



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

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NEWS

Worship

Well done Falcons class who led us in worship this morning. The children read beautifully and explained the importance of bravery to the whole school. They explored the story of bravery shown by Peter and John as they spread the news that Jesus had risen despite it being a dangerous task.
Well done to all the children.

Our next class-led worship will be by Eagles class this Friday, 3rd July. All welcome. This Friday will also see Doves class hosting their Fellowship Friday for parents / carers / grandparents.

Sports News

After being awarded with four consecutive Gold awards, we are absolutely delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Platinum School Games Mark, **the highest level possible!**

The School Games Mark is a government-led award, which recognises schools for their commitment to providing high-quality sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils.

Achieving Platinum status is a huge honour and reflects:

- Our dedication to inclusive sport for all children — ensuring every child has the chance to be active and take part, whether through events, clubs, or other provision we offer.
- The wide range of competitive opportunities we provide.
- Our commitment to promoting health, wellbeing and teamwork.



Matthew Litherland - Blackburn Rovers First Team

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed Matthew who is a first team player at Blackburn Rovers. He met with our champion boys who won the Utilita Cup at Wembley. He then took time to answer questions from KS2 children. Questions included "What's the best match you've played", "Who's your favourite player?" and "What's your FIFA score?" Matthew also gave the children advice about keeping going after your dreams and putting in the hard work to achieve them. Good advice!

Reception Pro Bikes

Our Reception children showed brilliant listening and co-ordination skills as they persevered on the balance bikes. Lots of fun was had, alongside developing their awareness of safety and being the best they could be.



Girls' Football

We are very proud of our Year 6 girls' football team. Amazing effort and determination throughout, girls!



East Lancashire Cross Country Finals

On Tuesday we had several children who had performed so well in the local round that they had earned the opportunity to represent the Ribble Valley in the East Lancs Finals. They travelled to Marl Pitts Leisure Centre in Rawtenstall and completed a challenging course which is anything but flat! All their efforts paid off as Ribble Valley borough won! Within that, the girls' team came second and Reggie came second place, Maxx 5th and Hugh 6th. Amazing results, well done everyone!

Tennis and Party in the Park

We were so privileged to be invited to the 'Party in the Park' event today at Queen's Park and what an incredible day it turned out to be!



Our children took part in so many fantastic activities throughout the day including tennis, a 'wheels' event, glow in the dark dancing, circus skills and lots more amazing experiences.

The day ended with a colour run and the children loved every minute of it. It certainly was a day to remember!

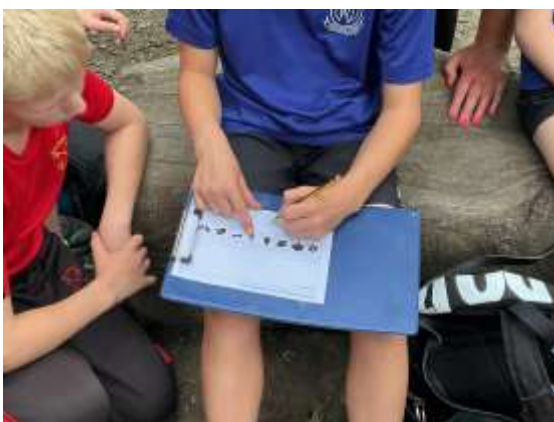
League B Football

A massive well done to our amazing group of footballers who came 2nd in the tournament on Monday! We couldn't be prouder of you all!



Year 6 Cluster Transition Day

On Tuesday we hosted other Y6 pupils from primary schools around our local area. The children worked in groups with other children who will be going to the same high school as them. They completed a scavenger hunt in the woods, enjoyed a gentle game of rounders, completed gentle team games, learnt a song, decorated pebbles, entered the reflection / calm zone and built commonality towers! It was a wonderful day and the children began to make new friendships which will continue to blossom as they begin their high school journeys after the summer.



