



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Confirmation

On Sunday, 11 of our Year 6 children were confirmed at St. Leonard's church by Bishop Phillip. Confirmation is an important part of a Christian's journey of faith in which they make for themselves the promises made at their Baptism and are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit - ready to go out into the world as courageous Christians. Well done to those children who have prepared so beautifully and chosen to take this next step.

Worship

On Thursday the school gathered in church to celebrate the feast of the Ascension, when Jesus returned to Heaven 40 days after the Resurrection. Worship was led beautifully by Owls class who had prepared readings, prayers and explanations of the feast. They did a wonderful job leading worship!

Trim Trail

The children have finally been able to use the trim trail today and have had a wonderful time! One child said, "This is even better than the one at the park!" How lovely.



Year 2 SATs

This week our Year 2 children have been working hard to show all that they have learnt by completing their KS1 SATs tests which are an important marker on their learning journey. Well done to each and every child - they really gave their all and were even excited to be doing them!

Educational Visits

Next week we have a number of educational visits going ahead to enhance and broaden children's experience and love of learning. The children are very excited and look forward to great days out at Manchester Art Gallery, Blackpool Zoo, and the Manchester Science and Industry museum.

Mrs Lindley

Whole-School STEM Challenge

Cardboard Chairs

Summer Term 2023

This year's STEM challenge is to construct a cardboard chair that you can sit on (or your teddy can sit on). You can only use cardboard so no glue, tape or other fixing materials are allowed. This is something that can be done at home with help from an adult.

Watch this video to find out more and see Dyson engineers take on the challenge.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuAqA_GhVQ0



Educational Activities for Kids: Cardboard Chair

Can you make a chair from cardboard? Fun, hands-on educational activities for kids using household materials. Watch the video to see find out more and see Dyson engineers take on the challenge. Download the challenge card at www.jamesdysonfoundation.com. And don't forget to share your challenges with us on Facebook and Instagram #JDFChallenge.

www.youtube.com

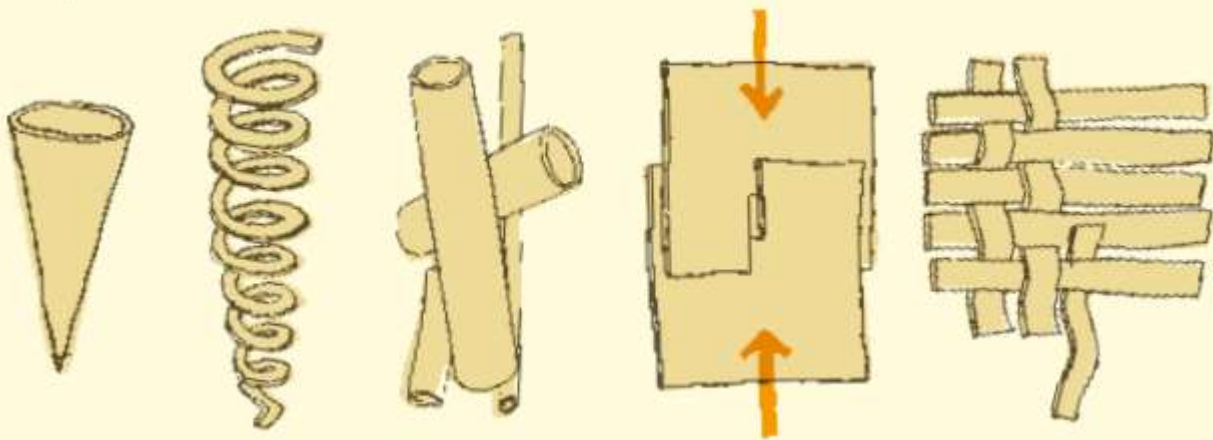
We will be inviting St. Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School to take part too. You will be able to showcase your product in school (Monday 3rd July 2023) and talk about how you found the design, make, evaluate process. You will receive a certificate for taking part. Products that meet the design criteria will be photographed and displayed here on our school website!

You can get started straight away!

The method

1. Write down or sketch some ideas as to how you will construct the chair.
2. When you are planning, think about using cones, interlocking sheets, spirals, tubes – or even using strips of card like sewing thread.
3. Use the materials to create a chair made from cardboard.
4. If your first design doesn't work, evaluate what went wrong and try again.

