



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

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### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 1st December 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)

Follow us on facebook: [Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page](#)

#### **Worship**

In worship this week we have learnt more about Jesus as Christ the King - the servant king, we have thought about Antarctica and how precious all of God's created world is, linking to the British Value of Individual Responsibility. We have also heard the story of Joseph the Ruler. God has a plan and His plans always work out. God has a plan for you, and like Joseph's brothers, God can even turn our mistakes into good things to be part of his plan. Let's keep listening and talking to God to follow in Jesus' footsteps.



#### **Book Fair**



Thank you so much to all those who visited and purchased books from the book fair. Thank you to all the staff who ran it after-school and to Mrs Filder who organised it. So far, £585 has been raised for the school to purchase books for the library and classrooms! Happy reading everyone!

#### **HRVSP - Football Competition**

Well done to our footballers on Monday who won 1, drew 2 and lost 2. They played well as a team and were unlucky not to win their draws!

#### **Climate Justice Art Winners!**

We are exceptionally proud of three St Leonard's children whose art work is to be displayed in the Houses of Parliament. Check out our new Facebook page (link below) to see their delighted faces and super creations.

#### **Christmas Fair! - Friday 15th December!**

Friday 15th December is our Christmas Fair with lots of exciting stalls and games that the staff and children have been busy preparing. Thank you for the donations of fancy goods. **Thursday next week is non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the tombola.** We are also calling on bakers to **bake Christmas cakes for the fair** which can be dropped off on the morning of Friday 15th. Also you may bring in any bric-a-brac and toy donations anytime before the fair.

On the day of the fair, children can bring in **£3** which will be exchanged for tokens they can use at the fair in the afternoon. Families are invited to join us after school as the fair continues- which may include a very special visitor! **Ho ho ho!** Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!



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](#)

### NPSCC



In December, children will be participating in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme.

*Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children aged 6-7 and 9-11. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

### Books

Reading books that are sent home must be kept in good condition - please support us with this. These books are vital for all our children to practise reading and they are costly to replace. We have a number of books that are being returned in a condition that is not conducive to being passed on to other children. Please do all you can to ensure that books are looked after carefully at home and if an accident occurs with them, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

### 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>



## Bobbies on a Bauble Competition!

Follow the below link if you would like to enter a Christmas Bauble design competition being run by Lancashire Police!

Get creative everybody!

[https://www.lancashire.police.uk/christmas-e-card-design-competition-](https://www.lancashire.police.uk/christmas-e-card-design-competition-2023/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Christmas+Cards)

[2023/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=Orlo&utm\\_content=Christmas+Cards](https://www.lancashire.police.uk/christmas-e-card-design-competition-2023/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Christmas+Cards)

(All entries must be received by the closing date of Wednesday 6th December by 23:59)

## 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/>

## The Big Ambition



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to

make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). Further resources are available on the [website](#).

## 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 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>
	Herons	98.5
	Eagles	97.7
	Falcons	97.7

## Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<b><u>Little Lennies</u></b> <i><u>Jack &amp; Finley</u></i>	<b><u>Blackbirds</u></b> <i><u>Lily &amp; Max</u></i>	<b><u>Doves</u></b> <i><u>Zach &amp; Sophia</u></i>
<b><u>Eagles</u></b> <i><u>Ella &amp; Alexander</u></i>	<b><u>Falcons</u></b> <i><u>Kayden &amp; George</u></i>	<b><u>Herons</u></b> <i><u>Hattie H &amp; Sophia</u></i>
<b><u>Kingfishers</u></b> <i><u>Amelia &amp; Willow</u></i>	<b><u>Owls</u></b> <i><u>Finn &amp; Tilly</u></i>	<b><u>Robins</u></b> <i><u>Ehsaan &amp; Isabelle G</u></i>
<b><u>Swifts</u></b> <i><u>Oliver &amp; Sienna</u></i>	<b><u>Wagtails</u></b> <i><u>Miraj &amp; Jenson</u></i>	<b><u>Wrens</u></b> <i><u>Mickey &amp; Archie</u></i>

# **Weekly Highlights**

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



Little Lennie's explored light and dark this week, looking at primary and secondary colours. The children also explored how we can see light and colours through our eyes, why we can't see as well in the dark and how torches can help us. Little Lennie's took advantage of the beautiful morning sun this week and created their own shadows on the playground.

This week, Blackbirds have been learning about how rainbows are formed from the white light of the sun, shining down on rain droplets and this white light bouncing off and dispersing into the seven colours of the rainbow. The children have been experimenting with colour mixing, revisiting primary colours and secondary colours and extending this learning to an investigative enquiry with colour spinners.