Summer Fair Total

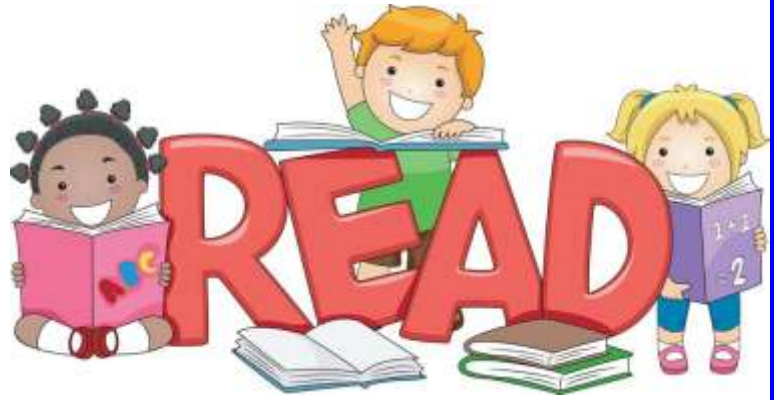
Thank you for all the donations and participation in this year's Summer Fair. A wonderful £1232.50 was raised.

Reading At Home

Please ensure that your child is reading at home frequently throughout the week. Every word counts and the more they practise the skill of reading (both word reading and comprehension), the more your child's learning will improve, not just in English, but across the curriculum.

Parents / Carers are expected to sign children's reading records each time they read at home.

Detailed guidance and expectations for each year group will be sent home shortly.



Rose Queen Celebration

Congratulations to Emilia who was crowned Rose Queen on Saturday 20th July. She will spend the next year as an ambassador for the church. We are sure she will do the role great justice. Well done to her supporters Sophia and Amelie as well and the outgoing Church Ambassador George. It is wonderful to see these young people being ambassadors and advocates for their faith. May God bless them as they continue to grow in Christ and shine His light that others may see.

All are welcome each Sunday at St. Leonard's Church. The service begins at 10:30am.



Water Safety

A reminder again about Water Safety as we approach the holidays and the warm weather is around.

Resource



Read through the information below about staying safe in water and the Water Safety Code.

What is the Water Safety Code?



Stop and think – spot the dangers



Stay together



In an emergency: Float



Call 999 or 112



Photo: Western Gateway Park, California

Look at the photo...

What can you see?

What looks fun?

Do you think the people here are enjoying the water safely? How?

Can you spot anything that might need extra care or thought?

1. **Stop and Think** - Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.
2. **Stay Together** - Always stay with adults when you're near water.
3. **Float** - If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.
4. **Call for Help** - If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999.

Why do you think the Water Safety Code is so important?
Can you think of a way to help you remember the Code?

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Lost Property

There is a large collection of unnamed lost property in the front entrance to school. If your child has lost anything, please check there. At the end of the week any uncollected lost property will be added to the uniform rail. Clearly named items are easily and swiftly returned to your child within the school day.

Thank you.

ECO Club NEWSLETTER



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Eco Club Action

For our final Eco Club session of the year, we harvested the vegetables that we have grown and tidied the raised beds. This year, we successfully grew onions, garlic, potatoes, and lettuce. To celebrate our hard work, we enjoyed tasting homemade onion soup and garlic bread made from our harvest. Everyone agreed that it was absolutely delicious!



Exciting News!

Next year, Eco Club will be open to Year 4 and 5 with some Year 6 mentors.

Watch out for information on the school newsletter or letters taken home regarding the application process.

Green Career Focus

Environmental Educator



Salary: £25,000 - £35,000

Skills

Public Speaking

Communicating effectively with the public (both adults and children).

Curriculum Development

Designing educational programs and materials.

Engagement Techniques

Using interactive methods to engage participants in environmental learning.

Community Outreach

Building relationships with schools, NGOs, and community groups.

Role

An environmental educator teaches and inspires individuals and communities about environmental issues and sustainability. Their role often involves developing educational materials, leading field trips, and collaborating with schools, organisations, and community groups to foster a deeper understanding of the environment and encourage sustainable practices.

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 1	98
2nd	Year 5	97.8
3rd	Year 2	96.4

Running Track Fundraisers!

Thank you for all of your support and you can follow Laura's multi-marathon journey on our Facebook page - donations can be made by following the link below...

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

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Oliver

A huge congratulations to Oliver who has received a grant from Ribble Valley council for Musical Theatre! What a huge honour and definitely a sign of one to watch. We are sure your name will be up in lights on the West End one day as a leading man. Well done!

Keep us posted on your progress next year Oliver 🎭



Alfie

A huge congratulations to Alfie who has had a brilliant season with his football academy team, Manchester City.

