



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

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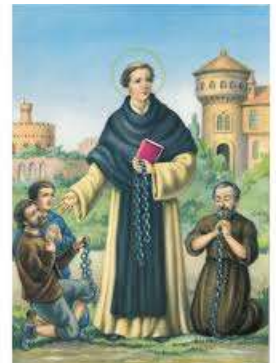
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You can also see more information about us on our school website: www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

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Worship

This week we have reflected on the life of St Leonard in celebration of St Leonard's day which falls on 6th November. St Leonard is the patron saint of prisoners and his life reflects an important part of our school mission statement '**Love and Value All.**' Owls led a wonderful service in church this morning teaching us all about St Leonard and how we can follow his example. Thank you Owls!



150 years of Langho and Billington St Leonard's CE School!

We are holding a celebration day on **29th November 2024** to commemorate **150 years** since our school opened its doors to the children of Langho and Billington. Children will come to school dressed in victorian costume please, and there will be learning activities as there would have been in Victorian times and no technology!



If you know anyone who attended our school in the past, and has old photographs or would like to share their memories with us, please let the school office know!

Parent/Carer Evenings

A huge 'Thank you' for joining us in school to celebrate your child's learning and progress at parent/carers evenings this week. We have amazingly supportive parents, and staff are very grateful for the positive, trusting relationships we have within this school family. This is crucial in enabling us to best meet the needs of every child so each of them can flourish the way they do, during their time with us.

Parent Governor Vacancy

All parents and carers have been sent an email this week containing information regarding a Parent Governor vacancy that has arisen on our school governing body. If you are interested in their role, please consider all information within the email and return your nomination to Mrs Lindley (Returning Officer), by Monday 18th November at midday.

Admissions Arrangements Consultation for September 2026

Our Proposed Admissions Arrangements for September 2026 are now out for consultation for the next 6 weeks (Thursday 7th November until Friday 20th December 2024) Should you wish to comment, please contact the school office via email office@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk within the six week period.

The document is available to read by following the link below:

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/consultation-proposed-admissions-arrangements-for-2026>

Remembrance Service - Monday 11th November

On Monday morning the children will be attending a Remembrance Day Service in church led by Bishop Phillip.



Unfortunately, we have had no poppies delivered to our school this year and we haven't been able to get in touch with anyone who can help. School council have asked if people could bring in donations of an amount of their choice on Monday towards the Royal British Legions.

Children who are members of uniformed organisations are invited to come to school on Monday wearing their uniform.



Pantomime Trip Payments

Panto payments are due today. Unfortunately, there are still a large number of contributions outstanding (£697).

If sufficient monies are not collected the Panto trip may have to be cancelled.





A big 'Thank you' from Wrap Up East Lancashire

Thank you for your kind donations of warm coats for this appeal - these have now been collected and will be put to good use by someone who needs them.

Football News

On Monday evening we had our first Ribble Valley B League matches at Edisford. Our team played really well and demonstrated fantastic resilience and sportsmanship during a tricky set of games. We were very proud of you all!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that **Mr and Mrs Atkinson of Atkinson's carpets have offered to sponsor a set of brand new football kits for St Leonard's**. We are extremely grateful as our kits are now looking well used after many years of use.

If any other families have a business or a contact that would be interested in sponsoring a second set of kits, please get in touch with the school office for more details. Our budding footballers would be incredibly grateful.



Woodland Trust Tree Planting in Swindleswood.

St. Leonard's children in Years 3,4 and 5 took part in the tree planting day with The Woodland Trust in planting trees in Swindleswood.



The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and other volunteers who gave up there time to support our children in creating this woodland for the future.

Swindleswood is the land located directly behind St. Leonard's and has been donated to The Woodland Trust by the owners. The Woodland Trust are in the process of making the area accessible to all. Please see the link below for more information.

[New community woodland near Billington - Woodland Trust](#)



Christmas Card orders

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered cards, notebooks, mugs or other items featuring their child's Christmas design.

This project has raised a whopping £296 for our school!





SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

EAST

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01254 220747**.

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

Nightsafe Christmas Appeal

This half term we are collecting donations of warm clothes, food and toiletries. Please leave items in our trolley, kindly provided by TESCO.



Please see a thank you letter from Nightsafe at the end of the newsletter.

AUTUMN TERM 2 DONATIONS FOR NIGHTSAFE



As a school we have partnered with a local charity, Nightsafe. We would love your support if you are in the position to donate towards those less fortunate than ourselves. There is a collection box at the top of school near the main entrance.

Thank you.

