



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

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### **Fortnightly Newsletter Monday 29th September 2025**

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**



On Friday, we had a visit from Iain Parks, who is the Director of Education at the Diocese of Blackburn. He was very impressed with our school and complimented Y5&6 on the thoughtful questions they asked. We are so proud of our children and school and it is lovely when we can share this with visitors.

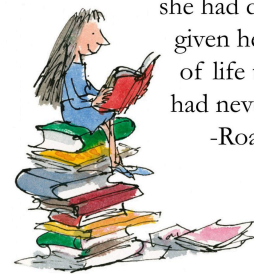
A special thank you to Wrens class (Y6) who led us in worship this past Wednesday. As a school family we gathered in church to hear about God's promise to us all through Noah's Ark and his Rainbow. The children did so well and had some thought-provoking prayers alongside a strong message of hope. Thank you also to the family members who were able to join us for this first class-led worship of the year.

The next class-led worship will be led by Swifts on Wednesday 8th October, 9am in church, all welcome.

### **Reading**

Thank you for the renewed commitment to reading more at home with your child, it really does make a difference to their learning.

We know that reading is a crucial skill, and children who can read proficiently and who read widely benefit enormously. In school we teach children phonics from Reception (with Little Lennies Nursery preparing for phonics) and read daily in class. We ask that **children read at home at least three times per week** and sign in your child's reading record/homework diary. In KS2, this should include using ReadingPlus, our interactive reading platform.



"All the reading she had done had given her a view of life that they had never seen."  
-Roald Dahl,  
Matilda

@lms\_bookroom

## Young Leadership Team



Congratulations to our new Young Leaders from Y2-Y6. They had their first meeting on Wednesday last week and really impressed Mrs Carney with their thoughtful and mature ideas about how to improve the traffic situation on Whalley Road.

Coming soon will be details on how everyone can get involved in improving Road Safety outside our school.

## Charity Ambassadors



Congratulations to our new Charity Ambassadors for this year! They had their first meeting on Monday morning and really impressed Mrs Taylor with their unique ideas about helping others.

Our Charity Ambassadors are continuing to work with **Nightsafe** again this year for our Harvest collection. Listed to the side are the donations that they are looking for this year. **Please bring your donations into school during the week beginning Monday 6th October**, ready for our Harvest Celebration in Church on Friday 10th October.

### **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



## St. Leonard's Day



Please see the separate letter (attached) written by our Senior Worship Leaders with exciting news about St. Leonard's Day this year!

## Reception September 2026

### Is your child due to start Reception class in September 2026?

If so, we have arranged the following tours. Please contact the school office on 01254 247156 if you would like to book a place on one of the tours during the school day. If you would like to attend the open evening, please feel free to just turn up. Due to time constraints, we are unfortunately unable to offer individual tours.

**Open mornings are being held on the following dates.  
There will be a tour at 9.30am and another at 10.15am:**

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Wednesday 12th November 2025

**Open Evening, 5.30 - 7.00pm:**

Wednesday 8th October 2025



**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
PRIMARY**

# APPLY NOW!

at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

### School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**CLOSING DATE  
15 January 2026**

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk) >>>>

**School transport** 

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.



**Lancashire**  
County Council 

## Parental Engagement

Thank you so much to those who came to our Meet The Teacher sessions last week. We enjoy good partnerships between home and school and it is great to get the year off to this positive start.

**A reminder that your child's class teacher should be your first port of call for any questions or concerns. They can be contacted via the school office. (01254 247156 /[info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk) )**

### **This week:**

- Years 1-6 - is '**Show and Share**' on Tuesday 30th September 3:30-4:45. This will be a time to see your child's classroom and look through their books with them.
  - Once you have collected your child, please make your way back around to the front of school and enter through the main entrance. This allows staff to ensure that all children have been safely collected.
- Reception - '**Stay and Play**' sessions are on Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 1st October or Thursday 2nd October 2:00 -3:00pm (please see separate letter for details)

Future events:

- Little Lennies - '**Stay and Play**' sessions are on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th October 2:00 -3:00pm (please see separate letter for details)
- Reception Parents' Evening - Wednesday 15th October
- Years 1-6 Parents' Evening - Thursday 16th October

We have also resumed our class led worship in church, this year on a Wednesday morning at 9am. Please see the calendar below for details.

