



SHADSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th November 2025

MRS VAREY'S MESSAGE

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Welcome back! We're looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, filled with lots of wonderful learning opportunities and special events.

One area we really need your help with is school attendance and punctuality. Every minute of the school day counts, and even small absences or lateness can add up over time.

To give you an idea:

- Missing just 4 days each half term adds up to 24 days a year—that's nearly five weeks of learning lost.
- Being 5 minutes late each day means your child misses over 16 hours of learning across the school year.

If you're struggling with attendance or need support, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Class 1J visit Blackburn Museum during school time

Tuesday 11th November 2025

9.00am Baby Bears – welcome from 8.45am

Wednesday 12th November 2025

Anti-Bullying Week celebrate by **Children coming to school wearing Odd Socks**

Thursday 13th November 2025

9.00am Let's Get Talking Parents Workshop – Parents please join us

Friday 14th November 2025

Children in Need – **children to come to school dressed in Yellow or Spotty**

Friday 21st November 2025

Non-Uniform in exchange for a **Full Bottle for our Christmas Bottle Tombola Stall**

Reminders

BABY BEARS IS BACK! 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 03/11/25–07/11/25

%

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Murphy	98%	3
Donaldson	92%	6
Bright	94%	16
Jeffers	89%	10
Percival	98%	4
Bridge	91%	0
Rainbow	84%	9
Total	92%	48

CELEBRATE



**This week we said
“Well Done” to**

Class	Good Work	Good Behaviour
Murphy	Hazel	Nikolas
Donaldson	Zaydhan	Oscar
Bright	Theo	Lewis
Jeffers	Hunter	Umar
Percival	Izzy	Makkinah
Bridge	Jamie	
Rainbow	Freddie	Georgie

**Lunchtime
Award**

Yomi Y



**Headteacher
Award**

Harrison B



**Kindness
Cup**

Eli G



OUR LEARNING



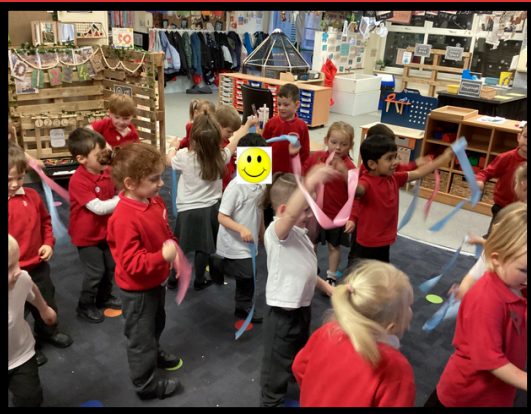
NURSERY

Nursery Carle class have had a wonderful start to the new half term. This week we have been developing our fine motor skills in lots of ways, completing activities all about Bonfire Night. We made a delicious sparkler snack and created firework art using a variety of tools and techniques to create colourful patterns.



MURPHY

First week back and we are greeted with a crime scene!!! Who or what had left such a mess in our outdoor area. The Murphy detectives decided the Big Bad Wolf had paid us a visit - watch this space! In other news, the children have been learning about the history of Bonfire Night and understanding why we wear poppies. In music, we have been exploring different celebration music and the children loved doing their Diwali dance!!



OUR LEARNING



DONALDSON



Donaldson have had a lovely start to the term. On Monday we came to school to discover a crime scene in our outdoor area. After carrying out some investigating, we have come to the conclusion that the Big Bad Wolf has been hanging around and has scared the Three Little Pigs away before they finished building their houses. Alongside this, we have been learning all about Bonfire Night and why we celebrate it.

BRIGHT

This week in Bright class we started to look at our new topic 'Toys'. We have been recapping use of the words past, present, old and new. The children enjoyed making bonfire night pictures in art and have enjoyed looking at our new book about a monster called Nibbles.



