SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026

MRS CROMPTON'S MESSAGE

Thank you for a fantastic first half term. September and October are always challenging while everyone settles into their new routines and gets to know their new adults, but the children have responded really well and I am a very proud Headteacher! You should be proud of your children too, it has been a very positive start to the school year. Thank you for supporting our ongoing challenge with attendance, we are currently at 94%, although this is better than last year, it is still a little bit below National of 96%, as we head into the Winter months when coughs, colds hit little children, it is really important we work together and ensure children are in school every day as much as possible. If they aren't well enough to be here, we will send them home. I really appreciate your support with this, as it is our Ofsted next step therefore we have to make it better.

Mrs Mason has been successful in securing a short term seccondment, from 2nd November to 31st March, she will be across supporting Meadowhead Infant School as their Acting Deputy Head. Shadsworth Infant School is very much a part of supporting our local schools across Blackburn with Darwen, and we are delighted to offer our support once more. In the meantime, Mrs Apsden our Early Years lead will take over the teaching of Murphy Class (RM) and Mrs Patel who teaches across school, will take over the teaching in Nursery – she already knows our Nursery children as she teaches in there on a Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday
8.45am-9.45am Baby Bears run by Mrs Patel in the school hall

Monday 2nd November 2026
School Re-opens

Thursday 5th November 2026
8.50am Class Percival (2V) Remembrance Assembly - Parents please join us

Thursday 5th November 2026
Nursery & Reception Open Day
10.30am & 2.00pm

Friday 6th November 2026
2.45pm-3.15pm Toilet Training Session in School

Friday 13th November 2026
Children in need day - Children can wear Yellow or Spots and bring £1 and/or
Non-Uniform in exchange for Chocolate for our Christmas Fair Chocolate Tombola Stall

Reminder
We still have Nursery places available
please call into the school office for an application form

ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

"Attendance is notoptional"

