



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

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### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st November 2024**

You can also see more information about us on our school website: [www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk)

Follow us on facebook: [Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)

### Worship

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school this week ready for a brand new half-term of learning!

In worship this week, we have focussed on the question of how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps. We also listened to the story of Daniel in the lion's den and thought about how we can have courage to face the difficulties we might have in life.



### Cauliflower Cards - Christmas Project - **LAST CHANCE!**

By now you will have received a copy of your child's artwork and instructions on how to order professionally created cards, wrapping paper, notebooks and more.

Orders must be placed online by **5th November** at the latest.



### Parent/Carer Evenings

[Parents' Evening - Parent Details Login \(parents-booking.co.uk\)](#)

Please remember to follow the above link to book your parent/carers evening appointments!

See Diary dates section below for your child's year group date.

If you are having trouble doing so, please contact the office.



### **Year 4 Football Tournament Victory!**

We are so incredibly proud of this group of Year 4 children who competed in the HRVSSP football tournament on Thursday evening and brought home the first place trophy!

The children demonstrated amazing attitudes and teamwork throughout. Well done team!



# 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](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.*

## **Nightsafe Appeal**

Thank you for all of the support and donations we have received towards Nightsafe. A member of the Nightsafe team collected all of the items and was absolutely overwhelmed at the amount of donations received. Thank you to you all.

Donations can be made at anytime at the Nightsafe depot at The Boulevard Centre, Cathedral Quarter, 45 Railway Road, Blackburn, BB1 1EZ (Tel: 01254 503067) The following items are always gratefully accepted:

### **Food**

Biscuits  
Noodles  
Packet pasta meals  
Pot noodles  
Tinned fish  
Tinned meat  
Soup  
Cereal  
Sauces  
Rice  
Tinned fruit  
Custard  
Rice Pudding  
Jam

### **Cleaning Products**

Sprays  
Disinfectants  
Washing up liquid  
Dishwasher tablets



## **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.



## PARENT HELPERS WANTED!

St. Leonard's children and staff have been given the wonderful opportunity to assist The Woodland Trust in planting trees in Swindleswood.

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](#)

We are looking for parent volunteers to help. Below is a list of when each class will be taking part. If you are willing to assist on any of these days please contact the school office.

Wednesday 6th November (Updated times)	
10am - 11am	Hérons
11am - 12noon	Kingfishers
1pm - 2pm	Owls
2pm - 3pm	Robins and Swifts

(Please note: we were originally planning to do this on Wednesday 13th November but have had to cancel this day due to staffing)

## **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!



### **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 and 2026/27. We only have a few spaces left for 2027/28!

### **Facebook**



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

[Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/langho-st-leonards)

### **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	
Monday 4th November	4-5:30pm League B football at Edisford (further information to follow)
Wednesday 6th November	Autumn Parent/Carer Evening 3.45 - 7.15pm (Blackbirds and Wrens classes) The Woodland Trust tree planting at Swindleswood (please see above)
Thursday 7th November	Autumn Parent/Carer Evening 3.45 - 7.15pm (info on how to book to follow)
Wednesday 13th November	The Woodland Trust tree planting at Swindleswood (please see above)
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	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
Thursday 12th December	4-5:30pm - KS1 Kurling at St Augustines



# 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](mailto: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**





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E: [info@nightsafe.org](mailto: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.