



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

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Worship



We have continued to explore different parables, including a focus on forgiveness in the parables of the Unforgiving Servant and the Prodigal Son.

Our Worship Leaders have continued their Lenten series and last week we welcomed Fr. Mike to lead us in worship.

As we celebrate Mothers' Day on Sunday, we pray especially for all mothers. We hope you have a wonderful weekend. There is a special Mothering Sunday service at church on Sunday (10:30am).

Please see below for the service times at St. Leonard's church during Holy Week and Easter.

Happy Easter

We finish for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April at 1:30pm. Thank you for all your support this past term. As ever, it has been a busy one and we look forward to more exciting learning and events in the Summer term. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 22nd April at 8:40am.



Eid Mubarak!

We wish all those in our school community who are celebrating Eid this weekend a joyful time!

Top 1%!

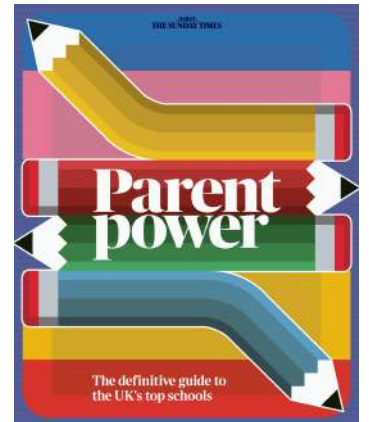
<https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/24965038.times-parent-power-guide-reveals-top-10-east-lancashire-schools/>

We are delighted to have been featured in this news article from the Lancashire Telegraph because of our ranking in the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2025. We are very proud of our school community and school offer. Tours for prospective new children can be booked at any time via the school office.

“The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2025 has revealed the top schools in East Lancashire, with some ranking as the best in the entire North West.”

“In its 32nd edition, it is acknowledged as the “most authoritative survey of the country's top schools” and acts as an essential resource for parents seeking the best quality education for their children.”

“Langho St Leonard's ...placing 153rd nationally.”



Sports News

We have had lots more sporting events over the past fortnight including;

Y3/4 Football training session at Blackburn Rovers.

Y5/6 Girls Football - Our girls' football team played in the Ribble Valley Girls' League. They produced a fantastic set of results, winning 3-0, 4-0 and 2-0! Well done girls, we were incredibly proud of all of you!

Swimming Gala - Our children placed well in lots of races with 1sts, 2nds and 3rds. Fantastic!



Sports Events and Intents

- 31st March Year 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball- To develop and practice various netball skills and to work as a team to achieve a common goal.
- 28th April Year 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball- To develop valuable social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- 29th April Year 4/5 Cricket- To develop the fundamental physical and social skills required to play cricket.
- 30th April Year 3/ 4 Girls' football- To learn and develop new football skills and to work as a team to successfully compete against other schools.
- 6th May KS1 Animal Olympics- To participate in a range of activities focusing on agility, balance and coordination whilst working as a team.
- 9th May Inclusive Multisports- To work as a team to develop various social and physical skills whilst taking part in engaging and inclusive activity stations.
- 19th May Year 5/6 League Football- To learn and develop new football skills and to work as a team to successfully compete against other schools.
- 23rd May Rugby 'Mega Fest'- To participate in a variety of rugby drills and stations before being introduced to a competitive game.

Academic Triathlon



A team of six Y6 pupils took part in the first ever Academic Triathlon hosted by Ribblesdale School. They competed in a general knowledge quiz, a STEM challenge and a history treasure hunt. They showed excellent team work and went on to win the event overall!

Well done, we are very proud of you all!



Easter Bake Off!!!



On Thursday 24th April (the first Thursday back after the Easter holidays) we are having a Bake Off to raise money for the East Lancashire Hospice. Please send your large cakes or cupcakes in on the morning of Thursday 24th April. There will be prizes!

