



SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th March 2026

MRS VAREY'S MESSAGE

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Attendance has looked much better this week! Thank you for your support in getting your child to school everyday. The Step into Spring Attendance Challenge runs until Easter. Please don't worry if your child has an unavoidable absence during this time, we will be having an attendance challenge every half term that the children can work towards.

We still have nursery places available for September, and we warmly encourage families to get in touch to secure a place. A school-based nursery offers children a smooth transition into Reception, consistency with skilled early years staff, and the chance to become familiar with the school environment from the very start. Our nursery team would be delighted to welcome any new starters. Please collect an application from the school office and arrange a visit if you would like to look around.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th March 2026

3.30pm-6.00pm Parents Evening

Book your appointment via the Parentmail App as soon as possible

Tuesday 17th March 2026

3.30pm-5.00pm Messy Church in the school hall

Wednesday 18th March 2026

3.30pm-6.00pm Parents Evening

Book your appointment via the Parentmail App as soon as possible

Thursday 19th March 2026

9.00am Class Donaldson (RY) Spring Assembly - Parents please join us

Friday 20th March 2026

Non-Uniform in exchange for an Easter Egg or Chocolate

ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

“Attendance is not optional”

There is an expectation that children are in school every day

Overall School Attendance Target

96%

Actual School Attendance 09/03/26–13/03/26

93%

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	93	1
Donaldson	93	5
Bright	93	7
Jeffers	98	9
Percival	89	3
Bridge	98	0
Rainbow	88	5
Total	93	30

CELEBRATE



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

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Kiki	Maya K
Donaldson	Lucas	Ezra
Bright	Lewis	Elias
Jeffers	Lotti	Ayaan M
Percival	Makkinah	Binky
Bridge	Daynton	Noah P
Rainbow	Georgie	Noah

**Lunchtime
Award**

Izabela R



**Headteacher
Award**

Logan F



**Kindness
Cup**

Maya K



OUR LEARNING



NURSERY

This week Nursery have been very busy. On Tuesday, some more of us visited the farm for a fun-filled day! In Maths, we have been learning about height, length and weight and using words such as smaller, bigger, shorter, taller, heavier and lighter to compare objects. During circle time we have shared the story of The Little Red Hen.

We tried hard to join in with the repeated phrases and talked about the characters, settings and events.



MURPHY

Murphy have been real mathematicians this week - as they have been learning all about number bonds to 10. They are also really engrossed in our Gigantosaurus book and are using some great story telling voices to make the story interesting. In RE - we have been learning about the Christian festival of Easter and how Jesus died on the cross but rose again to help his people.

OUR LEARNING



DONALDSON

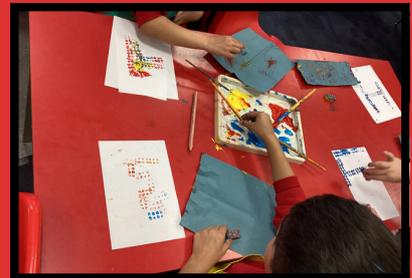


This week, Donaldson class have had an exciting being involved in lots of expressive arts & design and knowledge & understanding the world. The children started the week off with our music teacher, Mr Brown learning all about beats within a song. They used 'tappy sticks' when they heard a pulse and finished the lesson by singing the song in front of their peers. In RE, we have been learning all about the Easter Story. The children learnt all about how Jesus died and when He rose again. They know all about the tomb and why we eat Easter eggs and hot cross buns. We even got to taste some :)



BRIGHT

This week Bright Class have been learning about diary entries and have been discussing how they are written about something that has already happened. We have been starting some maths work about length and height and using cubes to measure different objects. The children really enjoyed using paint and lego to print and made some fantastic letters mixing colours.



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JEFFERS



We have had another week where we have done lots of our learning creatively.

We used drama during our History lesson and imagined we were back in London 1666.

During DT we created wheels, a base and an axle to prepare for designing our pull-along fire truck. We decided that we would need stronger materials and some string to improve our product.

PERCIVAL

We began the week in Percival Class role playing what it would be like to be under the floorboards in an old house! We made toy soldiers and wrote instructions. We have been practicing our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Maths. In swimming we learnt how to kick our legs when doing breaststroke.