There is an expectation that children are in school every day

Overall School Attendance Target

96%

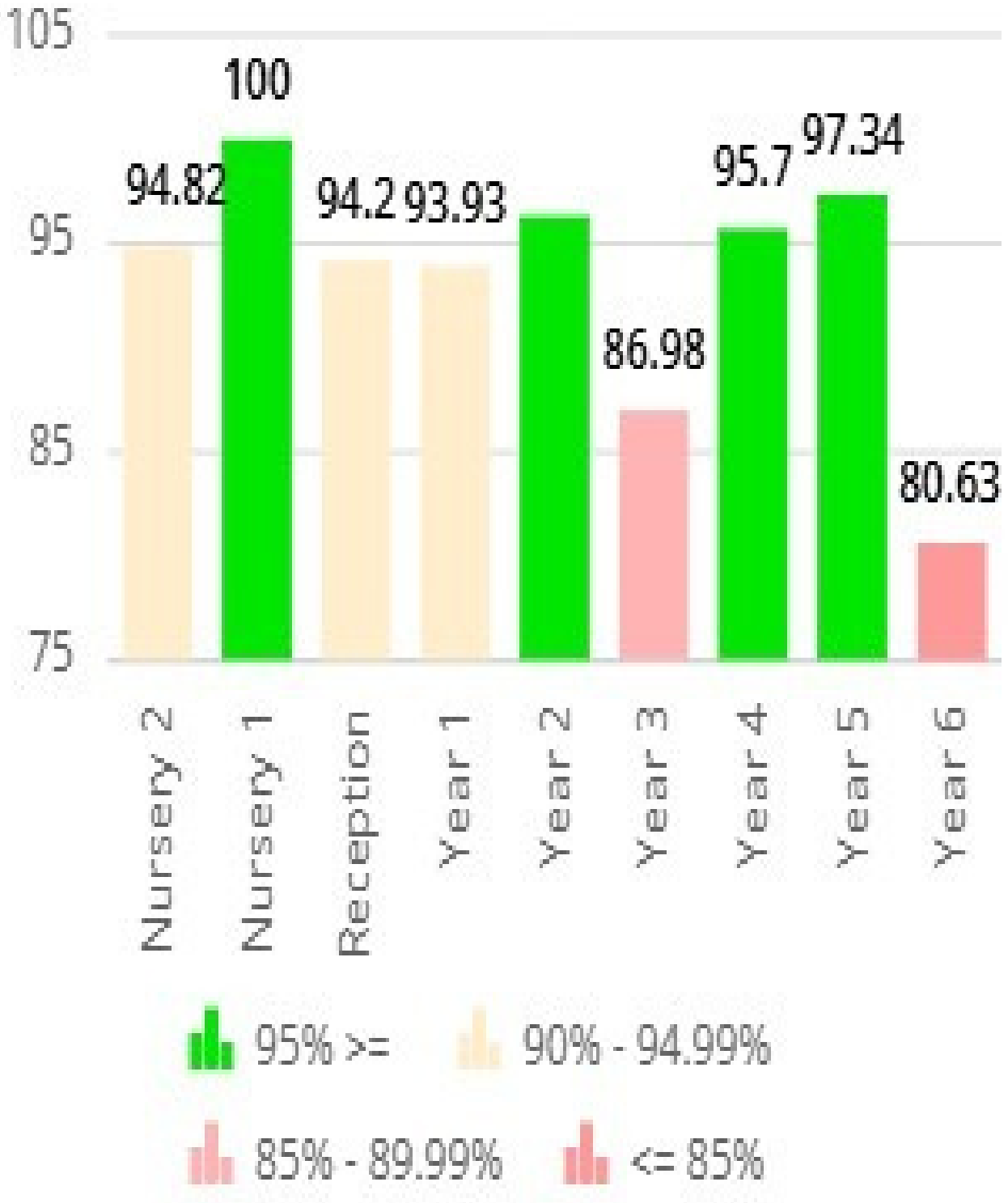
Actual School Attendance

95%

Last week's weekly selected at random for 96% + attendance went to Oliver L

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	93	5
Donaldson	93	3
Bright	97	2
Jeffers	93	4
Percival	98	8
Bridge	99	14
Rainbow	90	2
Total	95	38

Average Attendance % for each Year Group



CELEBRATE



This week we said "Well Done" to .....

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Rudi	Anthony
Donaldson	Alexander	Azlan
Bright	Rose	Eva-Rose
Jeffers	Alex R	Maya
Percival	Jacob	Harrison
Bridge	Daynton	Lukas
Rainbow	Harvey	Jax

Lunchtime Award	Headteacher Award	Kindness Cup
Alexander R	Rex B	Theo G

OUR LEARNING



NURSERY

What a great end to the half-term! Our Nursery children have settled in fantastically and have enjoyed all of our learning. This week we had a colourful Rainbow Day! We decorated rainbows, following the pattern carefully, danced with rainbow scarves and made rainbow fruit kebabs. They were delicious! In Maths we have been looking at matching and sorting objects. We also introduced the words, big, small, long and short. We hope you all have a great break!







MURPHY

Murphy have shown how sensible and grown up they can be on our local walk this week. They counted terracged houses, spotted bungalows and found the flats too. We were so lucky to have a visit from the owls. The children shared their knowledge of nocturnal animals with our visitors - who were very impressed. During our Musical Showcase, the children were so brave and performed their hearts out as the showed the rest of the school how they can make music using different sounds their voices. In PSHE, the children have been showing how they can show their friends that they have kind hands and in RE - the children have learned the Bible story of the 5 loaves and 2 fishes, even sampling some lovely baked bread too!





OUR LEARNING



DONALDSON





Donaldson have had a fantastic end to their very first term! We finished by showcasing our musical learning to the rest of the school, making different sounds using our bodies. We enjoyed a local walk to explore different types of houses and think about the homes we live in, linking to our families topic. In RE, we learnt about Jesus feeding the 5,000 and even got to taste different types of bread! Finally, we had an exciting visit from some nocturnal animals, including some beautiful owls. What a wonderful way to end our first term! Have a fantastic half-term break, everyone! 😊

BRIGHT

Bright Class really enjoyed performing in our musical showcase for the other children this week. We showed off the skills we have learned about rhythm and pulse and keeping a beat. We have been practsing some other skills in PE like rolling and kicking balls towards a target in a controlled manner. It was lovely to see so many of the class come to the Spooky Disco and they had such a good time. I hope everyone has a fantastic well deserved break.