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



Year 3 and 4 Museum of Science and Industry

Last week our Year 3 and 4 children had a great time at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. They particularly enjoyed exploring the science zone upstairs. Well done to all of our children for representing the school so well and thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made the visit possible.



Charity Fundraising!







One of our Year 5 children has organised a bake sale with her friends and has raised £80 for Cancer Research UK! What a wonderful, caring thing to do to help others. Please see the link below if you would like to donate.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hazels-giving-page-1167>



This Fortnight's Attendance

	Class	% Attendance this fortnight
	Eagles	98.7
	Owls	98.1
	Doves	97.9

Diary Dates

Spring 2	
Monday 31st March	Hérons Forest School (separate details to be sent out)
Friday 4th April	Swifts Class Worship in Church
	Easter Spirituality Day
	1:30pm School Closes for Easter Holiday
Summer 1	
Tuesday 22nd April	8:40am School re-opens for Summer term
Thursday 24th April	Easter Bake Off! (Raising money for East Lancashire Hospice)
Monday 28th April	Robins Forest School (separate details to be sent out)
12th -15th May	Y6 SATS Week

St Leonard's Church Events



Sunday 30th March at 10:30am

We have our Mothering Sunday service where all the children will receive posies to give to their Mothers.

Sunday 13th April at 10:30am

Our Palm Sunday service when everyone will receive a Palm.

Thursday 16th April at 7pm

Our Maundy Thursday service.

Friday 17th April

On Good Friday we shall all meet at the Old Langho Church at 11am for our family Parish Good Friday walk. We walk through the fields down to the river at Dinkley Suspension bridge where we have our picnic before walking back, this is followed by our Service at the new church, ie St Leonard's, Langho at 2.00pm.

Easter Sunday Eucharist 19th April at 10.30am

Celebrate the miracle of our Risen Lord.



Holy Week and Easter at St Leonard's Langho

Palm Sunday 13th April 10:30 Family Communion

Maundy Thursday 17th April, 7pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 18th April - 11am Family Walk, 2pm Service in Church

Easter Sunday 20th April - 10:30 Family Communion

All are made welcome at our services and events.

Good Friday Family Walk and Service 18th April

Everyone welcome for a walk to Dinkley suspension bridge.

Walkers meet at 11 am at Old Langho Church.

Bring a **packed lunch** to eat at the river.

Please make sure to wear clothing and footwear suitable for all weathers.

Good Friday service at 2 pm at St Leonard's Church, Langho.

Walkers and non-walkers are welcome to this service.



Child Car Seat Safety Events

in and out of CARS

Walking to school

It's a great idea to get children into the habit of walking all, or at least part, of the way to school. It's not just good exercise but also helps them to become familiar with the roads as a pedestrian. For some children the first time they walk to school, without the supervision of an adult, is when they start secondary school.

School gate parking

If you drive your children to school, it's too easy to try and park as near to the gates as possible. However, if everyone does the same it can cause major problems.

So let's all work together to keep our children safe by keeping our speed down and not parking or dropping off children at the school entrance. Please look out for other children crossing and think about the school's neighbours who often find they cannot access their own driveways during the busiest times.



Why not park and stride?

Have you ever thought of driving part of the way to school and walking the rest? This means you can avoid the congested areas around school and also enjoy some time walking and talking together.



Starting SCHOOL

The journey begins

As your child is now starting school, we're taking this opportunity to send you some information and a great poster to work on together. It's all about road safety and getting to school.

Children seem to grow up in no time! It's important to remember that the skills they learn with you today, on their journey to school, will help keep them safe for the rest of their lives.

Protect them

Starting school is a major event in every child's life. Unfortunately, being safe on the roads isn't the first thing that will be on their minds.

When you're out together, keep them away from traffic and always walk with the road on your side whenever possible.

Always hold their hand when you're out together and

don't let them run ahead or lag behind. Many drivers don't even notice young children at the roadside.

