



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

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**Weekly Newsletter Friday 22nd 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)

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### Outstanding Achievement for our school !!!

Reflective of all our hard work and dedication to each and every child here, I am delighted to announce that...

*Langho St Leonard's sits proudly in position **4** out of 582 Lancashire Primary Schools following the release of performance data tables.*

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=888&geographic=la&for=primary>

Special thanks goes to all of our staff who work tirelessly in service to our children and families, striving for excellence each and every day so that our children can truly be the best they can be. Our pupil promises sit at the very heart of all we do here, as children share faith and hope, love and value all, learn, remember and do, and aspire, flourish and shine. What a fantastic way to end this term by celebrating our wonderful children who fully embrace all we have to offer. And finally, our gratitude goes out to you as parents and carers for the support, care and trust you have in school - what a huge difference this makes to enabling us as a whole school family to flourish and achieve those amazing outcomes.

All that's left for me to do now is to wish you and your families a magical Christmas full of fun, excitement and love.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in the new year at 8.45am on Monday 8th January 2024.

Mrs Lindley and our fabulous staff team

*Merry Christmas*

### Worship - Preparing for Christmas!

It has been a busy week of preparing for Christmas in a variety of ways. On Monday KS2 children, along with parishioners participated in '9 Lessons and Carols' in Church. It was a beautiful, reflective, hopeful service. On Tuesday, our KS1 children performed their Nativity play so well in church to a full audience. Again, helping us all to pause and prepare for Christmas. On Wednesday the whole school joined together in church to participate in a Christingle service having made their Christingles in the afternoon. This morning we closed our term being led by Herons class in church worship focused on the Holy Family at the heart of the Nativity story.



### Christmas Fair!

Thank you once again for all the donations and participation in the Christmas Fair last Friday. A total of £1135.27 was raised.



### Fundraising in the community!

A huge 'Well Done' to our very own Oliver who, after much hard work raised a whopping £600 and spent an afternoon packing everything up ready for distribution for families in need! What a difference this will make to many families this Christmas.

### Admissions - Closing date Monday 15th January 2024!



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/>**



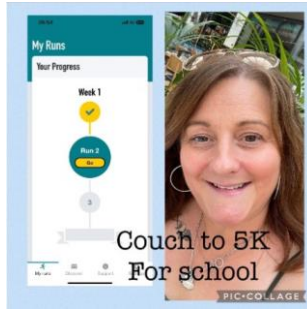
## Extra-Curricular Timetable Spring 1 2023-2024

	After-School
Various	Targeted booster group sessions.
Monday	Y4 Craft Club (Miss Duggan)
Tuesday	Y1/2 Dance (KeyPE)
Wednesday	Y3 Spanish (Miss Waddicor)
Thursday	Y5/6 Guardians of the Planet (Mrs Duckett and Miss Kealey)
Friday	Y5/6 Basketball (KeyPE)

### PE Days from 18th December to end of Spring 1 (February half term)

<b>Blackbirds</b> - Welly Wednesdays and PE Fridays	<b>Robins</b> - Mondays and Fridays
<b>Doves</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays	<b>Swifts</b> - Mondays and Swimming on Tuesdays (after Christmas)
<b>Eagles</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays	<b>Wagtails</b> - Mondays and Fridays
<b>Falcons</b> - Tuesdays and Wednesdays	<b>Wrens</b> - Wednesdays and Fridays
<b>Hérons</b> - Mondays and Tuesdays	
<b>Kingfishers</b> - Tuesdays and Wednesdays	
<b>Owls</b> - Tuesdays and Thursdays	

## Miss Clayton's Book Run!



I am back running! After a few weeks off resting I am back training and enjoying it. I ran a mile this week without stopping. My plan is to do a 5K park run at the end of January no matter what. I will let you know the date when I have decided. Thankyou for all your kind donations and words of encouragement. I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

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

## Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening

We are holding our second Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening on **Thursday 18th January from 3:50pm to 7:15pm**. This is a chance for you to speak 1:1 with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress so far this year.

For **Years 1-6**, appointments can be made on [www.parents-booking.co.uk](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk). To make an appointment you will need your child's details and the email address that matches the one we have on file. If you have any difficulties booking, please contact our office staff.

For **Reception** appointments, please telephone the office so that you will be able to book with your child's key adult.

**Little Lennie's Nursery** will be hosting a separate event - more details to follow soon.

We look forward to meeting with you.

## 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.

## 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.

### Collection of children during school hours

A number of children each day / week are being collected during school hours for routine and last minute appointments. As previously requested, routine appointments should be made for outside of school hours. If this is not possible, the school office **must** be notified prior to the appointment taking place - please avoid collecting your child during the lunchtime period. If an emergency appointment has been made, you must notify school **BEFORE** collecting your child - a number of parents / carers are arriving at school to remove children for appointments with no prior notice.

