



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

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**Newsletter: Monday 1st December 2025**

### NEWS

#### Worship

Thank you Kingfishers class, who led us in worship last Wednesday. They did a brilliant job telling us about Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. They closed with some really thoughtful prayers about continuing to persevere and trust in God, even when it seems impossible!

Hérons class will lead worship in church on Wednesday 3rd December at 9am. All welcome.

#### Pantomime

All the children had a brilliant time at the Pantomime last week. A huge thank you to the volunteers who accompanied us. We were so proud of how well the children behaved and how brilliantly they joined in! "Oh they didn't!" "Oh yes they did!"



#### Film Night

Thank you to the children for a wonderful, pre-Christmas film night and thank you to the staff who gave of their time to supervise. £781 was raised to support school funds. Thank you!

#### Reception Stay and Play

Our Reception children had a wonderful time this week sharing their playing and learning with their families. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. It was a delight to be able to see the children's confidences continue to grow and see how much they enjoy school. What a valuable experience, providing a real insight into Early Years learning. Many thanks to all for your positive feedback.

We look forward to welcoming our Little Lennie's families next week.

## **Sports News**

### Year 3 and 4 Football Competition

We are incredibly proud of this group of Year 3 and 4 children who competed in a football tournament last week. They behaved impeccably, and demonstrated wonderful attitudes and teamwork throughout all of their games. Well done, team!



### Panathalon



Last week, a group of our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Panathlon, proudly representing our school. They enthusiastically engaged in all the activities and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. Well done, everyone!

## Running Track Fundraiser

We are very excited to share an important development we hope to bring to our school community. This year, we are aiming to raise funds to install a running track on the school field – a project that will benefit our children for many years to come!

A dedicated running track would provide children with a safe, high quality space to be active every day, not only improving their physical health, co-ordination and overall wellbeing, but also their mental health, helping to boost confidence, and increase ‘feel good’ endorphins in the brain that boost focus and concentration in the classroom. Having such a facility on site would encourage structured sport both in and out of school time and support healthy habits that can last a lifetime.

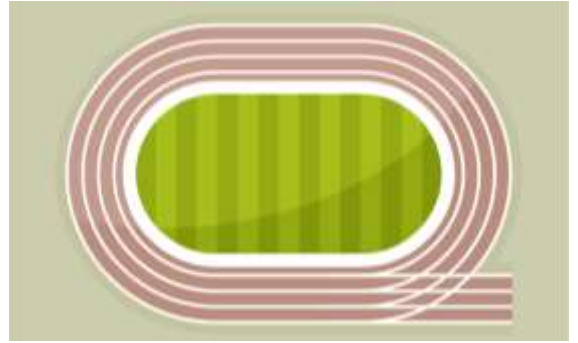
Today, we are also incredibly proud to share that one of our parents, Laura, will be taking on an extraordinary personal challenge to support this project: running five marathons in very short succession beginning in the Spring term. This remarkable commitment reflects not only impressive dedication and resilience, but also a deep belief in the benefits that a new running track will bring to our children. We are very grateful for this inspiring effort and hope that our whole school community will join us in cheering her on and supporting our fundraising journey.

A Just Giving page has now been set up where families, friends and the wider community can make donations, large or small, to sponsor Laura and the school, and every contribution will bring us one step closer to creating our running track dream. We are extremely grateful for any support you can offer.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/langhobillingtonstleonards?utm\\_term=EXqj6K9Zj&utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/langhobillingtonstleonards?utm_term=EXqj6K9Zj&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

Throughout the year, we will be organising a series of other fundraising activities and events that our children, parents, families and community members can get involved in, starting with last week’s film night and the upcoming Christmas fair, and we hope that these events will be enjoyable, inclusive and a positive way to bring our school community together and kick start our fundraising for this brilliant project.

Information about Spring and Summer events will be shared nearer the time, and as soon as all quotations have been received, we will be able to share the overall target we will be aiming for- we will keep you updated regularly on our progress towards it. Thank you again for all your support as always!



## Charity Ambassadors - Nightsafe



Following our successful Harvest fundraiser, we have launched our winter fundraiser, partnered with Nightsafe. This time, we are on the lookout for items of clothing - **especially warm winter clothes and smart interview clothes**. As the temperature falls over winter, thick, warm clothing would be perfect for the 16-25 year olds who utilise the Nightsafe service.

The young people who use the service are very unlikely to have access to interview clothes. It would really help Nightsafe if the facility was able to have a bank of interview clothes, which could be used to help a young person get a job.

If you are unable to donate items of clothing but would still like to support such an important cause, we are always on the lookout for long-lasting food and drink items, as well as toiletries and cleaning products. Please see the posters above for requested items.

