



# SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 5th December 2025

#### MRS VAREYS MESSAGE

##### WEEKLY MESSAGE

On Tuesday evening, our Year 2 choir sang at the School Carol Service held at Blackburn Cathedral. I am incredibly proud of each and every child who attended—they did a fantastic job learning all the words and performed their carol beautifully. Well done to Autumn, Binky, Karla, Lexi, Makkinah, Tracy-Jane, Brooklyn, Liberty, Izabela, Willow-Grace, Evie, Olivia-May, Holly, Liliana and Scarlett –you made our school proud! A big thank you to all the parents and carers—it was lovely to see all of you there supporting the event.

On Wednesday, a group of Year 2 children represented our school in an inter-school Boccia competition. They worked brilliantly as a team and finished first place out of seven schools! We are so proud of their achievement—well done to the team: Logan F, Logan B, Logan C, Parker, Ava and Oscar.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

9.00am KS1 (Year 1 & 2 Nativity)  
Class 2K Percival parents to watch

##### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

2.30pm KS1 (Year 1 & 2 Nativity)  
Class 1J Bright Parents to watch

**Class 1-2 H. Jeffers parents to attend only one showing**

##### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

9.00am EYFS Nursery/Reception Nativity  
Class RY Donaldson & Nursery AM Parents to watch

##### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

2.30pm EYFS Nursery/Reception Nativity  
Class RM Murphy & Nursery PM Parents to watch

**Full Time Nursery Parents  
please attend only one showing**

#### Reminders

Due to Nativity & Performances taking place in school there will be no Baby Bears on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025** – The last Baby Bears for this year is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and this day is the Baby Bear Christmas Party. Look forward to seeing you there.

# 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 01/12/25–05/12/25**

**92%**

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	94	4
Donaldson	94	19
Bright	92	14
Jeffers	93	14
Percival	95	11
Bridge	91	3
Rainbow	85	4
Total	92	69

# CELEBRATE



**This week we said  
“Well Done” to .....**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Good Work</b>	<b>Good Behaviour</b>
<b>Murphy</b>	<b>Lailani</b>	<b>Louie</b>
<b>Donaldson</b>	<b>Gracie</b>	<b>Connie</b>
<b>Bright</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Lily-Angela</b>
<b>Jeffers</b>	<b>Rukkilah</b>	<b>Junior</b>
<b>Percival</b>	<b>Evie</b>	<b>Lexi</b>
<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Harmonie</b>	<b>Oscar</b>
<b>Rainbow</b>	<b>Brodee</b>	<b>Ryder-Joe</b>

**Lunchtime  
Award**

**Elodie P-B**



**Headteacher  
Award**

**Harper H**



**Kindness  
Cup**

**Ayaan M**



# OUR LEARNING



## NURSERY

**Nursery have had a fantastic week! We have carried on our learning about repeating patterns, finding mistakes in patterns and correcting them.**

**We have developed our fine motor skills by using pegs and pom poms to create patterns on Christmas trees for display in our classroom. We have also shared the Christmas story ready for our Nativity performance next week and we decorated our class Christmas tree!**



## MURPHY

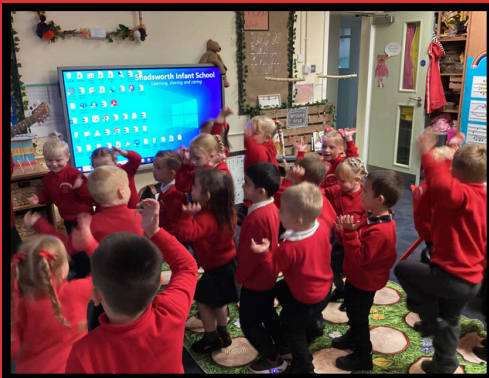
**During the first half of our poetry unit, the children have been revisiting some classic rhymes and poetry, including Jack Be Nimble and Hey Diddle Diddle. The children have practiced some action performance poetry. Here they are in action. In maths we have been looking at the part, part whole model. The children have been doing fantastic splitting up of the numbers 1-5. The nativity practice is in full swing - we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.**



