



SHADSWORTH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

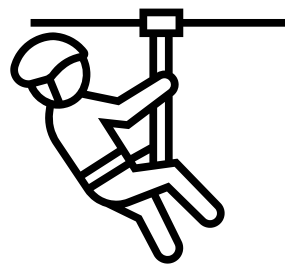
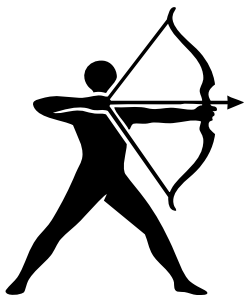
FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

Well it wasn't quite the start to 2026 that we had planned following the recent flooding! Once again, thank you for your patience and support during this time. I am pleased to confirm that the school is now back to normal, with only a small amount of replacement furniture still to arrive.

Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting trips planned over the coming weeks. I love it when our children are able to learn off site and experience new things and places, and these opportunities play an important role in bringing learning to life.

World Book Day is Thursday 5th March, we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes can be as simple or as creative as they wish! For those who prefer a cosy twist, children are also welcome to come in their comfiest pyjamas as we celebrate the joy of bedtime stories.

Year 5 parents - hopefully you have seen the letter that has been sent home regarding a proposed residential trip next year. Activity-filled residential trips are more than just a getaway—they're an opportunity for growth, exploration, and lasting memories, however, we do need to have a minimum number of children to proceed with the trip.



Upcoming Events

Friday 6th February
5W trip to BAE

Tuesday 10th February
Year 4 trip to the River
Ribble

Friday 13th February
School closes for half
term at 3.30pm

Monday 23rd February
INSET day - school
closed for children

Tuesday 24th February
School re-opens

Thursday 26th February
Year 3 trip to Martin
Mere

Monday 2nd March
5J trip to BAE

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

26/1/2026 - 30/1/2026 - 92%

ATTENDANCE

3W	3RW	4G	4B	5W	5J	6H	6R
96%	90%	95%	92%	86%	97%	93%	89%

LATE ARRIVALS

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

3W - Isaac W

5J - Esmail C

3RW - Ava-Marie Mc

5W - Ella H

4G - Riley G

6R - Kristiyan L

4B - Eli D

6H - Luize S & Urwa A



Learning

Year 3 News

We have had a very busy and exciting month in Year 3 and would like to share some of the wonderful learning that has been taking place.

As part of our GULP project with Blackburn Rovers, the children have been learning about how to keep themselves fit and healthy. In particular, we have focused on looking after our teeth and making positive choices about what we drink. The children have had some thoughtful discussions about the impact of sugary drinks and the importance of water and milk in maintaining healthy teeth and bodies.

In Science, we are learning all about rocks and how they are formed. The children have been exploring the three main types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. They have enjoyed discovering how each type is created and learning about the different ways rocks are used in everyday life.

In Music, the children have been developing their understanding of rhythm and musical notation. We have now started to compose a brand new song with Mr Brown, which the children are very excited about. They are enjoying being creative and working together to create their own music.

Thank you for your continued support. It is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged in their learning.



Year 4 News

This term, Year 4 children have enjoyed a brilliant mix of creative, practical, and exploratory learning.

In DT, the children designed and made their own Roman clay pots, developing careful craftsmanship and design skills.

In maths, they have been working hard on fractions and converting them into decimals, building confidence through problem-solving and real-life examples.

As writers, they produced their own imaginative versions of The Pied Piper, focusing on using a range of expanded noun phrases to describe the character.

In Music lessons, they have been learning to play the recorder, gradually building their ability to read music and perform simple melodies.

In Geography, they explored river features, investigated the water cycle, and visited the River Ribble to see if they could identify features of a river in real life.

In Science, we have been learning all about the states of matter. They had lots of messy fun investigating the viscosity of different liquids.

We also had a lovely time visiting Blackburn Museum to understand and learn more about the history of the Cotton Mills in Blackburn.

It has been a wonderfully busy term full of creativity, curiosity, and growing skills across the curriculum.



Learning

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a fantastic and very busy half term packed with exciting learning. In English, the children planned and wrote gripping sci-fi suspense stories inspired by a mysterious alien sighting. They focused on building tension, using descriptive language and keeping the reader hooked until the end.

In geography, we have been learning about South America, identifying its countries and exploring the impressive Andes Mountains. Pupils enjoyed locating key features on maps and developing their geographical vocabulary.

We have also begun our space topic in science. The children have learned about the planets in our solar system and used this knowledge in computing to create clear and logical flowcharts. They were particularly fascinated to discover why the Moon sometimes appears to change shape.

Finally, 5J have started their swimming lessons and have set a brilliant example with their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes. Well done, Year 5!



Year 6 News

What a start to the New Year! After the Great Flood of 2026, the Year 6 children worked brilliantly together in the hall, showing excellent resilience and teamwork. In English, they have been writing their own warning stories, looking at adding an unexpected twist in the end!

In Geography they have been learning about climate change and its impact on humans and animals around the world. Next week we will be focusing on how we can help combat climate change and what is already being done to prevent it!

This is a very important term for Year 6 as we will be looking at key areas of focus that will help them in their SATs. Their attendance makes a huge difference, as if they are not in, they may miss something that won't be taught again until Summer. Please ensure they come in as much as possible





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**AGES
5-11**

FOOTBALL CAMP

Camp includes: Professional football coaching, gaming (PlayStation & Xbox), table-tennis, pool, fun activities and games, plus visits to Ewood Park Stadium

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

8.30am-5pm (early pick-up from 3.30pm)

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

£18 per day or £80 full week (5 days)

SCAN NOW TO BOOK!

Or email enquiries@brfctrust.co.uk for more information



All income generated through our camps is reinvested directly into Blackburn Rovers Community Trust, supporting the delivery and development of our community programmes. T&C's and code of conduct apply.

Private fostering information for parents

Have you been looking after someone else's child for 28 days or more, but are not a close relative?

Do you know a child who is being looked after outside of their close family? Call us on:

Lancashire County Council - 0300 123 6720

Blackpool Council - 01253 477299

Blackburn with Darwen Council - 01254 666400

