



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

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Worship

This morning Robins led a wonderful Harvest Service in Church reminding us to be thankful for the bounty of God's gifts and to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Earlier in the week our Worship Leaders delivered a thought-provoking worship about women of the Bible. We also enjoyed a worship focusing on World Mental Health day, led by our School Council.



Nightsafe Appeal

Thank you for all of the support and donations towards Nightsafe. The children had a fantastic day yesterday raising awareness of the importance of looking after each other's mental health. Donations were collected in the entrance and taken over to Church this morning as part of our Harvest Worships led by Robins! Our Charity Ambassadors will be taking a trip to Blackburn to drop them all off at Nightsafe's Centre.



AUTUMN TERM 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

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



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Ribble Valley Cross Country

We are super proud of our two amazing cross country teams who demonstrated lots of resilience and determination at the Ribble Valley Cross country event in Clitheroe on Monday.

A special mention to Hugh, Jessica and Isabelle who placed in the top 10 and Reggie who came 2nd. Well done, everyone!



Football Utilita Kids Cup

We are very proud of these year 6 and 5 footballers who represented St Leonard's at the Utilita Kids cup this week. The event was held at Blackburn Rovers training ground and was attended by 16 schools from across the North-West. Our team demonstrated super sportsmanship and placed 4th in the competition.



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>

Writing Superstar



We were amazed and delighted by a writing superstar in Miss Waddicor's class. Fred's writing was so impressive that Mrs Lindley gave him a Headteacher's award and Mrs Cronshaw was convinced he was actually in Year 6! Well done Fred - an author in the making - we are very proud of you.

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.

Vacancies - Lunchtime Welfare Staff

We are currently advertising for Welfare and/or Kitchen staff assistants here at St. Leonard's.

The hours are 11.45 - 1.15 each day, term time only.

If you are interested (or know anyone that may be), please contact the office and speak with Mrs Bolton for more information.

Diary Dates

Autumn 1	
Monday 14th October	Bee Stingers Netball Tournament (Accrington Academy 4-6pm further information to follow) Football League A (Roefield 4-5.30pm further information to follow)
Thursday 17th October	Year 6 School trip to Manchester Jewish Museum and Imperial War Museum
Friday 18th October	Reception Harvest Songs and Learning Engagement Afternoon - Parents Carers invited.
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)
Thursday 7th November	Autumn Parent/Carer Evening 3.45 - 7.15pm (info on how to book to follow)
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

Sunday Services

10:30 Family Service

Tuesdays 12:00pm Midday Prayers

Current services are being shared among clergy from other local churches in the area.

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 !

This Week's Attendance

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Doves	99.7
	Kingfishers	99.6
	Robins	99.5

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](https://www.facebook.com/langhoandbillingtonstleonards)

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.

Our Early Years team are currently undertaking the

3rd Step Outside Lanosshire Quality Award.

We are currently looking for any old or unwanted items which can be used to enhance our outdoor area. If you are having a clear out before or during the holidays and are able to donate any of the items below, please drop these off at the main school office.

- Outgrown waterproof trousers (age 3-6)
- Outdoor cushions, picnic blankets, picnic baskets
- Silver wear, kettle, metal or wooden cutlery/crockery sets, squeeze bottles
- Gardening items – pots, trowels, herbs, seeds, raised planters, topsoil
- Rope/ string
- Tent pegs
- Loose stones, pine cones, bark
- Small tyres
- Planks of wood
- Plastic pipes, tubes, guttering, funnels
- Nature/planting/outdoor books
- Bamboo
- Den making equipment, Tarpaulin/ camouflage materials
- Offcuts of artificial grass
- Trellis
- Small reeds
- Builder's level
- Wicker baskets
- Artificial plants/ flowers/ greenery
- Small storage boxes
- Cones
- Small ladders, bunk bed ladders
- Logs
- Good quality, small pallets

With many thanks,
The Early Years Team





Wilpshire Wanderers U4, U5 & U6



Wilpshire Wanderers Football Club
Invites you to join our U4's, U5's and U6's group at Salesbury
Memorial Hall Facility
Sessions run each Saturday, 08:30-09:30am

Contact

Steve Frost | stevefrost@aol.com | 07975651192

Andrea Nestor | 07738095944

"Great facilities, family friendly environment. We felt welcomed and our lads enjoyed the sessions delivered by passionate coaches"

DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Children and Family
Wellbeing
Service

We provide Development Matters in our centres where you can bring your child along to socialise and play alongside other children and parents.

The sessions provide high quality, well planned, stimulating, and challenging activities, for ages 2-4 years based on child-initiated play both indoors and outdoors (where possible).

Monday: 10am-11am

The Zone Clitheroe BB7 2JY

Tuesday: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Copperhouse Rishton BB1 4HF

Wednesday: 1:30pm-2:30pm

**Great Harwood Neighbourhood Centre
BB6 7JQ**



NO BOOKING REQUIRED
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 01200 420460

Lancashire
County
Council



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.



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>





OCTOBER HALF TERM

Wednesday - Carolyn's Halloween Trio 10am
Carolyn's Halloween Duo 12:30pm
Biscuit Decorating with Carolyn 3:00PM
Thursday - Holiday Club 9:30am - 3:30pm
Halloween Cupcake Decorating 4pm
Saturday - Junior baking 9:30am

TO BOOK, VISIT OUR TIMETABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.FLAVOURSCOOKERY SCHOOL.CO.UK/TIMETABLE/
OR CONTACT CAROLYN ON 07855941934

