



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

www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk [Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)

Newsletter: Week beginning 9th March 2026

NEWS

Worship



Thank you to Swifts who led us in Worship about Psalm 23 in which we heard that "The Lord is My Shepherd and there is nothing I shall want." The children did so well and led us beautifully in worship.

Blackbirds class will lead the school in Worship on Wednesday 11th March at 9am in church. All welcome.



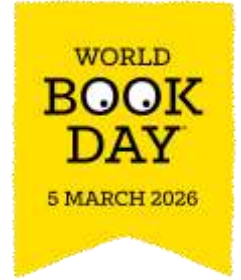
World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who came to read with their child(ren) last Thursday for the start of World Book Day. We had over 60 children and their adults come this morning, which was brilliant!

In their classes, the children also did so well learning and reciting poems. Many are shared on our facebook page. We hope that you enjoy listening to them at home.

Thank you for the increased effort with reading at home, please keep up this habit as it is so beneficial for your child.

Congratulations to the winners of the Reading Challenges, **Doves class**, who scored a huge 337 points!



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	Year 2	100% - BRILLIANT!!!
2nd	Year 5	99.7
3rd	Year 3	98.7

Running Track Fundraisers!

Follow Laura's multi-marathon journey on our Facebook page - donations can be made by following the link below...

<https://www.justgiving.com/.../langhobillingtonstleonards...>

Easter Bake Off

On Thursday 26th March, we are having a Bake Off to raise money for our running track. Please send your large cakes or cupcakes in on the morning of Thursday 26th March. There will be prizes!

Please remember ingredients must not contain nuts of any kind...



Thank you and well done to children and families for all the sponsorship. The 'goodie bags' were handed out on Thursday. The funds raised of £2900 will go towards running track equipment.

Thank you to all the children who came to the **Sporty Disco** on Friday, a great time was had by all and we have raised over £900 to go towards our running track!



Sports News

- **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.



ECO Club NEWSLETTER



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School Climate Action

Keep Britain Tidy

The **Great British Spring Clean**, organized by [Keep Britain Tidy](#).

- **Dates:** 13 – 29 March 2026
- **Focus:** It is the 10th anniversary of the campaign, encouraging individuals, schools, and groups to pledge to pick up bags of litter.

St Leonard's Eco Club have pledged to collect 6 bags of litter during Eco Club for the event.



Reminders

The Eco Club members are collecting recyclable materials to make their own cloches. They will be planting seeds and placing them in their cloches until it is warm enough to transfer them to the raised bed on the school field. Our new Eco Ambassadors will be announced on the next newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- March 13-29: Great British Spring Clean Up
- June 5: World Environment Day
- June 8-12: Great Big Green Week
- June 12: Climate Justice Art Exhibition

Green Career Focus

Ecologist



Salary:

£20,000 - £50,000

SKILLS

Field Surveying

Able to carry out species identification and habitat surveys.

Data Analysis

Ability to analyse ecological data to understand trends and impacts.

GIS Mapping

Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to create maps and analyse locations.

Report Writing

Strong writing skills for preparing Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) and other reports.

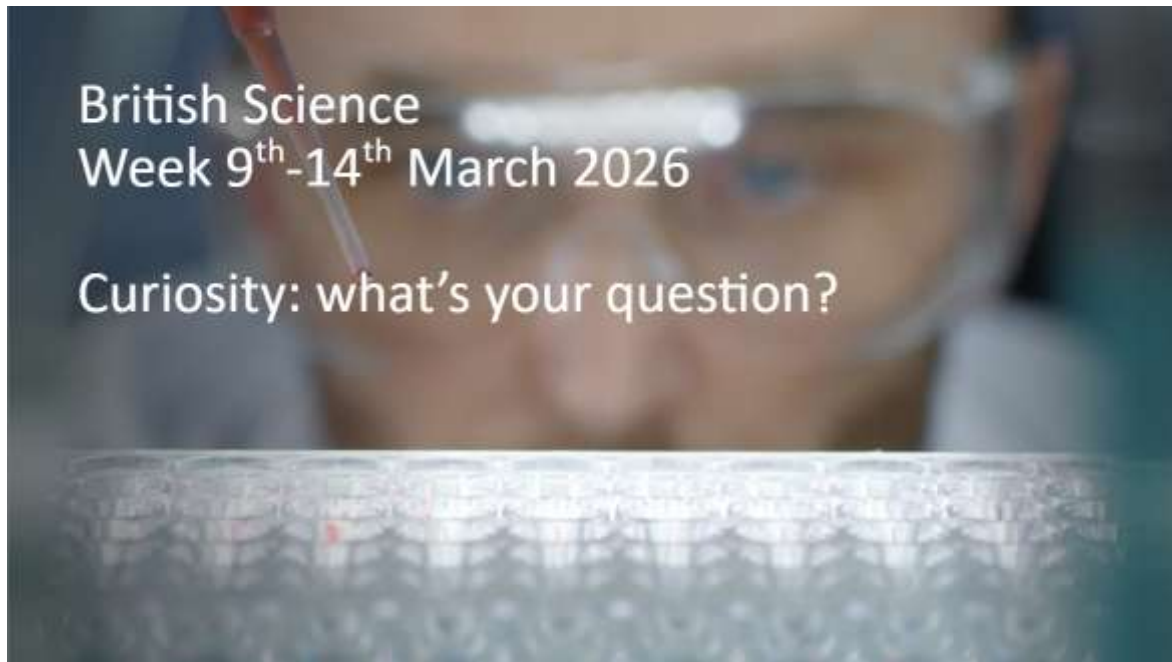
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Ecologists look at the impact of changes to the environment on the distribution and abundance of different species.

Ecologists typically spend their time undertaking surveys, identifying issues or potential issues that could harm the natural world, and coming up with plans and actions to prevent it and help nature recover.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Science Week - this week!



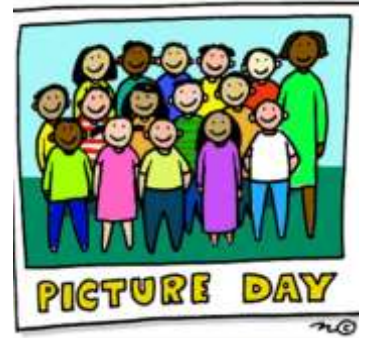
PE and Sports

Sports events & intents Spring 2:

- **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.

Class Photographs

Class Photographs will take place on Tuesday 10th March. All children to be wearing full school uniform please (not PE kits). Classes who are due to have PE lessons that day will have adapted lessons suitable for wearing full school uniforms.



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

DIARY DATES

(New events are highlighted in yellow)

Spring 2	
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.
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

Tue 24th Mar	9:00am Online Safety Parent Meeting - all welcome 3:00pm Online Safety Parent Meeting - all welcome
Wed 25th Mar	9:00am - ROBINS- lead Worship in church Doves Forest School ½ 3:00pm - Y3 Recorder Concert - School Hall
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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