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Langley Mill Academy NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2026

The innovation and creativity shown in our Great Nature Recycled Challenge truly amazed our Sustainability Team, with so many fantastic ideas that made judging incredibly difficult! Congratulations to all our prize winners, and a huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the challenge such a success – below are photos of some of the brilliant entries!

Year 6 had a fantastic day at Eden Camp, bringing to life the question, "What was life like for a child during the Battle of Britain?"

Through the sights, sounds and smells of wartime Britain, the children stepped back in time and gained a real sense of what life was like for children during this extraordinary period in history.

Thank you for all the support shown for today's 'Wear Red Day 2026' & showing racism the red card. Children did activities in school to recognise the day and its important message.

Next week we will share resources for Travel Smart Week - Derbyshire County Council. This year the theme is 'Travel Smart Art'. During the week we will collect data on how children travel to school.

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary…

20th-22nd Oct: Parents' Evening Week (Book appointments on Arbor Wednesday 21st / Thursday 22nd)

Thu 22nd Oct: Class & individual photographs

Fri 23 Oct: Last day of half term (half-term break).

Mon 2nd Nov: Back to school

Tues 3rd Nov: Lea Green information evening – 4:30pm school hall.

19th Nov: Year 5 visit Tamworth Castle

18th Dec: Last day of term – Happy Christmas

4th Jan: Inset Day.

Tues 5th Jan: First day of Spring Term

29th Jan: Year 3 visit Creswell Crags

We had an amazing morning with Liam Jury on Tuesday, who took the whole school through a series of exercise routines! He treated us to an impressive display of leaps and gymnastic skills. Thank you for the sponsorship support for this year's Great Athletes event.

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Celebrations from home

Nathan in Attenborough Class is celebrating achieving his red belt in karate.

He enjoys his lessons and spoke confidently in our whole school assembly today, celebrating this wonderful achievement – well done Nathan!

Attendance

Good school attendance is above 95% (or less than 10 missed school days) per year. Good attendance helps pupils to make the most of their learning, build positive relationships and develop confidence and independence.

Overall school attendance this week was 95.7%

Our top 3 classes this week for attendance were:

- Kahlo 98.9%
- Goodall - 97.3%
- Attenborough 98.6%

We are here to support every family with school attendance, through our pastoral team led by Mrs Naylor, alongside our Family Support Worker, Miss Robb.

Attendance Matters

Meet the new School Council!

Our school Council is made up of three groups, representing community, diversity and sustainability. These children will be involved in big decisions, projects and tasks across the year. The sustainability team have already enjoyed running the Great Nature Toy Challenge – see photos below.

Values Awards Assembly

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

Year 3:
Attenborough: **Daisy – Perseverance**
Goodall: **Maddison – Success**

Year 4:
Berners-Lee: **Sapphire-Lilly – Perseverance**
Hadid: **Bobby - Success**
Kahlo: **Greysen – Responsibility**

Year 5:
Ayling-Ellis: **Bella – Success**
Hawking: **Emilia – Perseverance**
Tull: **Jacey – Empathy**

Year 6
Arkwright: **Nora – Innovation**
Gregg: **Evie-Rose – Responsibility**
Hallam: **Michal – Perseverance**

A letter from MP Linsey Farnsworth

I am writing to invite all primary school aged pupils across Amber Valley to take part in my annual Christmas Card Competition!

This year, our theme is "Pets of Amber Valley at Christmas." Whether it is a dog wearing a festive jumper, a cat curled up under the Christmas tree, or any other beloved pet enjoying the holiday season, I would love to see the wonderful creativity of our local

schoolchildren. The winning design will be featured on the front cover of my official Christmas card, which is sent out to hundreds of people across our community and beyond - including the Prime Minister! The winner will also receive a little Christmas present that I would love to be able to present in person.

Competition Guidelines & Details:

- *Theme: Pets of Amber Valley at Christmas*
- *Information Required: Please ensure each entry clearly lists the pupil's full name, age, year group, and school on the back of the artwork.*
- *Deadline: All physical or scanned digital entries must be submitted by Friday, 4th December 2026.*

How to Submit: Share all entries with your class teacher and your school will share them with Linsey.

Warmest regards, Linsey Farnsworth MP.

We look forward to seeing the fantastic artwork from across Amber Valley, and I cannot wait to see this year's creative pet designs! Langley Mill Academy has some past success in the competition, with former pupil Kian winning the competition two years ago and receiving a visit and prize from Linsey.

PRESENTING THE WINNER'S PRIZE TO KIAN

A sample of the amazing creations from our Great Nature Recycled Toy Challenge!