



SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025

A Message from Mrs Hetherington

We had a truly memorable day celebrating the VE Day 80th anniversary with our children! The day began with a special assembly where we reflected on the importance of Victory in Europe Day and the resilience of those who lived through it. Our talented children then took their celebration into the community, performing with great enthusiasm in Blackburn town centre – a proud moment for everyone involved!

Back in school, classrooms were buzzing with themed activities that helped bring history to life, from crafting wartime posters to learning popular songs from the era.

To top it all off, we held a lovely outdoor tea party for lunch, complete with traditional treats and Union Jack bunting, bringing the whole school together in true wartime spirit. It was a wonderful day of learning, remembrance, and community – well done to all involved!



Upcoming Events

Monday 12th May
SATs week for Year 6

Friday 16th May
Year 5 - UCLAN Science Festival

Friday 23rd May
School finishes for half term

Wednesday 4th June
3W Lake District Trip

Thursday 5th June
3RW Lake District Trip

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 6/5/25 - 9/5/25

94.15%

ATTENDANCE

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
90%	94%	97%	94%	90%	98%	95%	94%

LATE ARRIVALS

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Oscar S

5J - Elsie G-G

3RW - Donte F

5W - Jahkody J

4G - Addison B

6C - Poppeh H

4B - Maci C

6H - Evie F

Forest Room - Sapphire T

**The Hive - Lily-May Mc &
Archie F-M**



Learning

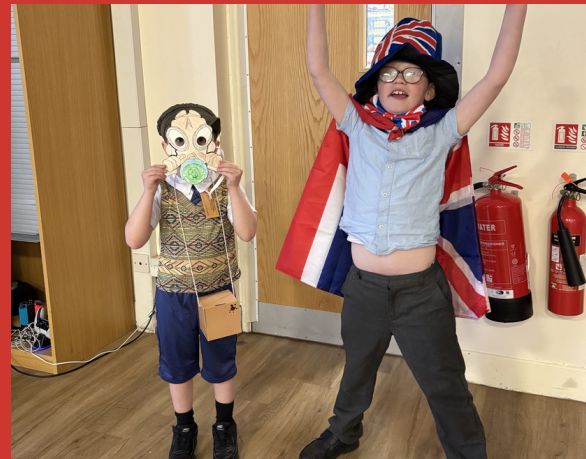
Year 3 News

This week, Year 3 have been busy exploring the wonders of the Lake District! The children enjoyed researching popular attractions in the area and thinking carefully about where they would most like to visit – from scenic lakes and mountains to adventure playgrounds and farms.

In Design and Technology, pupils have been developing their sewing skills, creating beautifully crafted cushions. Their hard work and creativity really shone through in each unique design!

We also took time to commemorate VE Day, with a range of activities to help the children understand the importance of this historical event and celebrate with pride. A special highlight of the week was when some of our talented Year 3 children visited the infant school to sing and sign – spreading joy and showcasing their musical confidence.

Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning and creativity!



Year 4 News

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Year 4!

In Maths, we've been focusing on perimeter and area, learning how to count squares and measure the sides of different shapes. The children have been working hard to apply their measuring skills and are becoming more confident in calculating area and perimeter.

In English, we started drafting alternative endings to The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs. We've been exploring multi-clause sentences, using fronted adverbials, and working on descriptive settings to make our new endings exciting and imaginative.

In Science, we have been learning to group vertebrates into their five main categories: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. The children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity during our discussions.

We've also been learning the signs to go along with the song "We'll Meet Again", ready for our special VE Day celebrations. Thursday was packed with VE day activities: Morse code maths, making Spitfire aeroplanes, VE Day wordsearches and quizzes, and the highlight – a brilliant picnic outside to mark the occasion. It's been a wonderful week full of learning, creativity, and celebration!



Learning

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a very busy four day week! We have been celebrating VE day in class and have also spent some time practicing our dances for the dance festival!

In maths, we have started looking at geometry. We learnt about different types of triangles, different lines in shapes and we spent some time looking at 3D shapes- labelling their faces, vertices and edges.

In literacy, we wrote some wonderful setting descriptions based on the interesting shop- The Nowhere Emporium. We came up with some fantastic sentences using our adjectival phrases to add detail.

We have also explored the life cycle of a Sea Turtle in science, where we saw them grow from an egg, to a hatchling, to a juvenile, to an adult.

In PE, we were practicing our batting and fielding skills, preparing ourselves for cricket matches next week!



Year 6 News

Next week is SATs for Year 6. They've worked so hard these last few weeks and we're very proud of the resilience. Here are some top tips for this weekend!

