



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

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**In Jesus' footsteps, we will grow in grace and knowledge.**



### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 26th May 2023**



#### **Worship**

This week we have explored what it means to be a courageous advocate, inspired by Moses and David from the Old Testament, and the story of the Good Samaritan from the New Testament. With Jesus being the best example of a courageous advocate for his people on Earth, we thought about how we can follow his example by walking in his footsteps in our lives, both at school and at home.

#### **Educational visits**

What a busy week of educational visits we have had! Year 3 & 4 went to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, Year 1 & 2 visited Blackpool Zoo and Y5 went to Manchester Art Gallery. All of our children were fantastic ambassadors for St Leonard's, representing us beautifully throughout. Our thanks goes to the many volunteers who attended these trips - we couldn't run them without you!

#### **Year 6 friendship transition day**

On Wednesday we were joined by approximately 100 extra Year 6 children from local schools for a fun day of connection, collaboration and friendship building. Children from Mellor St Mary's CE, St Mary's RC Osbaldeston, Salesbury CE, Samlesbury CE and Balderstone St Leonard's CE attended and all were grouped according to the high schools they will be attending in September for a round robin of activities. By the end of the day, they had made new friends and will recognise a few familiar faces on their first day at their new schools.



#### **Thank you!**

Today we were visited by a representative from East Lancashire Hospice to say a big 'thank you' to the children (and their parents/carers) for taking part in the Hop, Skip & Jump event that raised £556.25 for this wonderful charity.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term break! Stay safe, have fun and recharge.  
Mrs Lindley

## Join our Team!

We currently have vacancies for lunchtime welfare assistants to work during the lunchtime period (1.5 hours per day) from 11.45 until 1.15pm. Please let Mrs Bolton or Miss Watson in the office know if you are interested and they will give you an application form, either via email or a paper copy.

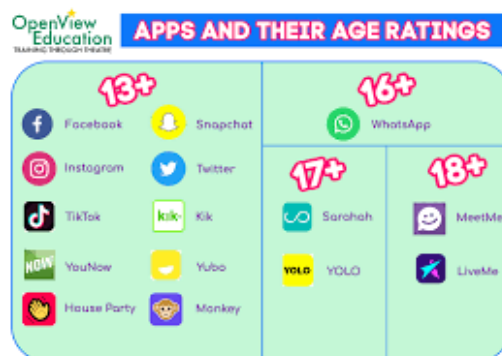


## Hot Weather

Please remember to send your child into school with a cap or sunhat, a full water bottle and wearing sunscreen each day so they are protected at playtimes. Every class has waterbottle carriers so that on hot lunchtimes children can have their water outside as well. We also have a new canopy on the field and have purchased extra large parasols for playground shade. Please be reminded that only water is allowed in classrooms.

## Online Safety and Use of Social Media

Please could we ask for your support in monitoring your child's use of devices and the content of messages carefully, to keep everyone safe online. Please be reminded that What's app is not recommended for children to use until the age of 16 in the UK and TikTok is not recommended for children to use until the age of 13.



## Useful Family Support and Safeguarding Information

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-childcare-and-family-support/family-support/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/your-health-wellbeing/domestic-abuse/>

<https://www.safeguardingpartnership.org.uk/report/>



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# 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](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](http://www.jamesdysonfoundation.com). And don't forget to share your challenges with us on Facebook and Instagram #JDFChallenge.

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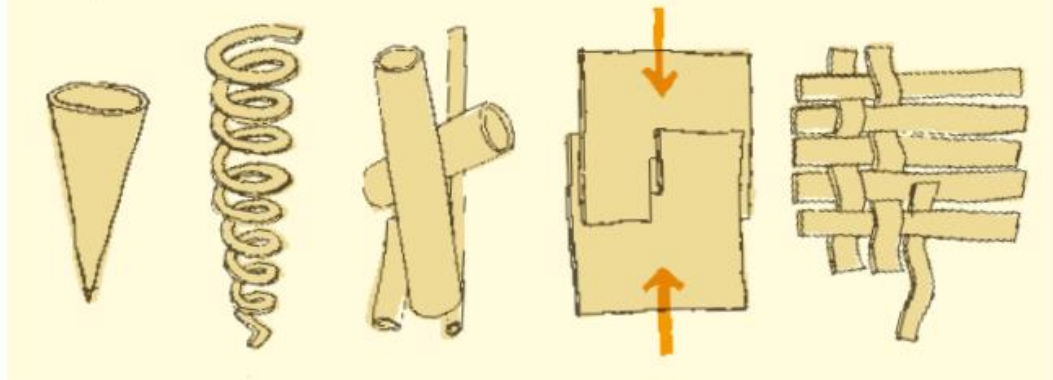
We will be inviting St. Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School to take part too. You will be able to showcase your product in school (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023) and talk about how you found the design, make, evaluate process. You will receive a certificate for taking part. Products that meet the 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%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

## This Week's Attendance !



	Class	% Attendance this week
	Doves	100
	Eagles	99.5
	Robins	96.8

## Weekly Highlights

### Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



Our Little Lennie's children have had a wonderful week, reading the story of 'Oi Frog.' This has supported new learning all about the life cycles of frogs. The children have created their own clay frogs, developing fine motor skills. With the idea of changes in mind, the children have also looked at photos of themselves as babies and compared these with how they now look and have grown. There have been many rhyming words in our story this week which the children have remembered well. Our maths focus has developed the animal theme, enhancing our awareness of how many legs they have and practising our counting skills.