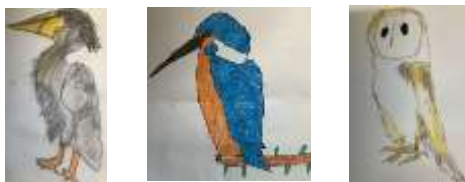
## **Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons**



Key Stage 1 children have had a fabulous week and enjoyed exploring the frost on the playground and it has been great to hear some scientific conversations about the frosted leaves on the floor. This week we have continued to read 'Nibbles' as part of our English lessons and have been writing our own diary entries as Nibbles causing mayhem in the stories. In Geography, we started to learn all about the countries which make up the United Kingdom and explored their capital cities. In PE we have had a lot of fun demonstrating our skills of travelling, jumping, rolling, and balancing on the apparatus. We are still working hard on creating our windmills, getting ready to test them next week. Well done everyone!



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



It's been another busy week in Lower Key Stage 2. We have been looking at maps of our local area in Geography, identifying our school, and the human and physical features we can see locally. In Science, it has been interesting learning all about the different parts of the skeleton and their functions. In English we have read more of 'Winter's Child' and have enjoyed creating similes based on the text and letters written from one character to another. In DT we are learning about eating seasonally and have planned to make tarts made from seasonal ingredients. The children are very excited today to see school decorated for Christmas! Well done everyone on all of your hard work.

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



### Year 5

We have enjoyed another fun-filled week in Year 5! In Geography, we continued our learning about biomes and looked at how they change across the world. In Science, we explored the interesting reasons as to why and how we have different seasons. In RE, we looked at chapter 2 of Matthew's Gospel and learnt about the significance of the flight to Egypt. We finished our week with an enjoyable Key PE session and continued working on creating our Doodlers in DT. Well done Year 5!

### Year 6

This week the children have been very engaged with our new writing topic about the Christmas Truce in World War One. This has extended the children's knowledge of World War One which they have enjoyed learning about not only in History, but also through our guided reading novel - 'The Armistice Runner'. In Geography the children learned about the Tatra mountains in Poland and considered the physical geography of the region as well as the similarities and differences between Poland and England. In RE, we have continued our work on Advent and how the Church prepares for Christ during this important season. Preparations have been continuing for our carol concert at Blackburn Cathedral and the children are singing beautifully. Well done Y6 !

## Diary Dates

Thursday 7th December	<b>Please note the change of day!</b> Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Chocolate for Christmas Fair
Friday 8th December	9:00am Kingfishers leading Worship in church. All welcome. Y6 and Choir Lunchtime Concert at Blackburn Cathedral
Monday 11th December	9:30am Telephone booking opens for Nursery and Reception Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening 5:00pm Booking Opens for Years 1-6 Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening
Tuesday 12th December	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Pantomime Visit
Wednesday 13th December	KS2 Pantomime Visit <b>10:30am Early Years Nativity in the school hall (extra performance added!)</b> 2:30pm 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 (further information to follow) 5:30pm KS1 Nativity in Church (further information to follow)
Wednesday 20th December	2.30pm Carols by Christingle Candlelight in Church. All welcome.
Friday 22nd December	9:00am <b>Heron</b> s leading Worship in church. All welcome. 1:30pm School closes for the Christmas Holiday
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	
<b>January 2024!</b>	
Monday 8th January	8:45am school re-opens for the Spring term.
Friday 12th January	9:00am <b>Falcons</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
Monday 15th January	3:00pm Telephone booking closes for Nursery and Reception Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening 5:00pm Booking closes for Y1 - Y6 Parents' and Carers Consultation Evening
Thursday 18th January	3:50 - 7:15pm Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening (booking opens on Monday 11th December)
Friday 26th January	9:00am <b>Eagles</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.
<b>February</b>	
Friday 9th February	9:00am <b>Doves</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.



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.



# Festive Spectacular

**Wednesday 6th December**

**15:30 - 17:30pm**

**"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"**

**Craft Activities & Refreshments**

**To Book Your Place Please Call**

**01200 420460**

**or Email**

**[cfwhrvgroups@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:cfwhrvgroups@lancashire.gov.uk)**

**Clitheroe Children & Family**

**Wellbeing Service**

**Wesleyan Row**

**Parson lane**

**BB7 2JY**





Join us for

# Snacks

## With Santa

**SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER**

**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**The Park Family Hub**

Norfolk Grove  
Church  
Accrington  
BB5 4RY

**CRAFT ACTIVITIES & GAMES**

**Call 01200 420460**

**To Book Your Place or Email**

**[cfwhrvgroups@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:cfwhrvgroups@lancashire.gov.uk)**



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# WINTER Wonderland



January 4th 13:00 - 15:00pm  
Craft Activities & Games  
No Booking Required

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Wesleyan Row  
Parson Lane  
Clitheroe  
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CHILDREN