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BRIDGE CENTRE

This week in The Bridge, we have been mostly busy, tidying up our front garden and finally the skip has gone. We have been finishing off our new hedgerow, with replanted "Box" bushes and then planting native, fruiting trees, in the damp patch, by the outdoor classroom. Hopefully, in time, the tree roots will develop fully and help to dry up that area. Unfortunately we aren't able to visit the farm this week due to the passing of one of the horses. "Moo" was old, but her dying is very sad for all concerned.



RAINBOW ROOM

This week in Rainbow Room we have been looking at the difference between day and night. We talked about what we do during the day and what we do during the night. We sorted some pictures into two groups. We also continued with our sensory massage and tried out different tools to see which one we liked and didn't like. The children have been working on their turn taking by playing games and carrying out turn taking activities.





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

9th - 15th March 2026



Individual Liberty

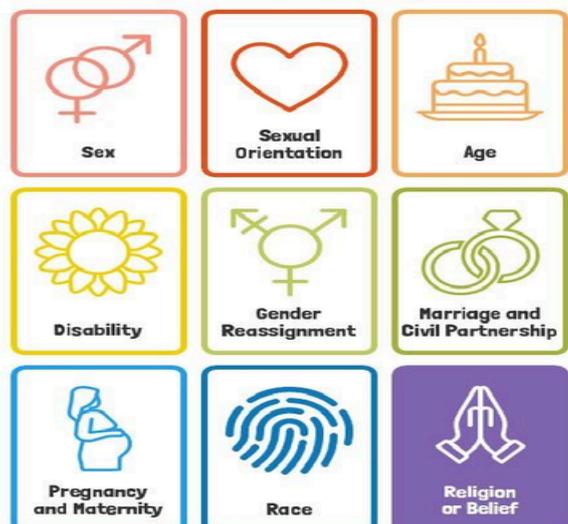
Designers used their freedom and individual liberty to create the robots. The invention mixes tradition with new technology, leading to conversations about how robots might help us in the future.

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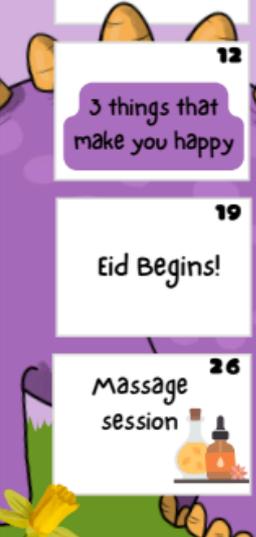
Protected Characteristics



Inventions can give people new ways to celebrate beliefs and traditions in the modern digital world. We should never be treated unfairly for having a religion or belief.



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March

Happyasaurus

★ Activities in this colour are explained in supplementary activity sheets on your Ooliiki app.

These activities originate from the Ooliiki app.

EYFS

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
5 World Book Day	6 British Science Week!	7 "Smiling makes me happy because..."	1 Saint David's Day	2 Read the Happyasaurus Meditation	3 World Wildlife Day	4 Read 'Happyasaurus learns to bake'
12 3 things that make you happy	13 Decorate Happyasaurus	14 Draw a picture of someone who makes you happy	8 Say an affirmation "I am Happy"	9 My Feelings Thermometer	10 Make your friends laugh	11 Create a Mother's Day card
19 Eid Begins!	20 Red Nose Day	21 Create a happiness jar	15 Mothers Day! Can you make her breakfast in bed?	16 Have a tea party	17 Explore the colour green	18 Dinosaur Yoga
26 Massage session	27 Happy Mail!	28 Musical Instruments	22 Do some dancing	23 What makes you happy?	24 Dance to the song 'Happy'	25 Sing your favourite song
			29 Take bird seed with you on a walk	30 Spread happiness in the local community	31 Watch your favourite film	



Easter RAFFLE



**Mrs Hughes will be selling
Easter Raffle Tickets £1per strip
from Monday 9th March2026.**

**Please send money in with your child.
The winning tickets will be drawn on the
Easter Bingo Evening
Wednesday 25th March 2026.**