

Friday 5th December 2025

We love December in school – there is so much happening as we prepare for Christmas!



It can be a new learning experience, a challenge, a celebration or entertainment – or just having fun with friends.

As we approach the end of term, we're excited to invite you to our upcoming **Learning Showcase Events**, where every year group will be proudly sharing what they've been exploring this term!

✦ Year 3 – Step Into the Stone Age

Travel back in time as our Year 3 historians share their learning about Stone Age life, tools and traditions.

✦ Year 4 – Times Tables Masters

Come and see our confident mathematicians show off their rapid-fire times tables skills!

✦ Year 5 – Portrait Gallery (and Live Portraits!)

Visit our Year 5 art exhibition featuring portraits—and even have **your own portrait drawn** by one of our young artists.

✦ Year 6 – VE Day Celebration

Join Year 6 for a vibrant **Victory in Europe Party**, complete with wartime music, tea, **spam sandwiches**, and a delicious **cake-bake competition**.

We'd love to see as many families as possible celebrating the hard work and creativity of our pupils. Please check the dates and times in diary dates opposite.

Dates for your diary...

8th December: Severn Trent Visit – Year 3

8th Dec: Sign and Sing Event at Derby Theatre

10th Dec: Year 4 Berners-Lee Class Assembly - 8:30am school hall for parents and carers of Berners-Lee Class.

10th Dec: Year 3 & 6 Pantomime at Nottingham Theatre Royal – Cinderella.

11th Dec: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner

16th Dec: Year 3 & 4 visit St Andrew's Church (pm) for Christmas Service (pupils only)

16th Dec: Year 3 Showcase: 9:00am – Stone Age Journey

16th Dec: Year 5 Showcase Event: 9:20am – Portait Gallery

17th Dec: Year 4 Showcase Event (Maths) Event 8:35am – Year 4 classrooms

17th Dec: Year 5 & 6 visit St Andrews Church (pm) for Christmas Service (pupils only)

18th Dec: Year 6 Showcase Event: 'VE Street Party' – 9:30am - families invited for spam and cake!

19th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term – Santa Dash -Happy Christmas!

6th January (Tuesday) – first day of Spring Term

Lydia and Felicity took part in a dance showcase at the New Horizon church, where schools from the Derbyshire area took part. The children choreographed, rehearsed and perfected their routines and performed proudly to the audience. Mrs Dables is very proud of them and the dedication they showed.



Year 3 Visit Creswell Crags

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting adventure into the Stone Age during our visit to the real caves at **Creswell Crags**. Pupils became junior archaeologists for the day as they explored the dramatic limestone gorge and discovered how early humans lived thousands of years ago.

Inside the caves, the children saw ancient markings and learnt how people created tools using stone, bone and wood. They even experienced the darkness of a real Stone Age shelter, imagining life without electricity, torches, or modern comforts!



During our archaeological workshop, everyone had a chance to handle replica artefacts—including flint tools, animal bones, and even pieces of Stone Age artwork. The class used their detective skills to work out what these objects might have been used for and what they could tell us about life in the past.



It was an unforgettable day full of curiosity, courage, and discovery. Year 3 returned to school buzzing with new knowledge about our earliest ancestors and ready to continue their learning about the Stone Age in class. A big thank you to the staff at Creswell Crags—and to our brilliant young archaeologists!

Our Values Award Winners

Our Values Award winners received their certificates this week in our whole school values assembly.

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Stephanie – Confidence**

Carson: **Holly – Aspiration**

Goodall: **Daisy-May – Confidence**

Year 4:

Kahlo: **Layla R – Respect**

Berners-Lee: **Amelia – Respect**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Freddie T – Respect**

Tull: **Charlie – Enthusiasm**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Ernie – Enthusiasm**

Hallam: **Jacob G – Determination**

Gregg: **Freddie F – Kindness**

RESPECT
CONFIDENCE
DETERMINATION
ENTHUSIASM
ASPIRATION
KINDNESS

This award recognises pupils **for living our school values** and inspiring others to follow. Well done to you all!

Attendance

This week, our 100% attendance award winner was Harison in Year 4, who chose a nurture session for himself and a friend. Overall attendance was **94%** this week and our top 3 classes were:

Carson - 99.5%

Berners-Lee – 97.6%

Attenborough – 97.1%



We work together to ensure good school attendance: we are here to support the children and our families. Attendance support will be provided by our whole school team, with our Family Support Worker available to signpost help and services. [Langley Mill Academy - Early help](#) & [Langley Mill Academy - Attendance](#)

Dance Success



Aurora has come 2nd in her recent gymnastic competition!

She told us in our school assembly about her floor and vault routine.

Aurora really enjoys gymnastics and is currently working on her back tuck!

Celebrations from Home – car dealership visit



Logan really enjoyed seeing these cars over the weekend and shared it is an experience he has never had before. His favourite was the G-Wagon – and I certainly won't disagree! Logan told our whole school assembly that sitting in some of these cars is heaven!

Great British Athletes to Langley Mill Academy

Langley Mill Academy recently enjoyed an unforgettable visit from Great British athletes **Joe Roebuck** and **Steve Frew**, who brought excitement, energy and a passion for sport to the school. Known for representing Team GB at major international competitions, Joe and Steve led pupils through an engaging whole-school work out that had everyone moving, smiling, and eager to take part.



From warm-ups to high-energy exercises, Joe encouraged students to push themselves, try their best, and enjoy being active. His enthusiasm was infectious, filling the hall with cheers and determination. Steve spoke about his determination to succeed & even performed a gymnastic leap across the Sapphires football team. Pupils were captivated as he spoke about his career, the importance of perseverance, and how sport can help build confidence both in and out of the classroom.



The event left a lasting impression on staff and students alike and will raise valuable funds for school sport and playground equipment. Langley Mill Academy celebrated not just a fun and active day, but an inspiring reminder of what can be achieved with hard work, a positive mindset, and a love for sport.