



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

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Welcome back!

Welcome back after our half-term break, I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable time. We began our week with worship, led by Mrs Cronshaw, who reminded us of the special time in the Christian Calendar - Lent. We sat quietly and thought about this period of reflection and how we can learn from Jesus during His time in the wilderness. Jesus taught us that life is challenging and the decisions we make can be difficult. Using our Pupil Promises and knowing that God's love is given freely, we can be rest assured that He is with us always. Life is precious and at the halfway point in the school year, we considered the importance of making every minute count, being the best we can be and being grateful for our wonderful school and our vision which teaches us to 'Love and value all.'

Special Visitors

This week the children have benefitted from some very special visitors. With Pupil Promise Number 1 - 'To Keep Myself Safe' in mind - the children received a very informative presentation coupled with a tour around a fire engine from Jonathan, Lee and Stefan from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. Please ask your child about what they remember, including 'Stop, drop and roll,' checking fire alarms, as well as learning about the protective clothing worn by firefighters. The children thought very carefully and asked some excellent questions. A huge thank you to the fire service and also to Nicola and Shamas from North West Ambulance Service for helping the children develop their understanding of the vital role our ambulance crews play in helping everyone to keep safe and well too. First-hand experiences for the children play a vital part in ensuring they receive a broad and varied curriculum from Nursery to Year 6. (Please see our website and Facebook pages for photos.)

World Thinking Day

On Thursday, members of our Guiding and Scouting communities came to school in these uniforms to support World Thinking Day. The theme this year is 'Our World. Our Peaceful Future.' We hope the children enjoyed their day, representing their organisations and reflecting on the theme.

Swifts Class lead Worship

We ended our week with a superb worship in church led by Swifts class. The children extended our learning about World Thinking Day, reading from Genesis, telling the Story of Creation. We were encouraged to recognise our responsibilities for caring for our planet and shared in poetry and prayer. The children showed us a beautiful plaque that will be placed in our woodlands, reminding us of God's creation and our wonderful world. Many thanks to those who came along and supported the children.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley



Facebook

Our new facebook page is live which will include regular updates - please follow and like!

[Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)

Spring has Sprung!

The children in Blackbirds class have been working very hard with Mrs Pountain to develop their outdoor learning area. A few weeks ago they began designing their outdoor space and decided how they wanted to organise their environment - resulting in ownership and investment in their learning and some planting. They are very proud of what has been growing over the half-term! We are excited to watch the panises grow which we planted in wellies as well as the wildflower seeds - it's going to be a wonderful sensory space for playing and learning. The children will enjoy developing their understanding of caring for and maintaining their environment whilst thinking carefully about Pupil Promise Number 4 'To look after my school and environment.'



'People Who Help Us' week

Our early years children have enjoyed a fabulous week of first-hand experiences to enhance their understanding of how they and others can keep themselves safe. As well as our ambulance and fire crews, we would like to thank, Amanda, (School Crossing Patrol) Katie and Caroline, (PSCOs) and Dr Watson for sharing insights into their occupations and deepening the children's awareness, linking to our Pupil Promises 'To keep myself safe' and 'To be kind and look after others.'



Eco Club - Reducing Waste at Lunchtime

Our Eco Club is leading the way in trying to reduce the amount of waste that we produce as a school.

Please continue to talk to your child about making sure they take home any uneaten food from packed lunches. This means that any recycling can be done at home and parents are fully aware of how much children are eating.

Thank you for your support and well done Eco Club for continually being great ambassadors!



School Books

This week children have been utilising our school library more to choose reading books to bring home and enjoy. Please ensure that all books from school whether 'library' or 'reading books' are treated with care and returned in the condition you would wish to receive them. **Water bottles should never be kept in the same bag as books.** If an accident happens, please let the office or your child's teacher know. Thank you.

Named Items

Please ensure that **ALL** items belonging to your child are clearly named (including coats, lunch bags, hats, scarves and gloves) to ensure that any mislaid items can be promptly returned. Thank you.

Absence and Lateness



This is a further reminder that the School day begins at 8:55am. The gates are open from 8:45am and shut at 8:55am. Please do your best to get children to school for 8.45am, when the gates open. Once the gate at the top of the path is shut, please don't bring children in through the car park. **To safeguard all of our children effectively, ALL CHILDREN arriving after the gates are shut MUST BE SIGNED IN BY THEIR ADULT at the front office.**

Nut Free School



Please remember to be careful when packing children's lunches and snacks sent into school. Products containing any type of nuts are not allowed due to children with nut allergies in school. Kinder Bueno and Nutella snacks contain hazelnuts - please leave these at home.