# OUR LEARNING



## DONALDSON



Donaldson class have enjoyed looking at some poetry in literacy this week. The children have identified rhyming words within the poems and made some fantastic resources that are linked. Our classroom is beginning to look very festive now and this week we linked all our provision choices to fur trees. The children were given the opportunity to experiment and paint fur trees with water colours, add 'tricky word' baubles to their fur tree, decorate a fur tree with tree decorations, improve their fine motor skills by using pincers to add pom poms to trees and improve their cutting skills by cutting out strips of paper to make their own tree.

## BRIGHT

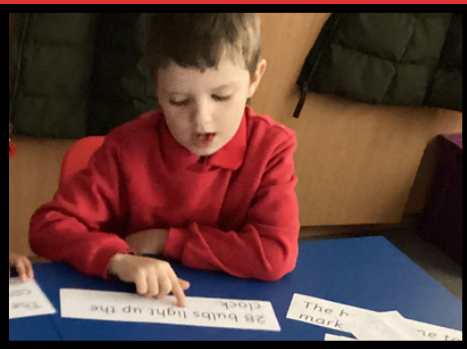
Bright Class this week have been involved in lots of practise of our Nativity which is really coming together. The children have also had a talk from the dentist and are going to be starting daily teeth brushing on Monday. In maths the children have been subtracting in different ways, using number lines, fingers or drawing objects. We have been learning about using plurals like 's' and 'es'. The children really enjoyed sports with coach Mark.



# OUR LEARNING



## JEFFERS



Although we have been busy rehearsing our wonderful nativity, we have found the time for lots of learning too!

Jeffers class are preparing to write their own fact file all about London so we have been researching and sorting facts about several landmarks in London. We have started our new topic of 'shape' in math, exploring 2D and 3D shapes. So far, we know how many sides and vertices many 2D shapes have.

## PERCIVAL

On Tuesday some of our class went to the Cathedral to sing in the choir. They did a fantastic job and we were so proud of them. This week we have been finding out all about Owls so that we can write a non-chronological report next week. We have done a brilliant job practicing our Nativity and we can't wait to show you next week.





# OUR LEARNING

## BRIDGE CENTRE

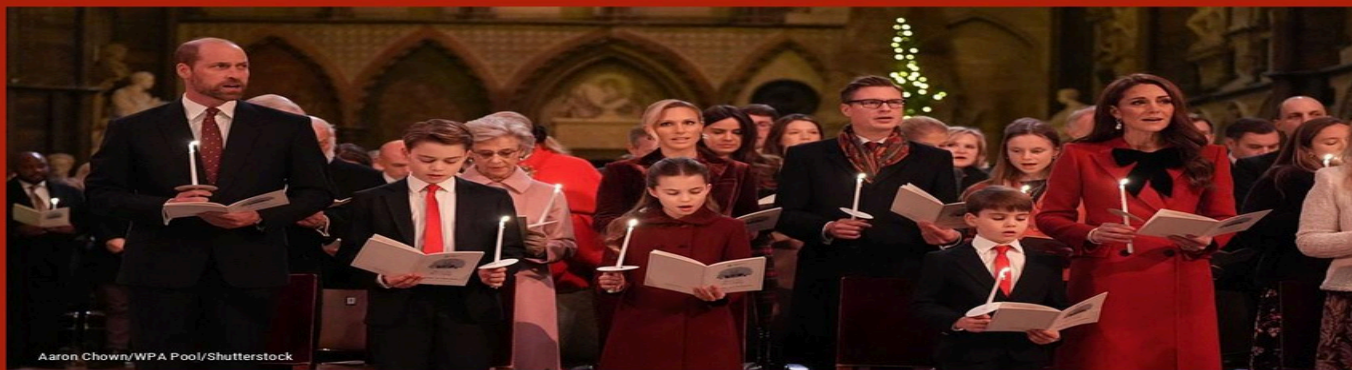
**This week, Christmas has come early to The Bridge Centre! We have been making our classrooms all ready for the big day. We have Christmas countdowns, Christmas trees and paper chains all made by our children. Leave some space on your trees, they will be coming home at the end of term! In Forest school we have made tree decorations out of dried orange slices, cloves, cinnamon and rosemary. All this, alongside our usual IDL, grammar, English and maths lessons. In topic, we have been learning what plants require to grow, we spoke about nutrients and fertilisers this week. What a busy week!**



