



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

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### **Weekly Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024**

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### **Worship**



Worship this week began with the story of the Road to Emmaus when Jesus' friends didn't recognise him at first. Later in the week, we were treated to a class worship by our Worship Leaders Isabel and Martha who invited the children to consider things in their life that they are grateful for - the children wrote these on flowers which they then decorated and displayed in classroom prayer areas - they look wonderful. On Friday, the children enjoyed the worship from the diocese when we heard Bishop Philip further explain the story of the friends on the road to Emmaus.

### **Year 5 Trip to the National Football Museum**



On Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed their trip to the National Football Museum. They learned all about the history of football and even got to make and design their own footballs which were then subjected to a roll, wind and drop test ! The children had a super time and learned a lot about the sport. Thank you to the volunteers who joined with school staff in enabling our children to enjoy this experience.

## **Netball**

Our fabulous Netball team were in action on Monday night at Accrington Academy as part of the Ribble Valley Bee Stingers Netball League. Both of our netball teams were absolutely amazing demonstrating high levels of teamwork, determination and skill! The A-team was placed second overall and the B-team came third - what a fabulous achievement! Well done team!



## **Years 3 and 4 Girl's Football**

On Tuesday night, a Girl's Football Festival was held at Accrington Academy to give girls the opportunity to try playing the game against other schools. The girls had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They all tried hard and played brilliantly, being fantastic ambassadors for our school - well done girls!

## **Years 3 and 4 Athletics**

On Thursday morning, a squad of determined Year 3 and 4 athletes visited Wilson's Playing Fields to take part in a 'Quad Kids' athletics event. They were all absolutely amazing and came third overall. We are very proud of how they supported each other and took part with real enthusiasm. What a magnificent team! Well done Reggie for a great pep talk!



## Letter from the Director of Education at Blackburn Diocese

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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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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## 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.

Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter.

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



A huge congratulations goes to David Moss, one of our parents, who completed the 2024 London Marathon last weekend.

Thank you so much everyone who has sponsored the family in their Fight against MND. Including gift aid, they have raised a fantastic amount of over 8.5k for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, in memory of Mike's grandad who sadly passed away with MND in October.

Mike's daddy ran the Marathon in 03:00:22, breaking his own personal record which is very impressive !

The next Marathon will be in Leeds in only a few weeks' time! (12<sup>th</sup> May).

Thank you so much for donating - your contributions are very much appreciated by the family.

If anyone would like to sponsor the family, the current fundraising page is still live, where any donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you so much, on behalf of Mike and all his family.

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



### **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.

### **Personal Possessions in School**

After a number of minor incidents in school, we would like to ask that children **do not** bring in their own stationery, pencil cases or other possessions from home. Children are provided with all that they need to complete their work during the day and there is no space in class to store pencil cases and equipment or other possessions from home that could potentially become lost or damaged. Your kind cooperation in this matter would be much appreciated.

### **Vacancies**

Next week, we will be advertising a vacancy for a full time Teaching Assistant. Please keep an eye open for the advertisement coming out on the Lancashire website.

[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_searchResults.asp?reference=&title=&location=&postcode=&Search\\_Term=&Search\\_Permanent=&added\\_since=](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_searchResults.asp?reference=&title=&location=&postcode=&Search_Term=&Search_Permanent=&added_since=)

### **Cleaner Needed !**



School currently has a vacancy for a cleaner. The position is for 15 hours per week at the end of the school day (3.15pm - 6.15pm but we can be flexible). If you - or someone you may know - are interested, then please contact the office for an application form and/or a chat with the office staff or find the vacancy on the Lancashire website below.

[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_searchResults.asp?reference=&title=&location=&postcode=&Search\\_Term=&Search\\_Permanent=&added\\_since=](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_searchResults.asp?reference=&title=&location=&postcode=&Search_Term=&Search_Permanent=&added_since=)

### **Little Lennie's Pre-school**

If you have a child born in April 2023 onwards and you would like a place in Little Lennie's Pre-school from September 2026 onwards, could you please contact Mrs Bolton in the school office.

Little Lennie's is proving to be extremely popular and we are full with waiting lists for both 2024/25 and 2025/26 intakes. We are already taking bookings for 2026/27 and even 2027/28!