As ever, thank you for your continued support - we really could not support Nightsafe without your love and generosity.

Thank you,

Charity Ambassadors

### Nightsafe Loombands

A huge well done and thank you to **Florence in Kingfishers**, who has organised her own loomband bracelet fundraising and has raised a huge **£71.50 for Nightsafe**. What a shining example of flourishing and using your talents to serve others.

## Attendance

Holidays during school time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and time off school is lost learning time. **Please do not book holidays during school term time.** For our term dates, please see the school website or the calendar below. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=132>

	Year Group	% Attendance this past fortnight
1st	Year 4	99
2nd	Year 2	97.7
3rd	Year 3	97.4

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December 3:30pm!



We have had confirmation from the North Pole that Fr. Christmas will once again be joining us for our Christmas Fair! There will be lots of stalls and games too including refreshments, name the teddy, photo station, hook a bauble and lots more!

**Miss Watson has set up a payment on Arbor for £3 which will give your child tokens to use at the fair during the afternoon. After school we will operate a cash system at the stalls - please bring change where possible.**

**The money raised from the Christmas Fair will go towards funding our running track.**

**Business Sponsorship** - If you own or know of any local businesses who would like to sponsor a stall at the fair and/or donate raffle prizes, please contact the school office to discuss. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you to Top End Traders, Blackburn who kindly have sponsored our Christmas Fair.



**We look forward to seeing you on Friday after school!**

## PE and Sports

### Sports events Autumn 2:

- **League A Football**- Monday 1st December- To develop valuable physical, social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- **League B Football**- Monday 8th December- To develop valuable physical, social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- **Year 1&2 Kurling** - Thursday 11th December - To develop kurling skills and to work as a team to successfully compete against other schools.
- **Santa Dash**- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - To be a part of the 80,000 children taking part in festive, physical activity throughout the day.

## Reception September 2026

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

If you would like to view our school but have not been able to attend the open days or open evening, please contact the school office on 01254 247156.

Lancashire School Admissions: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

**Closing date for Reception Admissions is Thursday 15th January.**

## REMINDERS

### Labelled Items

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled (coats, hat, scarves, gloves as well as uniform items.) If they are labelled, they can be returned to your child promptly.

Please also check that previously labelled items are still clearly labelled, as the writing and printing can fade / smudge over time making it hard to read.

Thank you for your help.

## DIARY DATES

**(New events are highlighted in yellow)**






### AUTUMN 2

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Wed 3rd Dec	9:00am - HERONS - lead Worship in church
Fri 5th Dec	CHRISTMAS FAIR! Wrens B Swimming 5/6
Wed 10th Dec	Early Years Nativity Performances (10:30am and 2:30pm) - Further details to be announced.
Fri 12th Dec	Wrens B Swimming 6/6
Tue 16th Dec	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performances (2:30pm and 5:30pm) - Further details to be announced.
Wed 17th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Santa Dash! for all children (in school - moved from Friday 12th) 6:00pm - 9 Lessons and Carols in Old Langho Church (School Choir singing)

<b>Fri 19th Dec</b>	<b>1:30pm School closes for Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Wed 24th Dec</b>	4:00pm Crib Service at St. Leonard's Langho Church 6:00pm First Eucharist of Christmas at St. Leonard's Langho Church
<b>Thu 25th Dec</b>	9:30am Family Eucharist at St. Leonard's Langho Church
<b>Spring 1</b>	
Mon 5th Jan	8:40am School reopens
Fri 9th Jan	Robins Swimming 1/5
Wed 14th Jan	9:00am - HERONS - lead Worship in church
Fri 16th Jan	Robins Swimming 2/5
Fri 23rd Jan	Robins Swimming 3/5
Wed 28th Jan	9:00am - EAGLES - lead Worship in church
Fri 30th Jan	Robins Swimming 4/5
Fri 6th Feb	Robins Swimming 5/5
Wed 11th Feb	9:00am - DOVES - lead Worship in church
Fri 13th Feb	Swifts Swimming 1/5 3:30pm School closes for half-term break Y6 Young Voices Concert, Manchester
<b>Spring 2</b>	
Mon 23rd Feb	8:40am School reopens
Fri 27th Feb	Swifts Swimming 2/5
Thu 5th Mar	World Book Day (Wear pyjamas or comfy clothes - no onesies please)
Fri 6th Mar	Swifts Swimming 3/5
Fri 13th Mar	Swifts Swimming 4/5
Tue 17th Mar	Y4 Let's Go Sing Concert at King George's Hall - Further details to be announced.
Thu 19th Mar	2:30pm Y5 Brass Concert - School Hall
Fri 20th Mar	Swifts Swimming 5/5
<b>Fri 27th Mar</b>	<b>1:30pm School closes for Easter Holidays.</b>
<b>Summer 1</b>	
Mon 13th Apr	8:40am School reopens
Mon 4th May	School Closed - Early May Bank Holiday
Mon 11th May - Thu 14th May	Y6 KS2 SATS Test <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-and-results-information-for-parents/2025-key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-and-results-information-for-parents/2025-key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents</a>
<b>Fri 22nd May</b>	<b>3:30pm School closes for half-term break</b>
<b>Summer 2</b>	

