



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

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You can also see more information about us on our school website: www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

Worship



This week we have reflected on the saints and how they were helped by God's grace to make the right choices in life that led them to do wonderful things to help others. We thought about how we can make those little every day choices to be that little bit more kind and caring each day. We also reflected on Jonah's life and how if we are to flourish, rather than moan we should look for the positives in situations - there's always a smile to be found!

Parents' and Carers' Evening

It was wonderful to see so many of our parents and carers yesterday- thank you so much to all those who came to meet with your child's class teacher and look at the work in books. Home-school partnerships are crucial to your child's progress and wellbeing so thank you for taking the time to attend. If anyone did not manage to book an appointment, please contact the school office to arrange your 5 minute appointment in the near future.

Super attitudes to learning!

It has only been a short week but the children have launched into their learning with great enthusiasm. KS1 have had a mystery to solve of nibbled books in their English lessons whilst KS2 have been writing their own stories for a 500 word competition (more details below). Meanwhile Early Years have been exploring fiction and non-fiction books. Well done children on a really productive, settled return to school after half-term. We look forward to all that the next half-term brings!

Mrs Lindley

500 Words



The children in KS2 have been perfecting their own stories this week ready to enter into the BBC 500 Word competition. It has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm and their imaginative ideas emerging. Teachers will be uploading and submitting all of the children's entries over the next week. A huge well done to all the children on such imaginative and well thought out ideas. There might be a winning author amongst us!

Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to school in November!

Books will be for sale from 3:30 – 4:00 after school on Thursday 23rd November, Friday 24th November, Monday 27th November and Tuesday 28th November.

All books bought will help to earn free books for our school! Thank you for your support.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Next week we, the School Council, will be offering children the opportunity to donate money to the Royal British Legion for a poppy. Below is a list of items and their price, following our School Council meeting today with Miss Kealey. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.



Poppy 20p
Reflective Poppy 50p
Sharpener £1
Rubber £1
Wristband £1
Slap band £1.50
Ruler £1

Thank you!

St Leonard's School Council

Bishop Philip's Harvest Appeal



**Blackburn Diocese
Bishop's Harvest Appeal
2023**

A Nation Rebuilt with Christ at its Heart



Thank you for the donations for this year's Bishop Harvest Appeal which so far total £87.40. If there are any further donations please send these to the school office early next week. Thank you also to those who have donated directly to the appeal online.

Times Table Rock Stars Challenge

EVENT DETAILS

START DATE:
November 14th 2023

END DATE:
November 16th 2023

TIME:
Daily 7:30am to 7:30pm

LOCATION:
England

DAILY CAP:
1 hour per player

On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November, children in KS2 will be taking part in the TTRS Challenge along with children from schools all around the country!



Children will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can in the normal activities they access on TTRS. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil. Children will have time in school to complete the challenge but this can be boosted at home with scores of up to 1 hour of challenge time contributing to the whole school score! Let's show everyone what St. Leonard's children can do and see how high on the leaderboard we can get!



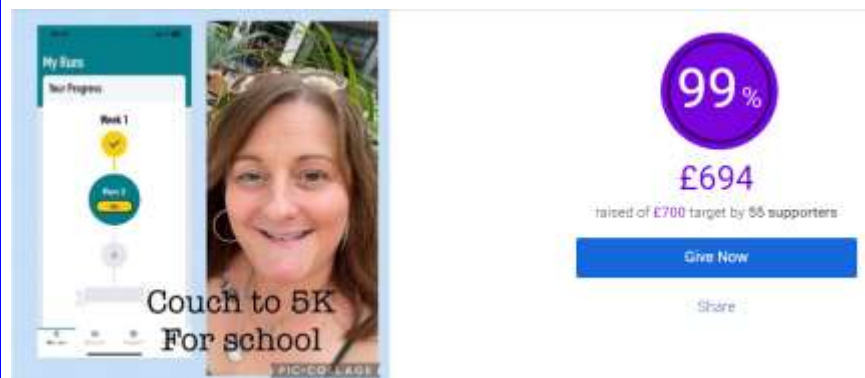
Extra-Curricular Timetable Autumn 2 2023-2024

	After-School
Monday	Y3 Woodland Crafts (Mrs Cross & Miss Clarkson) Y4 Spanish (Miss Jones) Y1/2 Bible Explorers (Mrs Filder)
Tuesday	Y1/2 Basketball (KeyPE)
Wednesday	Y3 Spanish (Miss Waddicor) Y5 Cookery (Flavours of Whalley) Y5/Y6 Girls' Football (Mrs Murphy)
Thursday	Y5/6 Guardians of the Planet (Mrs Duckett and Miss Kealey) Y3/4 Football Boys and Girls (Miss Waddicor) Y4/5/6 Choir (Mrs Cronshaw)
Friday	Y6 Football Practice (KeyPE)

