



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

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Welcome Back !

'Welcome Back' to all our children and families. It has been lovely welcoming the children back after our Easter break and wonderful to see how they have quickly settled back into fabulous learning routines. We have a lot of exciting activities planned for the summer term and we are so looking forward to seeing the children develop and grow over the coming months. Evie, our school dog, has also been back to school this week and has loved seeing all her friends in class again. The children really enjoy seeing their canine friend and she certainly puts a smile on everyone's faces !



Worship



Thank you to Owls class who led a wonderful worship in church telling the children all about Moses and the Exodus story. The children certainly enjoyed listening to the story and sang beautifully as always. We were especially lucky to be joined by Reverend Sam Cheesman and are looking forward to him leading our Ascension worship in a few weeks time. Thank you Reverend Sam!

After our fabulous SIAMs report - which you can read via the school website - we have received an amazing letter from Iain Parks, Director of Education at Blackburn Diocese and Lisa Fenton who is the SIAMS Lead for the Diocese. As you will see below, they are as delighted as we are at the findings in the SIAMs report which truly reflect our amazing school family. I don't think you can get better than being described as 'dazzling' and an 'inspirational example'!

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Today's Letter from the Director of Education at Blackburn Diocese

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We are sincerely grateful to you all for your steadfast dedication to 'walking in the footsteps of Jesus' ensuring that every member of the school community knows the unconditional love of God and that they are precious.

Jesus calls us to be salt and light in our world and it is very clear that Langho & Billington St Leonard's Church of England Primary School is dazzling. The report showcases your collective desire to live out the Gospel, serve God and love one another. You are an inspirational example of a place where the Christian vision truly comes to life.

Enjoy celebrating your success!

With warm regards and best wishes

Iain Parks
Director of Education

Lisa Fenton
SIAMS Lead

Dear Dawn, Staff, Governors and Children

Following your recent SIAMS inspection, on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education, we would like to offer massive congratulations. The report you have received wholeheartedly reflects that your Christian vision is at the centre of everything you do and is making a huge impact on the lives of everyone.

It is with immense pride that we acknowledge the strengths and achievements highlighted in the report, in particular:

- Inspired by the Christian vision, there is a strong commitment to pastoral care. The mental health and wellbeing of pupils and adults is given the highest priority.
- The vision for all to grow in grace, understood as unconditional love, permeates all aspects of this welcoming school.
- Leaders have developed an engaging curriculum which emanates from the vision. With 'Faith, Love, Learn and Flourish' at its core, it aims to prepare pupils for life beyond St Leonard's.
- Relationships between members of the community are exceptionally strong and supportive. Parents refer to school being like an extended happy family where all are respected and treated as individuals.
- Leaders are passionate about preparing pupils for life in modern Britain.



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The 5K Kishinju Fun Run!

Thank you so much for your generous contributions towards our first fundraiser for The Zuri Project. We have raised a very impressive £735 which will not only build a classroom from brick, but will also help to fund some furniture for the children at Kishinju school too! A huge thank you also goes to Evie from Owls who raised over £40 at home!

Every child has really enjoyed taking part and luckily the rain has stayed away long enough for the 5K to be completed!

A big well done to everyone - and thank you once again.
Should you still wish to donate - please use the link is below.



<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stleonardscofe-primaryschool-1>



Early Years Pedagogy Award!

Our incredible Early Years team, led by Mrs Harris, were delighted earlier on this week to secure the Early Years Pedagogy award for our school. This is a real testament to the hard work, passion and dedication that the Early Years Team demonstrate when providing an amazing start in the earliest years at school and laying solid foundations for future learning. We are extremely proud of our early years provision and the excellent teaching and learning that takes place there - this award is very well deserved!

School Games Mark Award

We have once again been awarded the School Games Mark - Gold Award! This reflects school's continuing commitment to engage in school games and physical activity and ensure that all children have access to physical education as well as engaging in competitions within the Ribble Valley that create positive experiences and the chance to enjoy working as part of a team. Well done Miss Waddicor for leading on this!



Little Angels

The Mother's Union at St Leonard's Church are setting up a new toddler group - Little Angels in May. They would be extremely grateful for any donations of suitable toys in good condition, which you are welcome to leave at the back of Church, anytime.

