



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

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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



On Monday Janet Haworth, a lay minister from Salesbury, came to lead our worship in Church which focussed on Daniel in the lion's den. On Tuesday we joined hundreds of schools across the country in a live online assembly for Black History Month. We rounded off the week with a lovely worship on the theme of friendship led by our friendship ambassadors.

Sporting Successes



Our fantastic footballers were in action again on Monday night in the HRVSSP A league. They played six matches and won five of them, drawing one.

The netball team also played on Monday night in the Bee Stingers league, winning every one of their games!

What amazing performances! We are so very proud of you all.



Cauliflower Cards - Christmas Project

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 \(parents-booking.co.uk\)](https://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.



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'.*

Year 6 trip to Manchester Jewish Museum and Imperial War Museum

Yesterday Wrens travelled to Manchester and spent a fascinating day visiting two museums. The first stop was the Jewish museum where children had the chance to bake Challah bread, sample Passover food and learn about the Jewish community in Manchester. Next it was on to The Imperial War museum to view artefacts from the Second World War to support our history unit.



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 earlier this week 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 greatly 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



Do you have any spare coats that you don't need?...

Wrap Up East Lancashire

Wrap up is back!

Wrap Up is a campaign run by local Rotary Clubs, in partnership with the registered charity Hands On London.



Thick warm winter coats donated to Wrap Up are collected by volunteers and each garment is inspected to ensure it is clean and in a good condition to be given away. So, if you have a thick warm winter coat you no longer need, please donate it to our Wrap Up campaign. The Wrap Up box is in the school entrance. Many Thanks !

Sporting Awards

We were delighted to receive the following awards at the HRVSSP conference last week.

School Games Gold Award 2023/24 - Third year in a row!

1st place - Highest Participation in School Games in the Ribble Valley

1st Place - Highest number of Core Events attended in Hyndburn and the Ribble Valley

A huge thank you to Miss Waddicor and all the staff who attend sporting events with our children.



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	
9 - 10am	Wrens
10 - 11am	Robins
11 - 12pm	Swifts
1 - 2pm	Owls
2 - 3pm	Kingfishers
Wednesday 13th November	
9 - 10am	Hérons
10 - 11am	Falcons
11 - 12pm	Eagles
1 - 2pm	Doves

Thank you.



Our 22 mile walk in August was a huge success and we would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our Just Giving page.





https://www.justgiving.com/page/tarn-pollard-1717348899292?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ftarn-pollard-1717348899292&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

It is amazing to know that we have raised almost £1000 for the East Lancashire Hospice and we appreciate every penny donated to this wonderful place.

Thank you

Mr and Mrs Pollard

This Week's Attendance

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Kingfishers	100
	Owls	99.3
	Herons	99.3

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	
Wednesday 30th October	Early Years Stay and Play Session 2:30-3:00pm (info on how to book to follow)
Thursday 31st October	Early Years Stay and Play Session 2:30-3:00pm (info on how to book to follow) 3-5pm Year 3 and 4 Football at Edisford Sports Complex (further information to follow)
Friday 1st November	Early Years Stay and Play Session 2:30-3:00pm (info on how to book to follow)
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

Langho Community Bonfire and Firework display is back again....

Saturday 2nd November from 6pm.

Organised by and in aid of St Leonard's Langho Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Group.

Online tickets are now available to buy!

<https://buytickets.at/stleonardslanghoscoutgroup/1415112>



**Buy tickets – Langho Community Bonfire and
Firework Display – Billington and Langho
Community Centre
buytickets.at**

£12 for a family, £5 for an adult and £3 for a child.

An unlike those Gallagher boys, the only dynamic pricing we have is a slight rise on the day of the event (£15, £6 and £4).

But don't leave it to chance, we've sold out the past two years before the day.

Physical tickets will go on sale shortly, in the Spar - Langho.

Firework Code



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

Always supervise young children

Light sparklers one at a time

Keep pets indoors

Keep them in a closed box

Follow all instructions carefully

Stand well back

DO's

&

Don'ts

Never return to a lit firework

Don't give sparklers to under 5's

Don't set fireworks off after 11pm

Never put them in your pocket

Never throw them

For more information visit:

www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx





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**

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

MULTISPORT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 4 - 11 YEARS



**£25
PER DAY**

**Ashleigh Primary
School, Darwen
BB3 2JT**

**21/10/2024 -
25/10/2024**



8:30am - 4:30pm Club

**Oakhill Leisure
Centre, Whalley
BB7 9AF**

**21/10/2024 -
25/10/2024**



8:30am - 4:30pm Club

**Barnoldswick C of E
Primary School
BB18 5TB**

**21/10/2024 -
25/10/2024**



8:30am - 4:30pm Club

**Waddington W.
Bradford Primary
School, BB7 3JE**

**21/10/2024 -
25/10/2024**



8:30am - 4:30pm Club

**St Stephen's Primary
School
BB11 3EJ**

**22/10/2024 -
25/10/2024
(4 Days only)**



8:30am - 4:30pm Club

**To Book A
Place:**

**Click on the QR
code**



What fun activities to expect...

**Axe Throwing - Football - Glow In The Dark Dodgeball -
- Laser Tag and many more...**

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

<https://sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk>



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**£25
PER DAY**

How to book:

1. Visit the link or scan the QR code below
2. Click 'Parents Log in'
3. Create a parent account *
4. Add your child/ children to the account *
5. Click 'Book a Course'
6. Click 'Make a booking'
7. Click on Holiday Clubs
8. Select the Venue / School
9. Select the dates needed
10. Proceed to payment

* Not required for returning parents

Visit the link below or click on the
QR code to secure a place:

<https://sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk>