The team have had another amazing year, they have won all 3 Premier League Trophies this season, winning the Premier League 5's, Premier League Futsal Finals and the U11 Premier League Nationals a couple of weeks ago, crowning them the best U11 Academy Team in the Country. They have also made history this year by being the first U11 team to win all 3 Premier League U11 competitions in the same season which is an incredible achievement and when winning the Futsal Finals this year they also made history by being the first group in the country to win the PL Futsal Finals at all 3 foundation phase age groups, as they had won it the previous 2 years as well!!

That's not including a host of other trophies they have won throughout the season whilst out on tour around the country and overseas. They recently won the City Cup held at the academy Joie Stadium in May beating PSG in the final, so it definitely has been another very busy season for Alfie and hopefully they will all go on to continue to have lots of success during the 2026/27 season too!!

(Thank you to Alfie's mum for the write-up of the season.)

Keep us posted on your progress next year Alfie 🙏



UPCOMING EVENTS

PE and Sports

Sports Events & Intents - Summer 2

- **Year 3 & 4 Girls' Football Tournament - 30.06.26**

To encourage participation, confidence and skill development in a supportive and inclusive football environment whilst promoting teamwork and enjoyment.

- **Year 1 & 2 Girls' Disney Football Festival - 03.07.26**

To inspire enjoyment and confidence through fun, engaging football activities whilst encouraging participation, teamwork and a positive attitude towards being active.

- **Year 5 & 6 Summer Fun Rounders - 09.07.26**

To develop striking and fielding skills, teamwork and communication through enjoyable and inclusive rounders activities in a fun competitive environment.

REMINDERS

Changeable Weather



In this changeable weather of the summer term, please make sure your child is prepared. Please remember to send your child into school with a cap or **sunhat**, a **full water bottle** and wearing **sunscreen** each day so they are protected at playtimes. As we never know what the weather will do, please also send your child to school with a **raincoat** in case of showers! Every class has water bottle carriers so that on hot lunchtimes children can have their water outside as well. Please be reminded that only water is allowed in classrooms.

Bookbags

A reminder ahead of the summer holidays that in line with our uniform policy, we are continuing to phase out rucksacks/backpacks. All children in years Preschool-Year 5 inclusive should have a bookbag for school from September. (It does NOT need to be branded but should be blue / navy.) In September the only year group permitted a rucksack will be Year 6, should they wish to use one in place of a bookbag.

For further details, please see our uniform policy available on our website:

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=136>

DIARY DATES

(New events are highlighted in yellow)

Summer 2 - 2026	
Thu 2nd Jul	9:15-12:00 New starters Reception 2026 stay and play (see separate letter for details) 2:30pm Y5 Brass Concert - School Hall
Fri 3rd Jul	9:00am - Eagles class-led worship in church - all welcome (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE) 2:45pm - Doves - Fellowship Friday in the school hall - (see separate letter for details)

Thu 9th Jul	9:00am - Doves class-led worship in church - all welcome 2:45pm - Eagles - Fellowship Friday (on a Thursday!) in the school hall - (see separate letter for details)
Fri 10th Jul	2:45pm - Falcons - Fellowship Friday (on a Thursday!) in the school hall - (see separate letter for details)
Tue 14th Jul	6:00pm - Y6 Show (see separate letter for details)
Fri 17th Jul	8:00am - Y6 Bye-Bye Breakfast (see separate letter for details) 9:00am - Wrens class-led worship in church - Y6 parents only please 1:30pm School closes for Summer Holidays
Autumn 1 - 2026	
Tue 1st Sep	School closed to children - INSET Day
Wed 2nd Sep	8:40am - School opens to children
Sun 6th Sep	10:30am - Back to School Sunday Service at St. Leonard's Church. Children welcome to come in school uniform and bring their bookbags for a blessing.

Come Join Clitheroe Rugby Club

BECOME A PART OF A VIBRANT COMMUNITY WHERE YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS & BUILD FRIENDSHIPS.

STARTS ON SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 10AM

AGES 6+ NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

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You're invited to....

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

St Leonard's Church
Sunday 6th September
@ 10.30am



Children are welcome to come
in school uniform

Bring book bags along for
the bag blessing

