



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We began this week reflecting on love and how John the Baptist prepared people to welcome Jesus and love like him. In Worship we also heard from the prophet Micah! We were also treated to a wonderful performance of the Nativity by our youngest children in Early Years. They did so well at remembering their lines and singing beautifully. It was such a precious memory. We are looking forward to KS1's Nativity next week. This week also involved our Year 6 children performing Carols at Blackburn

Cathedral, which was absolutely beautiful! Our choir children also joined

in with 9 Lessons and Carols on Thursday evening. It is lovely to be able to join together in parish community events. On Wednesday we had a very successful whole school trip to Blackpool to see Cinderella the pantomime! All the children had a wonderful time and were incredibly well-behaved. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers accompanying us. Without whom, such a visit would not have been possible. Thank you as well to all those who were able to make donations of chocolate and fancy goods for our Christmas Fair and those who joined us after-school. A really good time was had by all - Fr. Christmas was kept very busy too! Between school and Church, the total raised was £1610! This will go towards fun experiences and treats for the children throughout the year. Please look out for an email next week announcing the hamper winners!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lindley

Following in Jesus' Footsteps...



Christmas Lunch 2022!



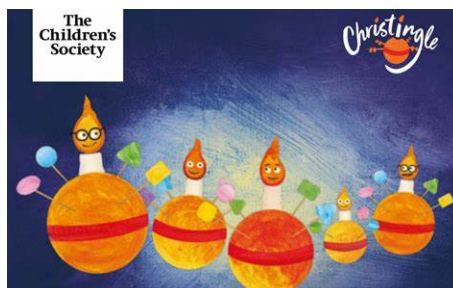
We will be holding our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December (that's our Christmas jumper day too!)

If your child does not normally have school dinners but would like a Mrs Skilling Special Christmas Lunch on that day at a cost of £2.30 then please simply pay on ParentPay by Tuesday 13th December.



Christingle

On Thursday, the whole school will be joining in with a Christingle Worship Service. Children's Society donation envelopes were sent home previously. Please return these to school early next week so that we can pass on the donations to the Children's Society for their important work.



Cold weather and severe weather planning

Please remember to send children in with winter coats, hats and gloves as the weather has well and truly turned cold. If your child needs to use lip balm due to dry skin in the cold weather, this is permitted before school and at break times, not during lessons. Please remind your child that lip balm is not to be shared. Labelling of lip balms in case they get lost will help with a swift return.

Please be aware of our severe weather plan, should we experience heavy snow in the coming weeks. This can be found on the main page of the website. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/>

Scarlet Fever

Please look out for a separate letter attachment on your email, sent alongside this newsletter, detailing important information about Scarlet Fever. This has come from the UK Health Security Agency, via Lancashire County Council. It informs of symptoms to look out for and accompanying advice.



Our amazing Journalism Club had produced their first edition of St Leonard's Life magazine this year! This special Christmas issue is on sale now for £1. Please support us by popping into the office or sending an email to request your own copy. Features include:

- Sports News
- School trip write ups.
- Visitors to school.
- Fantastic individual achievements
- Charity News
- Recipes,
- Competitions and lots more!

Read all about it!

Reception class September 2023

If you know anyone who is looking for a place in Reception September 2023, please point them in our direction to make an appointment at the office, and we'd be delighted to take them on a tour of our wonderful school.

Useful links for school admissions are below, and more information can be found on the Admissions page of our school website.



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

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/>

The deadline for submitting applications on the Lancashire County Council website is 15th January 2023







Regular and frequent use of Reading Plus can have a real impact on children's reading speed and fluency, vocabulary acquisition and comprehension skills. Please encourage and support your child to use Reading Plus as often as possible at home.

	Total Words Read this Week
Hérons	Edison
Kingfishers	Frankie
Owls	Finley
Robins	Luke
Swifts	Jenson
Wrens	Eliza

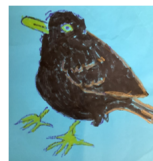


This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Kingfishers	99.3
	Eagles	99.1
	Doves	97.6

Weekly Highlights

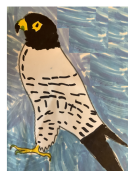
Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



The children really did put on a great performance in our Nativity at the start of the week! Fantastic singing and actions from all and such clear voices from the children with speaking parts. We could not have been any prouder! The Christmas Story and The Christmas Promise have been the books that we have shared this week. Little Lennies have been listening to and joining in with the actions in the story and they have helped to make a story map to retell the story. They have enjoyed making Nativity scenes and other Christmas crafts by using scissors to snip or cut. In the hall they have used mats, benches and boxes to act out Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, they had to climb over, through and around things. In Maths they have compared lengths of tinsel, some were longer than others and some were shorter than others. Pattern hunting on Christmas crackers has also featured in this week's learning.

