

Friday 15th May 2026

This week in our school library, we were very excited to welcome the newly hatched chicks! The chicks are only two days old and are already chirping away — they are much noisier than the children! Everyone has loved watching them snuggle together and explore their new home. Next week, the children will have the opportunity to gently hold the chicks and learn more about how they grow and develop.



A huge WELL DONE to all of our wonderful Year 6 pupils for their hard work, determination, and positive attitude during SATs week. We are incredibly proud of the way you approached the tests and the support shown for each other.

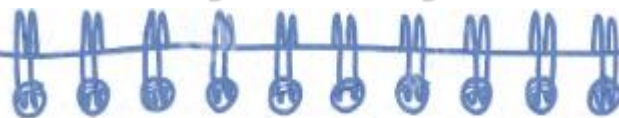
It has been lovely to see friendships shine through and pupils helping each other with smiles, confidence, and care.

A big thank you must also go to our amazing teachers and staff, who have worked so hard to prepare and support the children every step of the way. It is their dedication and encouragement that make such a difference, everyday.

Now, Year 6 have so much to look forward to! With the exciting transition to secondary school ahead, this is the beginning of a brand-new chapter full of opportunities, challenges, and success. Before then, we still have a packed and exciting summer term to enjoy together, including the much-anticipated visit to Gulliver's Kingdom!

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...



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: Mutliplication 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 visit the Seaside – Skegness.

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

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

8th July: Summer Fayre – all wlecome

23rd July (Thursday): Last day of school - summer holidays begin

7th Sept: First day of new academic year



Celebrations from Home

Lissy in Year 4 proudly sent in a photo of her peas growing beautifully in her grandad's greenhouse as part of our Sustainability Team's "Big Grow" project. It was wonderful to see how healthy and tall the plants are becoming with lots of care and attention.



The Big Grow encourages children to learn about sustainability, healthy eating, and where our food comes from by growing their own fruits, vegetables, and plants at home or in school. We hope to receive updates on Year3's sunflowers, Year 5's runner beans and Year 6's mini cucumbers!

Thomas created an amazing home learning task all about Mount Vesuvius. His project was colourful, creative, and full of interesting facts. He carefully labelled places such as Pompeii, the Bay of Biscay, and flowing lava from the volcano. Everyone was excited to hear that Year 4 are even planning a "real eruption" demonstration to bring the volcano project to life. It sounds like it will be a fantastic!



George was named Man of the Match after an outstanding performance in the rugby game for his Amber Valley team. He scored four tries in one half, inspiring his whole team.



Derbyshire Travel Smart Week

Travel Smart Week (18 to 22 May 2026) invites schools to inspire pupils to explore active and sustainable travel through the magic of storytelling. Using the SMILERS ways to wellbeing, each day connects a different 'way to wellbeing' with books, creativity and travel behaviour that support healthier, happier school journeys.



Across the week, pupils are encouraged to:

- Stay Connected by sharing stories about friendship as they walk, wheel or ride to school Move More by creating 'Poetry in Motion', celebrating active travel through acrostic poems
- Be Curious on 'Wonder Wednesday', discovering the benefits of travelling smart
- Eat Well on Fruit-Fuelled Friday, linking nutritious choices with energy for the journey

The campaign links to the [National Year of Reading](#) and blends literacy, wellbeing and sustainable travel to help children be active, imaginative and good for the planet. We will talk about this in our assemblies & share Travel Smart leaflets with the children.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Finley – Respect**
Carson: **Bodhi – Respect**
Goodall: **Frank - Kindness**

Year 4:

Berners-Lee: **Natali – Determination**
Hadid: **George – Enthusiasm**
Kahlo: **Hudson-Lee – Respect**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Ollie L – Respect**
Hawking: **Nora – Confidence**
Tull: **Brandon – Enthusiasm**

Year 6

All of you this week!

The teachers think you are all amazing!

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!

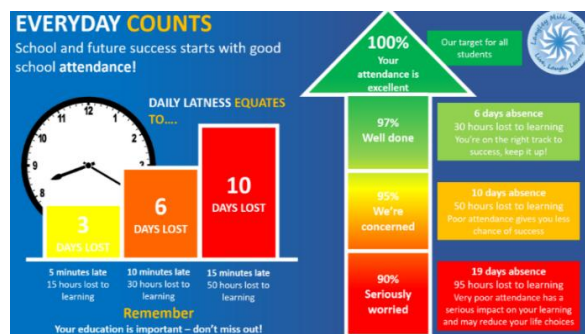
Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 95.4% and our top 3 classes were.

Hallam – 99.6%

Gregg – 98.4%

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](#)