In Blackbirds class our Reception children have used the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to develop their understanding of life cycles of butterflies. We have learnt new words such as chrysalis and metamorphosis and written sentences to show our knowledge. We have enjoyed getting ready for Year 1, using our new table places whilst still enjoying all our usual play and learning spaces. Our new Maths books have also proved very exciting as we have been learning all about the long and short date as well as practising our number formations. Well done everyone on another fantastic week! ☺



### Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



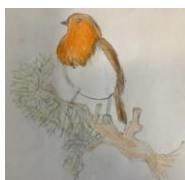
What a super end to an incredibly busy and exciting term! We have continued to enjoy our English sessions where we wrote letters to Mrs Lindley persuading her to plant more trees to help the last wolf. and write fantastic recounts about our trip to the zoo. In Science, we completed our unit by writing instructions on how to take care of your plants and analysed our results from our cress seed investigation. We designed and painted our own roller coasters using our new brushing techniques. We had an amazing day out at the zoo where we saw lions close up, penguins swimming, gorillas munching on their lunch and of course the fabulous sea lion show! Such a busy week - I think we are all ready for a nice rest! Well done Key Stage 1!

### Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



What a fantastic final week of the half term we have had in Year 3 and 4! We have concluded our science topic all about teeth and digestion by learning all about food chains and exploring different habitats. The children also explored different animals' teeth and made predictions about their diets based on the types of teeth they have. We also enjoyed an incredible trip to Manchester's Science and Industry Museum; we learned all about the cotton mills, different scientific concepts and listened to some talks that were very interesting. The children behaved impeccably and were wonderful representatives of our school. In RE, we learned all about Judaism and how their worship is both similar and different to Christianity. Well done for your hard work this half term, everyone!

### Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



#### **Year 5**

The final week of this half term has been just as busy as every other week, with lots of finishing off to be done. We finished our writing, which was inspired by the Paperbag Prince. We finished our art, designing for a purpose, with a luxurious product called Opulence. We finished our PE unit about tactics and strategies, including a session from Key PE, where we played different rounds of kingpin to help us focus on different skills. We finished our science by comparing the life cycles of insects and amphibians (which use metamorphosis) to the life cycle of birds. We finished our computing work to use different filming techniques to make and edit a video. Finally, we finished our RE work about St Paul and the spread of Christianity. All this, with a visit to Manchester Art Gallery to think carefully about the shapes, colours and feelings in art, made for a very busy week. Thank goodness we finished this half term and can have a rest before we start the final stretch of the year.

#### **Year 6**

We have had a fabulous week in Wrens class. The children finished our 'Manfish' writing unit with their beautifully illustrated and written biographies of Jacques Cousteau. They drew maps of our local area in geography and in science looked at reversible and irreversible changes. The highlight of the week though was the Year 6 Transition day when we welcomed 5 other schools to join us for a day of making friends, having fun and enjoying all sorts of activities. We were so proud of Wrens - they were welcoming hosts and shone brightly all day. Well done Wrens - it's been a busy half term - have a good rest and we will see you for your final half term in primary school after the break, when we have lots of exciting things to look forward to !

### Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	<u><b>Little Lennies</b></u> <i><u>Doris</u></i>	<u><b>Blackbirds</b></u> <i><u>Eli &amp; Zach</u></i>
<u><b>Doves</b></u> <i><u>Poppy</u></i>	<u><b>Eagles</b></u> <i><u>Darcey</u></i>	<u><b>Falcons</b></u> <i><u>Levi</u></i>
<u><b>Hérons</b></u> <i><u>Tilly</u></i>	<u><b>Kingfishers</b></u> <i><u>Chelsea</u></i>	<u><b>Owls</b></u> <i><u>Finley</u></i>
<u><b>Robins</b></u> <i><u>Ella</u></i>	<u><b>Swifts</b></u> <i><u>Edward</u></i>	<u><b>Wrens</b></u> <i><u>Rocco &amp; Chloe T</u></i>

## Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 7th June</b>	<b>8.45 School reopens after half term</b>
<b>Thursday 8th June</b>	<b>Y3 and Y4 Visit to Blackburn Cathedral</b> <b>New Reception Starters open evening at 5.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 9th June</b>	<b>Art and Design Technology Workshop Day</b>
<b>Friday 23rd June</b>	<b>Sports Day for all children</b> <b>Morning - Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day</b> <b>11am-12pm Boys Football competition</b> <b>Girls Football competition</b>  <b>Afternoon - KS2 Sports Day</b>  <b>3:30 - Summer Fair</b>
<b>Monday 3rd July</b>	<b>STEM challenge - info above</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th July</b>	<b>New Reception Starters stay and play 9.30am - 12.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 14th July</b>	<b>Moving up day.</b> <b>School Reports out to parents/carers</b> <b>New class information to be shared</b>
<b>Monday 17th July</b>	<b>2:30 Little Lennie's Graduation &amp; Picnic</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th July</b>	<b>9:15 - 11:00 Reception Graduation and picnic</b>  <b>6pm Y6 St Leonard's in the Limelight Show - info to follow</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th July</b>	<b>5.30pm - 8pm Y6 Leavers' Party - info to follow</b>
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	<b>9:00 Y6 Leavers' Service in Church</b>  <b>1:30pm School closes for the summer holidays</b>



**Sunday Services**

9.15 Eucharist

10:30 Family Service

**Monday**

4pm Evening Prayer

St Leonard's  
C of E Church  
Langho & Billington

Please see our school website for this and next academic year's term dates. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/holiday-dates>

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