Thank you in advance - we will share more information about days and times for Little Angels in the near future!

Parking before and after school

We would like to thank the majority of our parents who park respectfully and responsibly when dropping off and collecting children each day. We would like to remind you of the importance of parking carefully so as not to cause an obstruction or to cause anyone to have to walk in the road because the pavement is blocked. We appreciate that parking can be difficult, however we would kindly ask that consideration is shown to all other drivers.



Help one of our parents, David Moss, raise money to support Motor Neurone Disease Association

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Moss75>

Sadly, Mrs Moss's dad (Mike's grandad) passed away a few months ago, and in aid of MNDA, Mike in Year 2 has been doing lots of projects to raise money for this great cause. Mr Moss is running the London Marathon this weekend - the link to his 'Just giving' page is above should you wish to support him in this.



Facebook

Our new facebook page is live which will include regular updates - please follow and like!
[Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)

School Meals



Due to rising costs, school lunch prices will be increasing to £2.65 per child per day from April 2024. The cost is now in line with the recommended local authority price of school lunches. Mandy's school meals are healthy, nutritious and tasty and we are flexible with accommodating the needs of families at short notice. Yum! Those who wish to have a school meal on some, rather than all, days of the week are always accommodated for example. Please contact the office if your child currently brings a packed lunch and you'd like them to have school lunches.

Help, Advice and Support

Please see the new page on our school website for links and phone numbers for a variety of sources of help and support such as community groups, housing, domestic abuse, mental health and food banks. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/help-and-support>

We have also updated our **Health and Wellbeing** page with links to help your child regarding mental health and wellbeing. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/health-and-wellbeing>

New links will continue to be added. If you know of any other support sources that we could add, please contact the office staff.

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

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.**

This Week's Attendance

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Swifts	99
	Hérons	98.9
	Blackbirds	98.6

Extra-Curricular clubs Summer 1

	After-School
Monday	Woodland club Y1&2
Tuesday	Multisports/ games club Year 3/4 (Key PE)
Wednesday	Year 1/ 2 multisports (Miss Waddicor) Y6 Tutoring 3/4 Flavours cookery school
Thursday	Y6 Tutoring Guardians of the planet Eco club
Friday	Multisports/ games club Year 5/6 (Key PE)

Sports Competition Intent

- 22nd April Year 5/6 Netball- To develop valuable social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.
- 24th April Year 3/ 4 Girls' football- To learn and develop new football skills and to work as a team to successfully compete against other schools.
- 25th April Year 3/ 4 Athletics- To develop speed, endurance, and power through the four core disciplines of running, throwing, jumping and sprinting.
- 30th April Year 4/5 Cricket- To focus on developing the fundamental physical and social skills required to play cricket.
- 2nd May Year 5/6 Cross Country- To foster and promote physical and mental fitness with a focus on perseverance, wellbeing, stamina and overall health.
- 3rd May KS2 Panathlon- To work as a team to develop various social and physical skills whilst taking part in engaging and inclusive activity stations.
- 7th May KS1 Animal Olympics- To participate in a range of activities focusing on agility, balance and co-ordination whilst working in a team.
- 20th May Year 5/6 Football- To develop valuable social and communication skills through working as a team to achieve a common goal.

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



This week in Early Years our Nursery children have enjoyed the story of 'Zog.' They have had great fun finding out about St George, making flags and painting dragons. The children also created their own shields, talking about themselves as they did so. Our Reception children have listened to the story of 'Zog and the Flying Doctors.' We have linked being brave and our prior knowledge of medicines and people who help us to stories of old - learning about St George. We also found out about the work of Marie Curie. Our art skills have been developed as we created our own chalked dragon pictures. On Wednesday we had a brilliant time using the Balance Bikes and showed some excellent perseverating, maneuvering and behaviour.

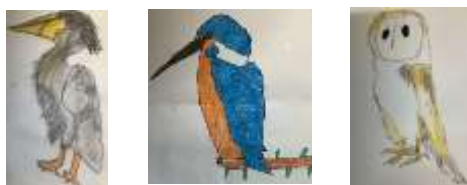
What a super week, well done everyone! ?