Children need to learn to look out for dangers including cars starting up or reversing, pulling out of driveways and crossing at junctions or bends in the road.

Young children cannot judge the speed and distance of traffic.

They are easily distracted and may act impulsively near roads without warning.

School car parks can be dangerous. Children may feel safe but drivers can't always see them, especially when reversing.



BELT UP in cars

Children must be restrained in the correct car seat on every journey. By the age of four to five years, most children should be in a high backed booster seat fastened by an adult seat belt. Make sure it's fitted correctly and the seat belt is comfortable and isn't slack or twisted.

Let them see that you always fasten your seat belt so that they understand that it is part of the routine for every journey.

Whilst child locks are often inconvenient, they need to be switched on as they stop children opening the door while the car is still moving or dashing out unsupervised.

It's also important to always get the children out of the car on the pavement side.

For information on child restraints; www.childcarseats.org.uk



ROOM MEDIA

FUN activity poster inside!

The poster on the other side is for you and your child to complete together as they start primary school.

There are lots of fun activities covering important road safety topics for you both to think about. Why not pin it up at home so that you can talk about it together?



stop, look and LISTEN

Young children like routine so it's important to Stop, Look and Listen every time you cross the road together. When it becomes a habit, they will do it automatically for the rest of their lives.

Stop

Many accidents happen when children either run into the road or walk out from behind parked cars so it's important to always find the safest place to cross. Children need to learn that roads are for traffic and pavements are for people so they must always stop at the kerb before they even think about crossing the road.

Look and listen

Encourage your child to look all around and listen with you before you start to cross. Ask them the question "is it safe to cross yet?" This will help them to think about safety for themselves. They must also keep looking and listening as they cross as traffic can appear unexpectedly.



take a look AROUND



Children love to tell you all about what they can see and what they can hear! So talk about what's going on around you when you're out together. This will help them to become more observant and to develop their own road safety knowledge and skills.

It's good to talk

We know it's all too easy to get engrossed in our mobile phones. So it's probably a good idea to put yours away when you're out together. This provides the opportunity to talk about what's going on around you and also sets a good example for the day when they will inevitably own a mobile of their own!



Playing I-spy can be great fun! You can also talk about road safety as you go e.g. Can you hear the bicycle? Why must you be careful at the bus stop?

small steps BIG STEPS



Children love to copy their parents so you are the best person to teach them how to be safe on the roads.

You can set a good example even when you're in a hurry. If your child sees you crossing without looking or ignoring the safer crossing places, they will assume that it's ok for them to do the same.

Older brothers or sisters can also be invaluable role models but shouldn't be allowed to supervise young children on their own.

Small steps, BIG steps



Making a promise

This promise gives you the opportunity to find out what your child understands about Stop, Look and Listen and why we do it. By signing it, you are both promising that you will always Stop, Look and Listen before you cross the road.

SAFER CROSSING PLACES Plan a safe route

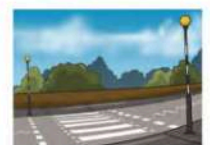
It's important to plan a safe route to school with your child in mind. This may not be the fastest but it should always be the safest and make as much use as possible of any safer crossing places such as zebra, pelican and puffin crossings or the school crossing patrol.

Use the crossing places

Show your child how to use the safer crossing places, for example, let them push the button on the pelican or puffin crossing. Never cross until the green man is lit. Where there is a school crossing patrol, always wait until they have called you on before starting to cross.

Remind them that they must still hold hands and Stop, Look and Listen every time they cross the road.

Point out the dangers of crossing between parked cars, at junctions, roundabouts etc.



From February -March 2025 car safety events will be delivered by the Good Egg Safety, supported by Lancashire County Council.

These free, community events will take place at a variety of supermarkets in specifically targeted areas and aim to educate parents/carers, grandparents and anyone who drives with children in their vehicle on how to correctly fit a child car seat to their vehicle.