Tue 2nd Jun	8:40am School reopens
Tue 2nd Jun - Fri 12th Jun	Y4 Multiplication Check <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents</a>
Mon 8th Jun - Fri 12th Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening Check <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents</a>
Fri 26th Jun	School Closed to children (INSET)
Thu 2nd Jul	2:30pm Y5 Brass Concert - School Hall
<b>Fri 17th Jul</b>	<b>1:30pm School closes for Summer Holidays</b>

**Winter Menu - Starting on Week 3 after the October holiday.**

<p><b><u>WINTER MENU 2025</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>MONDAY</u></b></p> 	<p><b><u>TUESDAY</u></b></p> 	<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b></p> 	<p><b><u>THURSDAY</u></b></p> 	<p><b><u>FRIDAY</u></b></p> 
<p><b><u>WEEK ONE</u></b></p>	<p>Mandy's Sugo Pasta with Breadsticks, Salad or Peas  Baked potato with choice of filling  Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Chicken Sausage &amp; Mash Served with Mixed Vegetables  Vegan Sausage &amp; Mash served with Mixed Vegetables  Dessert of the day</p>	<p>British Roast dinner with all the trimmings  Vegetarian Bake/Roast  Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Chicken Curry Served with Mixed Rice, Peas / Sweetcorn &amp; Naan Bread  (Vegetarian option available)  Dessert of the day</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza Served with Oven Baked Chips or Salad  Harrisa  Dessert of the day  Fish served with</p>

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<u>WEEK TWO</u>	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta served with Bread & Peas  Baked potato with choice  Dessert of the day	Meat & Potato Pie served with Red Cabbage and bread.  Quorn option available  Dessert of the day	British Roast dinner with all the trimmings  Vegetarian Bake/Roast  Dessert of the day	Chilli Con Carne served with Mixed Rice, Peas / Sweetcorn & Tortilla Wraps (Vegetarian Option Available)  Dessert of the day	Red Tractor Beef Burger served in A Bun with Chips & Salad  Linda McCartney Veggie Burger served with Chips & Salad	Treat of the week

<b>WEEK THREE</b>	Hot Pot Bean Bake Served with Savoury Rice & Tortilla Wraps  Baked potato with choice of filling & Dessert of the day	Meatballs in A Rich Tomato Sauce Served with Potato Wedges  Quorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce, Served with Potato Wedges  Dessert of the day	British Roast dinner served with Mash potatoes and seasonal vegetables.  (Vegetarian option available)  Vegetarian Bake  Dessert of the day	Chinese Chicken with Mixed Rice Served with Peas/Sweetcorn & Tortilla Wraps  Quorn Chicken Served with Mixed Rice, Peas/Sweetcorn & Tortilla Wraps  Dessert of the day	Rotating Chicken Shack, Served with Chips & Salad  (Vegetarian Option Available)  Treat of the week
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Seasonal vegetables and fruit served daily

Yoghurt and water available daily

Fruit juice and milk served once per week

One non-confectionery treat served once per week

Bread available daily

Limited jackets and sandwiches will be available on the hatch every day

Jacket potato fillings: Cheese, tuna or beans

Roast dinner meat will differ (Chicken or Beef)

*CHRISTMAS  
AT ST LEONARD'S*



*CHRISTMAS EVE*

**4PM - CRIB SERVICE**

**6PM - FIRST EUCHARIST OF CHRISTMAS**

*CHRISTMAS DAY*

**9.30AM - FAMILY EUCHARIST**



# **CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025**

**LANCASHIRE YOUTH BRASS  
BAND**

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, LANGHO  
19:30PM  
£7 ADULTS, £3 UNDER 18S**

# Langho Lions

## Under 5 & 6's Football Sessions

Includes

- CAT 1 ACADEMY COACHING
- FUN & FRIENDLY SESSIONS
- CATER FOR ALL ABILITIES
- FREE TRAINING KIT
- SUNDAY MORNINGS



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Langho Football Club have Reception and Year 1 age football sessions every Sunday morning at the Rhydings 4G pitches. These are delivered by professional coaches with a wealth of experience supporting children just starting out in football. If you are interested in the sessions please whatsapp Chris Rush on 07764365256.