



SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24th April 2026

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Thank you for supporting us with our attendance drive. We are delighted to see a noticeable improvement already and encourage everyone to keep going—every day in school really does make a difference.

It has been wonderful to see pupils enjoying the chance to wear their own clothes on their birthdays. This small but new incentive has made it easy to recognise and celebrate each child's big day, with lots of smiles and well-wishes from friends and staff alike.

This week, we marked Earth Day, spending time reflecting on how we can all help to care for our planet, both at school and at home. We also celebrated St George's Day with a special assembly and a range of activities in class which gave pupils the opportunity to learn more about the story of St. George and explore themes of bravery and perseverance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 28th April 2026

3.30pm-5.00pm Messy church in School Hall

Thursday 30th April 2026

Nursery Visit to Little Lancashire Village
Please return your completed consent and payment to your child's class teacher

Monday 4th May 2026

School closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May 2026

School Re-Opens

Monday 11th May 2026

Reception Class children Heights and Weights in school

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Class RY (Donaldson) visit to Bring Yer Wellies consnt and payment to class teacher ASAP

Thursday 14th May 2026

Class RM (Murphy) visit to Bring Yer Wellies consnt and payment to class teacher ASAP

Reminders

Miss Woodruff will be leading our baby and toddler group at **9.00am every Thursday**
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 20/04/26-24/04/26

94%

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	88	0
Donaldson	96	6
Bright	91	7
Jeffers	95	8
Percival	95	1
Bridge	100	2
Rainbow	92	0
Total	94	24

CELEBRATE



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

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Katrinamay	Callum
Donaldson	Harper	Elliana
Bright	Koban	Oliver
Jeffers	Lotti	Jaxon
Percival	Lillith	Braxton
Bridge	Jamie	Daynton
Rainbow	Alyssa	Jax

**Lunchtime
Award**

Harper H



**Headteacher
Award**

Amelia L



**Kindness
Cup**

Miley H



OUR LEARNING



NURSERY

Nursery Carle class have enjoyed starting our new topic all about People Who Help Us. We have been talking about different jobs and thinking about people in our community who may be able to help us. We especially enjoyed being visited by some police officers who talked to us all about their job and let us try on some of their uniform! We have also been fascinated watching our caterpillars grow bigger and bigger every day, we can't wait to see how they change next.



MURPHY

In Murphy this week, we have had a very special delivery - maybe from Hattie Peck? Some eggs arrived and we have been so lucky to have so many chicks hatch! We can't wait to watch them grow. In other news we have celebrated Resilience afternoon, where the children tested themselves and never gave up. We have all also learnt about England's patron saint, Saint George. Mr Brown had some wonderful songs to help us understand the story. The children have decorated their own shields in provision and acted out the slaying of some dragons.



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DONALDSON



This week, Donaldson class began learning about life cycles. We planted peas and have been observing the changes each day as they receive sunlight and water. We've also watched tiny caterpillars grow bigger and bigger as they munch away. In addition, we observed eggs hatching and were excited to see baby chicks emerge. We have been taking great care of them by ensuring they are well fed, have plenty of water, and are kept warm. On Monday, we spent time focusing on our school value of resilience and yesterday, we celebrated St George's Day.

BRIGHT

In Bright Class this week the children really enjoyed Music with Mr Brown on Monday, learning about pitch. We have been improving our 'resilience' skills on Values afternoon as the children used tangrams and tried to make a square. There was some frustration but a lot of effort was put in. The children have continued to learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s as they begin to work on multiplication and division by grouping and sharing. We learned the story of St George and the Dragon on St Georges day and the children enjoyed making a story spinner.



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JEFFERS



Alongside all of our lessons this week, we have also been thinking about our school value of resilience, Earth Day and St George's Day.

We listened to a song in assembly about how special our world is and how we can look after it. We built on this later in the day, creating love hearts with ideas on how we can play a part in taking care of the world. Today we read the first part of our story in English. We thought about what we would say to the new visitor in the ocean.

PERCIVAL

We have been busy in Percival Class this week including looking at volume and capacity in Maths, writing descriptions of wolves and woods in English and finding out about habitats in Science. In music we celebrated St George. We also thought about how we can make the world a better place during Earth Day and made a pledge. We also thought about our school value, resilience.



OUR LEARNING

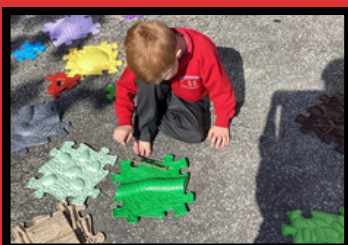
BRIDGE CENTRE

In The Bridge Centre this week, we have been mostly busy with taking care of our Sensory Garden: planting seed potatoes in old car tyres; Dogwood saplings and Hydrangeas and then watering all of the plants in the raised beds. We have also been planting seeds to watch how plants grow and we were amazed how quick, Runner Beans grow. Some of us visited The Farm on Friday too and we were grooming some of the bigger horses, working towards our next certificate and rosette. We have also had lots of visitors this week: The River Ribble Trust, Greensleeves and Holden Clough Nursery, all came to see our garden and offered their help in a variety of ways. Plus, the weather has been amazing, giving us the opportunity to spend loads of time outside.



RAINBOW ROOM

This week the children in Rainbow have been carrying on with our topic on 'weather'. We recapped on 'sun' and 'rain' and we have been looking at 'wind' this week. We practised making wind with our mouths by blowing air out. We then moved onto practising blowing through bubbles. As the weather have been so nice, we have spent a lot of time outdoors. We have made a house using cardboards and did some outdoor painting with paintbrushes and water.