The team will demonstrate how to correctly install the child car seat or inform the driver if a car seat is unsuitable for some reason. General road safety literature will be offered to take away with them.

Many of the mistakes' people make surrounding child car seats are simple and easy to avoid, including seat belts needing tightening, harnesses not being in the right position and incorrect head restraints – simple, yet potentially lifesaving. Pop along for free advice and an independent check.

All events run from 10am – 3pm

Sainsburys, Active Way Burnley	Wednesday 26 th February
Asda, Hyndburn Road Accrington	Thursday 27 th February
Morrisons, Olympian Way Leyland	Friday 28 th February
Morrisons, Riversway Preston	Wednesday 5 th March
Tesco, Eagle Street Accrington	Thursday 6 th March
Morrisons, Brooke Street Chorley	Friday 7 th March
Sainsburys, Active Way Burnley	Tuesday 11 th March
Sainsburys, Windy Bank Colne	Wednesday 12 th March
Morrisons, Central Drive Morecambe	Thursday 13 th March



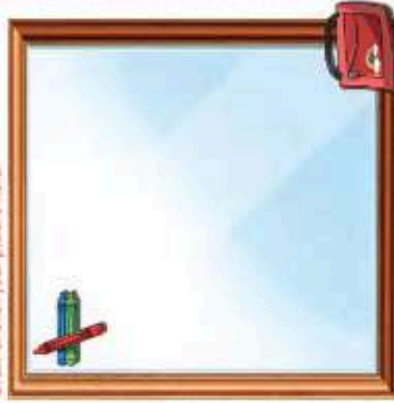
Starting school



ROOM MEDIA

The journey begins!

Starting school is a big adventure!
Here's a picture of me in my new uniform....
Draw or stick your picture here!



BIG hands, little hands

Always hold hands with a grown-up when you go out.



DRAW ROUND YOUR HAND AND COLOUR IT IN.

- Always hold your child's hand when you go out together.
- Don't let your child run off road.
- Watch out for cars appearing from driveways!



Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN



Where do we stop before we cross the road?
Why do we look and listen?

- Practise the rules for crossing the road!
- Stop, look and listen!
- Always be the first to enter the Green Cross Code.

How about singing this little song?

It goes to the tune of "Three Blind Mice"

Step, look and listen,
Step, look and listen,
Before you cross the road,
Before you cross the road,
You use your eyes,
You use your eyes,
You use your eyes,
And if no bus or car appears,
Well then you cross the road!



Small steps, BIG steps

Let's make a promise to always be careful near roads...

Can you write your own promise?

We promise to always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

..... grow up

..... school



- Children will copy what you do
- So get a good example whenever you cross the road!

What can you SEE?

Do you see any of these on your way to school?
Write how many you see.



- Make your journey more interesting by talking about what you see and hear on the way.
- Can you play "I spy with my little eye" as you walk to school? What about "I hear with my little ear"?

Small feet BIG feet

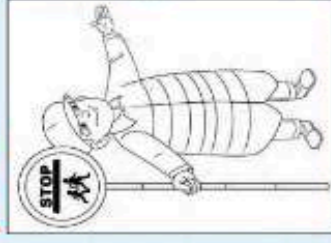
Who do you walk to school with?
Draw them here!



Can you put on your own shoes and coat?



SAFER crossing places



- Take the safest route, then the fastest route!
- Help them make decisions with you about where to cross.



Colour in the lollipop lady!

Can you make her look the same as the little picture?

What does the lollipop lady or man do?



- Have you seen these two funny little men anywhere?
- What do they tell you to do?

What is this crossing called?
Can you guess why?

IN and OUT of cars

Can you draw a seat belt onto each of the children to make them safer?



- Always fasten your seat belts before you get in a car.
- Always get out of the car on the pavement side.



Cut out this great bookmark!

STOP and LISTEN



Before you cross the road

And a reminder for your car!

BELT UP in the car





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