



SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

A Message from Mr Haworth

I have to start off by saying a huge thank you to everyone associated with Shadsworth Junior School, parents, grandparents, governors, staff and, most importantly, children for the fantastic welcome I have had to the Shadsworth community. It is a very special school and I am incredibly proud to be the new Headteacher.



A very brief introduction to myself, I have worked in education for 20 years. I have taught in all year groups from 1 to 6, have worked in Rochdale, Middleton, Bacup and Radcliffe. I have been a Deputy Headteacher for 10 years and Head of School at two schools. I am a dad of three boys, life-long Blackburn Rovers fan and failed golfer!



It has been a very busy first four weeks back at school and I have been incredibly pleased with how everyone has settled in to their new year groups. On the whole, it has been a very calm and productive start to the year - long may it continue!



Our focus this term has been respect - one of our school values and I am pleased to report I have seen it bucket loads. I have particularly enjoyed handing out certificates to our Stars of the Week during Friday's whole school celebration assembly.

A huge, congratulations to our newly appointed School Councillors, we are just waiting for their badges to arrive. I would also like to thank every single child who put themselves forward to be a School Councillor, it takes great courage to stand up in front of your classmates and real dignity to congratulate the victor, even if you are a little disappointed.



I have made slight tweaks to the way Parent's evening is run - hopefully to improve - but we will see. This is taking place on Wednesday 8th October from 3:45pm. We are also moving to a monthly newsletter but if there is anything you need to know in-between, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office. We are here help.

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 22/9/25 - 26/9/25

92%

ATTENDANCE

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
88%	96%	93%	85%	94%	95%	92%	92%

LATE ARRIVALS

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
5	1	0	0	0	3	0	0

STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Skylar H

5J - Archie B

3RW - Oliver R

5W - Jayden O

4G - Riley S

6R - Louie B

4B - Marcel L

6H - Oscar T

Forest Room - Fawaz S H

The Hive - Mayson H



Learning

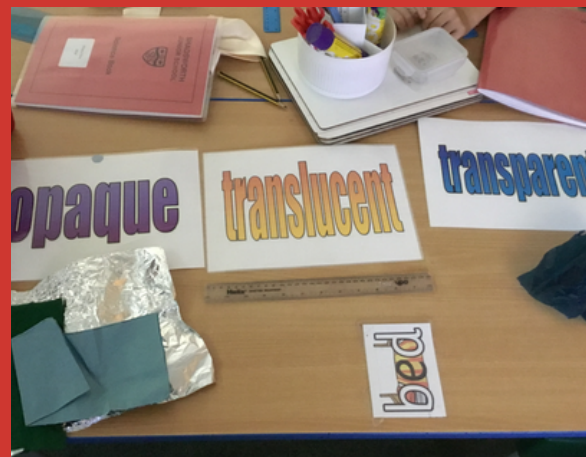
Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a settled and enjoyable start to the term. We have been extremely impressed with how calm and prepared the children have been – thank you for your support.

Your child will have taken home a reading book and book bag. We strongly encourage you to listen to your child read regularly. The books they bring home are ones they have chosen themselves and may include words they find challenging. Any support from an adult or older sibling would be hugely beneficial to their reading development.

Here are some of the things your child has been learning about recently:

- **Maths:** We have been consolidating our understanding of place value and practising how to add 10 and 100 across tens and hundreds boundaries.
- **English:** We have been working on using conjunctions and powerful verbs in both past and present tense sentences.
- **Science:** Our focus has been on light, dark, and shadows. The children have enjoyed conducting experiments and investigations to explore these concepts further.



Year 4 News

Year 4 have had a fantastic half term and we are really proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm they have shown!

In Maths, we have been practising written methods for addition and subtraction, as well as learning about angles in turns and degrees. We have also worked with 4-digit numbers and rounded them to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

In English, we used our imaginations to write about a mysterious forest setting and designed our own colourful monsters – some even enjoyed eating marshmallows!

In Science, we discovered how the digestive system works and had fun learning what happens to our food as it travels through the body.

In PE, we have been developing our basketball skills, practising dribbling, passing and shooting.

In Geography, we have explored Europe and focused on Italy, finding out about its landscapes, people and how the land is used.



Learning

Year 5 News

What a fantastic start to the year it has been for Year 5! The children have settled in brilliantly and are already rising to the new challenges of Upper Key Stage 2.

In Maths, we've levelled up our learning, focusing on the four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The children have shown great perseverance as they've tackled trickier problems and built on their existing skills.

Literacy has been full of suspense and excitement as we've explored the genre of warning stories. The children have written some wonderfully spooky and dramatic pieces, making excellent use of target sentence structures to really hook their readers!

Our Geography topic this term is all about North America. So far, we've been exploring the major countries and key cities across the continent. The children have enjoyed learning about the diversity of landscapes and cultures found there.

In PE, we've been developing our skills in hockey and handball. Teamwork, coordination, and strategic thinking have been at the heart of our lessons, and it's been great to see everyone getting stuck in and enjoying the games.

It's been a busy and rewarding start to Year 5, and we're excited to see what the rest of the term brings!



Year 6 News

We've had a wonderful first few weeks back in Year 6! The children have settled in brilliantly and have begun their learning with real enthusiasm and focus. It's been fantastic to see their energy, curiosity, and positive attitudes shine through across all subjects.

Geography has been truly explosive (in the best way)! We've been investigating violent volcanoes, exploring how tectonic plates move, and what causes volcanic eruptions. The children have been fascinated by real-life case studies and dramatic video clips.

A huge well done to 6R, who achieved 100% in bringing their PE kits in—what a fantastic example of responsibility and teamwork. Let's see if we can keep it up (and maybe even start a little healthy competition with the 6H).



5-11
YEARS OLD



Community
Trust

27TH-31ST
OCTOBER

FOOTBALL & GAMING CAMP

CAMP INCLUDES: Professional football coaching, Strikers' Lounge, Player appearances, Stadium tours, Play in our Games Room, Play a variety of sports.

27th-31st October, 8:30am - 5:00pm
(early pick up from 3:30pm)

Location: Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre (BRIC) - BB2 4JF

**£22 per day, or £90 when you book
the whole week - saving £20!**

SCAN NOW TO BOOK



T&C's and code of conduct apply.
*Player appearance subject to availability.