



SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

9th January 2026

MRS VAREY'S MESSAGE

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! The children have settled quickly back into their learning, and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as we begin the new term.

Thank you for your support in getting your child to school this week. It has been a tricky week with the icy weather and the juniors being closed for two days so we appreciate the effort.

As we go into the new term, please can I just emphasize the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Children who attend school every day and arrive on time achieve significantly better learning outcomes. Missing even a few days can create gaps in learning that are difficult to catch up on. Please support us with improving our attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6th February 2026

Creepy Crawly Roadshow Visits Nursery Children in School

Wednesday 11th February 2026

Class Donaldson (RY) Visit to Manchester Airport – Further details to follow after Christmas

Thursday 12th February 2026

Class Murphy (RM) Visit to Manchester Airport – Further details to follow after Christmas

Friday 13th February 2026

Children come to school **dressed in Red and bring £1** – School closes for half-term @ 3.15pm

Monday 23rd February 2026

School Closed – INSET Day

Tuesday 24th February 2026

School Re-Opens

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) somewhere dry and warm – Thank you for your continued support.

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 05/01/26-09/01/26

86%

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	95	4
Donaldson	85	10
Bright	90	16
Jeffers	89	11
Percival	88	11
Bridge	96	5
Rainbow	84	5
Total	86	62

CELEBRATE



**This week we said
“Well Done” to**

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Lily-Grace	Roman
Donaldson	Ali	Jace
Bright	Rayhaana	Eliza
Jeffers	Oakleigh	Nevaeh
Percival	Brooklyn	Olek
Bridge	Jamie E	Noah P
Rainbow	Skye	Makan

**Lunchtime
Award**

Azaan F



**Headteacher
Award**



Rayhaana B

**Kindness
Cup**

Gracie-Mai H



OUR LEARNING



NURSERY

Nursery have had a great first week of Spring term!

Our new starters have settled in brilliantly and we have all enjoyed learning about the season of Winter, using our senses to describe what we can see, hear and feel and creating a Winter collage. We have also begun our new topic, 'Animal Magic'. Together, we have explored different animal patterns and created some of our own using stamps to make prints.



MURPHY

Welcome back Murphy class and Happy New Year to all our families. The children have settled straight back into the swing of things this week, learning all about 'Zero, Zero, Superhero' in Maths. During our literacy lessons, we have started our new book, 'Let's all creep through crocodile creek' - which is all about three friends going on a journey. We have a few journeys planned for this half term, so keep an eye on newsletters, Facebook and messages for updates. In PE we were travelling like mini-beasts and RE told us the story of a baby who went on a special journey down the river!!

OUR LEARNING



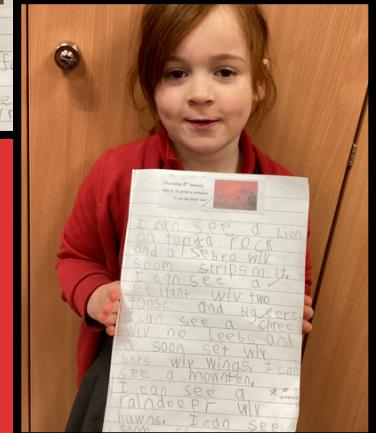
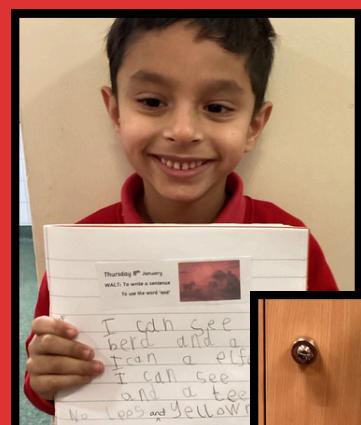
DONALDSON



Donaldson Class have had a very busy and fun start to the New Year. In literacy, we have started to look at our new book 'Let's all Creep through Crocodile Creek'. The children are intrigued to find out where our new friends, Tortoise, Rabbit and Mouse get to on their journey. In maths we have been looking specifically at the number 0 as well as subitising numbers up to 5. In PE this week, the children were beginning to move their bodies like mini beasts. We slithered like caterpillars, jumped like grasshoppers and fluttered like butterflies.

