



SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025

A Message from Mrs Hetherington

On Tuesday 20th May, our Year 5/6 Netball team represented us at the Blackburn & Darwen Netball Competition, held at St Bede's High School.

Team Shad had earned their place in the finals after topping their group just two weeks ago with a series of impressive performances — and they certainly didn't disappoint on the big day!

They played brilliantly throughout the tournament, winning 4 out of 5 games. It all came down to the final match, with a chance to be crowned champions. Despite a valiant effort against last year's winners, we narrowly missed out, finishing as runners-up.

We couldn't be prouder of the team's determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship. An outstanding achievement — well done, Team Shad! 🏆👏



Upcoming Events

Friday 23rd May
School finishes for half term at 3.30pm

Wednesday 4th June
3W Trip to the Lake District

Thursday 5th June
3RW Trip to the Lake District

Friday 13th June
Year 6 Fundraising event

Friday 27th June
DANCE FESTIVAL
More details to follow!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



“Attendance is not optional”

There is an expectation that children are in school every day

Overall School Attendance Target

95%

Actual Whole School Attendance 19/5/25 - 23/5/25

90.51%

ATTENDANCE

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
93%	88%	92%	97%	87%	89%	86%	91%

LATE ARRIVALS

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
2	5	13	9	4	2	11	2

STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Maya F

5J - Romann D

3RW - Orion M

5W - Alana-Lily L

4G - Jayden O

6C - Harrison T-F

4B - Logan C

6H - Erin D

Forest Room - Troy H



Learning

Year 3 News

As we wrap up the last week of this half term, Year 3 have continued to impress with their enthusiasm and hard work across all subjects!

In Science, we've been learning all about the process of pollination and have worked hard to name the different parts of a flower. The children enjoyed exploring how flowers reproduce and were fascinated by the important role bees and insects play in nature.

In Music, Mr Brown was particularly impressed this week with the class's ability to learn and perform rhythms. Their focus and excellent listening skills really stood out—well done, Year 3!

In Maths, we've been focusing on money—a vital life skill! The class have been learning to make different amounts, add and subtract money, and even calculate change. Their progress has been fantastic.

We're incredibly proud of all the hard work Year 3 have put in this term. Have a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for more exciting learning next half term!



Year 4 News

It's been a busy and productive week in Year 4! In English, we've focused on grammar practice to get ready for our upcoming tests after half term, working on punctuation, sentence structure, and word classes.

In Maths, we explored data handling by creating bar charts using our shoe sizes and interpreting line graphs to answer questions.

Our Science lessons have involved sorting animals into different habitats such as the Arctic, ocean, rainforest, urban areas, and woodlands, with lots of great discussion about animal adaptations.

We're also making great progress in Dance, with our first verse almost complete—super energetic and creative performances all round!

In Geography, we started learning how to use four-figure grid references and used an OS map of Blackburn to locate different landmarks. Well done to everyone for a fantastic week of learning!



Learning

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a busy week, working hard throughout their assessments. We're really pleased with the focus and effort they've shown across all subjects – they should be proud of themselves.

In English, the children have been writing portal stories based on a magical shop that holds mysterious powers. They've come up with some very creative ideas and have enjoyed developing their characters and settings.

In Geography, we took learning outside and used a map of the school grounds to find clues using four-figure grid references. It was a great opportunity to put their map skills into practice in a fun and active way.

Well done to all of Year 5 for their hard work this week – both in the classroom and outside of it!



Year 6 News

We've had a lovely week in Year 6 this week! After last week's SATs, the children enjoyed going back onto the curriculum. In History, they have been discovering Crime and Punishments used throughout history- starting with the Romans all the way up to the 21st Century! The children discovered lots of gruesome punishments and even got to try being in stocks!

In English, they focussed on creating different styles of poetry- blackout poetry and silly rhymes! They were very creative, coming up with ways to highlight key words in a text to form their very own poem. Blackout poetry is a great activity that they can also try at home. Especially if you have any old magazines/newspapers/letters lying around that you no longer need!

In maths our focus this week has been spirals! They've created Archimedean, Baravelle and the Fibonacci sequence spirals using a range of different mathematical techniques!

Year 6 have worked hard this half term and they should be very proud! Enjoy the half term break ready for our big half term getting ready for high school!



LET'S GET TALKING

Talking together helps your child develop communication and relationship skills with others and builds their vocabulary

Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?



In the news this week

A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people—called a popemobile—is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. The vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What is your opinion of Pope Francis' decision to donate the popemobile? Why do you believe he decided to do this? Ask someone at home about their thoughts.
- Have you ever donated something? Could it be harder to donate something that's important to you?
- Can you think of examples of different times when people might donate items to help others?



SCHOOL BREAK



The Shadsworth
with Whitebirk
Big Local
Partnership

FREE LUNCH GRAB BAGS

**WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT
HOLIDAY HUNGER**

Free Children's Lunches During the half term holidays, pick up your free children's lunch grab bags from the Community Shop on Accrington Road. Please let them know in advance if your child has any allergies so they can try to make sure they still get a grab bag.

Dates you can collect are:

Tuesday 27th May & Thursday 29th May between 10am and 12noon

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 4 th June 2025	1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 11 th June 2025	3pm – 5pm
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	1pm – 3pm