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NEWS

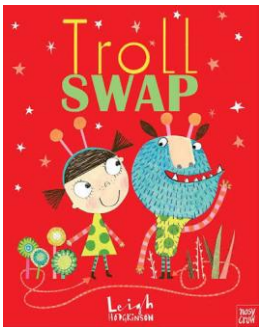
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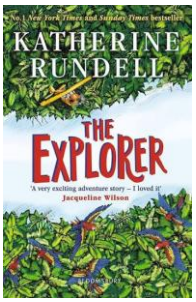
This half term we will continue to focus on our theme 'All for Jesus - Living Stones' where we are thinking of how we can walk in Jesus' footsteps through the qualities we can develop and the examples we can follow. At the end of last half term we were fortunate to be taught about the life of Therese of Lisieux by Father Mike and Wrens. We learnt the importance of doing the little things and how those little things can have a big impact! We will now be learning about Nina Ruiz Abad and all that she did.

This week began with Mrs Lindley talking to us about the importance of being a family and how we can show that we are a part of the St Leonard's family. Today, we considered the question - Is the journey more important than the destination? I wonder what our individual answers would be?

Subject Spotlight - English



English is all about learning to communicate well through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. At our school, speaking and listening, or 'oracy', is woven into every subject. Your children practice these vital skills daily, from giving helpful peer feedback in PE to respectfully sharing different viewpoints during PSHE lessons.



Last half-term, pupils in Years 1 to 6 produced fabulous pieces of writing. They were inspired by wonderful picture books, including 'Gorilla' and 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope', and wrapped up the term by exploring creative poetry units. In reading lessons, classes have thoroughly enjoyed sharing whole-class novels together. We use these books to develop vital skills like fluency, expression, and comprehension, while exploring themes that offer windows into other lives and reflections on our own.

Whalley library

Opening times

Monday	09:00am to 02:00pm
Tuesday	09:00am to 06:00pm
Wednesday	09:00am to 05:00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	**09:00am to 05:00pm**
Saturday	09:00am to 01:00pm
Sunday	Closed

You can support this learning journey at home. Sharing books daily makes a massive difference, so a huge thank you to families already reading together every day! (This includes listening to your child read, reading to them and in KS2, ReadingPlus.) Practising weekly spellings and visiting our local library in Whalley are also fantastic ways to boost your child's confidence and progress.

(Mrs Carney - English Lead)

Sports

- League A Football – Monday 9th November: To develop valuable physical, social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- KS2 Panathlon – Friday 13th November: To work as a team to develop social and physical skills whilst taking part in engaging and inclusive activity stations.
- League B Football – Monday 16th November: To develop valuable physical, social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- Sportshall Athletics – Tuesday 24th November: To participate in a range of activities focusing on agility, balance and coordination whilst working as part of a team.
- Football Competition – Friday 27th November: To work successfully as a team to achieve a common goal in a competitive environment.
- League B Football – Tuesday 8th December: To develop valuable physical, social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- Year 1/2 Kurling – Thursday 10th December: To develop kurling skills and work as a team to compete successfully against other schools.

Charity



A huge thank you to all the families who contributed to our Harvest donation appeal. Our Charity Ambassadors helped pass on the food to our partner charity, Nightsafe, who were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for helping us make a difference together!

School Nurse 'Drop-In' Session

Our link school nurse, Rachel, will hold a drop-in session on **Tuesday 1st December 2:30-3:30pm** at school for any parents who wish to seek advice or discuss issues such as bedwetting, healthy lifestyles, low-level behaviour & emotional health.

For details of the school nursing service, please see their website:
https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/

The team also offer free webinars on a range of common topics.
https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/parent-webinars-for-school-aged-children/

Eco Council

A huge thank you to the families who have donated ready-made or handmade nesting boxes and bat boxes. We clearly have some very talented grandparents in our community! The habitat boxes are fabulous, and we really appreciate the time and creativity that have gone into making them.

This year, St Leonard's is working towards Eco-Schools Green Flag status, with biodiversity as one of our key focus areas. We want to make our school grounds even more wildlife-friendly!

There is still time to get involved.