1. Stop revising

Cramming can actually cause more panic, so instead of worrying about what you do or don't know, try to relax and occupy your brain with your favourite thing to do.

2. Practice some positive affirmations

If you're feeling anxious about how your test might go, then positive affirmations can make a surprisingly big difference to your mood.

3. Do something that makes you feel good

Whether it's a run, a game of football with your friends or some at-home yoga, movement can make a huge difference to your mood.

4. Eat a balanced meal

As we all know, food is fuel. A healthy, balanced meal is key the night before an exam, so try to include fruits and vegetables, protein and carbohydrates.

5. Get a good night's sleep

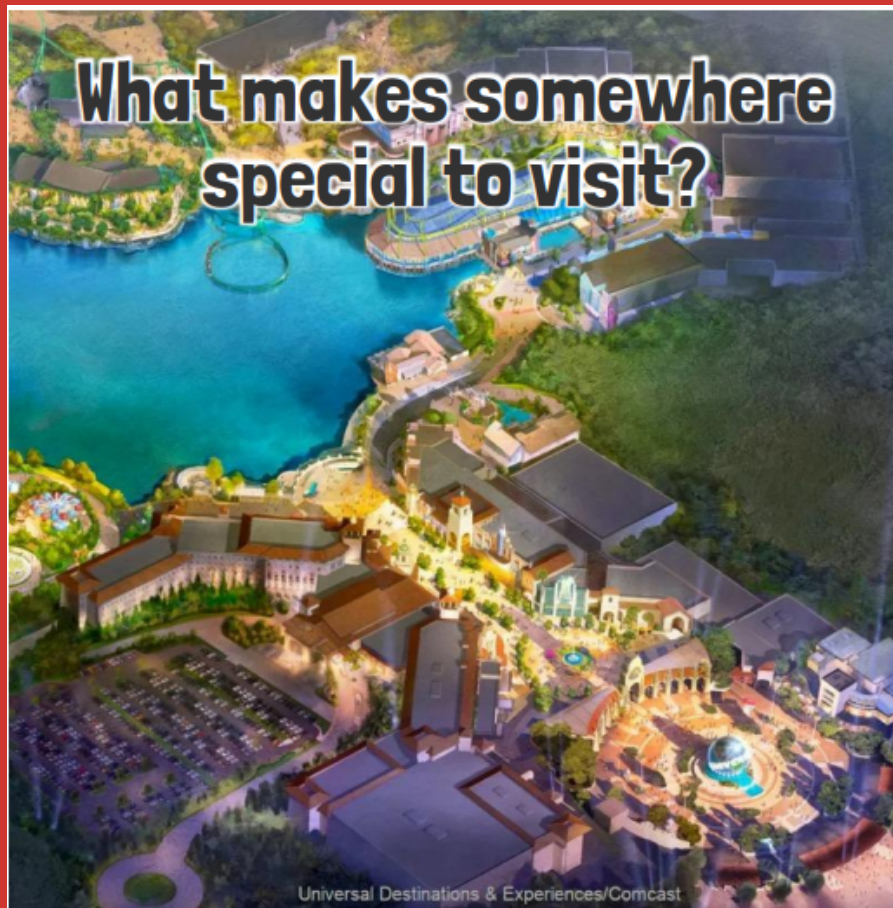
The most important tip is to prioritise sleep the night before a test. Getting a restful night's sleep is key for your concentration and focus.

Please arrive at school for 8.15am on Monday so they are able to receive their SATs breakfast!



LET'S GET TALKING

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



In the news this week

The government has recently announced that a theme park will be built in the UK, due to open in 2031. The brand-new Universal theme park will be the first in Europe, located in Bedfordshire, England. Universal Pictures is a US entertainment company, well known for creating movies such as Sing, Despicable Me, Shrek and The Grinch. It currently has five theme parks across the world, with plans to build more.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to the news about a new theme park in the UK with someone at home. Is it somewhere you would like to visit?
- Have you been to any other theme parks? Have others at home? If not, would you like to?
- Can you think of a place that is special to you? What makes it special?



Shadsworth Sports News



On Wednesday 7th May, our talented Year 3/4 tennis team represented the school at the Blackburn & Darwen Tennis Competition, held at Blackburn Tennis Club.

Team Shad delivered a truly outstanding performance, with one of our pupils achieving a perfect record, winning all 6 of their games, the only competitor to do so on the day. A remarkable accomplishment!

Each of the four players played a crucial role, earning valuable points by drawing or winning their individual matches. Their collective effort and determination paid off, as Team Shad were crowned champions, winning by just 1 point!

We are incredibly proud of our players and their teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship. Well done, Team Shad!