



SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

MRS CROMPTON'S MESSAGE

Year 1 have settled now, it is a big change from Reception as the classroom is more formal, lessons take place all day with only playtimes and lunchtimes for outdoor play. It can take a while for some children to settle, even though we do prepare them in the Summer term by increasing the lesson time, it is a big change. But everyone is trying their best and completing lots of work very successfully. Year 2 had their team building outdoor learning day at the start of term and they have been working hard across the curriculum. School is very settled with a purposeful atmosphere – Well Done everyone!

Our next **Parents, Teachers and Friends group will meet on 6th October** which is this coming Tuesday. Come along and join in planning our Spooky Disco and other fun events. This group can't run without our Parents help!

Baby Bears happens every Tuesday morning in the hall. Have a brew, make some friends and let your little ones play together. Come to the hall through the patio doors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th October 2026

9.00am Cut off date for your child's school menu choices – Please call at the school office for a paper copy, if not able to complete through the app

Every Tuesday

8.45am–9.45am Baby Bears run by Mrs Patel in the school hall

Tuesday 6th October 2026

Parents, Teachers & Friends Group in the school hall

Friday 9th October 2026

Wear Yellow Day please bring £1 to support this fantastic Charity

Monday 12th October 2026

3.30pm–6.00pm Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th October 2026

3.30pm–6.00pm Parents Evening

Friday 23rd October 2026

Break the Rules Day – Fines payable!
School closes @ 3.15pm for half-term

Monday 2nd November 2026

School Re-opens

Reminder

**We still have Nursery places available
please call into the school office
for an application form**

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

92%

**Last week's weekly
selected Random Winner
for 96% attendance went to Madison W**

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	91	4
Donaldson	93	9
Bright	97	4
Jeffers	94	4
Percival	92	10
Bridge	87	18
Rainbow	87	3
Total	92	52

CELEBRATE



**This week we said
“Well Done” to**

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Muhammad T	Primrose
Donaldson	Ivy	Albie
Bright	Cory	Ella
Jeffers	Jace	Elias
Percival	Theodore	Olivia
Bridge	Miley & Libby	Elliot
Rainbow	Eddie	Arthur

**Lunchtime
Award**



Ella B

**Headteacher
Award**



Koban B

**Kindness
Cup**



Rayhanna B

OUR LEARNING



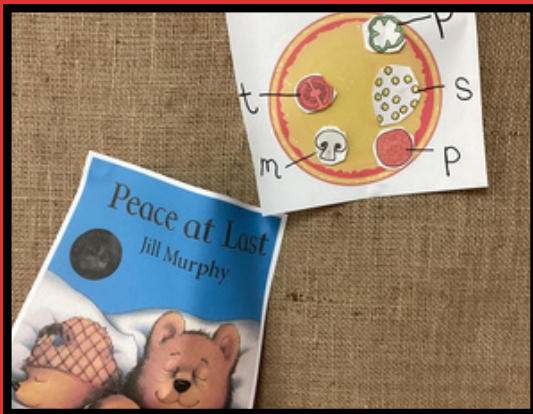
NURSERY

Nursery have had a great week of fun and learning. On Monday we enjoyed music with Mr Brown. Our colour of the week this week has been blue. We have experimented with using different tools and techniques to create a blue print picture. We have also started learning about Autumn and used our senses to explore natural autumn objects such as pine cones, leaves and acorns.



MURPHY

Murphy have been continuing to think about why God wants us to share at this special Harvest time. In Maths, the children have been sorting into groups and spotting common characteristics in objects. During Literacy, the children have been feeling very sorry for Mr Bear, who can't get to sleep - but apparently pizza helps him to drift off. Ask the children about this! Murphy class have proved their agility this week - moving like animals in PE.



OUR LEARNING



DONALDSON



It's been a busy week in Donaldson class! We've been learning lots of new sounds in phonics, with some children beginning to hear initial sounds in words which is fantastic! We've also been practising writing our sounds and trying out different patterns in handwriting after our Dough Disco. In RE, we've started learning all about Harvest and what we are thankful for. For art this week, we were experimenting with different handwriting patterns and in PE we pretended we were in a jungle. We had lots of jungle animals moving their bodies like tigers, elephants and poison dart frogs.

BRIGHT

Bright class have been learning how to use a rekenrek this week (which is like an abacus). This is going to help us with our mental maths. We have been finding shapes in our own faces in art and completing some artwork in the style of the artist Paul Klee. We have looked at how the seasons affect the trees and what they will look like.



