



SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th February 2026

MRS VAREY'S MESSAGE

WEEKLY MESSAGE

We've had a busy half term, full of learning and fun! Over the half term each class has been out on a trip. Percival and Jeffers class went to The Snow Centre, Murphy and Donaldson have been to Manchester Airport and Bright class went to the cinema today. Thank you for supporting us with these trips, the children get so much out of learning outside the classroom.

Last night was our valentines disco which was enjoyed by many. Thank you to the PTFA for helping us to put this event on.

Tonight each child has come home with a £1 book token. This enables you to get one free World Book Day 2026 book or £1 off a book. Just look at the website to see where you can get them.

Finally I wish all our families a lovely half term, don't forget we return to school on **Tuesday 24th February.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 23rd Feb 2026

School Closed - Inset Day

Tuesday 24th February 2026

School Re-opens

Tuesday 24th February 2026

3.30pm - 5.00pm Messy Church in the School Hall

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

AM Nursery Farm Visit - Completed consent form and £15.00 to your child's class teacher

Thursday 5th March 2026

World Book Day - children to dress as a favourite book Character - decorate a potato competition

Tuesday 10th March 2026

PM Nursery Farm Visit - Completed consent form and £15.00 to your child's class teacher

Reminders

Miss Woodruff will be leading our baby and toddler group at 9.00am every Tuesday - This will give families time to drop off at the Juniors and return, you are welcome to wait after drop off at the Infants (8.45am)

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 09/02/26–13/02/26

91%

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	93	4
Donaldson	91	2
Bright	87	7
Jeffers	92	7
Percival	90	4
Bridge	91	4
Rainbow	92	5
Total	91	33

CELEBRATE



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

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Roman	Xavier
Donaldson	Melissa	James
Bright	Carter	Lily-Angela
Jeffers	Umar	Logan F
Percival	Ayaan	Karla
Bridge	Harmonie	Lukas
Rainbow	Katrinamay	Ryder-Joe

**Lunchtime
Award**



James P

**Headteacher
Award**



**Class Jeffers
(1-2H)**

**Kindness
Cup**



**Class Donaldson
(RY)**

OUR LEARNING



NURSERY

Nursery Carle class have had a fantastic week to end the half term. We have enjoyed taking part in lots of Valentine's activities such as making special hearts and cards for the people we love and decorating biscuits. For children's mental health week, we have been talking about the people and places which are special to us and make us feel happy and safe. We hope you all have a great half-term!



MURPHY

Murphy have had a fantastic week - bringing all of our learning to a close. Maths has been a practical week as the children have compared length and height. It may have become a slight competition - oops! I won!! The children did themselves and the school proud on our trip to Manchester Airport Runway Museum. They got up close to the stunning Concorde, explored the job roles within the airport and all 'piloted' the plane off to a destination unknown.

OUR LEARNING



DONALDSON



BRIGHT

Bright class this week have been writing their own stories after they did such a good job of retelling them last week. We have worked hard making Valentines day cards and the children really enjoyed decorating biscuits with icing love hearts. We are about to go on our trip to the Cinema and are all very excited.

What an exciting final week it has been in EYFS! We began the week with our wonderful Musical Showcase, watching our peers perform. In maths, we have been busy mathematicians, exploring how to measure different types of length. The children compared objects, used non-standard units to measure and began thinking carefully about longer, shorter and taller. Midweek brought great excitement as we headed off on our school trip to Manchester Airport. We learned all about different types of aeroplanes! The children asked brilliant questions and were a credit to our school throughout the visit. To top off a fantastic week, we enjoyed a magical snowy morning at Forest School today. The children explored the wintery surroundings and finished the session warming up by the fire with hot chocolate and s'mores – the perfect ending to a very special term. Well done, Donaldson – what a week of learning, adventure and smiles!



OUR LEARNING



JEFFERS



Jeffers Class have been busy thinking about everything we have learned over the last half-term. We finished off our Science unit by testing the absorbency of materials. Later in the week we brought in our favourite teddy so that we could write a descriptive piece about them and then went on to complete an observational drawing as part of our Art session. Have a wonderful half-term!

PERCIVAL

Percival Class have been using their artistic talents this week!

We have designed and decorated biscuits and written instructions. We have used collage to decorate bricks for mental health week. We have also used shading to create texture, drawing our teddies from home. Have a super half term everyone!



OUR LEARNING

BRIDGE CENTRE

This week in The Bridge Centre, we have been mostly working in our outdoor classroom/garden area. We have hired a skip and carefully filling it up with weeds and things we cannot reuse. We have a design plan to work to and we will be installing some raised beds, filled with Badger's "special lasagne mix!"

We have also visited The Learning Farm again and have learnt how to clean out the stables properly and replace the horses bedding.



RAINBOW ROOM

This week in Rainbow Room we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We read the Lunar New Year Race story and we know there are 12 animals. We have also been doing lots of Valentines crafts. We have made some heart collages, valentines hat and some paper chains. We also had our Valentines disco yesterday and we made heart biscuits, had some party food and danced away to the music. We all had a FUN time!



What's happening in the news this week?



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

9th - 15th February 2026



Rule of Law

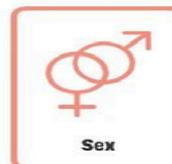
The government is talking about a new rule. Children could be banned from going on some websites and apps until they are old enough. This new rule could be brought in to help keep children safe online.

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Protected Characteristics



People should not be treated unfairly because of their age, however, sometimes rules are created to protect younger people from harm.



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Dreamasaurus February

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1
Read 'Dream like
Dreamasaurus'



2
Circle Time:
Our Dreams

3
Create a self
portrait of how
you're feeling
today

4
Make your
own dream
corner

5
Create a
'Wellbeing Box'

6
Dreamasaurus's
Relaxation Day

7
Affirmation
Yoga 

8
Create bird
seed and feed
the birds 

9
Children's Mental
Health Week

10
Create a dream
display

11
Sing 'Twinkle
Twinkle Little
Star'

12
Create some
Lavender
infused
playdough 

13
Paint to
Mindful Music 

14
Valentines Day
Crafts 

15
Learn about
different
professions 

16
Practice
Pancake Flippin'!

17
Make
dreamy
pancakes 

18
Calming Colouring

19
Dress up as
your future
career

20
Dreamy
Jar 

21
Blow Lavender
infused bubbles

22
'Hop little
bunnies'
Dance 

23
Shaving Foam
Clouds - Sensory
Play

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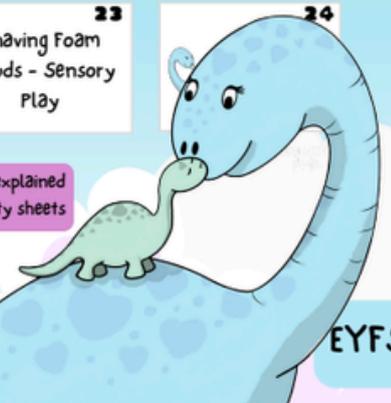
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Can you
complete -
Puzzles?

26
Make your
own Dream
Catcher 

27
Dreamy
Playdough

28
Create your own
Dinosaur Collage 

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



EYFS

Messy Church

Tuesday 24th February

3.30pm to 5pm

**Shadsworth Infant School
Rothesay Road, Blackburn
BB1 2EL**

**Join us for a wonderful time together with
fun games, crafts, activities,
and delicious treats. All are welcome!
[Children must be accompanied by an adult]**