BRIGHT

Bright class have been working very hard on this first week back after the holiday. We have been looking at images of Africa and animals from this term's book, The Lion Inside. We have started looking at slider mechanisms in Design Technology and which directions they move. We have also really enjoyed our first forest school session of the year.



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JEFFERS



Welcome back Jeffers Class! What a great start to 2026. We have been looking at numbers up to 100 in maths, recapping our number bonds to 10 so that we can use our knowledge to complete number bonds to 100.

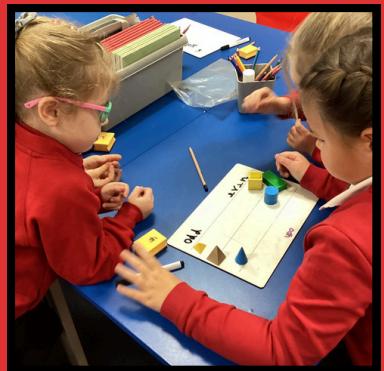
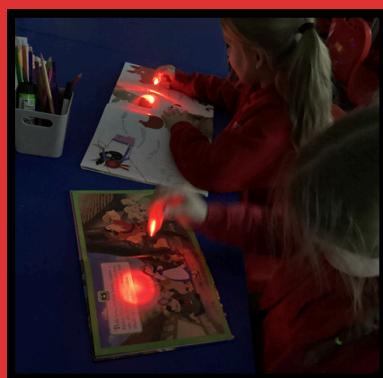
In Art we have used different mark making techniques and been experimenting with the amount of pressure we use to create dark and light marks.

We have used shading to create shadows making our shapes look 3D.



PERCIVAL

We have had a great start back to school this week in Percival class. We have looked at our new text in English and we have predicted what we think might happen. In Maths we have been counting faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes. We enjoyed torch Tuesday and thought about successes we have had in PSHE. We also had our talk about swimming and can't wait to go to the pool next week.



OUR LEARNING



BRIDGE CENTRE

After a long and restful break, we have come back into school and hit the floor running, making it feel like we have never been off at all. We have been continuing with our Core Skills in the mornings, then our Nurture sessions and targetted interventions, in the afternoons. Well done everybody for a fabulous first week back!

