



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

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### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023**

You can also see more information about us on our school website: [www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk)



#### **Worship**

We began this week on St Leonard's day - 6th November - and thought about how our school vision of 'Love and Value all' was demonstrated by the work that he did all those years ago!

Our week has ended with another important worship in which Robins class led the whole school in Remembrance. There were beautiful poems and prayers written by the children and they showed a great understanding of the sacrifice of the armed forces. The service concluded by praying for peace for all.

#### **Educational Visits**

This week our Y6 children had a very successful visit on Thursday to the Imperial War Museum North. There were lots of exhibits and they listened to stories from a tour guide who helped to add meaning to the artefacts. The children had a lot of mature and considered reflections on war, the effects of war and the desire for peace. They represented our school beautifully, just as all our classes do on visits and when out in the community. Well done Year 6.

I was beyond proud to hear that the head teacher of a large high school in Blackburn, had been discussing the wonderful behaviour and conduct of our children when they visited the mosque. She had heard about it out in the community - how lovely!

#### **Pupil Voice**

This week a number of our Y5&6 children absolutely wowed an education consultant who visited our school. She was incredibly impressed with their confidence and ability to recall and explain their learning in their most recent History unit - such excellent learners.

#### **Film Night**

As I write, the children are enjoying our film night. Thank you for the important funds raised to help enhance your child's experiences and to the parent volunteers and staff who have helped to make this event happen. This event has raised approximately £350 - exact total to be shared next week.

Thank you to all our parents and carers whose support for school in every respect, is very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lindley

## Inspection Data Summary Report

Each year, the government produce a summary report that is used by schools and by Ofsted, to analyse school's performance in comparison to other schools nationally. We are absolutely thrilled with our outcomes and have performed **significantly** above national figures in many areas. I would like to thank our dedicated leaders and staff in their relentless pursuit of excellence, day after day, to ensure the very best experiences and educational outcomes for our children. Well done to everyone for making these outcomes possible, and of course to the amazing support of our parents/carers, who put their trust in us as a school.

	2023 cohort/ entries	Performance in 2023	2023 value	2023 nat value	1 year	4 year
Phonics Y1 expected standard %	35	Sig above national and 93rd percentile	94	79	—	—
Reading KS2 progress	40	Sig above national and 95th percentile	3.9	0.0	—	—
Writing KS2 progress	40	Sig above national and 88th percentile	2.6	0.0	—	—
Mathematics KS2 progress	40	Sig above national and 90th percentile	3.1	0.0	—	—
RWM KS2 expected standard %	43	Sig above national and 99th percentile	93	59	↑	↑
Reading KS2 expected standard %	43	Sig above national and 97th percentile	95	73	—	—
Writing KS2 expected standard %	43	Sig above national and 97th percentile	93	71	↑	—
Mathematics KS2 expected standard %	43	Sig above national and 97th percentile	95	73	—	—
Reading KS2 high standard %	43	Sig above national and 96th percentile	56	29	↑	↑
Writing KS2 greater depth %	43	Sig above national and 91st percentile	28	13	↑	—
Mathematics KS2 high standard %	43	Sig above national and 97th percentile	51	24	↑	↑
EGPS KS2 expected standard %	43	Sig above national and 97th percentile	95	72	—	↑
EGPS KS2 high standard %	43	Sig above national and 99th percentile	70	30	↑	↑

### What the arrows mean

- ↑ School difference from national has improved from comparator year
- ↑ School difference from national has improved slightly from comparator year
- Similar to comparator year or fewer than 11 pupils
- ↓ School difference from national has weakened slightly from comparator year
- ↓ School difference from national has weakened from comparator year

### Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Next week, children will be focussing on the value of every individual in line with our school vision including 'Love and value all' and anti-bullying week. The School Council is inviting children to come to school on **Friday 17th November** wearing odd socks to celebrate our own uniqueness. School Council are also inviting children to write kindness notes throughout the week to spread kindness and positivity to everyone ☺



## 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/>

## 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 for 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

## 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!

## Christmas Fair - 15th December 3:30pm!



**Friday 24th November** will be a non-uniform day in exchange for fancy goods for the Christmas Fair which will be used for our raffle hamper prizes and tombola.

**Friday 8th December** will be a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

Thank you everyone...Ho ho ho!!!