Many thanks for your cooperation

Cold Weather

Please remember to send children in with waterproof winter coats everyday, and hats and gloves as the weather turns cold. If your child needs to use lip balm due to dry skin in the cold weather, this is permitted before school and at break times, not during lessons. Please remind your child that lip balm is not to be shared. Labelling of lip balms in case they get lost will help with a swift return. Please see our website for our **severe weather procedures** should we get any snow coming our way in the near future! <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/home>

Year 6 Hoodies - update

We are expecting delivery of the remaining hoodies early next week (WC 26th Feb 24). Once we have them all in school we will hand them out to the children.

Vision Screening in Lancashire - Reception children

Tuesday 19th March 2024

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

Every child in Reception receives an invitation to have their vision tested in school.





A detailed letter has already been sent home with your child (Wednesday 7th Feb 24).

NOTE: This is an OPT-OUT system. All children will have vision screening in school on the date below unless a reply slip is returned to school stating that you **DO NOT** wish your child to have the vision screening.

Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on:

Tuesday 19th March 2024

This Week's Attendance

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Wagtails	98.3
	Robins	97.4
	Falcons	96.9

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



What a fabulous week of learning we have had in Early Years! We have been thinking about 'people who help us' and people who are skilled at 'rescues'. We have been incredibly lucky to have been visited by the emergency services - firefighters and paramedics - who taught us all about keeping ourselves safe. This linked perfectly with our first pupil promise. We learnt all about the importance of a smoke alarm, a safe bedtime routine (shutting our doors) and what to do in the event of a house fire (stop, drop and roll!). We saw and learnt all about the equipment in both emergency service vehicles and even heard the sirens! We also had a visit from our lollipop lady who helped us think about ways we can keep safe when crossing the road - stop, look and listen! She told us all about her very important role. PCSOs taught us how we can keep safe if we ever get lost from our caregivers and how they help take care of people in our community. Dr. Watson also visited us and we got to learn all about the insides of our bodies, how doctors help us when we are unwell and how we can help keep our bodies healthy by washing the 'glitter germs' off our hands. We got to take on the role of being Doctors, testing bodily fluids (juice and chocolate sauce!) and looking after our poorly teddy bears - bandaging them up, listening to their hearts and looking inside their mouths. We also explored water safety - why we need water but how water can also be dangerous and ways we can keep ourselves safe. A super week of learning important life skills!

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week and they have been eager to start the new term. Our week started with a visit from the emergency services and it was great fun exploring the different vehicles. In English, we explored different bones and started to explore our new book, 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. In science, we have identified the parts of a plant and thought carefully about the important job each part does. In PE, we have enjoyed team games and worked together to collect as many cones as possible. A super week for everyone, well done!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



It's been an exciting first week of the half term which started with a visit from Lancashire Fire and Rescue. The children learned about fire risks and awareness of what to do in the event of a fire. They had a look inside a fire engine and the equipment the Lancashire Fire and Rescue use. In Guided Reading we have started reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and the children are excited and engaged with this text, asking lots of interesting questions and making links between past texts. In English this week we have written a recount and a letter using two texts with Whale themes. We are gathering and practising skills for our final outcome of an 'Information Article' about the protection of the blue whale. In RE we looked at the definition of trust and the connection to loyalty and reliability as we commenced our unit on 'Easter, a story of trust and betrayal'. In Science we discovered the parts and functions of flowering plants and in Geography we learned about countries, capital cities and regions in the UK. What an interesting week!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts, Wagtails & Wrens



Year 5

It has been lovely to see everybody again in Year 5 after half term - we got straight on with lots of exciting learning. In Spanish, we started our new unit on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears,' where we were able to learn some more new words. In Science, we started looking at the human timeline and found it fascinating to discover how a new life develops in the womb. In RE, we started our new unit on Easter and looked specifically at why Christians believe Easter is a celebration of victory. Robins loved their first swimming lesson and Swifts enjoyed their Key PE session at the end of the week. What a fun-filled first week back!

Year 6

It has been lovely to see the children back for the second half of their final year at primary school! We have started our new class novel - 'Wonder' by R.J.Palacio - which is a very different book to those which we have read before. The children are enjoying the story so far. Our new writing unit is based on the beautifully illustrated book 'Island' by Jason Chin - this unit will end with the children writing an explanation report based on the Galapagos Islands. We have continued our work on the circulatory system in Science and in Geography have begun our unit of work on Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Mountains - very interesting indeed! A super start to this half term - well done everyone.

Diary Dates

March	
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (more details to follow)
Friday 8th March	9:00am Blackbirds leading Worship in church. All welcome. 'LETGIRLSPLAY' biggest ever girls football event!
Thursday 14th March	2:30pm Year 5 Brass Concert
Friday 22nd March	9:00am Robins leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Monday 25th March	Easter Bake Off Competition! (Details to follow)
Wednesday 27th March	Y1 and Y2 Visit to Skipton Castle. (Letter has been sent out).
Thursday 28th March	1.30pm School closes for Easter

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Sunday Services

10:30 Family Service

Tuesdays 12:00pm Midday Prayers

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