Examples of different structures:



Absence during term time

We have had a huge increase in the number of Leave of Absence requests for holidays during term time. Please do everything you can to avoid taking children out of school as this comes at a cost to your child's education. Please see our attendance policy on the website for information regarding penalty notices which may be issued if a pupil has had 5 school days (10 sessions) lost to unauthorised absence during the current term or 7 school days (14 sessions) in 2 consecutive terms. A holiday form must also be completed at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the absence to avoid a penalty notice being issued.

During the Spring Term, a total of **607.5 days** of school was missed by children for different reasons.

Please avoid holidays and planned appointments in term time - days off soon add up to a lot of missed learning

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

Morning Drop Off - Support for parents/carers in keeping children safe before school begins.

There is a ten minute window to allow children to be ready in school for an 8.55 start. School gates are open at **8.45am**. Please try not to bring your child earlier than this. If you do arrive too early, please form an orderly queue on the pavement and supervise your children so they do not congregate in a huddle.

Gates are locked at 8.55am and anyone arriving after this time needs to go through the main office.

Please be reminded that parents/carers are responsible for the safety of their own children until 8.45am when the children enter the school grounds and go straight into the building.

The crossing patrol operates outside of the Church entrance. For anyone parking on the top car park at Mytton Fold, there are paths towards the hotel reception and the main road leading safely to the crossing patrol.

May we also ask that adults leave their children to walk down the path on their own, unless your child really needs to be accompanied.

Thank you for your support, as always.

School dinners - price increase from September 2023

School lunch prices will increase by 10p to £2.40 per child per day from September 2023. The cost remains less than the recommended local authority price of school lunches.

Mandy's school meals are healthy, nutritious and tasty and we can be flexible with accommodating the needs of families who wish to have a school meal on some rather than every day of the week.





Please contact the office if your child currently brings a packed lunch and you'd like them to have school lunches.



Little Lennie's - price increase from September 2023

In line with our local authority, the hourly cost of our Little Lennie's pre-school will increase to £4.75 per hour from September 2023. Our prices have remained the same since the opening of Little Lennie's despite a cost increase advised by the local authority which should have taken effect during the summer term of last year.

This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Wrens	98.8
	Eagles	98.6
	Robins	97.6

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



This week our Little Lennie's children have enjoyed the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk.' This has led to lots of learning all about growing. The children have created their own model beanstalks using both model making pieces and salt dough. The children have been learning the days of the week as well as taking time to order the story, thinking about simple sequencing. Measures have been explored this week too, thinking about maths words linked to size and ordering from the smallest to the largest beanstalks! In Blackbirds class the Reception children have shared the story of 'Oliver's Vegetables.' This has led to lots of discussion about different foods and healthy eating. The children have reflected on the best ways to keep themselves healthy, including exercising, sleep and bedtimes and brushing their teeth. Our new role-play shop has been an area of enhancement and the children have used their independent counting skills to serve one another. At the end of the week, we all enjoyed welcoming our grown-ups into class to celebrate the learning we have done this year and to have time to stay and play together. Well done everyone on another super week! ☺

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



Key Stage 1 has worked incredibly hard all week and we are all proud of each and every one of them. The Year 2's this week have shown a fantastic attitude with great perseverance toward completing their SATs. This week we have continued to read The Last Wolf as part of our English lessons, and we enjoyed writing our own letters to Mrs Lindley to help the animals in our own woods. In Geography, we started to learn about the migration of swallows and discovered what famous landmarks they would have seen when flying across countries and continents. In Science, we have continued our investigation on how well cress can be grown in different environments. Well done everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



What an incredible week we have had in Year 3 and 4! In Geography, we concluded our topic about earthquakes and volcanoes by constructing our very own erupting volcano using vinegar, red food-colouring and bicarbonate soda. How exciting! The children also had the opportunity to learn about and research some recent eruptions and earthquakes. In PE, we have been focusing on throwing techniques and aiming for a target. The children worked extremely hard in mastering their throw and 'pushing' the ball out into the air. In RE this week, we thought about the similarities and differences between Churches and Mosques by virtually exploring inside these different places of worship. We were even lucky enough to learn some extra information from our more knowledgeable children. Well done for another fantastic week, everyone!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

With Monday not being a bank holiday (for a change), Year 5 were pleased to be doing a bit more art, which involved collaborating to complete a design for a zoo's discovery centre. They also got their extra PE lesson - two this week - identifying tactics and strategies in team noughts and crosses, and cops and robbers. Their RE work was about the spread of christianity and the persecution of early Christians. In maths, the children finished their work on decimals (but find some games to play on maths playground or top marks if you want to boost your confidence) and began a new unit on shape and angles. We also finished our geography work with the life story of an item of food or clothing, from the climate where they grew, through the transport and processes it too for them to arrive at our house (along with who or what they met along the way).

