



# SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

### A Message from Mrs Hetherington

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting our second Times Tables Rock Stars event across the entire school, and it was an absolute hit! The energy in the hall was electric as children from all classes participated with enthusiasm and determination.



It's clear that the children have been practicing hard, as we saw some truly impressive scores across the board. We couldn't be more proud of their effort and dedication to mastering their times tables.

The final consisted of the six top performers from across the school. It was a tense atmosphere and Dea from 6C smashed it with a score of 54!

A big thank you to all the students for their hard work, and to the teachers and staff for making the event run so smoothly.



### Upcoming Events

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
School re-opens after Easter break

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
SATs week for Year 6



Rank	Name	Score
1	Dea B	54
2	Enoch B	48
3	Myiesha M	46
4	Euan B	45
5	Gabriella A	41
6	Alisha M	39



# 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 31/3/25 - 4/4/25**

**84.7%**

## ATTENDANCE

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
81%	85%	80%	87%	88%	82%	85%	88%

## LATE ARRIVALS

3W	3VW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6C
5	9	10	8	14	6	11	8

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**3W - Eve-Rose W**

**5J - Krisityan L**

**3RW - Haleema S**

**5W - Enoch B**

**4G - Leighton S**

**6C - Ayden D**

**4B - Brannagh E**

**6H - Olivia S**

**Forest Room - Arthur Mc**



# Learning

## Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a busy week getting ready for the Grandparents tea party which went down a treat! Thank you for all those who were able to come along and watch your super stars perform.

We have come to the end of our topics in Science and History, finishing them off with quizzes to see how much our Scientists and Archeologists have remembered.

In Maths we have continued with learning the time on analogue and digital clocks and have been solving word problems associated with time. We have also been practising our times tables daily in preparation for our Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament, which was held on Wednesday. The children are getting much faster. Any extra practise at home will really help.

Could you please make sure that your child has their name in their jumper or cardigan. As the warmer weather approaches, the children often take them off and they can get misplaced if they have no name in.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and we'll look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 22nd April.



## Year 4 News

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 4!

One of the highlights this week was our Samba Drumming Performance for parents. The children put on an amazing show, demonstrating their rhythm and musical skills with great enthusiasm. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support them—it was a truly memorable experience!

Another special moment was our singing performance at the Grandparents' Tea Party. The children sang beautifully, bringing smiles to the faces of their grandparents and creating a heartwarming atmosphere. It was lovely to see so many families coming together to celebrate this occasion.

In Maths, we have been focusing on data handling, where the children have been learning how to collect, interpret, and present information using graphs and charts. They have enjoyed practical activities and working collaboratively to analyse different sets of data.



# Learning

## Year 5 News

Another busy week in year 5, here are the highlights:

In English, children have been reading and exploring different types of poetry. They have looked at comedy, rhyming and shape poems. Children have created a shape poem around a theme, they have written some lovely poems about butterflies, leaves, diamonds, rockets and wolves to name a few.

Year five children also enjoyed their bikeability lessons organised by Sporting NRG. The children practised their cycling skills on the school yard and then progressed to cycling all around Shadsworth estates many roads. The children also enjoyed an off road ride along the Arran Trail. The instructors praised the behaviour of all the children who took part.

In science and history, children have completed their end of unit quizzes. They scored well on both topics, showing how they have retained lots of information about space and the Anglo Saxons.

In PE, children have been continued to develop their tennis skills. The warm sunny weather gave children an opportunity to spread out all over the yard and play tennis rallies with their partner.



## Year 6 News

We have had another busy week in Year 6 this week! This week the children have been focussing on their SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar), looking at different word classes and use of punctuation! CGP website have some great 10 minute quizzes that they could try at home! [cgpbooks.com](http://cgpbooks.com)

It was our last week with Senora Valero in Spanish this week! The children have worked incredibly hard this half term on how to order food and drink in a café and they have made good progress. Next half term it will be Mr Hewitt and Mrs Rose teaching Spanish, so hopefully they won't end up ordering the wrong things!

We hope you have a lovely Easter! Try and continue to practice your times tables and reading throughout the holidays as it will help the children with key areas of their learning.





# EASTER



**Big Local**

The Shadsworth  
with Whitebirk  
Big Local  
Partnership

**FREE LUNCH GRAB BAGS**

Lunch

**WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT  
HOLIDAY HUNGER**

## Free Children's Lunches

During the Easter 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:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are pleased to announce that our Eco Warriors have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for school garden.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school garden, it also helps the environment by helping to divert good quality unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year!

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate good quality, clean unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts and handbags, (please refer to Your paragraph text for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other large bags to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Shadsworth Junior School on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to school on this day and help us have a really good collection. Please do not bring your bag before this date as we have nowhere to store them.

Many thanks for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Wilcock  
(Eco Warrior Lead)



# EASTER



FREE  
SCHOOL  
MEALS

GET stuck IN

# Easter

## HOLIDAY CLUBS

FOR KIDS  
4-16

FSM158

FUN GAMES - DAYS OUT - SPORTS

Shadsworth County Junior (Blackburn)

USE THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR FREE PLACE

WWW.GETSTUCKIN.ORG.UK

The booking line opened on Monday 24th March @ 9:30am to enrol your child in a free holiday clubs programme over the Easter school holidays!

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a scheme funded by the Government and delivered by local councils, providing healthy food and fun activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals.

Sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills like meeting new friends, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

For information on how you and your family can get involved this Easter, or to book your place please visit [Get Stuck In](https://www.getstuckin.org.uk) or call the booking team on 01254 784105 (Option 2)

# LET'S GET TALKING

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



Should stadiums be used for more than just football?

## In the news this week

English football club, Manchester United, has announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK. The new stadium will cost around £2 billion, seat 100,000 spectators and will also be used for many other things, including concerts. It is thought the new development will be built close to the club's existing stadium, Old Trafford. Once it's ready, the current Old Trafford stadium may be demolished.

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

- What is the closest football stadium to where you live? Is it ever used for things other than football?
- Do you enjoy watching football or other sports? Have you ever been to a game in a stadium or perhaps visited one? Ask someone at home to share their experience.
- Share your thoughts on the new stadium. Do you think it is a good idea?

**Local  
Primary  
Care**



# **Learning Disability Health Day**

**Come and join  
the fun!**



**Find out all about:**

- Annual health checks or even have one whilst you're there!
- Health screening & fun things to show you how to check yourself!
- Health promotions and lots more!



**SATURDAY 26TH APRIL  
10AM TILL 3PM  
BARBARA CASTLE WAY HEALTH CENTRE,  
SIMMONS STREET,  
BLACKBURN,  
BB2 1AX**

**For More Information:**

**Email: [HFinbox@lscft.nhs.uk](mailto:HFinbox@lscft.nhs.uk)**



## EASTER MESSY CHURCH



We're getting "Messy" and you're invited!

**11 am - 1 pm Sat 19 April 2025**


*What is Messy Church?*

It's All-age \* It's Fun \* It's Free \* It's Church \*  
\* Light Lunch included \*

**For children & parents to enjoy together**



**Salvation Army, Vicar St, Blackburn  
(opposite Morrisons / Bus Station)**

Contact Nasreen:  "Little Footprints" or Ashley: [blackburn@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:blackburn@salvationarmy.org.uk)

# 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](https://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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 25

1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 25

3pm – 5pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 25

5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 25

1pm – 3pm