



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,



It is hard to believe it is the end of term! Our Year 1 and 2 children performed the Nativity story in Church on Tuesday and did an amazing job of retelling the events so central to our school's Christian faith. On Wednesday we enjoyed a Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day - the children thoroughly enjoyed it and showed super manners throughout. On Thursday we had a very engaging Christingle Service led by Rev. Tracy in the morning and we then ended the day with whole school carols in the church, as Year 6 children lit their Christingles. Thank you everyone for the Christingle donations to the Children's Society. Also on Thursday, our KS2 Choir gave us a wonderful evening of carols and readings. A huge thank you to all the support from home with practising for performances and thank you to staff for giving children these opportunities. This morning children have enjoyed lovely 'Christmas mornings' in their classes today with games and special activities.

Attached to today's email, please find some useful information from Lancashire County Council regarding services in your area.

On behalf of all the staff at St. Leonard's, thank you for your continued support. We hope that you and your families have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd January - 2023!

Mrs Lindley

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

Recycled Uniform!

A hand holds a cardboard sign with the text: 'ASK NOT WHAT YOUR PLANET CAN DO FOR YOU' (with a small globe icon) and 'ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR PLANET'. To the right, on a blue background, is the text: 'Remembering our impact on Earth Day', 'Over 350 tonnes of textiles goes into landfills each year. By recycling our uniforms, we all help to reduce this.', 'Donate outgrown uniforms to the school and buy quality second hand items online at [uniformd.co.uk](https://www.uniformd.co.uk)', and the 'UNIFORMD' logo.

Our kindly donated school uniform is now on sale. Log on to <https://www.uniformd.co.uk/> and search for our school.

You can buy items on the website and then collect them from school once you receive an email to say your item is ready.

Many thanks to Mrs Duckett for running our recycled uniform shop! Money made through 'Uniformd' will go into our school fund that pays for those extra treats for children such as school trip subsidies etc.

What's on in Lancashire?

Check out this website for things to do with your families over the holidays.

<https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>







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.

Highest Three Totals of Words Read All Term	
Hérons	Maggie, Matilda & Daniel
Kingfishers	Frankie, Sienna & Jannah
Owls	Darcie, Finley, Amelia
Robins	Eiliyah, Luke, Ismael
Swifts	Jenson, Luca, Evelyn
Wrens	Eliza, Ben, Jenny

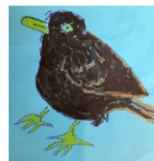


This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Blackbirds	98.2
	Eagles	98.2
	Wrens	95.8

Weekly Highlights

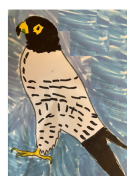
Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



Our final week for EYFS in school before the Christmas holidays has been another busy one! We have listened to Christmas music and accompanied it by playing along with musical instruments and by moving rhythmically. During our music sessions we have been learning about the Pulse – steady beat, rhythm – long and short sounds that happen over the pulse and pitch – high and low sounds.

We have enjoyed making Christmas cards in the craft and writing areas and we have learnt about the joy in giving. We have talked about our emotions and talked about times when we have been excited, happy, scared or worried. In Blackbirds we have thought about different words to broaden our understanding of how we feel. Disappointed, anxious, and concerned were new words that we discussed. The countdown is definitely on for Christmas day, how many more sleeps is it?

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



We have enjoyed another busy week of learning in Key Stage 1 with lots of exciting learning and Christmas activities in all three classes. This week we have completed our work on creating our own Frosty the Snowman poems. In Science we wrote instructions on how to look after our new pet we have created.

Thank you so much for coming to watch our performance, we loved performing for you on Tuesday and performing some of our songs to the school during worship. With only a few weeks left until Christmas we have been looking at getting prepared for Christmas, what it means and had lots of fun making our Christingles. It has been a busy and fun half term and we are all so proud of everyone's hard work! Merry Christmas!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



What a fantastic end to the term we have had in Year 3 and 4 as we prepare for Christmas. In History, we have completed our topic all about the Ancient Egyptians and the children have summarised incredibly well what they have learned. In Science, we revisited our initial questions that we had at the beginning of the topic all about light, to see what we had learned and to allow us to find the answers to some of our scientific questions. In RE, we have learned about Hanukkah and compared their festival of light to Christmas, thinking about the key similarities and differences. Well done everybody for your super work this term. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

Our last week of Autumn Term has been fun-filled and fantastic! We enjoyed our final woodlands session, building a fire and making s'mores and Monday afternoon was made even more delicious when we made Eton Mess in cooking. Thank you so much to Mrs Skilling and all staff in the kitchen for helping us to make such yummy dishes each week! Our main task this week has been designing and making Doodlers in DT, which tested our knowledge of making electrical circuits as well as our designing skills, resilience and patience! We have also created our own vector drawings which look really effective and tested lots of useful skills. We had worship with Rev. Tracy about why we make Christingles and enjoyed making them and singing carols in church. Thank you all for a brilliant term. Have a wonderful, well-earned break and a lovely Christmas time.

Year 6

This week in Wrens has been busy and filled with festive fun! The children enjoyed making their Christmas stockings for our DT unit of work – they look absolutely fantastic and I have an inkling that they may be filled with a few nice treats for the children to take home. The children worked hard in RE when they researched Christmas around the world and in English, chose a Christmas advert to describe using a range of sentence structures and ambitious vocabulary. The children were fabulous in our Christingle service where they stood around the church and held their lit candles very carefully for the school while we sang Silent Night. I hope that Wrens have a lovely peaceful Christmas and we look forward to continuing our learning in the new year.

Stars of the Week will return in 2023!

Diary Dates

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 sent home)
Monday 9th January	Kingfishers resume swimming lessons
	Falcons Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
Wednesday 11th January	Year 5 resume Swimming Lessons
Sunday 15th January	Closing date for Reception 2023 applications
Monday 16th January	Kingfishers Swimming lesson
	Falcons Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2
Wednesday 18th January	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Monday 23rd January	Kingfishers Swimming
	Eagles Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
Wednesday 25th January	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Monday 30th January	Kingfishers Swimming
	Eagles Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2
Tuesday 31st January	Year 5 Visit to Jodrell Bank
Wednesday 1st February	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Monday 6th February	Final Kingfishers Swimming Lesson
	Doves Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
Wednesday 8th February	Final Year 5 Swimming Lesson
Friday 10th February	3:30pm School Closes for Half-term holiday
Half-Term Holiday	
Tuesday 21st February	8:45am School Re-opens after half-term holiday
Wednesday 22nd February	Ash Wednesday
Monday 27th February	First swimming lesson for Herons class
	Doves Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2

Church services at St. Leonard's Church over the Christmas Weekend

24 DEC	Crib Service Thu 4 PM · by St Leonard's Langho	St Leonard's Church, Langho, Blackburn
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24 DEC	Midnight Mass Thu 11:30 PM · by St Leonard's Langho	St Leonard's Church, Langho, Blackburn
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25 DEC	Christmas Day Fri 10 AM · by St Leonard's Langho	St Leonard's Church, Langho, Blackburn
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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
Langho & Billington

Please see our school website for this academic year's term dates.

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