## Parking

Please remind all those who may drop off or collect your child about parking around school.

Mytton Fold very kindly allow us to use the back car park for pick up and drop off. Please do not park on the driveway up to Mytton Fold and please make use of the footpath to arrive at the crossing on Whalley Road.

The **Community Centre**, the **Church grounds** and the **road towards the Community Centre** are all **private property** and not to be used at all for parking **must not be used** for parking at either drop off or collection.

## Language

Please be mindful of the language used on school grounds. We have been made aware of a few instances of bad language recently, which is of course is not appropriate for a primary school setting. Please also be reminded of our Managing Unacceptable Behaviour of Parents/Carers and Visitors policy, shared at the start of the year and available on our website.

[Langho and Billington St Leonards Church of England Primary School - Useful Information](#)

## Headlice

We've had a few cases of headlice in school. Please could you check your child's hair and treat if needed.

Many thanks!

**FLU Vaccinations - 5th November 2025**

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow the link below to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/0826698f> (The link expires on the 27th October 2025)

The vaccinations will take place here in school on the 5th of November (PM). If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' form. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 2 option 2.

**IntraHealth**

**NHS**  
Lancashire (inc. Blackburn & Darwen)  
School Aged Immunisation Service

**Your child can be a  
Real Life Superhero!  
Protect your  
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**ST LEONARDS CofE PRIMARY & NURSERY**  
**Vaccination Date: WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
To complete a consent or refusal form online,  
Please scan the QR code:

**For any queries... Call: 0333 358 3397 Option 2, Option 2**  
**Email: team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk**

To find out more about the flu vaccine, please scan the following:  
Info available in multiple languages

### **Late collections after school**

Please note that school finishes at 3.30pm and your children must be collected **promptly** after this time. A number of children are having to be taken to the office on a regular basis due to not being collected on time. The teaching staff and office staff are not always available to stay to look after children that are not collected on time and have missed meetings and appointments having to do so.

If you require after school care, please contact Mrs Kemp at Coolkidz. [Cool Kidz @ Langho - Community Futures](#)

Can you please make sure you collect your children on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **PE and Sports: Sports Events and Intents**

- Year 5/6 Kids Cup - Monday 29th September - 3-5:30pm - To provide young players with a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment to develop their football skills, build teamwork, and experience healthy competition.
- Year 5/6 Girls' Football Tournament - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 4-6pm - To work as a successful team to achieve a common goal in an intense, competitive environment.
- Year 5/6 Cross Country- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October - 4-5pm- To compete in a long-distance race, developing endurance, setting personal goals and celebrating both team and individual achievements.
- Year 5/6 League A football- Monday 13th October - 4-6pm - To develop and practice various football skills and to work as a team to achieve a common goal.
- Year 5/6 Bee Stingers Netball- Tuesday 21st October - 4-6pm - To develop and practice various netball skills and to work as a team to achieve a common goal.

### **Parents'/Carers' Evening**

We hope that you can join us for the Autumn Parents'/Carers' Evenings on Wednesday 15th October (Reception) or Thursday 16th October (Y1-6) from 3:45pm to 7:15pm (Please note available times for some teachers may differ).

Appointment bookings will need to be made via Arbor so please make sure that you are registered (See below for details).

Booking will open at 6:00pm on Wednesday 1st October.



## **ARBOR MIS - including Parent Portal and Parent App**

We are excited to announce that we are now using a new Management Information System (MIS), which enables parents to login to the system and view information regarding their own children. It also offers a Parent App that can be used for communications and payments amongst other things.

Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and, in time, bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

We would like to invite all our parents to familiarise themselves with ARBOR using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of. These can all be found [here](#).

Please note that initially, not all functions will be available. As and when we adopt certain functions in the system, parents and guardians will be informed.

To activate your account please log in to <https://login.arbor.sc> using the email address that is registered with school. You will then need to set a password by clicking on the 'forgot password' link.





If you have any queries please contact the school office on 01254 247156.

The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

As with all new systems, we are bound to experience some teething troubles and kindly ask that you be patient with us!

Many thanks

## This Fortnight's Attendance

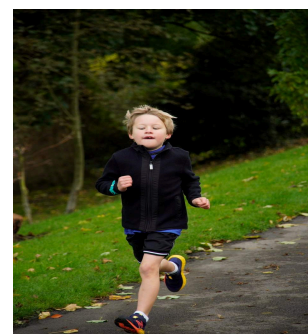
 Year Group	% Attendance this fortnight
 1	100
 2	97.7
 Reception	95.6

### Motor Neurone Disease

On Saturday the 18th October 2025, Mike will be running the Amsterdam Mini Marathon, to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Mike's Opa (grandad) passed away from MND on the 9th October 2023 at the age of only 66.



Earlier this year, Mike's dad ran the London and Leeds Marathon for #TeamMnd, and in October he will be taking on both Chicago and Amsterdam in one week! Mike would like to follow his footsteps and raise money in his grandad's memory.



This will be Mike's first international run, and it will be extra special with it being in Holland, the country his grandad is from.

If anyone would like to sponsor Mike, please check out his just giving page

Thank you,

Mike & Family

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mike-moss-for-opa>

### AUTUMN 1

<b>Tue 30th Sep</b>	2:00-3:00pm Reception 'Stay and Play' 3:30-4:45pm Y1-6 'Show and Share'
<b>Wed 1st Oct</b>	School in Action (Open Morning for Reception starters 2026) 9:30 Tour 1 10:15 Tour 2

	2:00-3:00pm Reception 'Stay and Play' 6:00pm Booking opens for Parents'/Carer's Evening Appointments
<b>Thu 2nd Oct</b>	2:00-3:00pm Reception 'Stay and Play'
<b>Fri 3rd Oct</b>	Wrens A Swimming 4/6
<b>Sun 5th Oct</b>	10:30am Harvest Festival in Church
<b>Mon 6th Oct</b>	2:00-3:00pm Little Lennies 'Stay and Play'
<b>Tue 7th Oct</b>	2:00-3:00pm Little Lennies 'Stay and Play'
<b>Wed 8th Oct</b>	9:00am - SWIFTS lead Worship in church 2:00-3:00pm Little Lennies 'Stay and Play' 5:30-7:00pm Reception 2026 Starters Open Evening
<b>Thu 9th Oct</b>	2:00-3:00pm Little Lennies 'Stay and Play'
<b>Fri 10th Oct</b>	Wrens A Swimming 5/6
<b>Mon 13th Oct</b>	Individual Photos
<b>Wed 15th Oct</b>	9:00am - ROBINS lead Worship in church Reception Parents' Evening (booking will open at 6pm on Wednesday 1st October via your Arbor login)
<b>Thur 16th Oct</b>	Y1-6 Parents' Evening (booking will open at 6pm on Wednesday 1st October via your Arbor login)
<b>Fri 17th Oct</b>	St. Leonard's Day! (Non-uniform day to raise funds for St. Leonard's church) Wrens A Swimming 6/6
<b>Thu 23rd Oct</b>	2:45pm Reception Autumn Concert <b>3:30pm SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>AUTUMN 2</b>	
Mon 3rd Nov	8:40am School re-opens



# 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

Enquiries at [enquiries@wilpshirewanderers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wilpshirewanderers.co.uk)

Andrea Nestor | 07738095944

*"Great facilities, family friendly  
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To find out more about the flu  
vaccine, please scan the  
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