Food	Toiletries	Winter clothing
Biscuits	Toilet roll	Hat
Noodles	Soap	Scarf
Packet pasta meals	Body Wash	Gloves
Pot noodles	Tooth brush	Coat
Tinned fish	Tooth paste	Fluffy socks
Tinned meat	Body wash	
Soup	Baby wipes	
Cereal	Sanitary towels	
Sauces		
Rice		
Tinned fruit		
Custard		
Rice Pudding		
Jam		



Young Voices Concert 2025

We would like to remind Year 6 parents that in order to purchase tickets or T-shirts for the Young Voices Concert at the Coop Live arena in February, you need to join the 'Young Voices Music Room' and order online. This is the only way tickets can be purchased and we are advised that the concerts sell out very quickly. The link below can be followed to join the Music Room.



<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=NjYxNy8xNzI3OTUwMzQ3>

Reading and Reading Record Books



From babies to children in their early years and all the way through to early teens, reading brings profound and wide-ranging benefits that can have a lifelong positive impact on children's lives. Children who read: are more likely to overcome disadvantages caused by inequalities; are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem; are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum and are more likely to develop empathy and creativity.

Shared reading creates opportunities for joint attention and emotional closeness between a child and their parent or carer. It is also a wonderful way to be involved in your child's education and development.

Reading is important to us at St Leonard's and is really important that children read, not only at school but at home as well. With this in mind, please could all parents and carers ensure that children read at home daily. When your child has read at home, please initial their reading record book so that we can see how regularly they are reading at home.





Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record book are in school with them every day as teachers will be using and checking them regularly.

Parents with Prams

If you are bringing or collecting a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, and you have a pram with you, please wait at the double white doors near the ramp that goes into the hall. In the morning, there will be a member of staff to ensure that your child reaches their classroom and at the end of the school day, staff will bring your child to you as soon as they are able.



This Week's Attendance

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Kingfishers	99.3
	Owls	99.3
	Doves	99

Local School Nature Grant

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

Our pupils will benefit from a Den Building Kit, Ground Cover kit and Small World Play Kit which will be used to enable lots of child led exploration of building dens and different types of play in our Woodland.

In addition, staff received training to help children learn outdoors. Pupils played an important role in applying for the grant and selected equipment that they felt would benefit their peers. The project is run by Learning through Landscapes and funded by People's Postcode Lottery, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, Postcode Places Trust, Postcode Society Trust, Postcode Local Trust or Postcode Community Trust all of who receives funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Many thanks to Fiona from Learning through Landscapes for delivering Den Building and Loose Parts training to staff members this week, sharing lots of great ideas for outdoor learning



Can you help mend our piano?

One of our pianos has unfortunately lost a castor. If you think you may be able to help us by replacing the missing wheel, please get in touch with the office. We would be very grateful for any offers of help!



Christmas Tree Festival

Tonight, your child has brought home a template for designing a Christmas bauble to be displayed on our school Christmas tree entry, for the St Leonard's Christmas Tree Festival. Please support your child to complete their bauble- there is a £5 Flavours Cookery School voucher for each child's entry (1 per child), and other prizes for the best designs!

Please return your child's completed bauble **by Wednesday 20th November** – it needs to be **labelled clearly with the child's name and class.**



Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately there will be no crossing patrol attendant for the foreseeable future. Please take extra care when using pavements and crossing over the road outside school and drive with extra consideration.

If anyone is interested in taking over this position, please contact Mr Simmons on 07831 309599.

If your child uses the crossing after school, please make sure they know that they are able to ask a member of staff in school or the office to assist them crossing the road.

Considerate and careful parking and driving

It has been witnessed by staff and reported to us by other parents that cars are stopping in the middle of the road outside of school to allow parents / carers / children to get out of cars resulting in cars being held up.

We realise that at times the school run and finding a parking space can be stressful - however please can we ask that when parking, dropping off, collecting and driving around school that all drivers are considerate and kind and respectful to each other as role models to our children.

We are very lucky to be able to use the top car park at Mytton Fold - please use this space as we have been asked not to use the community centre car park unless you are accessing Coolkidz.

Appointments during school hours

Can we please request that routine appointments, i.e. dentist, doctors, opticians etc, be made for outside of school hours where at all possible. Evidence of the appointment, e.g. a letter, appointment card or email, should be provided if this is unavoidable during school hours. Thank you for your support with this.

Holidays in term time

We have had a very large number of holiday requests for holidays to be taken in term time. We would like to stress the importance of not taking children out of school for holidays.