## 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



## Miss Clayton's Book Run - Target Reached!



[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vicky-clayton?utm\\_term=My98vZDqm](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vicky-clayton?utm_term=My98vZDqm)



## Extra-Curricular Timetable Autumn 2 2023-2024

	After-School
<b>Monday</b>	Y3 Woodland Crafts (Mrs Cross & Miss Clarkson) Y4 Spanish (Miss Waddicor) Y1/2 Bible Explorers (Mrs Filder) Y5/6 Netball Boys and Girls (Miss Jones)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y1/2 Basketball (KeyPE)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y3 Spanish (Miss Waddicor) Y5 Cookery (Flavours of Whalley) Y5/Y6 Girls' Football (Mrs Murphy)
<b>Thursday</b>	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)
<b>Friday</b>	Y6 Football Practice (KeyPE)

## 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 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.

## This Week's Attendance !

	<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance this week</b>
	Blackbirds	99.3
	Eagles	96.9
	Doves	96.2



## Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<u><b>Little Lennies</b></u> <i><u>Delilah &amp; Arabella</u></i>	<u><b>Blackbirds</b></u> <i><u>Milly &amp; George</u></i>	<u><b>Doves</b></u> <i><u>Sam &amp; Charlotte</u></i>
<u><b>Eagles</b></u> <i><u>Eliza C &amp; Hannah</u></i>	<u><b>Falcons</b></u> <i><u>Penelope &amp; Poppy</u></i>	<u><b>Hérons</b></u> <i><u>Theo &amp; Orla-Mae</u></i>
<u><b>Kingfishers</b></u> <i><u>Asher &amp; Harley</u></i>	<u><b>Owls</b></u> <i><u>Holly &amp; Muhammad</u></i>	<u><b>Robins</b></u> <i><u>George &amp; Archie</u></i>
<u><b>Swifts</b></u> <i><u>Chelsea &amp; Rosie</u></i>	<u><b>Wagtails</b></u>	<u><b>Wrens</b></u>

# **Weekly Highlights**

## **Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds**



This week in Little Lennie's and Blackbirds, we have been focussing on Remembrance. We have learnt about the brave soldiers who have fought - and still fight today - for their country and have been looking at the symbolism of the poppy. We have taken reflection time to think about the importance of remembrance whilst getting creative making suncatcher poppies, our very own poppy badges and wreaths to lay in church.

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



KS1 has had a brilliant week learning all about the 7 continents and 5 oceans in Geography. We have had lots of fun discovering different ways to travel along a bench and have been brave trying to learn new types of roles. We have been very excited and eager to find Nibbles in English who have been causing mayhem and mischief by eating our books. Luckily we have still been able to write amazing diary entries and super descriptions for him. Well done KS1!

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



What a busy week back we've had in Lower Key Stage 2. The children have come back well rested and enthusiastic for another half term of learning. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at last week's parents' evening, and especially to share the children's wonderful work. This week the children have enjoyed English, making predictions about our new book. In Geography they have learnt about using compasses and have used them to find cardinal and inter-cardinal points. In PE we have started super balance work in our gymnastics unit. In DT we are learning all about the different places foods are grown, and why, and even made our own fruit kebabs - they were delicious! Well done for all your hard work this week!



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



#### Year 5

Our wonderful week began with the introduction of a new book in English, called 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We can't wait to see what happens next in the story. In Geography, we used atlases to explore the locations of some of the major countries in the world. In Science, we continued exploring our solar system - in particular, the different phases of the moon. In RE, we studied how the Gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew have influenced our Christmas carols, cards and books. We have loved getting back into our brass music lessons and have been reminded about how we can practise more at home. Please remember to bring the instrument in for the lesson every Thursday. We finished our week with our Key PE session and explored series circuits in DT. Well done Year 5!

#### Year 6

This week has been a super week of learning for Year 6. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our trip to the Imperial War Museum where the children consolidated their learning about World War 2. In English, the children have been writing narrative poems based on the Blitz by Mary Desiree Anderson. The children have been working hard with fractions in Maths and have enjoyed continuing their science work on light. Rehearsals for our Carol Concert at Blackburn Cathedral are well underway too and we are very excited by the children's singing so far ! Well done year 6 !

## Diary Dates

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	Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Fancy Good for Christmas Fair 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
<b>December</b>	
Friday 8th December	Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Chocolate for Christmas Fair 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!
Monday 18th December	6:00pm 9 Lessons and Carols in church. All welcome.
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
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	
Monday 8th January 2024!	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.



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**



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