OUR LEARNING



JEFFERS



Jeffers class started the week making music with Mr Brown. We used different instruments to represent the sound of animals and thought about the tempo and dynamics that we should use.

We have been looking at partitioning numbers and number bonds in maths this week. Please keep going with this at home so that the children know their number bonds to 10!

We have enjoyed learning about King Henry VIII in History.

PERCIVAL

This week we have completed our maths unit on place value with the children showing a good understanding of the place value of numbers to 100.

We are really enjoying our computing lessons, the new iPads are amazing. This week we created digital art using Pointillism which is art created by tiny dots.

Thank your for all the homework brought in so far we enjoy showing it in class.



OUR LEARNING

BRIDGE CENTRE

This week in Maths we have been mostly finishing our Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division unit of work. It was difficult, but we battled on through! In English, we have been continuing with our "Adventures are The Pits!" story, where we have created our own storyboards, to sequence the narrative and tell the story in the correct order. We have also been moving forward with our topic work, creating our model of a Castle and painting our Motte and Bailey countryside scene, in Art and DT sessions. In Forest School, we have carried this theme on by making dens and shelters, incorporating hammocks, for well-earned rests.

The Bridge Centre is the best place to be, ever!



RAINBOW ROOM

In the Rainbow classes we have been exploring shapes this week. We have been matching objects. Our topic is Autumn so we have been exploring with different textures to make some amazing Autumn pictures. We have enjoyed making pumpkin pictures by rolling a conker in paint! Our Stars of the week are ... Aiden & Eddie
Aiden has done some amazing matching with his numbers.
Edward has done some fantastic counting this week.



What's happening in the news this week?



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

28th September – 4th October 2026



Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?



Individual Liberty is highlighted because people should have the freedom to express their ideas, experiences and stories however they choose.

The Bayeux Tapestry shows how stories can be understood and represented in different ways, highlighting **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**.



Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

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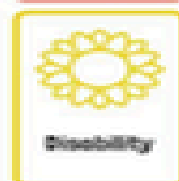
Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



The Bayeux Tapestry highlights the protected characteristic of **sex**, as it can help us think about how men and women are represented in historical stories and whose experiences are included.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?



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Uniquedinosaur

October

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN



**Be
Unique**



Read the
Uniquedinosaur
Meditation

Build your own
house using
recycled
materials



Create a
handprint
painting

Try something new

World Smile
Day!



Bring a
photograph of
your family to
nursery/school!

Our Height
Chart

Make up
your own
dance



"I am
unique"



World Mental
Health Day



Bake
something
with a unique
twist!



Make a face out
of loose parts

Bring a
photograph of
your family to
nursery/school!

Practise
Bubble
breathing

Welly Painting



Look at me!

Read
'Uniquedinosaur
is one of a Kind'

Guess different
expressions with your
family!

Fingerprint
patterns



Have a talent show



Fingerprint tree

Mirror self-
portrait

Create your own
playdough
pumpkin

Create your own
spooky Halloween
potion

Home Learning

Food Tasting



Create a self
portrait using
collage materials

Carve your own
pumpkin



Dress up as
something
scary!



Spooky Eyeball
Art

Happy Halloween!



EYE.



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

SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

AUTUMN/WINTER DINNER MENU 2026

Parent/Carer's
please complete your child's
Autumn/Winter Dinner Menu choice's
by Monday 5th October 2026

sent to you via the Parentmail.

If you are experiencing difficulties with completing
the survey via the app -

**please call at the school office
for a paper copy to complete. Many thanks for
your continued support and understanding.**

If your child brings a packed lunch to school
you do not need to complete this invite

Food Hygiene Level 2 Course



Gain the knowledge and confidence
to keep food safe and help prevent
foodborne illness.



Tuesday 3rd November



9:30am till 3:00pm



**At The hub at shadsworth
on Rothesay Road**



Lunch will be provided
please make us aware of any food
allergies when booking.



Limited availability to book
please contact



Rosina.Bibi@newground.co.uk

Your
learning
matters



Hello Yellow Mental Health Day



**Join us on Friday 9th October!
Wear yellow to show you care.
Please bring £1 to support this
fantastic charity.**

Shadsworth Infant School

Nursery and Reception Open day

Wednesday 21st
October 2026

Thursday 5th
November 2026

**Tours at
10.30am and
2.00pm**

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