



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

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Worship

Diolch to Mrs Pountain who led us this morning in a wonderful worship about St David in celebration of St David's day today. The children loved learning how to sing 'Thank you Lord for this new day' in Welsh and took away the message to make a difference by doing the little things in life. If you'd like to listen, a short video of the children singing will be on our Facebook page.

Lent lunch!

Each Tuesday throughout Lent, we are being joined by our neighbours and friends from St Leonard's Church for lunch. This is an opportunity for our children to share their time with others, making a difference within their community. Our Y6 Wagtail children provided some much appreciated chatter with our parishioners!



KS1 Dance Festival

We are extremely proud of this group of KS1 children who tried out various styles of dance this week at the Dance Festival event at St Augustine's. Their confidence when performing at the end was incredible!

Letter from the Schools Minister!

I was delighted this week to receive a letter of congratulations from Damian Hinds, Minister of State for school standards regarding our excellent KS2 outcomes 2023. I am beyond proud of the children and our incredibly hard working staff team who go above and beyond to provide the very best service possible to all of our children and families. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to parents and carers who are trusting and supportive in all circumstances of school life, and appreciate being part of our school family. Fantastic achievements like this cannot happen without your amazing support, for which the staff team at St Leonard's are incredibly grateful.

Please see the full letter from the DfE below.

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](#)

Our wonderful letter from Damien Hinds, Minister of State for school standards, acknowledging our fantastic outcomes!



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Minister for Schools

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5 February 2024

D. Mr Lindley,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessment last year.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 93 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Key stage 2. This means that for achievement in reading, writing and mathematics, Langho and Billington St Leonards Church of England Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

D. Hinds

Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools



This half term the children will be learning about the lives and cultures of the children at Kishunju Primary School in Uganda. They will be learning about their daily routine, school life, culture and more. Before they do this they have spent the last few days learning about Uganda the country itself. The children will be developing a rapport with one another whilst the school council decides upon a way to raise funds for Kishunju Primary school. The school is linked with the charity The Zuri Project Uganda. If you would like to learn more about the charity please follow the link below.

[Home | The Zuri Project](#)

Next Thursday, 7th March - World Book day

We are very excited to see your competition entries next Thursday- Get creative!!

Next Friday 8th March - International Women's Day 2024

All children may come to school in a football shirt / football kit or just some comfy sports clothes and trainers on Friday 8th March. All children will participate in football activities to take part in the 'Biggest Ever Football Session' **#Letgirlsplay**. This is also to celebrate International Women's Day 2024 and the children will be thinking about inspirational women in society and in their own everyday lives.



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>

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
	Falcons	100
	Doves	99.3
	Wagtails	99.1

Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Connie & William</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Amira & Ava</u></i>	<u>Doves</u> <i><u>James & Emilia</u></i>
<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Maisie & Molly</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Eddie & Esme</u></i>	<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>Orla-Mae & Seth</u></i>
<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>Freddie & Harley</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Sienna & Elise</u></i>	<u>Robins</u> <i><u>Harriet, Alice & Dua</u></i>
<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Tallulah, Harry & Poppy</u></i>	<u>Wagtails</u> <i><u>Jacob & Martha</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Halima & Florence</u></i>

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



Little Lennies have been asking the questions: What lives in the sea? and How do fish live under water? Thinking about how fish breathe with gills and how they move with their fins. They have been getting creative, looking at different seascape paintings, mixing white and blue to make different tints and using their paintbrushes in ways to create both calm and stormy seas.

Blackbirds have been focussing on shipwrecks and exploring how the ocean can tell us stories - particularly about the past. They have been learning about the Titanic - finding out facts and discussing what made it sink. Blackbirds have explored GoogleMaps, locating different oceans around the world and finding out about the interesting creatures which live there.

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



This week, KS1 have been very excited about designing their puppet for their design Technology project. In RE, they listened to the story of Holy Week to understand more of the symbols we get from the Bible. They have practised different ways of helping them to send and receive in PE and been looking at money, spending and saving in PSHE. Some have shown they are very practised at grouping objects as an easy way of counting and relating this to some of the processes computers are programmed to do. Geography was all about the Equator as an invisible line that separates the two hemispheres. We finished the week with Science, where some were identifying wild flowers and other moved from their knowledge of seeds last week to bulbs this week. What a busy week it has been! Thanks to all those who have shown great efforts in their learning.

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



This week in LKS2 we have been discussing characters' motives and the consequences of their actions during Whole Class Guided Reading, using our exciting text, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We have also focussed on giving full explanations as well as a variety of other question types. In English we are thoroughly enjoying learning about whales for our information Article. We have been practising grammar skills needed for this genre and we have used similes to create super poetry about a whale. In DT we introduced Smart Wearables to the children and analysed the WAYV harness. We looked at BBC Micro:bit coding website that can be used for Smart Wearables. Our investigations in Science led us to ask the question, 'Do all plants need the same things to survive?' We considered different environments alongside the characteristics of living things. In Geography we learned about UK counties and cities and in RE we looked at stories from the New Testament where Jesus' Disciples showed trust in Him. We considered times when Jesus put His trust in His Disciples.

What a fun but challenging week of learning!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts, Wagtails & Wrens



Year 5

We have enjoyed another fun-filled week in Year 5. In Spanish, we thoroughly enjoyed reading and listening to *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, where we were able to learn even more new words. In Science, we continued looking at the human timeline, specifically at how human bodies develop as we mature. In RE, we learnt about how Jesus' death and resurrection are a celebrated victory for Christians. Robins loved their second swimming lesson and Swifts enjoyed their Key PE session at the end of the week. Well done everybody!

Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy week! We have enjoyed reading more of our class novel '*Wonder*' and the children have been working hard to answer some tricky inference questions. In writing lessons, we have found out more about the Galapagos Islands and have started to plan our explanation report based on the book. In science - the children had great fun discovering the sugar content of various drinks and finding out which were the healthiest. In RE the children were interested to find out about the easter traditions of Mexico and Ethiopia. In Geography, we have learned about tectonic plates in readiness for our work on Earthquakes next week. A very hard working week - well done everyone!

Diary Dates

March	
Monday 4th March	3.30pm Football tournament (Letters have been sent out)
Tuesday 5th March	12.30pm St Leonard's Church Parishioners Lent Lunch in school
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (more details to follow)
Friday 8th March	9:00am Blackbirds leading Worship in church. All welcome. International Women's Day - 'LETGIRLSPLAY' biggest ever girls football event! (whole school activity during school hours - all children to wear football shirts or sports clothes) 1.30pm - Shakespeare Visiting Theatre - Y5
Monday 11th March	3.30pm Football tournament (Letters have been sent out)
11th - 15th March	British Science Week (more information to follow)
Tuesday 12th March	From 8.30am - School photos (more information to follow) 12.30pm St Leonard's Church Parishioners Lent Lunch in school
Thursday 14th March	1.30pm Chess Tournament at Barrow School (Letters to follow) 2:30pm Year 5 Brass Concert - parents/carers and supporters are welcome!
Friday 15th March	11am - Y3/4 Glow dodgeball competition at Oakhill (letters to follow)
Tuesday 19th March	All day - Neurodiversity Workshops in school 12.30pm St Leonard's Church Parishioners Lent Lunch in school
Friday 22nd March	9:00am Robins leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Monday 25th March	Easter Bake Off Competition! (Details to follow) 1pm-3pm Y5/6 Swimming Gala (Letters to follow)
Tuesday 26th March	Kishunju Primary School Fundraising Day - The Zuri Project (more information to follow) 12.30pm St Leonard's Church Parishioners Lent Lunch in school
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.