Please note that without at least 2 weeks prior notice and for all absence requests of more than 5 days (10 sessions) in a term or 7 days (14 sessions) over 2 consecutive terms, results in fines being issued from the Local Authority. This fine is currently £120 per child per parent (Including step parents) but is increasing in August 2024 to £160 per child per parent (Including step parents).

Little Lennie's Nursery

If you have a child born in April 2024 onwards and you would like a place in Little Lennie's Pre-school from September 2027 onwards, could you please contact Mrs Bolton in the school office.

Little Lennie's is proving to be extremely popular and we are full with waiting lists for both 2024/25 and 2025/26 intakes. We are already taking bookings for 2026/27 and even 2027/28!



Facebook

Our facebook page includes regular updates - please follow and like!

[Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)

Help, Advice and Support

Please see the new page on our school website for links and phone numbers for a variety of sources of help and support such as community groups, housing, domestic abuse, mental health and food banks. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/help-and-support>

We have also updated our **Health and Wellbeing** page with links to help your child regarding mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/health-and-wellbeing>

New links will continue to be added. If you know of any other support sources that we could add, please contact the office staff.

Nut Free School



Please remember to be careful when packing children's lunches and snacks sent into school. Products containing any type of **nuts are not allowed** due to children with nut allergies in school. Kinder Bueno and Nutella snacks contain hazelnuts - please leave these at home.

Many thanks for your cooperation

Named Items PLEASE HELP!

Children take off cardigans and jumpers and leave them around school or the playground, if they are not named then it is almost impossible to reunite them with the correct owner. **Please** ensure that **ALL** items belonging to your child are clearly named **using a ball point pen in the label** (including coats, and lunch bags/boxes) to ensure that any mislaid items can be promptly returned. Thank you.

There is an awful lot of lost property accumulation again - please check under the canopy (KS2) or outside of Eagles classroom (KS1) at the end of each school day if you have lost something.

Absence and Lateness



This is a further reminder that the School day begins at 8:55am. The gates are now open from **8:40am and shut at 8:55am**. Please do your best to get children to school for 8.40am, when the gates open. Once the gate is shut, please take your children to the office through the main school entrance.

To safeguard all of our children effectively, ALL CHILDREN arriving after the gates are shut MUST BE SIGNED IN BY THEIR ADULT at the front office.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2	
Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th November	St Leonard's Christmas Tree Festival in Church. Please send your child's bauble entry into school by 20th November (template sent home 8th November)
Monday 25th November	4-5.30pm League A football at Edisford (further information to follow)
Tuesday 26th November	KS1 Pantomime trip
Thursday 28th November	KS2 Pantomime trip
Friday 29th November	150 years of St Leonard's CE School, Victorian Celebration day (further information to follow) 3.30pm - 5.15pm Christmas Film Night (further information to follow)
Monday 2nd December	4-5:30pm League B football at Edisford (further information to follow)
Wednesday 4th December	Viral Santa Dash in school
Wednesday 11th December	10:30am and 2:30pm Early Years (Reception and Little Lennie's) Nativities in the hall
Thursday 12th December	4-5:30pm - KS1 Kurling at St Augustines
Friday 13th December	Christmas Fair in the school hall 3.40pm - 5pm
Monday 16th December	KS2 Carol Service in Church at 6pm
Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Nativity in Church 2.30pm and 5.30pm (further information to follow)
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day (further information to follow)
Friday 20th December	School closes at 1.30pm



DO YOU FANCY GIVING RUGBY A GO?



NEW PLAYERS WANTED!
AGES 7 - 16 (YR 2 - YR 11)

Great club with fantastic history and all welcome.
Please contact **Michelle Allanson** on **07912 621214** or
email **michelle.allanson@googlemail.com**



**BLACKBURN RUGBY UNION
FOOTBALL CLUB**



Your invitation to

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH



Christmas FAIR



Saturday 23rd

November 1-4 pm



Enjoy stalls with gifts, crafts, cakes,
hot & cold refreshments, a bumper
raffle, tombola, fun and much more !

Billington & Langho Community Centre
behind St Leonard's Church

Adults £1, Children 50p (includes a visit to Santa and a gift)

Proceeds to St
Leonard's
Church, Langho

Everyone welcome





The Boulevard Centre, Cathedral Quarter,
45 Railway Road, Blackburn, BB1 1EZ
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W: www.nightsafe.org
E: info@nightsafe.org

Dear Saint Leonards School,

Nightsafe would like to send a huge thank you to all the children, parents & teachers for the amazing donations you collected for us.

These products of food, cleaning products & toiletries help all the young people we support.

Without this kindness of the community supporting Nightsafe, it wouldn't exist.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity,

From all the staff, young people & volunteers at Nightsafe.