OUR LEARNING



JEFFERS





Jeffers class have had shown off thier talent in music this week, performing in 2 showcases! We sang about Autumn and used our voices, clapping and instruments to demonstrate 'call and response' and dynamics.
The children were introduced to acrostic poetry in English and attempted to write their own poem about a star.
Yesterday, after learning about transport, clothing and buildings from the past, we had a wonderful Royal Tea Party. Thank you for your generous contributions of sweet treats and crisps!

PERCIVAL





This half term Percival Class have spent every Friday morning at Forest School. They have had an amazing experience, taking part in activities such as den building, outdoor crafts and even making their own apple juice! The outdoors provide a wonderful environment for the children to learn skills beyond the classroom and we are fortunate enough to have Badger who plans the most fantastic forest school lessons.
This week we have been completing all our Autumn 1 units of work. It was lovely to complete our history work with a Royal Tea Party- thank you for your generous donations we had a really fun afternoon.

OUR LEARNING



BRIDGE CENTRE





This has been yet another busy week in The Bridge Centre, finishing off work in time for a clean start when we return after the break.

We have completed our Topic Class Books, on Castles, completed the model of a Motte and Bailey castle and our painting of the same.

We have also been using the castle as defences in our PE sessions, with Jamie. Testing skills such as power and accuracy, resilience and determination.

We can't wait for our week off it has been well earned.





RAINBOW ROOM

This week we have explored all things Halloween! We have enjoyed doing lots of crafts and lots of learning.

We had a wonderful Halloween Sensory Stay & Play on Wednesday, the children had a fantastic time and we had a great turn out with our parents joining us.

Have a great half term!

What's happening in the news this week?

Picture News
In the Early Years



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

19th – 25th October 2026

British Values

I Really Do Matter!











Bodhana has chosen to learn and play chess. We all enjoy different things and should respect everyone's choices.



Do you agree?

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Protected Characteristics





Bodhana became the youngest female player to earn the woman grandmaster title. Anyone can learn to play chess and it doesn't matter whether you are a girl or a boy.

Do you agree?



















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Uniqueasaurus

October

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Be Unique		1 Read the Uniqueasaurus Meditation	2 Build your own house using recycled materials	3 Create a handprint painting	4 Try something new
5 World Smile Day!	6 Bring a photograph of your family to nursery/school!	7 Our Height Chart	8 Make up your own dance	9 "I am unique"	10 World Mental Health Day	11 Bake something with a unique twist!
12 Make a face out of lose parts	13 Bring a photograph of your family to nursery/school!	14 Practise Bubble breathing	15 Welly Painting	16 Look at me!	17 Read 'Uniqueasaurus is one of a Kind'	18 Guess different expressions with your family!
19 Fingerprint patterns	20 Have a talent show	21 Fingerprint tree	22 Mirror self-portrait	23 Create your own playdough pumpkin	24 Create your own spooky Halloween potion	25 Home Learning
26 Food Tasting	27 Create a self portrait using collage materials	28 Carve your own pumpkin	29 Dress up as something scary!	30 Spooky Eyeball Art	31 Happy Halloween!	

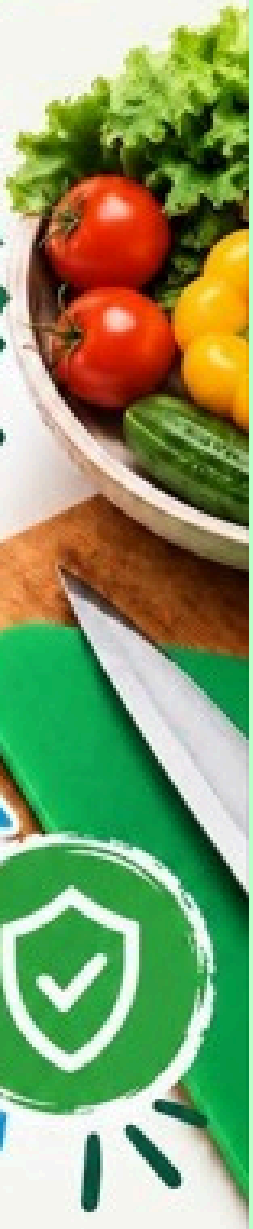
Activities in this colour are explained in the supplementary activity sheets on your portal.

newground together

Safe Food
Healthy People
Stronger Communities

Food Hygiene Level 2 Course

Gain the knowledge and confidence to keep food safe and help prevent foodborne illness.



