



# SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

### A Message from Mr Haworth

Well, we have reached the end of our first half term in one piece. I honestly think it has flown- some of the children don't agree! The children and staff have worked so hard throughout the term and definitely deserve a rest next week. Some of the highlights of the half term have included our mental health awareness day, Let's Go Sing coming in to work with our choir, our sports teams continuing to represent the school successfully and our Harvest Assembly. Whilst mentioning the Harvest Assembly, I must thank you all for your kind donations- Blackburn Food appreciated your generosity.

Our Autumn disco for Years 3 and 4 is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Don't worry Years 5 and 6- you will have a Christmas disco. Whilst mentioning Christmas, the Christmas dates will come out after half term so watch this space. All that's left to say is have a lovely half term and come back to us safe and sound and ready for learning on Monday 3rd November.

### Choir Update 🎵

Our school choir has been busy rehearsing for Let's Go Sing, and the excitement has been building! The children were absolutely thrilled to take part in their first Let's Go Sing session with Matthew.

As always, we had an amazing time learning the songs, actions, and Makaton signs for our new pieces. The energy and enthusiasm from everyone was fantastic! A highlight for us was the children singing their favourite new song, 'Auntie Brenda' and pulling their best 'Auntie Brenda' poses!

We can't wait for our next session after half term as we continue preparing for the big performance in March.



# 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**

**20/10/25 - 24/10/25 - 90.18%**

## ATTENDANCE

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
93	91	88	90	93	90	89	87

## LATE ARRIVALS

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
0	0	1	0	2	3	3	1

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**3W - Jasper P**

**5J - Jayden R**

**3RW - Alivia G**

**5W - Jonatan N**

**4G - C J H**

**6R - Scarlett C**

**4B - Elizabeth D**

**6H - Anaya S**

**Forest Room - Fawaz S H**



# Learning

## Year 3 News

What a fantastic month we've had in Year Three! We've really enjoyed exploring our topic on light and dark, investigating shadows and reflections through hands-on experiments and creative activities.

A real highlight was taking part in our Harvest Assembly. The children were so proud to share their work and to learn about the incredible efforts of the local food bank in helping others. In English, we've written some brilliant simile poems all about our superheroes — full of imagination and wonderful descriptive language!

We're also becoming much more confident with our typing skills and using the Chromebooks independently to support our learning.

Following our visit from the WOW scheme, we're excited to challenge ourselves to walk to school more often — especially now that Arran Avenue has reopened!

Well done, Year Three — another month of curiosity, creativity, and kindness!



## Year 4 News

What a busy and exciting month it has been in Year 4! In English, we completed our story writing, creating amazing descriptions of mysterious forests and terrifying monsters. We have now moved on to writing non-chronological reports about Italy. The children loved researching fascinating facts about the Colosseum, St Peter's Cathedral, Italy's rivers and mountain ranges, and of course, the delicious Italian food!

In PE, we finished our invasion games unit with some fantastic handball matches to prepare for our upcoming House Tournament — a real highlight for everyone. In Science, we have been learning all about the digestive system, teeth, and food chains. We even carried out an exciting experiment using eggs to find out which liquids cause the most damage to our teeth.

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest minute and to convert between 12-hour and 24-hour clocks. It's been tricky at times, but we're definitely getting there! Keep practising at home.

In Geography, we compared the Campania region of Italy to the North West of England and discovered that both areas are very hilly!

Last week, we also completed a few tests, and the children worked incredibly hard, showing real resilience and determination. It's been a long, busy term full of learning, creativity, and fun.



# Learning

## Year 5 News

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

In English, children have produced their non fiction write about the famous French tight rope artist Philippe Petit. Did you know he famously walked on a tight rope between the Twin Towers in New York back in 1974. Children have researched facts about Philippe, created a life map and written a fantastic biography.

In Maths, children have been working with fractions and decimals. This involved finding equivalent fractions, adding / subtracting fractions, plus multiplying and dividing fractions. They used some new methods like Keep Change Flip to support their calculations. Children have also been ordering decimals with up to three decimal places.

In Geography, children have researched the continent of North America and produced some super work in their books. This included finding the names of the different countries, looking at different climate zones across the huge continent, looking at land use, landmarks and physical features like the Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls.

Finally in science, children have completed a quiz all about forces and scored really well, showing that they understand the science terms gravity, push, pull, friction, air resistance, gears, levers and pulleys. Ask you child about Isaac Newton.



## Year 6 News

This term, Year 6 have been busy learning lots of exciting things across different subjects!

In geography, we explored the fascinating world of volcanoes, learning how they are formed, what happens when they erupt, and the effects they have on people and the environment. We also looked at famous volcanoes around the world and enjoyed creating diagrams to show how they work.

In science, we studied the circulatory system. Pupils discovered how the heart pumps blood around the body and how oxygen travels through our veins and arteries. We even learned about the different parts of the heart and how they keep us alive and healthy.

In English, they focused on using cohesive devices to make our writing flow smoothly. We practised using conjunctions, adverbials, and pronouns to link our ideas and make our writing more interesting and detailed.

We also had some fun creative activities this term! We enjoyed carving pumpkins and making chocolate apples to celebrate autumn. These activities helped us to be creative, work together, and have fun as a class.

It has been a fantastic term full of learning, teamwork, and creativity. Year 6 are proud of everything we have achieved and are excited to keep learning more next term!





**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**YEARS 3 & 4  
AUTUMN  
DISCO**

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
3.30PM - 4.45PM**

**CHILDREN CAN BRING THEIR CLOTHES TO SCHOOL AND  
CHANGE BEFORE THE DISCO STARTS**



Blackburn with Darwen  
**ADULT  
LEARNING**



## **Dementia Friends**

Come along to this Dementia Friends Session and join the millions of people that are Dementia Friends. The session will provide you with a brief understanding of dementia, its causes and some of the different ways you can help to make a difference for people affected by the condition in your community.

**Audley NLC  
Pringle Street  
Blackburn  
BB1 1SF**

**24/10/2025  
1 Session  
1:00 - 3:00pm**





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## PREPARING TO WORK AS A CHILDMINDER

Are you thinking about becoming a childminder or working with young children? This course provides the essential knowledge and skills to help you take that first step towards a rewarding career in childcare.

Across the programme, you'll complete key introductory qualifications, including:

**Level 1 Safeguarding**  
**Paediatric First Aid**  
**Level 1 Food Safety**  
**Level 1 Caring for Children**

By the end of the course, you'll have a solid foundation for working with children and can progress to further study or begin your journey as a registered childminder.

**Shadsworth Family Hub**

Wednesday 5th November 2025 to  
Wednesday 11th February 2026



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