



# SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 27th February 2026

### MRS VAREY'S MESSAGE

#### WEEKLY MESSAGE

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the half-term break. The children are working hard and with enthusiasm on their new topics. Next Thursday is one of our favourite days of the year – World Book Day! Children can come to school dressed as their favourite story character and will take part in exciting book-related activities.

If you would like to donate any costumes that no longer fit, we would be grateful as we are having a swap, borrow or donate rail outside the main office.

There are also some really easy costumes that can be made or sourced, so please don't feel you need to buy a new one.

Don't forget that all potato designs need to be in by Wednesday at the earliest, or Thursday morning first thing, as the winner will be judged during World Book Day.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 story Character - decorate a potato competition please see below Flyer**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Non-Uniform day in exchange for an Easter Egg**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**9.00am-9.45am Let's Get Talking Parent Workshop - School Hall**

# 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 23/02/26–27/02/26

**95%**

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	100	1
Donaldson	98	4
Bright	94	7
Jeffers	89	6
Percival	94	2
Bridge	100	0
Rainbow	91	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>27</b>

# CELEBRATE



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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Good Work</b>	<b>Good Behaviour</b>
<b>Murphy</b>	<b>Eva Rose</b>	<b>Reiena</b>
<b>Donaldson</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>James</b>
<b>Bright</b>	<b>Xander</b>	<b>Harrison</b>
<b>Jeffers</b>	<b>Primrose</b>	<b>Holly</b>
<b>Percival</b>	<b>Andreas</b>	<b>Aqsaa</b>
<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Harmonie</b>	<b>Daynton</b>
<b>Rainbow</b>	<b>Able</b>	<b>Noah</b>

**Lunchtime  
Award**

**Lucy N**



**Headteacher  
Award**



**Thomas-Finley S-C**

**Kindness  
Cup**

**Georgie G,  
Willow K  
Lexi D**



# OUR LEARNING



## NURSERY

Nursery Carle class have enjoyed starting our new farm topic this week. We have enjoyed sharing the story Farmer Duck and singing the rhyme Old MacDonald had a farm. Today we have also been lucky enough to be visited by the Creepy Crawly Roadshow! We got to see many different creatures up close such as a snake, giant cockroaches spiders and stick insects! What an exciting day!



## MURPHY

Murphy have had an amazing week! I'm sure they have been telling you all about the pre-historic delivery of some baby dinosaurs along with a new Literacy book - Gigantosaurus! We the had reports of a strange sighting on the CCTV - we were shocked to see a huge dinosaur prowling the grounds of school! We didn't panic (well some of us did) - and decided to become paeleontologists and go on a dinosuar dig. We excavated lots of dinosaur eggs. Using careful chiselling, we discovered baby dinosaurs - which we are now going to take care of in school. Watch this space!!



# OUR LEARNING



## DONALDSON



Reception have had a roar-some week starting their exciting new topic all about dinosaurs! In Literacy, the children were introduced to our new focus book, Gigantosaurus. We discovered four baby dinosaurs inside an egg and used our imaginations to think about what might happen next in the story.

Our adventure continued at Forest School, where we went on a special dinosaur dig. Gigantosaurus had buried some of his eggs, and it was our job to find them! The children carefully searched, discovered the hidden eggs, and gently scraped away the dirt to reveal the baby dinosaurs inside. Everyone was very excited to rescue the babies and make sure they were safe and warm.

Today, we will be getting creative by making cosy beds and homes for the baby dinosaurs in our creative area. What a dino-tastic start to our new topic! 🦖

## BRIGHT

Bright Class have been hard at work on this first week back. We have been using description to make predictions about what animal might have been in our new story in English... It turns out it was a woolly Mammoth. We have had a lot of fun learning about primary and secondary colours by mixing paint to find the results. Today the children have had fun with the sports coach.



# OUR LEARNING



## JEFFERS



Jeffers Class were excited to discover some notes from a mystery visitor scattered around our classroom. We had to use a code-breaker to see what the messages said.

We have also been looking at different plants in Science and deciding which were healthy and which weren't. This linked in well with our learning in PSHE where we considered how to keep ourselves healthy.

## PERCIVAL

Percival Class loved looking at toys from the past and the present this week for our introduction to our new book. We did a great job ordering a timetable in history for our new topic, The Great Fire of London. In PSHE we thought about how we can have healthy bodies. Those of us that chose to leave their tokens with Miss Kirby got our World Book Day books too!



# OUR LEARNING



## BRIDGE CENTRE

This week in The Bridge, we have been mostly busy with our usual morning lessons and then building different things in the afternoon. Some of us have been making kites, that actually flew, high above the playground and then the rest of us have been putting together, raised flower beds, made from corrugated metal. Eventually these will be placed into our new front garden area and filled with soil, so we can grow flowers, fruit and vegetables!



## RAINBOW ROOM

This week in Rainbow Room we have been learning about 'our family' and who is in our family. We have been learning new Makaton signs. We know how to sign home, mummy, daddy, brother and sister. In Maths, we have been looking at ordering so we have been ordering numbers 1-12 and the days of the week. We have also been singing the days of the week song.



# What's happening in the news this week?



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

23rd February – 1st March 2026



## Democracy

Everyone can share what they think about space travel and if we should send people into space. We should also listen to the thoughts of others.

