



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our theme for Worship this week has been all about loving our neighbour and the children have thought deeply about what this means and how it can be achieved in school by following our Pupil Promises. They were keen to talk about how they also live this out at home and within the wider community. Thank you to those parents who joined us for Star of the Week Celebration Worship this morning - it was lovely to see you and hear such positive feedback.

Glow in the dark Dodgeball!

Well done to those children who attended this event today – they were great ambassadors for school, as always, and had a fantastic time.

Trip Contributions

School trips and educational visits are subsidised by school before we ask for a contribution from parents/carers. This is to keep costs as low as possible. Please be reminded that if we cannot cover the cost of the visits having not received enough parent/carer contributions, trips will not be able to go ahead. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Industrial Action

I am sure you will all be aware the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to strike in England and Wales. Strike days will be as follows: 1st February, 28th February, 15th and 16th March.

The Government have issued advice for school leaders, and I am currently awaiting further advice from Lancashire County Council, which is anticipated early next week. I can say at this point I will be doing my utmost to keep disruption to a minimum and that it is **highly likely** school will remain **fully** open to **all** of our children, on **all** of the four dates.

Should this position change at any point, I will communicate to parents as soon as I am able to.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lindley

Reception Class Vision Screening - Tuesday 31st January 9.15 in school.

Letters and information (including an 'opt out' form, has been emailed out to all parents/carers of Blackbirds children.



East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

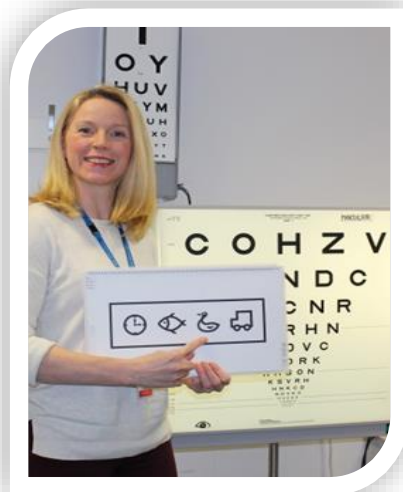
Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

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Little Lennies

We are now taking bookings for children to start Little Lennie's Pre-School from **September 2024**.

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 21 to 31st August 22, they will be eligible to start pre-school 2024/2025.

Government advice can be found below regarding free childcare. Please contact the school office for further information regarding places and additional hours. Spaces are filling up quickly!

15 hours free childcare for 3 and 4-year-olds

All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get 570 free hours per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year, but you can choose to take fewer hours over more weeks, for example.

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>



Parents/carers' Evening – Tuesday 7th February 2023

Parent/Carer Evening booking will open at 5pm this evening, available on the main page of our school website or by following this link:

<https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stleonardscofe>

Parking Reminder

Please park (and drive) carefully at drop off and collection times, especially close to the school crossing directly outside Church. Moving cars around this area are presenting a danger to children who are using the crossing. Please do not stop on the yellow Zig Zags. Church car park is not to be used at all without prior permission from school and Church. Thank you for your help with this.

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/>



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 time spent on Reading Plus this week!	
Herons	Fionn
Kingfishers	Chelsea
Owls	Oscar T
Robins	Erin
Swifts	Ryley
Wrens	Eliza



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	<u>Little Lennies</u> <u>Lola</u>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <u>Aria & James</u>
<u>Doves</u> <u>Penelope</u>	<u>Eagles</u> <u>Oliver</u>	<u>Falcons</u> <u>Harry</u>
<u>Hérons</u> <u>Daniel</u>	<u>Kingfishers</u> <u>Fazal</u>	<u>Owls</u> <u>Harry</u>
<u>Robins</u> <u>Erin</u>	<u>Swifts</u> <u>Isabelle O'C</u>	<u>Wrens</u> <u>Jensen & Sally</u>

This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Kingfishers	97.5
	Robins	97.3
	Eagles	97.2



Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



This week our early years children have been thinking about lost things! In Little Lennie's our Nursery children have learnt from the story of the lost coin. They went to church to hunt for lost coins and re-enact parts of the story and they have been using their observational skills to notice the differences between different coins.

