



SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

A Message from Mr Haworth

It has certainly been a busy and productive term!

Our first round of after-school enrichment clubs is now underway, and it's been wonderful to see so many children getting involved. With cooking, book club, chess club, drama, choir and more, there truly is something for everyone. The enthusiasm the children have shown is fantastic, and we look forward to expanding our offer even further in the new year.



As we look ahead to the festive season, please note that we have made a slight change to the schedule for our Christmas Nativity. To better accommodate families collecting younger siblings from the Infant School, the performance will now begin at 1.30pm. We hope this will make the afternoon easier for many of you and ensure everyone can arrive and settle comfortably. Tickets will go on sale next week for £1 per person and that also provides you with entry into a draw for you to win a family Christmas food hamper.



Our sports teams are also preparing for a range of upcoming competitions, and we are delighted to be entering so many events this term. We wish all pupils taking part the very best of luck and look forward to sharing their achievements with you in the weeks ahead.



We appreciate that Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for some families. Please remember that we are here to help wherever we can. If you need support, advice, or a confidential conversation, do not hesitate to get in touch with us — we want every one of our families to feel cared for and supported during the festive season and beyond.

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

24/11/25 - 28/11/25 - 91.6%

ATTENDANCE

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
94%	84%	88%	91%	95%	92%	94%	93%

LATE ARRIVALS

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
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STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Martin D

5J - Alistair D

3RW - Luca B

5W - Kasper H

4G - Maya F

6R - Romann D

4B - Eli D

6H - Lucas H

Forest Room - Muhammad S



Learning

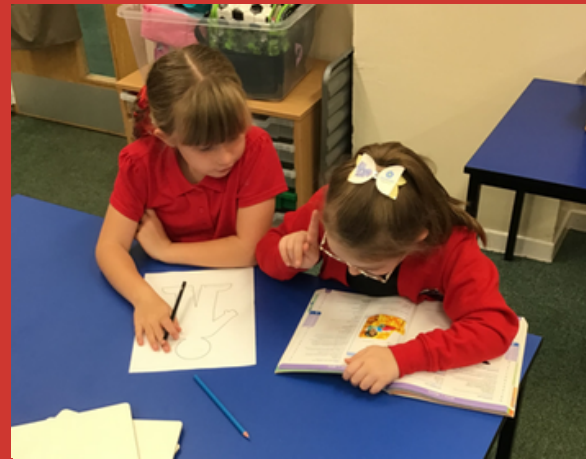
Year 3 News

We've had a fantastic month in Year 3, filled with learning, creativity, and growing confidence across all areas of the curriculum. The children have worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of the progress they continue to make.

In Maths, we have worked hard to look at the three, four and eight times tables. We have looked at how to work out multiplications, divisions and recognising patterns in the times tables that can help us to remember the facts.

In Science, we have been investigating 'Forces and Magnets'. The children enjoyed hands-on investigations using magnets and learned how to make predictions, record findings, and draw simple conclusions. They also enjoyed investigating friction and using a toy car to see which surface had the most friction. Their curiosity and scientific thinking continue to shine.

We are very excited about the upcoming performance for Christmas and have started to learn our songs, lines and dance moves! We will look forward to putting on a spectacular show for you all!



Year 4 News

It's been a busy month in Year 4! In English, the children have been innovating warning stories and turning them into exciting "Reservoir Warning" tales, working hard on their final paragraphs to include fronted adverbials, vivid setting descriptions, speech, and plenty of suspense.

Maths has been active and hands-on, with pupils measuring lengths, weight, and capacity, even moving classroom tables to calculate perimeter—a challenge they loved and tackled brilliantly as a team.

In PSHE, we've explored what makes each of us special and discussed how to help if we see bullying.

PE has focused on gymnastics, creating simple routines with jumps, turns, travels, and rolls on both floor and apparatus.

Our history lessons introduced the Romans, learning when and why they invaded Britain and discovering more about Julius Caesar. And in between all this learning, we've been rehearsing dances and songs for our upcoming Christmas play, which promises to be fabulous!



Learning

Year 5 News

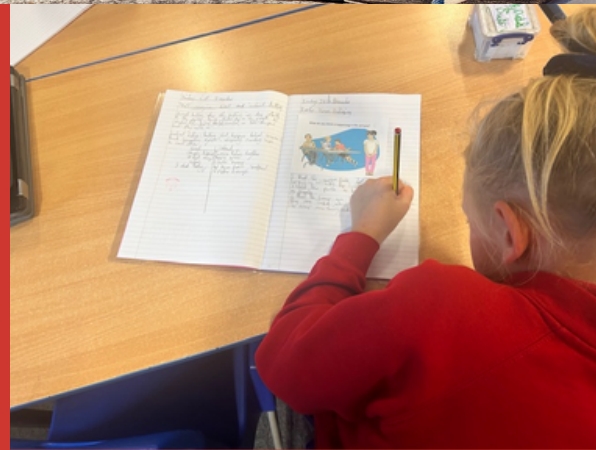
This month has been a busy and exciting one in Year 5! In English, we have been studying *The Lorax* and thinking deeply about its environmental message. The children wrote fantastic persuasive letters to the Once-ler, encouraging him to make more responsible choices and care for the world around him.

In Maths, the pupils have been working hard on a range of topics, including solving time problems, exploring circles, and calculating area and perimeter. They have shown great perseverance while tackling these new concepts.

Our Science learning has focused on reversible and irreversible changes. The children investigated melting and dissolving through hands-on experiments using different solids. Both Year 5 classes also had an amazing enrichment experience at UCLan, where they created their own bath bombs and lip balms—definitely a highlight of the month!

In PE, we have begun our gymnastics unit. The children have enjoyed practising a variety of balances, particularly working together in pairs to create stable and creative shapes.

Well done to all of Year 5 for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the month!



Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a productive and engaging start to the term. In English, the class has been working on writing their own Viking quest stories, using powerful description, dialogue, and action to bring their characters and adventures to life.

In History, pupils have been learning about the Vikings and their everyday lives, exploring who they were, how they lived, and the impact they had on Britain.

Our Science topic this term has focused on how light travels. The children have investigated shadows, reflection, and how light behaves, applying their understanding through practical experiments.

In Music, Year 6 have been enjoying lively samba drumming sessions with Mr Brown, developing rhythm, timing, and teamwork while learning to play a range of percussion instruments.

Overall, it has been a strong start to the year, with pupils showing enthusiasm and hard work across all subjects.





THE SALVATION ARMY
Presents...



"Christmas Joy!"



ALL WELCOME



Community Carol Service

7 pm Monday 8th December 25

Featuring:



Shadsworth Junior School Choir
Carols with the S. Army band
The **'NAZ CREW'** Puppets



There will be an opportunity to support our Toy Appeal

The Salvation Army Hall
(opposite Morrisons)
Vicar St, Blackburn, BB1 5BE



Shadsworth Junior School
Christmas Countdown 2025

Thursday 11th & Friday 12 December - 1:30pm
Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance for parents

Week commencing Monday 15th December

Christmas Jumper Week - we don't think Christmas Jumpers should be worn on just one day so this year children can wear them all week!

Tuesday 16th December 4:15pm - 5:30pm
Years 5 & 6 Christmas Disco

Thursday 18th December
Christmas Dinner - the children and staff will enjoy a luxury Christmas Dinner.

Thursday 18th December at 6pm
Beacon Church Carol Service in the school hall - tickets will be available shortly with final details.

Friday 19th December
Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party- children can come to school in their party clothes
Last day of term - school closes at 1.45pm