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

20th - 26th April 2026



Individual Liberty

Individual liberty gives us the freedom to make our own life choices and pursue new challenges. We are free to choose our goals, which can shape our journey throughout our lives.

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Protected Characteristics



Age shouldn't stop anyone from trying new things or reaching their goals. We should respect everyone regardless of their age and avoid judging what people can do based on how old they are.



Sex



Sexual
Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender
Reassignment



Marriage and
Civil Partnership



Pregnancy
and Maternity



Race

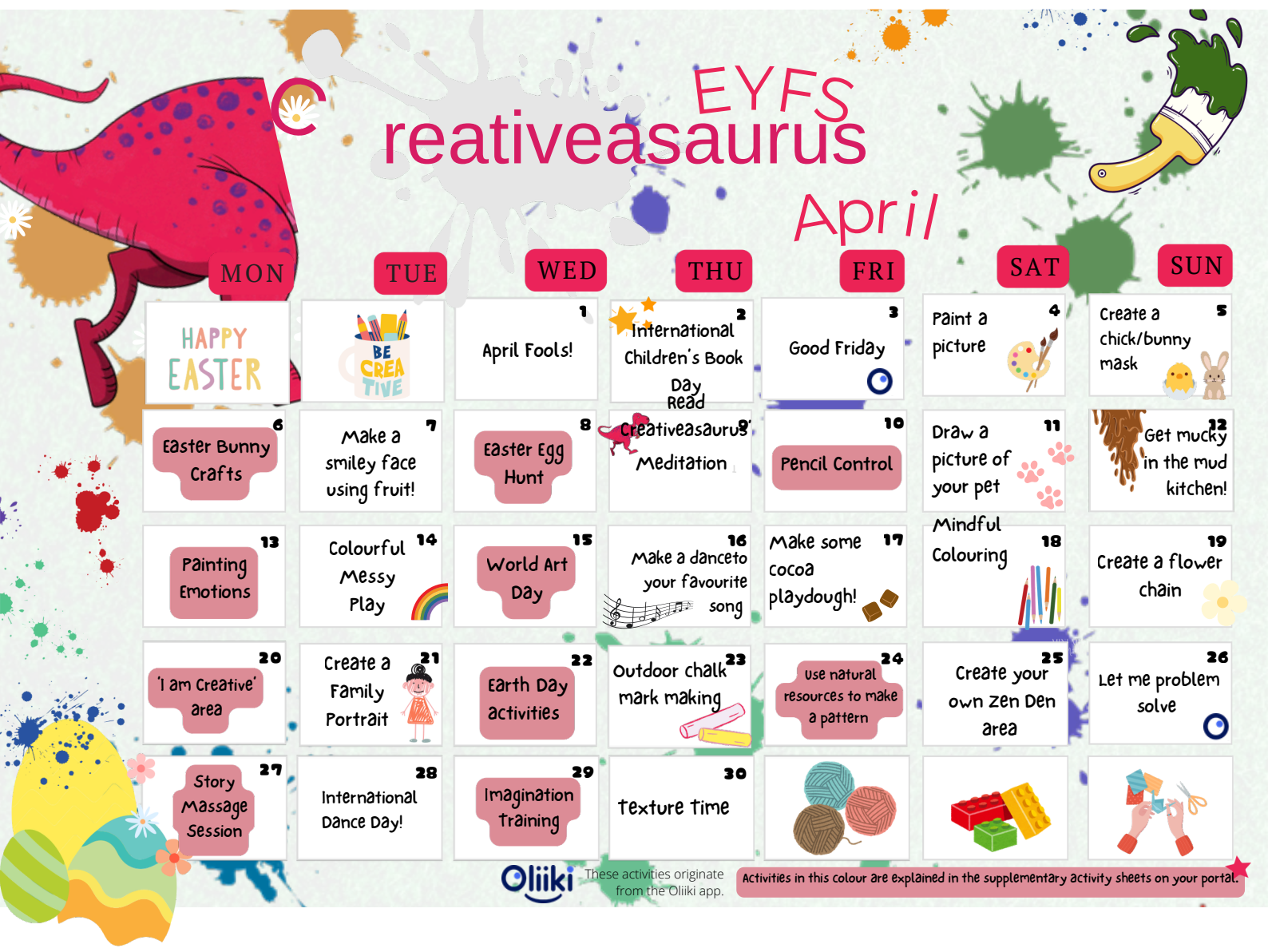


Religion
or Belief

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April



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
HAPPY EASTER	BE CREATIVE	1 April Fools!	2 International Children's Book Day Read	3 Good Friday	4 Paint a picture	5 Create a chick/bunny mask
6 Easter Bunny Crafts	7 Make a smiley face using fruit!	8 Easter Egg Hunt	9 Creativeasaurus Meditation	10 Pencil Control	11 Draw a picture of your pet	12 Get mucky in the mud kitchen!
13 Painting Emotions	14 Colourful Messy Play	15 World Art Day	16 Make a dance to your favourite song	17 Make some cocoa playdough!	18 Mindful Colouring	19 Create a flower chain
20 'I am Creative' area	21 Create a Family Portrait	22 Earth Day activities	23 Outdoor chalk mark making	24 Use natural resources to make a pattern	25 Create your own Zen Den area	26 Let me problem solve
27 Story Massage Session	28 International Dance Day!	29 Imagination Training	30 texture time			

Oliiki These activities originate from the Oliiki app.

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