



# SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

### **A Message from Mrs Hetherington** **Online Safety - Snapchat & Whatsapp**

In recent weeks, we have had several issues with children using Snapchat and Whatsapp inappropriately whilst at home. This spills over into school and our teachers are spending increasing amounts of time dealing with the consequences rather than being able to teach.

Snapchat and Whatsapp are designed for users who are at least 13 years old. This age restriction is there to protect children from exposure to content and interactions that may not be suitable for their age. Allowing children under 13 to use Snapchat and Whatsapp goes against its terms of service and, as parents, you are therefore legally responsible for ensuring your child follows these rules.

Often children can be added to large group chats involving many different people, some they know and some they don't. This can lead to words and views being shared that are not appropriate and can lead to friendship issues at school.

Could I please ask that you check your child's phone to see what groups they are in and what is being said. School is limited on how much time we can give to these issues as this is a parenting issue and best dealt with out of school.

Our best advice to all parents - if your child is seeing things that is upsetting, remove the social media from their devices.

## Upcoming Events

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
School finishes for half  
term at 3.30pm

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
3W Trip to the Lake  
District

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
3RW Trip to the Lake  
District

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 6 Fundraising  
event

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 12/5/25 - 16/5/25

94.56

## ATTENDANCE

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
97%	89%	95%	93%	90%	96%	99%	97%

## LATE ARRIVALS

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
1	4	9	4	1	2	1	0

## STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Riley G

5J - Gabriel Mc

3RW - Euan B

5W - Urwa A-S

4G - Noah H

6C - The whole class!

4B - Arlo G

6H - The whole class!

Forest Room - Fawaz S-H



# Learning

## Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a busy week in English reading various poems all about Spring. We have been using them to help us come up with our own ideas to write our own poems. The children have used alliteration, similies and lots of description to capture how Spring looks and feels.

In Maths we have started our unit on Money. We have been working out totals and converting pounds into pence. We will be continuing with this unit next week.

We have enjoyed watching our beans grow in Science. The children were shocked at how tall our bean in the dark grew. They discovered the reason for this is that it was searching for light.

We have made the most of the sunny, warm weather by playing rounds of Cricket in PE and have had a lovely end to the week with lunch outside, ice pops and some games of Rounders!



## Year 4 News

What a busy week it's been in Year 4!

We've been hard at work finishing off our stories and spending time editing and checking our spellings for our alternative endings to The True Story of the Three Little Pigs – some very creative ideas emerged!

In maths, we've been revising key skills. Telling the time using the 24-hour clock is still a bit tricky, so please keep practising this at home. We've also been working on coordinates and translation.

Science took us outdoors this week as we learned more about vertebrates and invertebrates. We spent a lovely afternoon in Forest School hunting for invertebrates like worms, spiders, and beetles. Many were hiding away because it's been so dry, but we still managed to find a few!

We've also kicked off rehearsals for our dance performance at next month's festival – lots of energy and enthusiasm! And finally, we enjoyed a sunny Friday afternoon playing rounders and cricket. A lovely end to a packed week!



# Learning

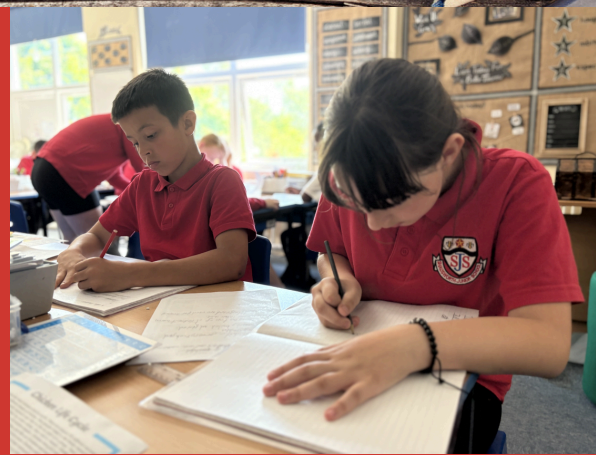
## Year 5 News

Another busy week in year 5, here are the highlights:  
In English, children have been writing their portal story using lots of description based on the book *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie. They have described a magical shop called the Imaginarium and chosen a unique object to be the portal to a new dimension in the story.

In Maths, children have been practising their arithmetic skills every day and they are growing in confidence to answer tricky questions. For example, which two square numbers equal 52?