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/>

## This Week's Attendance !

	<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance this week</b>
	Owls	99.3
	Swifts	98.5
	Blackbirds	98.1

## Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<b><u>Little Lennies</u></b>	<b><u>Blackbirds</u></b> <i><u>Samuel &amp; Hannah</u></i>	<b><u>Doves</u></b> <i><u>Eddison &amp; Emilia</u></i>
<b><u>Eagles</u></b> <i><u>Molly &amp; Evelyn</u></i>	<b><u>Falcons</u></b> <i><u>Finn &amp; William</u></i>	<b><u>Hérons</u></b> <i><u>Heidi Teddy &amp; Esa</u></i>
<b><u>Kingfishers</u></b> <i><u>Thomas &amp; Max</u></i>	<b><u>Owls</u></b> <i><u>Sienna &amp; Albert</u></i>	<b><u>Robins</u></b> <i><u>Jacob &amp; Darcie</u></i>
<b><u>Swifts</u></b> <i><u>Amelia &amp; Chelsea</u></i>	<b><u>Wagtails</u></b> <i><u>Faatimah &amp; Oscar</u></i>	<b><u>Wrens</u></b> <i><u>Luca &amp; Faizah</u></i>

# Weekly Highlights

## Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



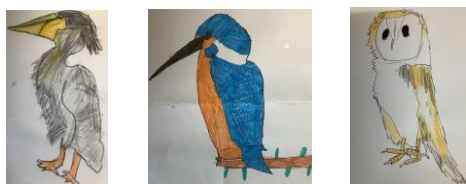
What a super end to a term full of fabulous learning! Both Little Lennies and Blackbirds have enjoyed Christmas celebrations this week from making their very own Christingle to a very yummy Christmas dinner and party games! Blackbirds also earnt all of their class points, enjoying a well deserved treat - a day in their pyjamas, Mandy's delicious cake and a film! We are all so very proud of each and every one of our children and we can't wait to see them all back at school after a restful break, raring to go in the new year. We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year from Early Years!

## Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



Key Stage 1 had a tremendous week and a fantastic half term. This week we showcased our amazing school nativity and we are so grateful for all of those who were able to come and see us. This week we have loved eating our delicious Christmas dinner and playing lots of exciting Christmas party games. We are proud of all of the children this week for their perseverance and hard work. We look forward to an exciting half term in January. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



We've had a very festive week in this last run up to Christmas! The children have been very well-behaved despite being very excited and ready for a good rest! In English we wrote our own fantasy story with some super editing. We really enjoyed reading the end of 'How to train your dragon' and seeing what happened! In Science we learnt more about muscles and how they can be voluntary and involuntary. In Geography we compared Cumbria to East Anglia using our map reading skills to note many differences. We all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner this week with crackers to pull, and a party day playing games with all of our friends! Have a wonderful Christmas everyone and a good holiday.

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



### **Year 5**

We have all loved our final week this term before Christmas. In Spanish, we made Christmas cards. We consolidated our learning in Geography and Science, and completed our end of unit assessments - everybody tried their hardest and achieved a score to be proud of. We have enjoyed a few festive treats towards the end of the week, including our Christmas party! It was so exciting to come into school in our pyjamas and have a boogie to some Christmas classics. A huge well done to everybody in Year 5 for this first term, you have worked so hard every day. Enjoy your well deserved rest - we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

### **Year 6**

This week the children have enjoyed completing a few Christmas themed activities. On Monday, some of the children sang in church and represented school beautifully - their behaviour was exemplary. On Tuesday, we completed our DT project which was to make a Christmas stocking - there are some very competent stitchers in Year 6 ! We have also made Christmas cards and calendars which should be making their way home very soon. On Wednesday, the children took part in our Christingle service in church by sensibly holding the Christingle candles when they were alight - they did a fantastic job and church looked magical by candlelight . Well done Year 6 - you have worked really hard this term and we are very proud of you all - have a well deserved Christmas break and we look forward to continuing our learning adventures in 2024 !

## Diary Dates

Christmas Holiday	
January 2024!	
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 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.
February	
Friday 9th February	9:00am <b>Doves</b> leading Worship in church. All welcome.

St Leonard's  
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### Sunday Services

10:30 Family Service

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



# WINTER Wonderland



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

**Clitheroe Children & Family Wellbeing Service**  
**Wesleyan Row**  
**Parson Lane**  
**Clitheroe**  
**BB7 2JY**

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