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## Protected Characteristics



A diverse group of astronauts are participating in the Artemis II mission. Everyone deserves equal opportunity, no matter who they are.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Religion or Belief

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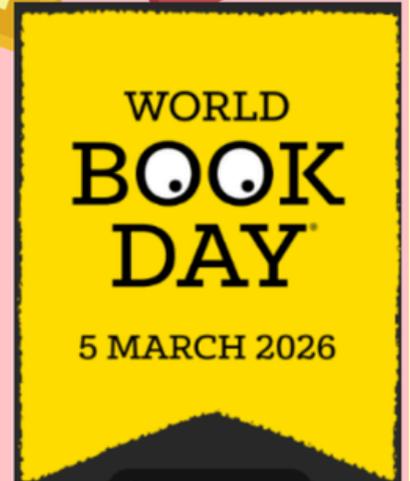
# Dreamasaurus February

	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	4 Make your own dream corner	5 Create a 'Wellbeing Box'	6 Dreamasaurus's Relaxation Day	7 Affirmation Yoga	1 Read 'Dream like Dreamasaurus'	2 Circle Time: Our Dreams	3 Create a self portrait of how you're feeling today
	11 Sing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'	12 Create some Lavender infused playdough	13 Paint to Mindful Music	14 Valentines Day Crafts	8 Create bird seed and feed the birds	9 Children's Mental Health Week	10 Create a dream display
	18 Calming Colouring	19 Dress up as your future career	20 Dreamy Jar	21 Blow Lavender infused bubbles	15 Learn about different professions	16 Practice Pancake Flippin'!	17 Make dreamy pancakes
	25 Can you complete - Puzzles?	26 Make your own Dream Catcher	27 Dreamy Playdough	28 Create your own Dinosaur Collage	22 'Hop little bunnies' Dance	23 Shaving Foam Clouds - Sensory Play	24

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



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## Decorate a Potato!

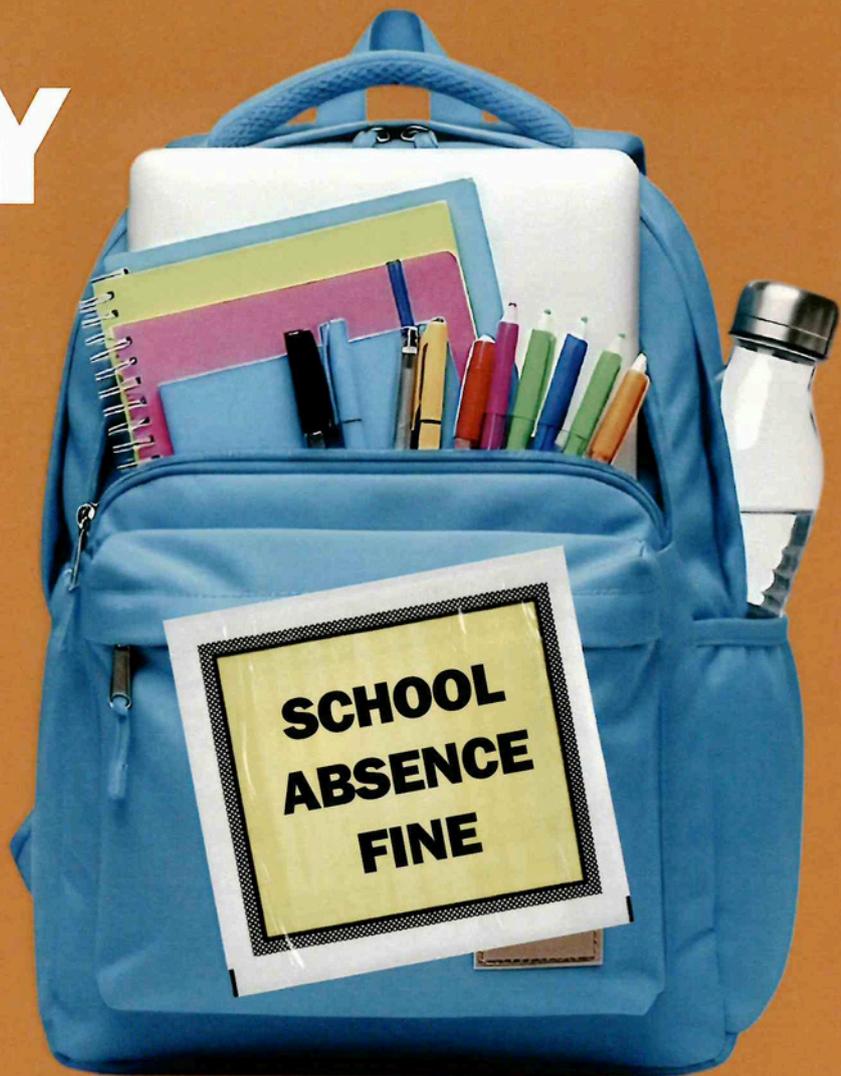
Pick your favourite book character and design your own potato. Competition will be being judged by local business owners 'Spud Bros' on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March!

# WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION



# PENALTY NOTICE FINES

If your child misses school without authorisation you may be issued a fine



## FIRST OFFENCE

If a parent receives a penalty notice for a child, they will need to pay **£160 (within 28 days)**. However, the fee is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days of the notice.

## SECOND OFFENCE

If a parent receives a second penalty notice for the same child within three years, it will cost a flat fee of **£160 if paid within 28 days**. There's no option to pay a lower amount.

## THIRD/ FURTHER OFFENCES

A parent cannot get a third penalty notice for the same child within three years of the first one. If the parent reaches the limit again within those three years, other actions will be taken instead, like **legal steps or other attendance interventions**.

For further information please visit our website by scanning the QR code or email [education.welfare@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:education.welfare@blackburn.gov.uk)

