



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

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Newsletter: Week beginning Monday 2nd February 2026

NEWS

Worship

We are continuing our focus on 'The Old Testament Fulfilled' in Spring term and joining with the Diocesan vision being launched for 2026 – 2033, which is 'All For Jesus.' The children have learnt about different inspiring Christians who are living their lives for Jesus including making sacrifices and difficult choices.

On Wednesday last week, Eagles class led the school in worship focussed on Naaman being healed by following the instructions. Well done, Eagles. Doves class will lead worship in church on Wednesday 11th February. All welcome.

On **Friday 6th February** we look forward to welcoming Bishop Philip, Bishop of Blackburn to school to lead us in worship. On **Sunday 8th February**, there is an all-age service at St. Leonard's Church at 10:30am with participation from some of the children. All are warmly invited to come.

Pupil Promises



This half-term we are spending a week focussing on how we live out and show each of our Pupil Promises. So far we have focussed on the first three and this week we are focussing on 'To look after my school and environment'. Please continue to encourage your children in this at home by looking after toys and putting things away tidily and carefully.

Attendance

Holidays during school time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and time off school is lost learning time. **Please do not book holidays during school term time.** For our term dates, please see the school website or the calendar below. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=132>

	Year Group	% Attendance this fortnight
1st	Reception & Year 5	98.22%
3rd	Year 4	97.95%

Running Track Fundraiser



‘A whole school event led by a world-class athlete, designed to inspire every child to lead a more active, resilient and healthy life’



Paralympian Danny Butler, visited school today to talk to the children about his journey to becoming a GB Athlete as a mountain biker.

From the Peak District’s edge to performing for the Queen at the Platinum Jubilee Pageant, Danny’s journey is one of resilience and passion. Told he might never walk again, he pivoted from motorcycle trials to become a top cyclist, inspired by his father. With accolades including European Champion, five-time British Elite Champion, and UCI World #3, Danny has proudly represented Team GB for over a decade.

The children participated in a workout with Danny this morning. We are hoping to raise money through sponsorship for this event both for Great Athletes so that they can carry on the great work that they do and also for school to go towards the running track fund!

The children watched a video today in school explaining how Great Athletes works and will be given a sponsorship form tomorrow to take home.

We would be extremely grateful for any amount of sponsorship, obviously the more we get, the more we can put towards our running track and the wonderful work that Great Athletes does.

Below is a link which takes you to the Great Athletes page. If you click on ‘Meet the Athletes’ and then ‘What next’, you will be able to watch the video that the children have watched in school.

<https://greatathletes.org/>

Thank you.

Running Track Fundraiser!

Collectively, our fundraising efforts for the running track, including Laura's £2500 sponsorships and our Christmas fundraisers, have so far reached well above £5000! We will keep you posted as soon as we have any news regarding plans for the track! Please see our Facebook Page to follow Laura's incredible running journey and view photos of the marathons so far and lots of other distance running events.



Valentine's Hamper Raffle



There is a Valentine's Day Hamper Raffle to be one with teddy, chocolates and bubbly! Tickets are £1 each, available on Arbor and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 12th February. Money raised will go towards our **running track**.

Sporty Disco!

We will be hosting a sporty disco on **Friday 6th March**! All children are invited to come to school on that day in Football / Sporty clothes.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 3:30-4:45.

Years 3-6 5:00-6:15.

This is to fundraise for our **running track** and to celebrate sport for all in line with the 'Let Girls Play' event. **Tickets are available on Arbor. Tickets are £5 and include party food/tea-time snack and drink.**



Y5 Maya Day!

Year 5 had a fantastic Maya day! We learnt much from the only living Maya Archaeologist in the country - Dr Diane Davies. We were also able to show our knowledge through the questions we asked, which Dr Diane was very impressed with. Not only this, we drank Maya hot chocolate (a little too spicy for some of us) and made calendars or death masks. What an amazing experience for us all!



EVENTS

Parents' and Carers' Evening - Thursday 26th February

We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. This is for all years from Reception to Year 6. Booking will be available on Arbor. **Booking will be open from 6:00pm on Wednesday 4th February** until 12:00pm Monday 23rd February. We look forward to meeting with you.



PE and Sports



Sports events Spring 2:

- Thursday 26th February - KS1 Dance Festival
- Tuesday 3rd March- UKS2 Bee Stingers Netball
- Monday 9th March- UKS2 League A Football
- Tuesday 10th March- LKS2 Glow Dodgeball
- Friday 13th March- KS2 Panathlon Kurling
- Monday 16th March- UKS2 League B Football
- Tuesday 17th March- UKS2 Girls' Football
- Friday 20th March- Biggest Ever Girls' Football Session for all children
- Monday 23rd March- UKS2 Swimming Gala
- Tuesday 24th March- Year 4 & 5 Netball Tournament

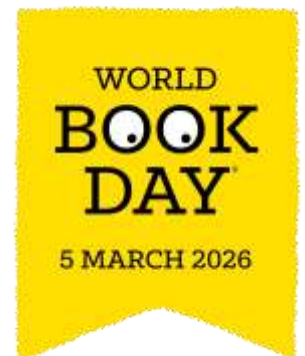
5th March World Book Day 2026 and the Year of Reading

Reading is a crucial life skill that helps children in so many ways to develop academically and with their social and emotional skills. At St. Leonard's we prioritise teaching children to read well and your home partnership in this is key to success. As such, we are once again excited for this year's world book day. This year it will involve a series of reading challenges for classes to complete together. The class with the most points will win an extra playtime!

