

Friday 22nd May 2026



Our Year 6 pupils this week completed a survey called the 'Big Future'. The survey is open to all children, which can be supported by adults to complete the survey.

A message from the Children's Commissioner

Hi, my name is Rachel, and my job is to hear from all children and young people in England. As the Children's Commissioner I've launched this survey on the 'Big Future' so you can have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. I will take your views to the Government, to help them make life better for children.

Everything you tell me will be kept private. You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. There are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly! To find out more, visit my [website](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).

Children can take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

I'll publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures at the highest levels. Thank you very much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza



In school:

Three photos from this week: Our kitchen staff hosted a Euro Vision themed dinner day; Miss Shepherd released tadpoles into our school pond and gardening club's hard work and dedication are in bloom! Have a great half term break.



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

This week in assembly, we celebrated the 100th birthday of David Attenborough, who is famous for teaching people about nature and wildlife around the world. During the assembly, we also watched *Wonderful World*, which was beautifully performed by him, and it helped us reflect on the beauty of Earth and the importance of protecting it for the future.

[What A Wonderful World performed by David Attenborough - BBC](http://www.bbc.com/1/learning-english/primary/2016/05/20160526-at-100-wonderful-world)

Celebrations from Home

Sienna in Year 5, has shared this amazing jelly fish artwork. She was inspired by her cousin's work and used pencil and paint pens – the results are beautiful.



Riley has received these trophies at his team's presentation, including the most improved player. Riley loves playing for Heanor Rattlers. Great job Riley!



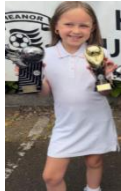
Bohdi has been making dandelion syrup with her mum! She has shared it with her class – there were mixed reactions, but I thought it was delicious!



Julia's mum has sent these in from her Holy Communion this week in Poland. It looks like such an amazing and special experience for Julia and her family, and such a lovely memory to share with everyone.



Freddie attended his Heanor Junior football presentation on Saturday and was awarded the parents' player award. Freddie loves football and is a very safe pair of hands in goal! Well done, Freddie.



Raiya in Year 3 has shared her football award photos – she was delighted to receive 'Players player' from her teammates at Heanor Juniors. She looks forward to training every Monday.

Ruby has shared a photo of her sunflower from our 'Big Grow' 2026. It looks like a very healthy young plant that will enjoy the sunny weather this week! She is also super proud of achieving stage 3 swimming!



Coffee Afternoon Parent & Carer Workshop: Masking

We would like to invite parents and carers to our Coffee Afternoon Workshop on Masking, taking place on 3rd June from 2:00pm–3:00pm in the school hall.



Masking is when a child hides their feelings, difficulties, or true self in order to fit in or meet the expectations of others or an environment. Our workshop will help parents and carers understand the signs of masking and explore ways to support children with positive home-school transitions.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Quinn – Determination**
Carson: **Ben – Enthusiasm**
Goodall: **Liliana – Kindness**

Year 4:

Berners-Lee: **Skylaa – Enthusiasm**
Hadid: **Paige – Confidence**
Kahlo: **Harry – Kahlo**

Year 5:

RESPECT
CONFIDENCE
DETERMINATION
ENTHUSIASM
ASPIRATION
KINDNESS

Ayling-Ellis: **Ini – Confidence**
Hawking: **Vanessa Kindness**
Tull: **Lillie B – Kindness**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Logan – Respect**
Gregg: **Lailia – Kindness**
Hallam: **Phoebe H – Aspiration**

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 91% and our top 3 classes were.

Carson 96.3%

Goodall 94.7%

Attenborough 94.6%



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](#)

Beat the heat: hot weather advice - GOV.UK

As temperatures rise, we have been asked by the DfE and Derbyshire County Council to share some important “Beat the Heat” advice with families. Children can become unwell very quickly in hot weather, so it is important that they stay cool, hydrated, and protected from the sun whenever possible.

Please make sure your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle, sun hat, and sunscreen already applied before the school day begins when the forecast is for hot and sunny weather. We also recommend lightweight clothing (PE tops are perfect) and seeking shade during the hottest parts of the day. Staff will encourage regular water breaks and limit strenuous outdoor activity where needed.

Warm weather can also affect sleep, concentration, and wellbeing, so keeping bedrooms cool and encouraging plenty of fluids at home can help children feel their best. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable during periods of hot weather.



Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat



Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains during the day



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Look after yourself and check in with others



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat

Stay cool in the heat

Information around how to keep safe in warm weather.

Be prepared!

- Check your local weather forecast including air pollution levels
- Take extra water for journeys
- Apply sunscreen before going into the sun and regularly throughout the day
- Find out what to do if essential services such as energy, water or transport are affected. If you are classed as vulnerable then you can apply to be on your [energy company's priority register](#).

Keep your home cool

- Keep curtains drawn during the day to keep rooms cool
- Open windows (if safe to do so) if it is cooler outside than inside
- Turn off lights or electrical equipment that is not in use
- Use electric fans if the air temperature is below 35°C, but do not aim the fan directly at your body as this can lead to dehydration

Keep yourself cool

- Drink water regularly but avoid alcohol and caffeine
- Have a cool shower or put cool water on your skin or clothes
- Stay in the shade, especially between 11am and 3pm
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and light clothes if you have to go out
- Avoid hot closed spaces such as stationary cars. They can get dangerously hot quickly. Make sure babies, children, older people and pets are not left alone in stationary cars or other closed spaces

Weather Alerts

Think about signing up to the [Met Office alerts](#) and watch the weather forecast and prepare for the warmer weather.



Heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion does not usually need emergency medical help if you can cool down within 30 minutes. If it turns into heatstroke, it needs to be treated as an emergency.

The signs of heat exhaustion include:

- tiredness / dizziness / headache
- feeling sick or being sick
- excessive sweating and skin becoming pale and clammy or getting a **heat rash** but a change in skin colour can be harder to see on brown and black skin
- cramps in the arms, legs and stomach
- fast breathing or heartbeat
- a high temperature
- being very thirsty
- weakness

Heatstroke

Call 999 if you, or some else else, is:

- still unwell after 30 minutes of resting in a cool place, being cooled and drinking fluids
- a very high temperature
- hot skin that's not sweating and might look red (this can be harder to see on brown and black skin)
- a fast heartbeat
- fast breathing or shortness of breath
- confusion and lack of coordination
- a seizure or fit / loss of consciousness

Get help with rented houses

You can also get help from the environmental health office at your local council if you think a hot house is affecting your health or someone else's. They can inspect a rented home for hazards to health, including excess heat.

Look out for others by checking in on older neighbours or relatives - especially those who live alone or who have serious illnesses, to make sure they are safe and well.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/staycool