Many of the children are enjoying their brass lessons and practising set pieces ready for an end of term concert. Some are not taking their instruments home to practise. Please can you encourage them to keep practising a few times a week so they feel more confident and are able to produce a more refined tune for their performance.

Year 6

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Heidi</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Jacob & Alba</u></i>
<u>Doves</u> <i><u>Libby</u></i>	<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Alice</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Freddie</u></i>
<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>Fionn</u></i>	<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>Oliver S</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Gracie</u></i>
<u>Robins</u> <i><u>Isabel</u></i>	<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Oscar B</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Chloe H & James Hu</u></i>

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd May	Y3 and Y4 Visit to Museum of Science and Industry
Wednesday 24th May	Y6 transition 'fun' day at St Leonard's with Y6 children from local schools Y5 Visit to Manchester Art Gallery
Thursday 25th May	Y1 and Y2 Visit to Blackpool Zoo 6pm - Y6 Information Evening -Borwick Hall residential
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term
May Half Term	
Wednesday 7th June	8.45 School reopens
Thursday 8th June	Y3 and Y4 Visit to Blackburn Cathedral New Reception Starters open evening at 5.30pm
Friday 9th June	Art and Design Technology Workshop Day
Friday 23rd June	Sports Day for all children Morning - Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day 11am-12pm Boys Football competition Girls Football competition Afternoon - KS2 Sports Day 3:30 - Summer Fair
Monday 3rd July	STEM challenge - info to follow
Wednesday 11th July	New Reception Starters stay and play 9.30am - 12.30pm
Friday 14th July	School Reports out to parents/carers
Monday 17th July	2:30 Little Lennie's Graduation & Picnic
Tuesday 18th July	9:15 - 11:00 Reception Graduation and picnic 6pm Y6 St Leonard's in the Limelight Show - info to follow
Wednesday 19th July	5.30pm - 8pm Y6 Leavers' Party - info to follow
Friday 21st July	9:00 Y6 Leavers' Service in Church
Friday 21st July	1:30pm School closes for the summer holidays

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>

KIDS TICKETS
£5.00 EACH

CALL:
01254 240 662
TO BOOK

MYTTON FOLD FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

12PM ONWARDS, BOUNCY CASTLE, LAWN GAMES, FACE
PAINTING & MORE! FOOD SERVED 12-9.

Grab the kids, get the whole family together, and join us on Saturday 10th June, from 12pm onwards for our Family fun Day here at Mytton Fold.

With plenty of entertainment for the kids including –

- ☀️ Bouncy Castle
- ☀️ Lawn Games
- ☀️ Face Painting

All included throughout the day in our £5.00 kids ticket.

Plus, we'll be serving food, fresh from the Fold restaurant 12-9, with a range of great drinks offers, and kids ice cream and toppings menu available too.

All you need to do, is purchase kids tickets for the event from our reception team on 01254 240 662, for access to all kids entertainment throughout the day, and book your very own table with us to dine.

FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE



**FREE DRINK
FOR ALL DAD'S
DINING WITH US**



BROWSE OVER 80 CLASSIC CARS AS LANCASHIRE AUTOMOBILE CLUB JOIN US AHEAD OF THEIR KENDAL 100 RALLY.

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST FROM 8:00-10:00AM
OR A SPOT OF SUNDAY LUNCH SERVED 12:00-8:00PM
TABLE BOOKINGS REQUIRED, CALL US ON: 01254 240 662**

Celebrate Father's Day with us on Sunday 18th June here at Mytton Fold, and spoil all of the Dad's, Daddy's, Papa's and father figures in your life.

We're proud to announce that Lancashire Automobile Club will be joining us from 8:00am onwards, ahead of their prestigious Kendal 100 Rally – arriving back to Mytton Fold at 5:00pm.

So why not bring your Dad, and browse over 80 classic cars! Join us for breakfast and a browse, from 8:00am – 10:00am, or a spot of Sunday Lunch, served 12:00pm – 8:00pm.

With a complimentary drink for all Dad's dining with us this Father's Day.

Table bookings are required for both Breakfast and Sunday Lunch to avoid disappointment.