## RAINBOW ROOM

**T**This week in Rainbow Room we had special elf arriving in our classroom named 'Elfie'. We decorated our classroom tree with lots of colourful baubles, tinsels and lights. We have also made paper chain Santa, snowman and reindeers to put up as decorations around the classroom. We have started our new classroom story 'Dear Santa' and we have done our Christmas list.





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

1st – 7th December 2025



## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Being together with lots of other people can be fun! When we are with others, we should always show kindness and respect to everyone.

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## Protected Characteristics



Singing can be for everyone. Whoever we are, we should always feel welcome, valued, and never excluded because of any protected characteristic.



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# Helpfulasaurus

# December

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN

Beginning of Advent



Decorate a gingerbread man



My Hippocampus

Dress as an Elf for Alzheimer's



Fuzzy Snow



Create a toy washing station



My Memory Library

Create a salt snowflake



Wear a Christmas jumper



"I am helpful"



Make reindeer food



Help to make your bed



Do a bake sale for charity



Make some Christmas scented playdough



Make a hot chocolate



Complete the Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Teamwork Day

Light Candles for the Winter Solstice



Practice wrapping a present



Deliver Christmas Cards to the local community



Leave some milk, cookies and carrots out for Santa and his reindeers



St Nicholas

Practice chopping vegetables



Go on a walk, can you find a robin?



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sing 'you are my sunshine'

"Helping friends is my talent"



Create a family New Years Resolutions

Write a Christmas list to Santa



Decorate a Christmas tree



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Oliiki

These activities originate from the Oliiki app.

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

EYFS



# Shadsworth Infant School Christmas

## Calendar Countdown 2025

Tuesday 9th December 2025

9.00am KS1 (Year 1&2) Nativity-Parents watch Class 2K (Percival)

2.30pm KS1 (Year 1&2)-Parents watch Class 1J (Bright)

Class 1-2H (Jeffers) - Parentswatch please attend only one showing

3.30pm-5.00pm MessyChurch - School Hall

Wednesday 10th December 2025

9.00am EYFS Nativity (Rec/Nurs) - Parentswatch Class RY (Donaldson) Nursery AM (Carle)

2.30pm EYFS Nativity (Rec/Nurs) - Parentswatch Class RM (Murphy) Nursery PM (Carle)

Full Time Nursery (Carle) - Parentswatch please attend only one showing

Thursday 11th December 2025

Dick WittingtonPantomime in school

Christmas Dinner Served-Children wear Christmas Jumper

Friday 12th December 2025

**Christmas Jumper Day** children to wear a Christmas Jumper

or their favourite/sparkly top - **Please bring £1 for the Save the Children Charity**

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Christmas Movie Night collect children @ 3.15pm return back to school for 4pm in your PJ's

**Tickets £5.00 per child - Slip and money payable to class teacher**

Wednesday 17th December 2025

1.30pm Class Christmas Parties/Father Christmas Visits Classes

Thursday 18th December 2025

Year 2 Royal Tea Party - Children to dress in Kings, Queens, Princess or Princes

Friday 19th December 2025

Festive Hair Day - **Please bring £1**

school closes for **Christmas Holidays** - Please collect your child @ 1.30pm-

Monday 5th January 2026

School Re-Opens 8.00am for Breakfast Club - 8.35am Soft Start 8.45am Registers are taken