

Friday 1st May 2026

This week Langley Mill Academy pupils attended the Amber Valley School Sport Partnership Cross Country competition at Shipley Park. It was a fantastic display of superb participation, with everyone giving their all on the challenging two-lap course. What stood out most was the huge support competitors gave each other, cheering teammates on every step of the way.

I hope the children were inspired by our Monday's assembly about the incredible record-breaking performance at the London Marathon by Sebastian Sawe. This week's newsletter is packed with sporting achievements - it is great to see children pushing themselves to achieve their personal bests, supported by their parents, carers & families.



Daisy-May in Year 3 has been swimming with Kimberley swimming club for coming up to 2 years now and the club has just recently gained two new recruits from LMA, Brooks and Reuben. On Sunday they all took part in the clubs Novice gala at Hucknall.

Daisy-May, in the 8 years old category, came 1st in the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke; 1st in 25m Fly (with a new PB time!) and 2nd in 50m backstroke and 100m IM (25m of fly, back, breast & free).

Reuben in Year 5 came 3rd in all his 50m events, including Freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke! Brooks, in Year 3, came 1st 25m freestyle, 1st in 25m breaststroke and 2nd in backstroke and butterfly.



There were only some nerves from all 3; however, they all swam fantastically and delighted when they received their medals!

Dates for your diary...

4th May: Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

6th May: Ayling Ellis class assembly – parents & carers invited to attend: school hall 8:30am

7th May: School Photos – Individual & Class

11th May: Year 6 SATS week:

- **Mon** – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling **Tue** – Reading
- Wed** – Maths Paper 1 & 2 **Thu** – Maths Paper 3

13th & 14th May: Year 4 Kahlo and Year 5 Ayling-Ellis Parents' Evenings

3rd June: Pastoral & SEND coffee afternoon 2 - 3pm. Masking: Supporting positive home-school transitions

5th June: Non-Uniform Day – 'Bring a bottle' to support our Summer Fyare.

8th June: Multiplication Tables Check Week - Year 4

18th June: Year 4 Orchestra Visit – Count me In. **Year 6** Visit Cromford Mills.

19th June: Year 4 Roman Soldier Visit – In School

22nd June: Year 3 & Year 4 Sports' Day Morning **23rd June:** Year 5 & Year 6 Sports' Day Morning

24th June: Year 6 visit to Gulliver's Kingdom. **25th June:** Year 5 Seaside.

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

2nd / 3rd July: Year 6 transition for pupils moving to Aldercar High Sch.

David Attenborough turns 100 on **May 8, 2026**—a remarkable milestone for one of the most influential voices in nature and environmental storytelling. It is an occasion we will mark with the children in school through a special assembly.



Finally, thank you to all the parents, carers and families who attended our Year 4 'Angry Earth' Showcase. Children love sharing their learning and welcoming parents and carers into their classrooms.

Celebrations from Home

George in Year 4 has achieved man of the match in his rugby game at the weekend. He was rightfully proud as it was his debut appearance!



Jax and his football team, the Brinsley Ballers, became the YEL Division 3 Champions at the weekend! Jax told our assembly that Finley in Year 4 is also a member of the team and that they are super proud of their achievement.



Last weekend, Matilda visited a butterfly park in Derbyshire and was able to hold a butterfly (after dipping her finger in banana!) She then had a lovely walk around Derbyshire, in the sunshine. Perfect!



Celebrations from dances and shows this week! Last weekend, Hermione entered a dance competition and finished in first place! Amazing Hermione – thank you for sharing. We know Hermione loves dance and enjoys expressing her personality through movement and dance.

Alyssia in Year 6 has shared a photo from her performance in 'Iconic', which she enjoyed last weekend. Alyssia also shared a photo of her performing 'Josph' with her drama group – Marlpool Theatre group.



Alyssia loves being on stage and learning and performing the dances – she tells me it is something she looks forward to and that it is really fun performing with a large group!



Managing Children's Digital Lives

Parenting today can feel overwhelming — especially when childhood looks so different from what we grew up with. There's no manual, and it can be hard to keep up with the fast-changing digital world your child moves through every day. This guide, shared with us, aims to make those conversations easier and help you support your child with confidence.



PDF here: [cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf](#)

Website here: ['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Harper – Kindness**

Carson: **Emmy – Determination**

Goodall: **Joey – Confidence**

Year 4:

Berners-Lee: **Finley – Determination**

Hadid: **Fraizer – Determination**

Kahlo: **Bradley S – Determination**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Kaspian – Determination**

Hawking: **Oskar – Determination**

Tull: **Kaiden W – Kindness**

RESPECT
CONFIDENCE
DETERMINATION
ENTHUSIASM
ASPIRATION
KINDNESS

Year 6

Arkwright: **Brooke – Determination**

Gregg: **Imogen – Confidence**

Hallam: **Lilly T – Determination**

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

Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 96.1% and our top 3 classes were.

Hadid – 100%

Hawking – 97.7%

Arkwright – 97.6%



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](#)