OUR LEARNING



JEFFERS



We started our week using instruments with Mr Brown and followed a graphic score using pictures to represent sounds. On Tuesday we introduced our new History topic of Kings and Queens, we learned the special word 'monarch' and looked at items linked to royalty.



PERCIVAL

We have had a great start to the new half term. We all put on a super Remembrance assembly this week and loved seeing so many grownups come to watch us. Earlier on in the week some of us designed Christmas cards for the Mayor and the rest of us made Bonfire Night collages.



OUR LEARNING

BRIDGE CENTRE

This week in The Bridge Centre, we have been mostly working hard every morning on our English and Maths. Then in the afternoons, we have been looking at our new topic of Plants and Animals and the difference between the two. We have also been continuing with our new PE sessions, learning patience, resilience and restraint, through the medium of Martial Arts, Kickboxing. A really busy start to the new half-term!



RAINBOW ROOM

This week in Rainbow Room we have been learning all about how to keep safe when being around a bonfire and fireworks. We also learnt how to play with sparklers safely. To celebrate bonfire night, we made biscuit sparklers using breadsticks and chocolate and decorating them with sprinkles. We also did lots of bonfire and firework crafts.



What's happening in the news this week?



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

3rd – 9th November 2025



Individual Liberty

Fireworks can be used in celebrations. We can choose if we watch and listen to fireworks. Not everyone enjoys them and animals can find them scary.

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Protected Characteristics



Some people, including those with disabilities, do not like the loud bang that fireworks make. When planning celebrations, we should think about the needs of everyone.



Sex



Sexual Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender Reassignment



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Pregnancy and Maternity

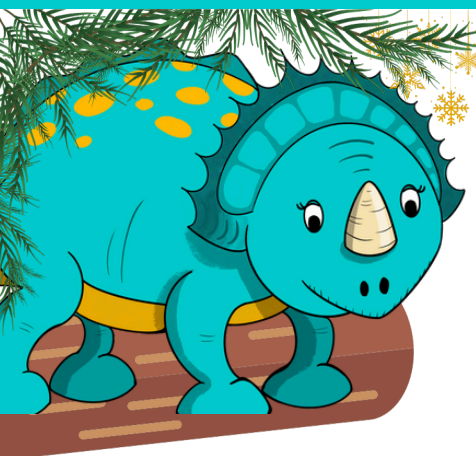


Race



Religion or Belief

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Kindasaurus November

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THU

5
create a firework picture

6
share a toy

7
Create a Poppy for Remembrance Day

1
Create a picture to make someone smile 😊

2
"I am kind"

3
Kindasaurus Circle time

4
Decorate a 'kindness' pebble and leave it in the woods

12
Donate something to charity

13
World Kindness Day

14
Children in Need

8
Do affirmation yoga

9
Remembrance Sunday

10
World Science Day

11
Complete the 'rolling balls' activity

19
Create some kindness postcards for the community

20
Role play - Babies

21
use chalk outdoors to create a Rangoli Pattern

15
take part in a story massage session

16
play with somebody new

17
Create a Pudsey mask for Children in Need

18
Help to make dinner

26
Read the Kindasaurus meditation

27
Be kind to the environment

28
clean your toys

22
Create a kindness potion

23
'Save the dinosaurs' activity

24
"I am kind to my friends"

25
Bake some cookies for a friend

29
Give a friend or Wellasaurus a hug

30
Read 'Kindasaurus Saves Christmas'



EYFS

Oliiki These activities originate from the Oliiki app.

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

Next week we shall be supporting Anti-Bullying Week in school.

Throughout the week the children will focus on celebrating difference and showing kindness.

On Wednesday 12th November 2025

we ask that children come into school wearing odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique!

Many thanks for your continued support





RECEPTION OPEN AFTERNOON TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2025



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026? If so, bring your child along to visit our wonderful Reception provision and meet our team.

Please contact us via the school office to book your visit:

Email: office@shadsworthinfant.blackburn.sch.uk

Telephone: 01254 698002

We look forward to seeing you there!