phase we have been developing our understanding of cultural traditions. We have learnt about the significance of the colour red, enjoyed watching and creating dragon dances as well as using our creative skills to make our own split-pin and lollipop stick dragons - they moved just like in the dances! We have developed our emotional literacy - considering the story of 'The Great Race' and ordering accordingly. 'The Magic Paintbrush' helped us to think about what is really important to us and what we would paint if we could choose anything. Well done everyone on a super week - you deserve a super half-term! ☺

## Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



In this final week of Spring 2, the children have worked hard to finish their work. In RE they finished looking at different miracles to answer why Jesus was special as Christians believe the miracles show that he was the Son of God. They all enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London and ended by writing to the King to explain how they felt and what they wanted for London in the future (which I am sure will have helped Christophen Wren). They enjoyed getting the paints out to do colour mixing in art. In science, they ended their unit of work with an investigation (or two), mostly about how absorbent different materials are. They enjoyed working as a team to make up their own dance on the seasons and some got to show the rest of their class the pattern and timing for the chosen tune. It's been a busy half term fitting everything in but some also managed a reward afternoon for filling their chart of class points. Well done everyone for their hard work. Have a rest ready to start again soon. Happy holidays.

## Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



Even in the last week before half term, all of the children have continued to work incredibly hard and have done some amazing learning. In English we have been finishing our Stone Age stories, before comparing two different poems and writing our own adapted version of them. The children have been busy in our whole class guided reading lessons, continuing to learn about the lives and accomplishments of 4 incredible women, including their involvement with landing the first man on the moon! In RE, we have learnt about the charity 'Christian Aid', and how they help people on a daily basis, just like Jesus. Finally, in

science we have learnt all about the impact humans can have on different environments and habitats. The children have discussed how this is not always a negative influence, but also what they can do to help prevent anymore negative impact. Have a great half term break everybody!

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



### **Year 5**

In Year 5, children have explored Norse poetry and have written a spell using kennings in the style of these poems. We finished reading Hamlet and reflected on the theme of revenge within the text. In History, we compared our learning about the Maya civilisation to the Anglo Saxons who we learned about in the Autumn term. In Science, we learned about irreversible changes and identified which materials will melt when heated and which will burn. Swifts enjoyed their final swimming session and all the children performed their dance sequences in PE. In Spanish, we finished the 'Mi Casa' unit and children were able to say where they lived and which rooms are in their house. In RE, we reflected on how Jesus' teachings answer the 'big questions' and how this links to our school vision and pupil promises. Have a restful half term after a very hardworking half term!

### **Year 6**

This week we have been creating our own poems in English using extracts from The Secret Garden to inspire us. We explored inspirational leaders in RE considering what makes someone an effective leader, we then researched someone who inspired us. In Science, we looked at scientists from History who have influenced our knowledge around the circulatory system. In History we explored the legacy that Queen Victoria has left including the Industrial Revolution and advancements in care, we then chose to reflect on which of the monarchs we feel was the most effective. In Art we have enjoyed using clay to create heads based on the work by Käthe Kollwitz. We hope you all have a restful half term in readiness for the rest of the Spring term.



## Diary Dates

February	
Monday 19th February	8.45am - school opens for children NHS Y6 Heights and weights checks- in school
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.
Thursday 29th February	4pm Y1&2 Dance festival(More information to follow)
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.  'LETGIRLSPLAY' biggest ever girls football event in school! (Information to follow)
Thursday 14th March	2:30pm <b>Year 5</b> Brass Concert in the school hall - Y5 parents/carers/supporters welcome!
Friday 15th March	10am Glow dodge ball competition at Oakhill (Information to follow for Y3&4 involved)
Tuesday 19th March	NHS Reception Eye Tests - in school
Friday 22nd March	9:00am <b>Robins</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Monday 25th March	Easter Bake Off Competition! (Details to follow) 1pm-3pm Y5&6 Swimming Gala (Letters to follow) 3.30pm Y5&6 Girls' Football event (Details to follow)
Wednesday 27th March	Y1 and Y2 Visit to Skipton Castle. (Letter has been sent out).
Thursday 28th March	<b>1.30pm School closes for Easter</b>

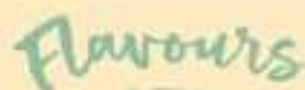

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### Sunday Services

10:30 Family Service

Tuesdays 12:00pm Midday Prayers

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



Flavours



Cookery School

## What's on...

Monday 12th February

10am Flavours Trio - Decorate heart cookies & cupcakes,  
heart shaped pizzas (2 - 10 year olds)

Tuesday 13th February


Teenage Cookery - Italian Day 10am -3:30pm  
(10 - 16 year olds)

Wednesday 14th February

12pm Afternoon Tea with Valentines activities (all ages)

Thursday 15th February

10am Flavours Trio - Decorate heart cookies & cupcakes,  
heart shaped pizzas (2 - 10 year olds)



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view our timetable