Friday 13th November is Non-uniform Day! Children can come to school in their own clothes in return for a £1 donation or, alternatively, donate to support our biodiversity project:

- Winter bedding plants
- New or pre-loved gardening tools
- Nesting boxes and bat boxes

Every little helps, and we are so grateful for your support in making St Leonard's a greener place!



ECO Club NEWSLETTER

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Eco Club 2026-2027



Our Eco Committee have identified three key priorities for our **Eco-Schools Green Flag application:** Waste, Biodiversity and Energy. Roles and responsibilities have been assigned to reduce classroom energy use and collect fruit and vegetable scraps for composting. The committee has prepared the raised vegetable bed, improved flower beds and taken part in litter picking. We welcome donations of bird boxes, seeds and plants to support local wildlife and pollinators, and will soon be fundraising for further resources. The committee will also lead a school assembly to promote correct recycling and encourage children to look after their resources.

Eco Support Team





Our **Eco Support Team** enjoyed an afternoon working hard to improve the front of our reception area pathway into school.

Eco Support Afternoon















Attendance

Learning days lost to term-time holidays so far this year: 104

School attendance is crucial for your child's success, both academic and pastoral, and every day matters. There is perhaps a misconception that days at the end (and start) of half-terms are not as crucial and therefore can be missed without consequences to your child's learning and social development. This is not true. Once again, we need parents to understand that every day in school matters. Every day in school your child is building foundations for their future and strengthening social skills. There is a direct correlation between children with less than 90% attendance and underachievement. We know that holidays are an enjoyable part of family life and that we are all experiencing the increasing cost of living but term-time holidays are not an innocuous solution - They still have consequences for your child. We would really appreciate your support.

	Class Attendance Autumn 1	
1st	Eagles	98.28%
2nd	Swifts	98.21%
3rd	Blackbirds	98.14%

Primary School Admissions

Primary school admissions for 2027 Reception starters are open.

(Closing date: 15th January 2027)

If you, or someone you know are looking for a reception place for September 2027, we would be delighted to show you our wonderful school.



Daytime 'School in Action' Tours

(Please contact the school office to book

01254 247156 info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk)

Wednesday 4th November (Tomorrow!)

Tuesday 10th November

Thursday 19th November

Monday 23rd November

Wednesday 2nd December

Please see our school website for more admissions details: https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=38

Lancashire County Council admissions website: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school/

PARISH NEWS

Church Facebook

Please see the link below for the church parish facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/share/1A9VDHpwfJ/



REMINDERS

Labelled Items

We have already found a huge number of unnamed / unlabelled items of clothing. Please ensure that ALL of your child's items (coats, jumpers, lunchboxes, water bottles, bookbags) are clearly labelled with your child's name. (A mark or item that only your child can identify is not sufficient.)

Labelled items are returned to children. Unlabelled items are left in lost property, available to check in the friendship area after-school. However, if these are not claimed in a timely manner, they will be made available on the rail in the office entrance area.

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

Medical Appointments

Please ensure that medical appointments (including dental appointments) during school hours are kept to a minimum and we ask that these are scheduled outside of school hours wherever possible. Every lesson missed is a missed learning opportunity.

Please also note that our office staff are extremely busy. If there is an unavoidable medical appointment for which your child(ren) will need to be collected early, please let the office staff know in the morning. If you turn up unexpectedly to collect your child(ren) there will be a wait.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If your child has any outstanding achievements that you would like to share on the newsletter, please email info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

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School holidays, events tracking and dates for your diary

We are pleased to be able to provide you with a brand new tool which has been designed by one of our parents, James MacMahon.

Please go to **https://schoolhols.online/lbsl** to view our terms dates, holidays and upcoming events. It works on any phone or computer, with no app or account needed. You can also tailor the app to just show the events relative to your child / children.

If you would like the dates in your own calendar (i.e. outlook, google etc), the page shows you how to do this, including an option to subscribe (no charges are involved) so changes made by school staff are added automatically. However, calendar apps pick up changes on their own schedule, so it is advised to go to https://schoolhols.online/lbsl for the most up to date information.

You can also scan the following QR code which will take you directly to https://schoolhols.online/lbsl

We think this is an absolutely wonderful tool and would appreciate any feedback you may have!

Scan for this year's dates

Point your phone camera at the code — no app needed.

schoolhols.online/lbsl

or type this into your browser