



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

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### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 6th January 2023**

Please follow us on Twitter **@LanghoStLeonard** – for regular updates, news and notices.

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)**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to our whole school family!  
Our children have returned to school ready to learn and despite the dark and dismal weather, have been happy and excited to be back in school and have loved sharing



their Christmas holiday news. We have been thinking about new year's resolutions and how these can be linked to our St Leonard's Pupil Promises to help us to be the best we can be and use our talents to help others around us.

In sports news, our Y5 and Y6 girls have been successful in achieving bronze medals for third place in a girls football tournament this afternoon! Well done girls!

Finally, please be reminded to arrive before 8.55 each morning as this is when we lock the gates. Arriving early at 8.45 means your child does not miss the start of day learning activities provided by teachers, every day.

Thanks for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lindley

### **Hellos and Goodbyes**

#### **Baby news!**

Congratulations to Miss Thomas and her family on the safe arrival of their little boy, Fred, who was born on 19th December and weighed 8lb 5oz. We wish them all the very best with their beautiful bundle.



#### **Welcome!**

Before Christmas, we welcomed Mrs Corcoran and Mrs Pegrum to our lunchtime staff team, and this week a new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Kearney, has joined us. They have all settled really well into the St Leonard's school family.

#### **A sad goodbye...**

On Tuesday we said goodbye to a well loved lady, Mrs Daykin, who worked as a teaching assistant at St Leonard's for many years and sadly passed away just before Christmas. We are thankful for her life and the contribution she made to the lives of St Leonard's children over the years. Mrs Daykin will be missed by many and we send our love to her family at this difficult time.

## 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**

### Little Wandle Reading Books



We would like to remind parents and carers that it is imperative that Little Wandle reading books are returned promptly and are well-looked after at home. Please do not encourage your child to put their water bottle in their bag with the books. As a school we highly value quality reading teaching and learning therefore we have invested in the Little Wandle Phonics and Reading programme. When books are not returned promptly or in good condition, this means that children do not have the quality resources necessary to further their learning. We appreciate your continued support

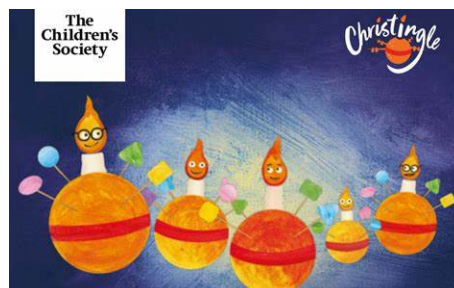
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### Cold and severe weather planning

Please be aware of our severe weather plan, should we again 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/>

### Christingle Envelopes

Children's Society donation envelopes were sent home before Christmas. Please return these to school if you haven't already, so that we can pass on the donations to the Children's Society, via Reverend Tracy. .



## Recycled Uniform!



**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)

 **UNIFORMD**

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.



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.

Most Words Read this Week	
Herons	<b>Penelope B</b>
Kingfishers	<b>Rosie S</b>
Owls	<b>Finley</b>
Robins	<b>Eiliyah</b>
Swifts	<b>Florence</b>
Wrens	<b>Fatima &amp; Alyssia</b>



### Attendance and Punctuality

Whilst it is fully appreciated that there are genuine reasons for children missing school, those whose attendance falls to 90% or below over a school year, are considered 'persistently absent'. This includes all absences, whether these are authorised (such as illness), or unauthorised (such as taking your child on holiday). If your child is at risk of being a persistent absentee, their attendance is monitored. Busy parents can often underestimate the number of days their child has missed school, and so we provide support by informing you if your child is at risk as early as possible. This is done via text messaging and letters home. These messages are designed to support you as a reminder. They are not a reprimand and we would appreciate your full support in accepting them as such.

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days</b>
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day</b>
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days</b>
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> <b>32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days</b>

Our attendance policy is available to view on the school website.

## Diary Dates

<b>Monday 9th January</b>	Kingfishers resume swimming lessons
	Falcons Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
<b>Wednesday 11th January</b>	Year 5 resume Swimming Lessons
<b>Sunday 15th January</b>	Closing date for Reception 2023 applications
<b>Monday 16th January</b>	Kingfishers Swimming lesson
	Falcons Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2
<b>Wednesday 18th January</b>	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
<b>Monday 23rd January</b>	Kingfishers Swimming
	Eagles Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
<b>Wednesday 25th January</b>	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
<b>Thursday 26th January</b>	3.30pm Muddy Church (details to follow)
<b>Monday 30th January</b>	Kingfishers Swimming
	Eagles Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2
<b>Tuesday 31st January</b>	Year 5 Visit to Jodrell Bank
<b>Wednesday 1st February</b>	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
<b>Monday 6th February</b>	Final Kingfishers Swimming Lesson
	Doves Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
<b>Wednesday 8th February</b>	Final Year 5 Swimming Lesson
<b>Friday 10th February</b>	3:30pm School Closes for Half-term holiday
<b>Half-Term Holiday</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21st February</b>	8:45am School Re-opens after half-term holiday
<b>Wednesday 22nd February</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>Thursday 23rd February</b>	3.30pm Muddy Church (Details to follow)
<b>Monday 27th February</b>	First swimming lesson for Herons class
	Doves Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2

**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)

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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>