Tuesday 3rd November

9:30am till 3:00pm

At The hub at shadsworth on Rothesay Road

Lunch will be provided
please make us aware of any food allergies when booking.

Limited availability to book

please contact

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Your learning matters

NO BOOKING Needed

October Half Term Activities (0-8 years)

Come along to your Children's Centre or Family Hub to experience an array of Universal Groups and Supportive Services.

Please call **01254 585000** or scan the code below for more details.

Monday 26th October	Tuesday 27th October	Wednesday 28th October	Thursday 29th October	Friday 30th October
09:30am - 11:30am **Growing Together with Home Start** *Darwen Family Hub*	09:30am - 12:30pm **Drop-in Rock Pool Experience (with Aqua Explora)** *Little Harwood Family Hub*	09:30am - 10:30am **Autumn Fun** *Shadsworth Family Hub*	09:30am - 10:30am **Autumn Fun** *Hancock Street Children's Centre*	09:30am - 10:30am **Lets Play @ The Hub** *The Hub @ Shadsworth, Rothesay Road*
1:00pm - 2:00pm **Nourish and Nurture** (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) *Wensley Fold Children's Centre*	10:00am - 11:00am **Autumn Fun** *Darwen Family Hub*	1:00pm - 2:00pm **Nourish and Nurture** (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) *Shadsworth Family Hub*	09:30am - 12:30pm **Drop-in Rock Pool Experience (with Aqua Explora)** *Shadsworth Family Hub*	10:00am - 11:00am **Pumpkin Play** *Livesey Family Hub*
1:00pm - 2:00pm **Pumpkin Play** *Highercroft Children's Centre*	10:00am - 11:00am & 1:00pm - 2:00pm **Sounds Fun - Music** *Hancock Street Children's Centre*	1:00pm - 3:00pm **Growing Together with Home Start** *Livesey Family Hub*	12:30pm - 1:30pm **Nourish and Nurture** (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) *Little Harwood Family Hub*	10:00am - 11:00am **Nourish and Nurture** (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) *Darwen Family Hub*
Ask us about Toileting Support at any of our groups...	1:00pm - 2:00pm **Nourish and Nurture** (Infant Feeding and Breastfeeding Support) *Livesey Family Hub*	1:00pm - 4:00pm **Re:fresh Active Autumn** *Corporation Park* re:fresh Blackburn with Darwen	1:00pm - 2:00pm **Autumn Fun** *Livesey Family Hub*	1:00pm - 2:00pm **Autumn Fun** *Little Harwood Family Hub*
	1:00pm - 4:00pm **Re:fresh Active Autumn** *Queen's Park*		1:30pm - 2:30pm **Peep-Stay and Play** *Darwen Library*	1:00pm - 2:00pm **Autumn Fun** *Highercroft Children's Centre*



All Activities FREE

Family Hub

Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

BEST START IN LIFE

Scan me

SCHOOL'S OUT HOLIDAY SQUAD

OCTOBER CAMP

26TH OCT - 30TH OCT

FROM 7:30AM - 6:00PM

HOLIDAY CLUB AT SHADSWORTH JUNIORS



FROM £20 PER DAY!

SPORTS

FOOTBALL
DODGEBALL
HOCKEY
HANDBALL
TAG RUGBY
AND MANY MORE

ACTIVITIES

ARTS & CRAFTS
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
GAME CONSOLES
CONSTRUCTION
POOL/FOOTY &
AIR HOCKEY TABLES
AND MANY MORE

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Text/Call: 07783165251

Email: schoolsoutholidaysquad@gmail.com

Ofsted Registered PAL Disclosure & Barring Service

Friday 13th November 2026

Children can come to school wearing Yellow or Spotty and bring £1 to support this wonderful Charity



Children can also come to school in Non-Uniform in exchange for Chocolate for our Christmas Fair Chocolate Tombola

