

Friday 19th December 2025

Year 3 and 4, along with Year 5 and 6, enjoyed a special visit to **St Andrew's Church** to celebrate the Christmas season this week. The children took part in carols and listened respectfully to readings and a meaningful Christmas message. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the church volunteers and the vicar for their warm welcome and for hosting such a lovely and memorable visit.



We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our recent school **showcase events** and would like to thank you for your wonderful attendance and continued support. The showcases celebrated a wide range of learning, including times tables, reading, Stone Age history, and impressive portrait drawings.



A highlight was our Year 6 Victory in Europe Party, complete with joyful songs, energetic dances, and some truly amazing cakes: the winner this year was Ernie in Year 6 for his Anderson Shelter and war-time garden design.



On behalf of all the staff at Langley Mill Academy, I wish our children and families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – see you on the 6th January. Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

6th Jan: (Tuesday) – first day of Spring Term

2nd Feb: Bikeability Week for Year 4 & Year 5

9th Feb: Young Voices – Sheffield Arena

13th Feb: Last day of school - February Half Term

23rd Feb: Back to school after Half Term Break

4th & 5th March: Year 3 visit National Stone Centre

11th March : Year 5 visit to National Space Centre

18th March: Las Fallas – Spanish Festival – wear red & yellow

19th March: Year 6 Visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

25th March: Great LMA Bake Off 2026

26th March: Year 4 visit Bluebell Farm

27th March: Last day of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holidays

13th April: Summer Term Begins

26th June & 29th June: School INSET days – long weekend.



Safeguarding: We have been made aware that several titles in the 'According to Humphrey' series contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material that should not be accessed by children at any age. This is a reminder to be extra-vigilant with all children's books that contain links and ensure that they are checked by an adult.



Celebrations from Home

Mia's cheerleading achievements continue to impress, and the photo opposite is quite something as Mia is literally propelled to amazing heights, delivering spectacular performances that stand out. Well done Mia - and please be careful!



This solo performance by Myla in Year 4 is something to be proud of, taking on the role of the Greatsesh Showman ring master Myla has been selected for next year's competition, and continues to enjoy her dance. Amazing photos Myla – thank you for sharing.



Kaiden had an amazing experience at the Derby Santa Run 2025 5km in Markeaton Park, showing great determination and energy throughout the race. It was a fantastic achievement and a wonderful display of festive spirit, running proudly among the sea of Santas – including Mum!

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Archie – Kindness**

Carson: **Ben – Respect**

Goodall: **Liliana – Determination**

Year 4:

Kahlo: **Kai – Determination**

Berners-Lee: **Mason – Determination**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Daisy – Aspiration**

Hawking: **Amiah – Kindness**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Lauren – Confidence**

Hallam: **Poppy K – Confidence**

Gregg: **Ella-Rose – Aspiration**

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 Brody in Year 3, who chose a non-uniform day for himself and a friend. Overall attendance has dipped a bit – understandably with the coughs and colds – so we dropped to **88%** this week. Top 3 classes were:

Hadid – 97.7%

Ayling-Ellis 96.5%

Attenborough – 95.9%



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](#)

We are delighted to share some exciting news about the future of our school and Djanogly Learning Trust.

From 1st January 2026, Djanogly Learning Trust will merge with another multi-academy trust, QEGSMAT, to form a new partnership called **Tapestry Learning Partnership**.



What does this mean for pupils and families?

- All of our schools will continue to operate as usual and serve their communities.
- There will be **no changes to the day-to-day running of our schools**.
- Pupils will continue to be taught by the same staff in the same schools, which will retain their existing names.

What are the benefits of the merger?

- A stronger partnership that shares knowledge, best practice, resources, and expertise to enhance teaching and learning.
- Greater opportunities for staff development, supporting recruitment and retention.
- Improved efficiency and sustainability, ensuring we can continue to provide the very best education.

We already have a strong working relationship with QEGSMAT, and both trusts share a similar philosophy of serving communities across the East Midlands. This merger marks an important step in our ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality education and opportunities for all pupils.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Santa Dash 2025!

Langley Mill Academy's Santa Dash was full of speed, determination, fun and laughter. Santa proved just a little too fast at times, keeping everyone on their toes as they raced around the course. Despite the competitive spirit, everyone took part with great enthusiasm and was rewarded for their efforts with a chocolate treat, making it a truly festive and enjoyable event. Thank you, Santa! 🎅