The children have also created some coin repeating patterns. They have talked about how each one of us are different and how special this is. In Reception, our Blackbirds children have read the story of the lost sheep. They have discussed ways in which we can keep ourselves safe from getting lost - linking our thoughts to our Pupil Promise number one. We learnt about the words people use when herding sheep using sheepdogs. This week has also been a very musical week - we began the week moving to beats and rhythms, moved onto played the Glockenspeils and ended our week with our first Ocarina lesson! Such fun as always with lots of new knowledge. Well done everyone! 😊

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



What a busy week we've had in KS1, with lots of super learning! This week we have been learning how to draw different emotions and expressions on faces in Art. In Geography we spent time looking at vegetables and fruit grown on farms, and the way in which they grow. Our PE has been continuing with dance, moving like animals in time with the beat. In Science we have been looking at the usefulness of different materials. We have been enjoying learning more about dragons in our new English book - we made 'Beware of the dragons' posters with super sentences! Well done everyone.

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



In LKS2 this week we collected noun phrases and prepositions, which we grouped into themes. We then used them to write descriptive opening paragraphs for our historical narrative based on Escape from Pompeii. In Science, the children predicted and identified conductors of electricity, complete and incomplete electrical circuits. In Geography we continued making informative posters for the water cycle and writing the journey of a raindrop. Our artists learned and practised printing skills using various objects for printing techniques, and then created their own stamps. In PE, we travelled from a Wild West theme to Thriller, creating a sequence of moves with a focus on rhythm and beat. In RE we continued to ask the question, How did Jesus show his power and authority? We looked at Biblical events show that Jesus is the Son of God and linked to the Sabbath. Finally, in PSHE the children identified, What is a community? They named buildings and places shared by our community, identified groups that exist in the community and how they may be linked to each other.

A super week Kingfisher Class!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed finishing Macbeth and discussing its themes. They continued their dancing in PE, moving from last week's Harry Potter theme tune to Ghostbusters. In RE, they continued their quest to discover why Christians believe Jesus was a great teacher, looking particularly at 'The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.' Science saw a move from investigating thermal insulators (what will keep the ice cold?) to electrical conductors (what will make the brightest bulb?). Swimming was popular, as always (no products, please) and brass lessons are now working towards a concert on 30th March. Geography's focus on changes in human geography (how people use the land) moved from regeneration for the London 2012 Olympics to before and after the Coventry Blitz of WW2. With

Spanish revision and PSHE continuing from last week's visitor, who helped the children to give emotions meaning, we've had another busy week. Well done!

Year 6

This week in Wrens has been another busy week of learning. The children have enjoyed continuing their journey with Bilbo Baggins in the Hobbit and have also enjoyed writing in role as one of the children in the Selfish Giant's garden. In geography, the children have been investigating the location of the world's minerals and finding out if they are sustainable sources or not. In Re, we discussed the meaning of the Workers in the Vineyard parable and retold the story in a modern setting and in Art, the children enjoyed learning about Picasso. The week was rounded off with a most enjoyable PE lesson. Well done everyone !

PE Timetable

Monday	Swifts & Robins PE, Kingfishers Swimming,
Tuesday	Doves, Eagles, Falcons, Herons, Owls
Wednesday	Doves, Eagles, Herons Swifts & Robins Swimming
Thursday	Falcons, Kingfishers, Owls,
Friday	Little Lennies, Blackbirds, Wrens

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd January	Kingfishers Swimming
	Eagles Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
Tuesday 24th January	3.30pm Y3/4 Sports club
Wednesday 25th January	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 26th January	3.30pm Muddy Church (letters have been sent and emailed out)
Friday 27th January	3.30pm Y3/4 Sports club
Monday 30th January	Kingfishers Swimming
	Eagles Woodlands Learning Session 2 of 2
Tuesday 31st January	Year 5 Visit to Jodrell Bank
	Reception children Vision Screening – in school
	3.30pm Y3/4 Sports club
Wednesday 1st February	Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Friday 3rd February	3.30pm Y3/4 Sports club
Monday 6th February	Final Kingfishers Swimming Lesson
	Doves Woodlands Learning Session 1 of 2
Tuesday 7th February	3.30pm Y3/4 Sports club
Wednesday 8th February	Final Year 5 Swimming Lesson
Friday 10th February	3.30pm Y3/4 Sports club
	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
Thursday 23rd February	3.30pm Muddy Church (Details to follow)
Monday 27th February	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>