



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

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Newsletter: Week ending 13th February 2026

NEWS

Worship

Thank you to Doves who led us in Worship about Esther and the brave choice that she had to make. The children all read so clearly which helped us to hear God's Word and to reflect on any brave choices that we might need to make.

Next Wednesday (during half term) Lent begins. There will be an Ash Wednesday service in St. Leonard's church on Wednesday 18th February at 7:00pm, all welcome.

Swifts class will lead the school in Worship on Wednesday 25th February at 9am in church. All welcome.

Pupil Promises



This half-term we have spent a week focussing on how we live out and show each of our Pupil Promises. The children have done really well exploring exactly what each of these Pupil Promises mean and how they can live them out in specific ways.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week throughout school. Following the theme 'This is my Place', the children have spent time thinking about what they feel like when they belong somewhere. Our mental health flourishes when we feel connected and valued, so it is vital that our children have a strong sense of belonging. As part of the celebrations, the children explored their sense of belonging by creating a personal map which included places to demonstrate where they feel they belong. All of the children really enjoyed the relaxed, positive feelings that this activity allowed them to experience.



Here are just a few lovely quotes from children when asked “How do you know you belong at St. Leonard’s?” We really are one big happy family.

- “It’s like home and I feel like it’s a family.” (Y3)
- “Because it’s welcoming” (Y2)
- “We’re the best school ever!” (Reception)
- “How I am treated and it is where I am meant to be. I can stay happy because it feels like home” (Y3)
- “Because people say ‘we missed you’ and we are like a family” (Y4)

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 |
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| | Year 4 | 98.0 |
| | Year 6 | 97.6 |
| | Reception | 96.0 |

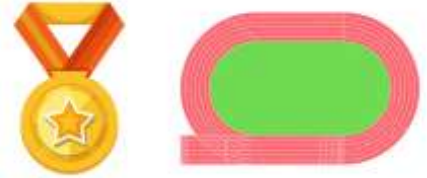
Running Track Fundraiser

Thank you and well done to children and families for all the sponsorship. The total raised will be confirmed in the next newsletter.



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.



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.**

Year 6 Electricity Workshop



Last Friday Year 6 had a fabulous day of learning by taking part in 'Switched On' electricity workshops, provided by Electricity North West. They made human circuits to light a tube, experimented with insulating and conducting materials and made



circuits with lights, buzzers, switches and variable resistors. They also learned about electrical safety. The workshop has helped to enhance and embed their science learning for this half-term. Many thanks to Sarah Myers for delivering the workshops.

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 closes at 12:00pm Monday 23rd February. We look forward to meeting with you.

PE and Sports

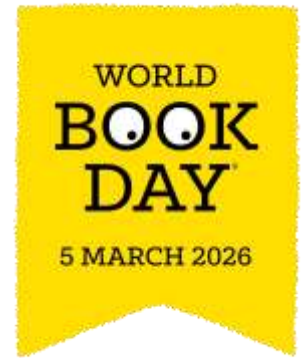


Sports events & intents Spring 2:

- **Year 1&2 Dance Festival- 26.2.26**
To develop confidence, coordination and creativity through performing together and expressing ideas through movement and music.
- **Year 5&6 Bee Stingers Netball- 3.3.26**
To develop tactical thinking, communication and teamwork through fast-paced competitive play.
- **Year 5&6 League A Football- 9.3.26**
To develop teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship through competitive play.
- **Year 3&4 Dodgeball- 10.3.26**
To develop throwing, catching and dodging skills while working collaboratively and showing fair play in competition.
- **KS2 Panathlon- 13.3.26**
To provide inclusive sporting opportunities that develop physical skills, confidence and enjoyment of sport for all learners.
- **Biggest Ever Girls' Football Competition- 20.3.26**
To promote participation and teamwork, while inspiring a love of football and physical activity for girls.
- **Year 5&6 Swimming Gala-**
To develop water confidence, swimming technique and personal challenge while competing against other schools.
- **Year 5&6 League B Football- 16.3.26**
To develop teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship through competitive play.
- **Year 5&6 Girls' Football League- 17.3.26**
To develop teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship through competitive play.
- **Year 4&5 Westholme Netball Competition- 24.3.26**
To develop tactical thinking, communication and teamwork through fast-paced competitive play and fair competition.

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 2 | |
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| Mon 23rd Feb | 8:40am School reopens 12:00pm Parents' and Carers' Evening Booking Closes |
| Wed 25th Feb | 9:00am - SWIFTS- lead Worship in church 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 | 9:00am - BLACKBIRDS - lead Worship in church 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. |

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| 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 | 9:00am - ROBINS- lead Worship in church 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 |



- SPRING -
CHARITY
Concert

FEATURING A SCRATCH BAND MADE UP OF TOP PLAYERS,
CONDUCTED BY HELEN MINSHALL

RAISING FUNDS FOR EAST LANCS HOSPICE &
LOSTOCK HALL TRAINING BAND

SUNDAY 22 MARCH, 2026

19:00

ST LEONARDS CHURCH, LANGHO
BB6 8AB

**TICKETS: £8 FOR ADULTS,
ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN GO
FREE**

PURCHASE TICKETS:
ONLINE AT: [FIENTA](#) (LINK IN POST)
OR
PAY ON THE DOOR



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