



SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025

A Message from Mr Haworth



As we come to the end of my first term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful activities that have taken place in the run up to Christmas.

The festive season began beautifully with our Carol Service at the Salvation Army that was a truly special occasion, allowing our children to share their voices with the wider community. Our Nativity followed, which was a delight to watch and showcased the confidence and talent of our children.

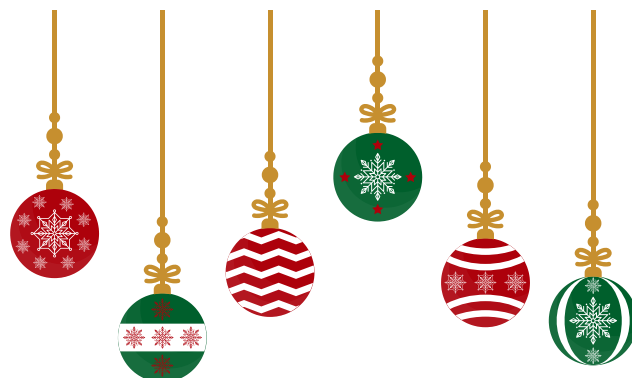
In school, there has been no shortage of celebration and fun. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a lively disco, while Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic party of their own. The full school neon dodgeball competition brought energy, teamwork and plenty of excitement, and our luxurious Christmas dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Pupils also relaxed during a Christmas movie afternoon, complete with popcorn and drinks, before we came together one final time for a wonderful whole school Carol Service assembly to close the term today.

None of this would be possible without your continued support. Thank you for all that you have done this term to support the school and your children – it is very much appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back bright and early on Monday 5th January 2026.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Haworth



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

15/12/2025 - 19/12/2025 - 92.1%

ATTENDANCE

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
98%	94%	89%	94%	93%	90%	92%	88%

LATE ARRIVALS

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Tommy J

5J - Brannagh E

3RW - Jaxxon W

5W - Zohair A

4G - Zachary B

6R - Louie B

4B - Mark L

6H - Qynn M

Forest Room - Eva-Rose W



Learning

Year 3 News

It has been a very busy and productive term for Year 3. In English, children have been reading and writing instructional texts, identifying key features such as subheadings, bullet points, time openers and imperative verbs. In Mathematics, the focus has been on time, with children learning to recognise and tell the time to the minute using both analogue and digital clocks.

In Science, children have taken part in engaging investigations exploring magnets and forces.

In Spanish, they have been learning the names of common animals.

Music lessons have focused on vocal performance, with children using their voices to learn and perform the Christmas songs for our seasonal production.

The final week of term has been an enjoyable one, with children completing quizzes to conclude their topics and taking part in a range of festive activities, including making Christmas cards, calendars, party hats and decorations.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We would like to wish all children and their families a very happy Christmas and we will look forward to seeing them back in the new year. Merry Christmas!



Year 4 News

One of our standout moments this month was our wonderful Christmas production, *Lights, Camel, Action! The Sequel*. Year 4 shone on stage with their fantastic acting, brilliant singing, and confident performances. We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm they put into making the play such a success.

In the classroom, we have been hard at work completing our non-chronological reports on the Roman Army. The children have produced some excellent pieces of writing. In Art, we enjoyed creating Christmas cards and calendars, and we've also completed a variety of Christmas crafts that the children were excited to take home.

A highlight of the week was the orienteering course set up on Tuesday. The children loved being outdoors, working brilliantly in teams to navigate the course and solve the challenges together.

During the final week of term, the festive spirit has continued. We've enjoyed a joyful session of Christmas carols, and the children had great fun singing all their favourite Christmas songs in the hall — with plenty of enthusiastic song requests! Our class party added even more cheer, rounding off the celebrations beautifully.

It's been a wonderful, energetic, and rewarding end to the term. Well done, Year 4 — you deserve a restful break and we look forward to another great term ahead!



Learning

Year 5 News

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

In English, children have produced a newspaper report about the Anglo Saxon invasion of Britain. They have created a name for their newspaper, a headline, an introduction, quotes from bystanders and lots of facts. Did you know that the King Vortigern, who was the British monarch, actually invited the Saxons to come to Britain. They liked it so much that they decided to stay.

In Maths, children have been using their geometry skills to work out the properties and names of different 2D and 3D shapes. They also made 3D Christmas cubes, pyramids and cones to decorate the classroom.

In History, children have been using an atlas to find the name of towns in England that were named by the Anglo Saxons over 1500 year ago. Did you know that Blackburn has Anglo Saxon origins and the word burn means stream?

A highlight of this festive month has been the Christmas Production of Lights Camel Action 2, which involved the children in year 5 speaking lines, singing and performing dance moves. They did an amazing job – well done to the whole of year 5.



Year 6 News

We've had a lovely end to the half term in Year 6. The children have worked incredibly well and should be very proud of the effort they've shown across all areas of learning. In English, they demonstrated real flair and creativity, producing high-quality writing for a range of audiences, including news reports, stories and informative pages.

In History, pupils thoroughly enjoyed delving into the world of the Vikings, exploring their way of life and impact on Britain. Music lessons with Mr Brown have also been a highlight, with the children enthusiastically learning to play the samba drums.

In the run up to Christmas, we have enjoyed lots of activities in our classes. Our favourite by far was our Christmas Disco; there was lots of fun, laughter and dancing.... even from Mr Hewitt!

Well done, Year 6, for a fantastic half term of learning. Enjoy a well-earned break!





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FOUNDATION PROGRAMME U4s - U6s SATURDAY(S) ACCRINGTON BWD CHORLEY	3v3s LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE U5s - U7s MONDAY(S) BWD	DEVELOPMENT SQUAD <u>INVITE ONLY</u> U5s - U8s SATURDAY(S) TUESDAY(S) BWD
LIONS BIRTHDAY PARTY 	HOLIDAY CLUBS BURNLEY CHORLEY OSWALDTWISTLE	1-2-1 PRIVATE SESSION MAY-SEPT