#### **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
	Blackbirds	100
	Falcons	99.2
	Wrens	99.2

## Congratulations to our Star Learners!



<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Darcy &amp; Hugo</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Hidayah &amp; Charlotte</u></i>	<u>Doves</u> <i><u>Charlotte &amp; Sophia</u></i>
<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Musa &amp; Reid</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Oliver K &amp; George</u></i>	<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>Hugo &amp; Arthur</u></i>
<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>Faiza</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Eleanor</u></i>	<u>Robins</u> <i><u>Darcie &amp; Jacob</u></i>
<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Roman &amp; Erin</u></i>	<u>Wagtails</u> <i><u>Jacob &amp; Jessica</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Bobby &amp; Ryley</u></i>

## Extra-Curricular clubs Summer 1

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

## Sports Competition Intent

- 30<sup>th</sup> April Year 4/5 Cricket- To focus on developing the fundamental physical and social skills required to play cricket.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May Year 5/6 Cross Country- To foster and promote physical and mental fitness with a focus on perseverance, wellbeing, stamina and overall health.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May KS2 Panathlon- To work as a team to develop various social and physical skills whilst taking part in engaging and inclusive activity stations.
- 7<sup>th</sup> May KS1 Animal Olympics- To participate in a range of activities focusing on agility, balance and co-ordination whilst working in a team.
- 20<sup>th</sup> 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**



We have been developing our awareness of our wonderful world this week in early years. In Nursery the children have read the story of 'A Seed in Need' which has led to us scattering wildflowers in our woods. We have also planted sunflower seeds and cannot wait to see how tall they will grow! We have discussed the changing seasons and shown our developing knowledge by creating trees from all times during the year. In Reception the children have listened carefully to the story of 'The Secret Sky Garden' and built on their prior knowledge of environments and the impact we can have on our world. The children have planted herbs for our outside classroom, created their own maps as well as completing some diary writing. In the woodlands the children have created cityscapes or famous landmarks using natural treasures found outdoors - we were very creative! What a brilliant week, well done everyone!👍

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



Key Stage 1 have had a brilliant week exploring their curiosity and building on their learning. This week in English the children have been creating and describing their own alien toy with fantastic imagination and presentation skills. In History, the children were able to recall the significant causes and effects from the Great Fire of London. They loved drawing their own maps to show the fire and applied a key with significant place names. The children have enjoyed our PE games looking at attacking and defending again, showing a true love for games. Year 2 have adored spending their lunch time playtime out on the KS2 playground with the older children to help get them ready for Year 3. Well done everyone for a fantastic week!

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



We have had another busy week back at school! We have been writing some amazing expanded noun phrases in English to describe the beautiful pictures in our book 'Journey.' In Science we have enjoyed learning more about states of matter - learning the different properties of gases, liquids and solids. In History we are really enjoying our topic on the Romans, learning all about life in Rome and how it was different to that in Britain. In Art we have been practicing weaving using paper and have created amazing pieces! In French we are learning all about the seasons. In RE we had some thoughtful responses to our topic on rules for life and why we have them, and we focussed on the story of Moses to help us with this. We are also really enjoying reading more of 'The Butterfly Lion' in Guided Reading and have answered questions well relating to it. Well done on lots of hard work this week Lower Key Stage 2.

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



### Year 5

We have enjoyed a very busy week in year 5! In Spanish, we learnt about the modern Olympics and found it interesting to compare this with the Ancient Olympic games. In History, we continued to explore Ancient Greeks - specifically the city-states of Athens and Sparta. We absolutely loved our trip to the National Football Museum, where it was fascinating to learn how the sport has developed over the years. We started to learn some new songs during our brass music lesson towards the end of the week - please remember to ensure that the instruments are in school every Thursday. Well done for another wonderful week, Year 5!

### Year 6

Year 6 have been working their socks off this week as we begin our preparation for SATs. We have gone through some practice papers in the school hall to get a feel for the room ready for when we take the real papers in a couple of weeks time. The children have continued to enjoy our class novel *The Explorer* and have produced some super writing based on the adventures of the children in the book. We have also continued with our work on Jacques Cousteau and the book 'Manfish' which has opened the children's eyes to the world underwater. The children are learning all about Ascension and Pentecost in RE and are enjoying our new Good News Bibles. The week was rounded off with competitive games in sports - some of our Year 6s are very competitive indeed ! A super week - well done Year 6 !

## Diary Dates

### April

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)
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### 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) 2.30pm-3.30pm Blackbirds Parents and School Together (Stay and Play) session. (Letter already sent out - please return responses to your child's class teacher.)
Wednesday 8th May	2.30pm-3.30pm Blackbirds Parents and School Together (Stay and Play) session.
Thursday 9th May	2.30pm-3.30pm Blackbirds Parents and School Together (Stay and Play) session.
Friday 10th May	2.30pm-3.30pm Blackbirds Parents and School Together (Stay and Play) session.
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	KS1 Sports Day AM : Time to be confirmed. KS2 Sports Day PM : Time to be confirmed.
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

Friday June 14th	Film night after school - details to follow.
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.

St Leonard's  
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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.

# Little Angels

**at St Leonard's Church, Langho**  
**commencing THURSDAY 16th MAY 2024**  
**and every following 3rd Thursday of the month**  
**1.45 - 3.15 pm**

**If you are new to this wonderful world but not yet at school, bring whoever cares for you and...**

## **JOIN US**

**...for an afternoon of making friends, listening to stories, doing crafty things, singing and playing.**

**You will get a snack and your grown-up can have a cuppa too.**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU**  
**(£2 per session)**