In science, children in 5W enjoyed an afternoon outside the classroom with support from the Ernest Trust Foundation. They played games, collected leaves, examined flowers and discussed pollination. Ask your child what metamorphosis means?

In PE, children have been developing their cricket skills practising bowling and batting. The children played against each other in small teams, they showed good teamworking skills.



## Year 6 News

We are so proud of the Year 6 classes this week! They have shown real maturity with their attitudes towards completing the SATs papers.

Everyone gave it their absolute best which is all we have ever asked for.

As it has been such a warm week and the children had been working incredibly hard in the mornings, we broke up their afternoon learning with outside breaks and ice lollies to help cool them down!

Today's SATs treat at St Anne's beach has been lovely, especially playing all the games in the sunshine and enjoying an ice cream!

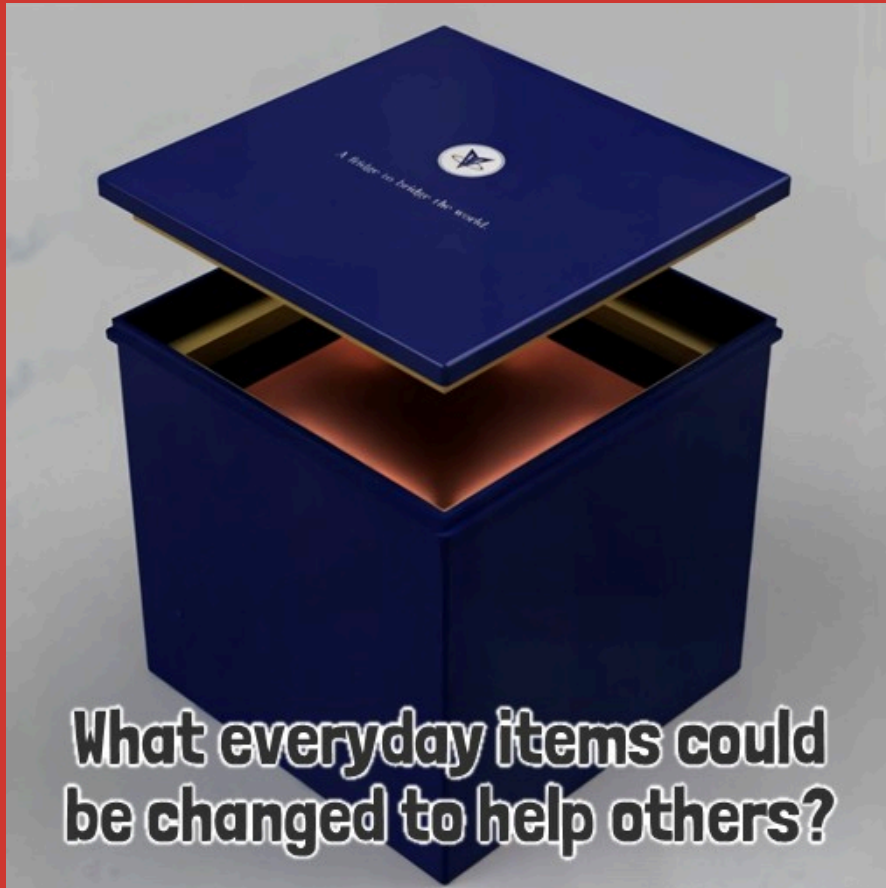
Next week we will be back to a normal routine - School opening at 8.45am.

## Well done Year 6!



# LET'S GET TALKING

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



**What everyday items could be changed to help others?**

## In the news this week

Three teenagers from Indore, India – Dhruv Chaudhary, Mithran Ladhania, and Mridul Jain – have created a salt-powered fridge. Their goal is to support hospitals in rural areas around the world that lack access to electricity. Their invention, called the Thermavault, was submitted to The Earth Prize, a global competition which aims to inspire young people to solve world-wide problems.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on the new fridge invention. Who do you believe will benefit most from it?
- Make a list of everyday items at home. Which make your life easier?
- Can you think of an item you use that could be improved? How?



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# SEND INCLUSION DAY 2025

**Thursday  
19th June 2025  
11am - 2pm & 4pm - 7pm**

**Grand Venue, 2 Harrison Street, Blackburn BB2 2JE**

Come and visit our annual **special educational needs and disabilities** day, for children and adults. A marketplace event with stands from local providers, the NHS and voluntary services.

Entrance is **FREE** no need to book, just drop in, refreshments included.

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