Autumn 2 PE Days

Blackbirds - Welly Wednesdays and PE Fridays	Owls - Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Doves - Tuesdays and Thursdays	Robins - Mondays and Fridays
Eagles - Tuesdays and Thursdays	Swifts - Mondays and Fridays
Falcons - Tuesdays and Wednesdays	Wagtails - Mondays and Swimming on Tuesdays
Herons - Tuesdays and Thursdays	Wrens - Wednesdays and Fridays
Kingfishers - Mondays and Tuesdays	

Miss Clayton's Book Run - Thank you!



Over the holidays I have achieved 5K. which left me on a high! I am now continuing so I can hopefully soon join a 5k run locally.

Massive thankyou to all of you for your continued support and donations. I have now hit my £700 target as I have cash donations as well. I am truly humbled by you all.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vicky-clayton?utm_term=My98vZDqm

Early Years Outdoor Provision



EYFS children have been having a think about how to further improve our outdoor provision. If you have any of the following items in good condition that you would be able to donate, please leave them at the school office.

Hard hats

Toy Spades

High vis jackets

Small vehicles including; Diggers, Tractors, Dumpers

Absence and Lateness



The School day begins at 8:55am. Gates are opened ten minutes earlier at 8.45am when children are welcomed in by a leader at the gate. After gates have shut at 8:55am, we frequently have a number of children arriving after school has officially begun. When children arrive late they are missing out on morning learning opportunities. Please ensure that your child is on time every day. If you do arrive late with your child, you need to accompany them to the front office and sign them in on the touch screen 'inventory' system.

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 will 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.

Please refer to this link from the NHS if you are not sure if your child is too ill to attend school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Friday Worship in Church - Parents & Carers Welcome!

Every other week, a different class will lead the whole school in Worship in church on a Friday morning starting at 9am.

The upcoming dates for Autumn term are:

Friday 10th November - Robins

Friday 24th November - Owls

Friday 8th December - Kingfishers

Friday 22nd December - Herons

All welcome ☺

Admissions



If you or anyone you know would like a tour of our school to inform decision-making for Reception 2024 places, please contact the school office - we would be incredibly proud to show you around our wonderful school!

Applications are open to apply for a Reception school place starting in September 2024. You can apply online at :

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024.

Diary Dates

Half-term	
Thursday 9th November	Y6 Visit to the Imperial War Museum
Friday 10th November	9:00am Robins leading Worship in church. All welcome. 3:45pm PTFA Film Night
Tuesday 14th November	England Rocks TTRS Challenge in school and at home
Wednesday 15th November	England Rocks TTRS Challenge in school and at home
Thursday 23rd November	3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 24th November	9:00am Owls leading Worship in church. All welcome. 3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 27th November	3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 28th November	3:30-4:00pm Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 8th December	9:00am Kingfishers leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Tuesday 12th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 Pantomime Visit 2:30 Early Years Nativity in the school Hall
Friday 15th December	3:30pm Christmas Fair!
Tuesday 19th December	2:30pm KS1 Nativity in Church 5:30pm KS1 Nativity in Church
Friday 22nd December	9:00am Herons leading Worship in church. All welcome. 1:30pm School closes for the Christmas Holiday
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 8th January	8:45am school re-opens for the Spring term.

St Leonard's
C of E Church
Langho & Billington

Sunday Services

10:30 Family Service

Current services are being shared among clergy from other local churches in the area.



LANGHO COMMUNITY BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY

Hot food and refreshments will be available on the night

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LANGHO
GATES OPEN AT 6PM

Ticket prices before 4th November:

Family ticket* £12.00

Adults £5.00 • Children £3.00

On November 4th online or at the gate:

Family ticket* £15.00

Adults £6.00 • Children £4.00

**Family ticket includes: 2 Adults and 3 Children*

Discounted tickets are on sale

online or at Langho Spar

until 3rd November.

On Saturday 4th November, if any tickets are remaining, they will only be available online or on the gate.



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Online tickets available via Facebook or scan the QR code

www.facebook.com/stleonardsbonfire



Please **DO NOT** bring fireworks, including sparklers or any alcohol



Your invitation to

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH



Christmas FAIR



Saturday
25th
November

1-4pm



Enjoy stalls with gifts, crafts, cakes,
hot & cold refreshments, a bumper
raffle, tombola, fun and much more !

Billington & Langho Community Centre
behind St Leonard's Church

Adults £1, Children 50p (includes a visit to Santa and a gift)

Proceeds to St
Leonard's
Church, Langho

Everyone welcome