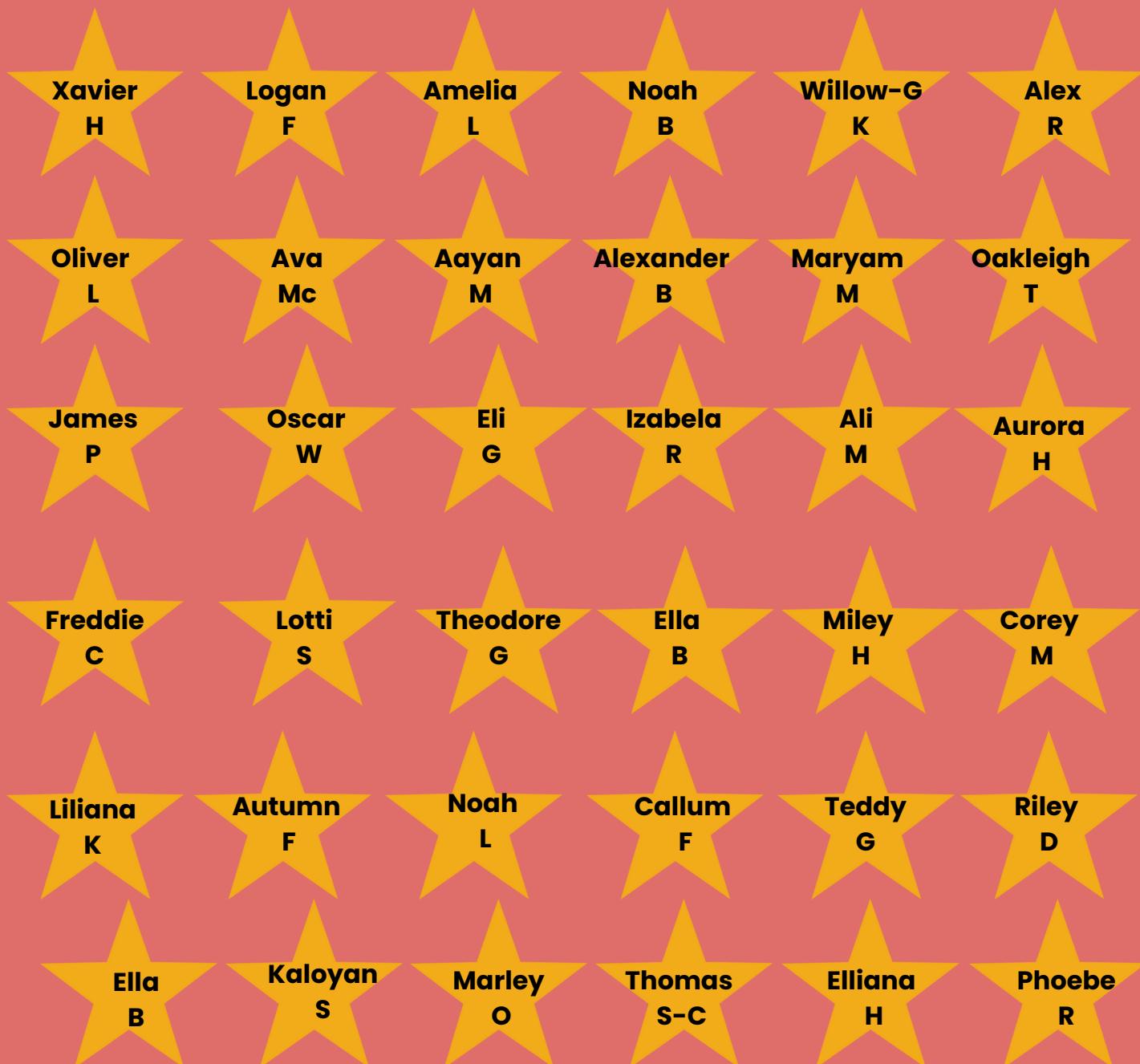


RAINBOW ROOM

The children have all come back settled and we have been getting back into our routine. This week in Rainbow Room we have started our 'winter' topic and we looked at the change in weather, trees and the clothes we need to wear to keep warm. In maths, we have been counting objects and pictures and matching it to the correct numeral. We have also been practising putting the numbers back in order.

Autumn Term Attendance Superstars

Well done to the children below who achieved 98% and above in their school attendance in Autumn Term.



What's happening in the news this week?



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

5th - 11th January 2026



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The National Year of Reading encourages everyone to explore reading. We are all different and can enjoy different books too. We can respect what others choose to read.

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Protected Characteristics



Reading can be enjoyed by everyone, whatever their background or identity. The National Year of Reading encourages people to explore stories in ways that they like, helping ensure that no one is left out because of who they are.

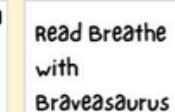
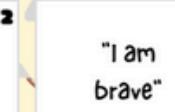
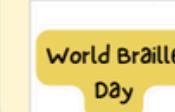
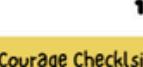
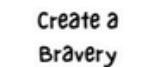
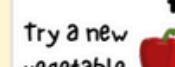
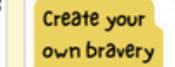
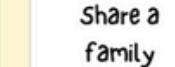
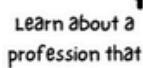
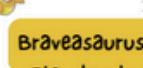
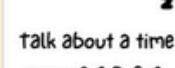
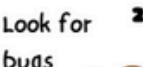
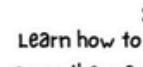
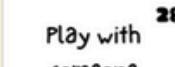
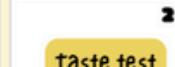
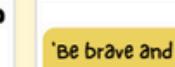


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Braveasaurus

January

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
 Create your own bravery medal	 Go bird spotting	 Make a new friend	 play a new sport	 Create a Superhero mask	 take part in a practice Fire Evacuation	 Go on an adventure
 Courage Checklist	 Create a Bravery Medal	 tactile bravery walk	 try a new vegetable	 create your own bravery character	 World Religion Day	 Share a family story
 Learn about a profession that is brave	 Braveasaurus Playdough	 talk about a time you were brave	 Scissor skills	 Ride a bike	 Go swimming	 Saint Dwynwys Day
 Look for bugs	 Learn how to cross the road safely	 Play with someone new	 Taste test	 Practise your breathing	 'Be brave and be yourself day'	

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

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