The challenge that you can help with at home is **reading at home**. Each child will earn 1 point for their class for each day in World Book Week that they bring in their reading record with it signed that they have read for at least 5 minutes at home the night before. Teachers are working with parents to help solidify this routine at home now. If you would like any support or advice about reading at home, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Children should come to school on World Book Day wearing comfy clothes or Pyjamas, and bring a favourite teddy if they wish.

We are also inviting you to **come and read with your child(ren) from 8:15am on Thursday 5th March**. Please come to school and enjoy reading time in the hall, entering through the main school entrance.



REMINDERS

Persistent late arrivals and collections

As per our attendance policy, if your child arrives late to school in a morning, a late mark will be given. If your child arrives after 9.20am when the registers close, an UNAUTHORISED mark will be given. Unauthorised marks contribute towards any absence taken and may result in a penalty notice from the local authority.

If your child misses the start of the day, they miss learning and do not spend time with their class teacher getting important news and information for the day. Pupils arriving late also disrupt lessons, which can be embarrassing for the child and can in turn, encourage absence. **Being 10 minutes late every day throughout the academic year is the same as missing two weeks of school.**

Can we please also remind you that school finishes at **3.30pm**. A number of children are being collected late on a regular basis. Our office staff on a number of occasions have had to miss important meetings and appointments due to children being collected late.

We understand that sometimes circumstances change (road closures, accidents etc) and as one off's late collections cannot be avoided, however if this becomes a regular occurrence, we strongly advise that you contact Coolkidz on the details below:

<https://communityfutures.org.uk/>

Tel: 07311 328259

Contact: Karen Kemp

PE Health and Safety

Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE due to Lancashire Health and Safety rules. If earrings cannot be taken out, then please supply plasters for your child to cover them with.

PE uniform - please **do not** send your child on PE days wearing different colours and styles. Thank you for your support.

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

Labelling

Please continue to ensure that ALL items belonging to your child are clearly labelled. This includes coats, jumpers, water bottles, lunchboxes, hats, scarves and gloves. Labelled items that are misplaced can be returned to your child quickly.

Term dates 2026-2027

Governors have now agreed term dates for 2026-27 and these can be found on our website

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=132>

DIARY DATES

(New events are highlighted in yellow)

Spring 1	
Mon 2nd Feb	Paralympian Visit
Wed 4th Feb	Falcons Forest School ½ 6:00pm Parents' and Carers' Evening Booking Opens (Via Arbor)
Fri 6th Feb	Robins Swimming 5/5
Sun 8th Feb	10:30am All-Age Family Service at St Leonard's Church with pupil involvement
Wed 11th Feb	9:00am - DOVES - lead Worship in church Falcons Forest School 2/3
Fri 13th Feb	Swifts Swimming 1/5 3:30pm School closes for half-term break Y6 Young Voices Concert, Manchester
Spring 2	
Mon 23rd Feb	8:40am School reopens 12:00pm Parents' and Carers' Evening Booking Closes
Wed 25th Feb	Falcons Forest School 3/3
Thu 26th Feb	Parents' and Carers' Evening
Fri 27th Feb	Swifts Swimming 2/5
Wed 4th Mar	Eagles Forest School 1/3
Thu 5th Mar	World Book Day (Wear pyjamas or comfy clothes - no onesies or slippers please)
Fri 6th Mar	Swifts Swimming 3/5
Fri 6th Mar	Let Girls' Play Football Event - All children invited to come to school in sports clothes / PE kit. 3:30-4:45pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sporty Disco - Tickets available on Arbor 5:00-6:15pm Year 3-6 Sporty Disco - Tickets available on Arbor
Wed 11th Mar	Eagles Forest School 2/3
Fri 13th Mar	Swifts Swimming 4/5
Tue 17th Mar	6-7:10pm Y4 Let's Go Sing Concert at Blackburn Ice Arena - Letter sent home.
Wed 18th Mar	Eagles Forest School 3/3
Thu 19th Mar	2:30pm Y5 Brass Concert - School Hall
Fri 20th Mar	Swifts Swimming 5/5
Wed 25th Mar	Doves Forest School 1/3
Thu 26th Mar	Easter Bake Off
Fri 27th Mar	1:30pm School closes for Easter Holidays.
Summer 1	
Mon 13th Apr	8:40am School reopens

Wed 15th Apr	Doves Forest School 2/3
Wed 22nd Apr	Doves Forest School 3/3
Mon 4th May	School Closed - Early May Bank Holiday
Mon 11th May - Thu 14th May	Y6 KS2 SATS Test https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-and-results-information-for-parents/2025-key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents
Fri 22nd May	3:30pm School closes for half-term break
Summer 2	
Tue 2nd Jun	8:40am School reopens
Tue 2nd Jun - Fri 12th Jun	Y4 Multiplication Check https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents
Mon 8th Jun - Fri 12th Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening Check https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents
Fri 26th Jun	School Closed to children (INSET)
Thu 2nd Jul	2:30pm Y5 Brass Concert - School Hall
Fri 17th Jul	1:30pm School closes for Summer Holidays



National Storytelling Week!

Celebrating at Whalley library on Friday, February 6th, from 1:30pm to 2pm.

Free event for pre-school and reception class children. No booking required. Bring your children along to listen to uplifting stories relating to our theme of Spring!