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



Key Stage 1 have an amazing first week back and demonstrated a great effort in all of their learning. This week we have started to read our new class book 'Toys in Space' making predictions based on the evidence we have and creating diary entries for the toys that were left outside. In History, the children were excited to find out we are revisiting our learning about the great fire of London. The children have enjoyed our PE games looking at attacking and defending. Well done everyone for a fantastic week!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



What a busy first week back we've had after the Easter holidays! The children arrived back well rested and with lots of lovely stories to share from their time off. We have started all of our new topics this week including a new story in English, Journey, which has really intrigued the children as it does not have words and the pictures are thought provoking. In Science we are learning about states of matter. In History we really enjoyed our first lesson learning about the Romans; where they came from and what life was like in Ancient Rome. In RE we have started learning about rules for life, thinking about the rules we live by and if they are important or not. In Art we all really enjoyed creating mood boards based on our personalities - thank you for all of the wonderful materials brought in from home - the children created amazing boards which really expressed who they are! Well done on a super week of enthusiastic learning lower key stage 2!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts, Wagtails & Wrens



Year 5

What a busy first week back we've had after the Easter holidays! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and to listen to what they got up to over the Easter break. We have started all of our new topics this week including a new story in Whole Class Guided Reading - The Boy at the Back of the Class. We are all thoroughly enjoying this story so far. In Science, we started our new topic on forces and conducted an investigation to explore the effects of friction. In History, we were all really excited to discover that our learning is going to be all about Ancient Greece. In RE, we have started learning about how the news of Jesus' resurrection spread around the world. Well done on a fabulous first week back, Year 5!

Year 6

It has been lovely to welcome year 6 back into school for their final term in primary school this week. The children have enjoyed our new class novel - The Explorer by Katherine Rundell and created some super non-chronological reports all about the Amazon rainforest. We have also started our writing unit which is based on the book 'Manfish' by Jennifer Berne. The children created a descriptive account of a deep sea dive using lots of powerful vocabulary. In RE, our unit of work considers the importance of Ascension and Pentecost to Christians which has provoked some deep thinking. Well done year 6 - a great start to the summer term !

Diary Dates

April

Monday 22nd April	4-6pm Netball Tournament at Accrington Academy (Letter has been sent out to selected children)
Wednesday 24th April	3pm - 5pm Y3&4 girls football event at Accrington Academy (Letter has been sent out to selected children)
Thursday 25th April	10am Y3/4 Athletics event 'Quad Kids' at Edisford Sports Complex (Letter has been sent out to selected children)
Tuesday 30th April	9.30 -3pm Year 4&5 Cricket event at Clitheroe Cricket club (Letter to be sent out to selected children on Monday 22nd)

May

Thursday 2nd May	4.15pm Ribble Valley Cross Country Y5/6 (Letter to be sent out to selected children on Tues 23rd April)
Friday 3rd May	9am Kingfishers leading worship in Church - all welcome. 10am KS2 Primary Panathalon at Oakhill (Letter to be sent out to selected children Wed 24th April)
Monday 6th May	School closed for early May bank holiday
Tuesday 7th May	10am KS1 Animal Olympics at Oakhill (Letter to be sent out to selected children on Mon 29th April)
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th	Y6 SATs week (More info to follow)
Friday 17th May	9am Herons leading worship in Church - all welcome.
Monday 20th May	4-6pm Y6 Football League match at Edisford Sports Complex (Letter to be sent out to selected children on Friday 10th May)
Tuesday 21st May	Healthy Lifestyle enrichment day (All children in school - PE kits to be worn)
Friday 24th May	3.30pm - Children finish for half term

June

Tuesday 4th June	8.45 Children return following half term break Whole school 'Spirituality day' activities in school.
4th - 14th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check assessment window
10th - 14th June	Year 1 Phonics Check window
Thursday 6th June	Y5 & 6 Girls football friendly St Leonard's V Barrow URC (Letter to be sent out to selected children on Friday 24th May)

Friday 7th June	9am Falcons leading worship in Church - all welcome.
Friday 21st June	3.30pm - 5.30pm Summer Fair!
Friday 28th June	9am Eagles leading worship in Church - all welcome.

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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.