In Blackbirds, we have some interior designers for the future! The children have helped to change and restyle some of our play spaces. They have enjoyed retelling the Christmas story in our role play stable and in our small world area. We have looked at the characters in the story and talked about how they might feel. The children then thought about how they feel in different situations. The new book corner has been very popular with the children, they have enjoyed sharing some of the books that Father Christmas gave us last week. In Phonics we have been reading longer sentences that have had several tricky words in them. 1 more and 1 less has been our Maths learning this week.

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



We have enjoyed another fantastic week of learning in Key Stage 1 with lots of exciting learning in all three classes. This week we have all worked extra hard in completing our assessments and wowing the teachers with our efforts. It has been fun learning actions to our Christmas Nativity songs and practising it all together in the church. Our highlight this week was definitely the magical pantomime full of singing, dancing, acrobats and rain!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



What an incredible week we have all had! In English, we have started to plan and write a story opening based on 'One Christmas Wish'; the children are definitely getting in the Christmas spirit. In DT, we have built and added the finishing touches to our pavilions. They are looking fantastic. This week in Science, we investigated how shadows are formed and how the distance from a light source impacts the size of a shadow. Our super Year 3 and 4 scientists used lots of complex vocabulary to explain their findings to each other. In History, we summarised our learning so far, focusing on the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians. The children were then very excited to learn about time capsules and create one firstly, as if they were an Egyptian, and then for someone in the future to find out all about life in 2022. We also enjoyed a wonderful morning at the pantomime; what a great week! Well done, everybody!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

A fantastic week in Year 5! We have finished our class novel, *When the Sky Falls*, and can all say we really enjoyed reading this book. On Monday, we practised our fire-building skills in the Woodlands and toasted bread over the fire, as well as making shortbread biscuits in the kitchen with Mrs Skilling - they smelled delicious! We completed our science unit, learning about the history of astronomy and how scientists' understanding of space evolved from a geocentric model of the solar system to a heliocentric model. In history, we compared what we can learn from different Anglo-Saxon texts including the Lindisfarne Gospels, Bede's History and *Beowulf*. We loved our brass lesson, learned how Navidad is celebrated around the world in our Spanish lesson, and started to consider how to make motorised doodlers in DT. This week's highlight was the fantastic Cinderella Pantomime in Blackpool and the teachers were very proud of our behaviour out of school. One amazing week to go!

Year 6

Wrens have had a lovely week in school and have enjoyed a variety of exciting activities. In Science the children researched how stars are formed and learned about various constellations and in History we learned about 'Operation Overlord' and the strategic events that happened as part of the D-day landings. The children enjoyed their trip to the pantomime (Oh yes they did!) and were impeccably behaved - we were very proud of them once again. Our week has finished with a trip to Blackburn Cathedral where we enjoyed singing carols at the lunchtime carol concert. Well done everyone - a fabulous week!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week



Little Lennies

Lyla

Blackbirds

Beatrix & Lucas

Doves

Kayden

Eagles

Isla

Falcons

Max

Hérons

Penelope B

Kingfishers

Elise

Owls

Albie

Robins

Zara

Swifts

Oscar B

Wrens

Fatima & Lydia

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th December	2.30pm and 5.30pm KS1 Nativity in Church - separate letter with details coming home tonight and will be in your email inbox
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 15th December	6:00 pm KS2 Carol Service - all KS2 welcome. Please wear full uniform. Parents and supporters, warmly welcomed.
Friday 16th December	1:30 pm School Closes for Christmas holidays
2023!	
Tuesday 3rd January	8:45am School Re-opens for Spring Term
Friday 6th January	Girl's football event -rearranged (separate letter coming home)
Sunday 15th January	Closing date for Reception 2023 applications
Friday 10th February	3:30pm School Closes for Half-term holiday
Tuesday 21st February	8:45am School Re-opens after half-term holiday

Sunday Services

9.15 Eucharist

10:30 Family Service

Monday

4pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

12pm Midday Prayers (with light lunch on 1st Wednesday of each month)

St Leonard's
C of E Church
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Please see our school website for this academic year's term dates.

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/holiday-dates>

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