

Friday 12th June 2026

In assembly this week, we learned about World Ocean Day, which was celebrated on 8th June. We recalled the names of the world's oceans and explored the amazing variety of life they support, from tiny plankton to huge whales.



We also discussed some of the threats facing ocean habitats, especially plastic pollution. Much of the plastic that ends up in the ocean is carried there by rivers after being dropped on streets, in parks, or in other outdoor spaces. We talked about simple ways that everyone can help protect our oceans, such as avoiding single-use plastic items like plastic straws and making sure we always put our litter in a bin. Small actions can make a big difference in keeping our oceans clean and healthy for future generations.

A message on sensory Toys (Fidgets) in School

At school, we can provide sensory resources and fidget tools to pupils where they are needed to support learning, concentration and emotional regulation. For this reason, we ask that children do not bring fidget toys or 'sensory objects' from home, unless this has been discussed and agreed with the class teacher.



While some small, discreet sensory tools can help certain pupils focus or reduce anxiety, larger items such as spinner toys, stretchy ropes, large squashy cubes and similar products have the opposite effect. They distract the child using them & the attention of other pupils. Teachers can select and provide sensory resources, such as small handheld pebbles or other pocket-sized items, when they are beneficial for an individual child – and we have these items in school.

Research suggests that 'movement breaks' are more effective in helping children maintain focus, and we incorporate these into the school day. Occupational therapy guidance recommends sensory tools should be selected and monitored by adults to ensure they support, rather than hinder, learning for individual pupils. Any item used should be small, subtle and not a 'toy'.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused and productive learning environment for all pupils.

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

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 welcome

21st July: Year 6 Leavers Production: 2:00pm school hall – ticket info to follow

22nd July: Year 6 Disco: 4:00pm-5:30pm

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

7th Sept: First day of new academic year



Jude and Charlie in Year 5, who play for the same football team, had a fantastic awards celebration, with Charlie proudly receiving the Top Goal Scorer award. Thank



you, boys, for sharing your success so eloquently in today's assembly and inspiring us all with your achievements – enjoy the World Cup!

Celebrations from Home

Congratulations to Jax in Year 4, who has recently celebrated a fantastic football achievement with his team, Brinsley Ballers FC.



Jax attended the Young Elizabethan League (YEL) Presentation Evening at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham, where he and his teammates were presented with the Division 3 League Championship Trophy. The award was presented by former Nottingham Forest player Marlon Harewood, making the occasion even more special.

As well as helping his team secure the league title, Jax received individual recognition when he was voted Players' Player of the Year by his teammates. This award reflects the respect and appreciation of his fellow players and is a wonderful achievement. Well done, Jax, on an outstanding season and for representing the school so positively both on and off the pitch!

The Big Grow

Riley's mini cucumbers were a great success in LMA's Big Grow 2026 for Year 6, producing an impressive harvest. Well done, Riley—we hope the cucumbers tasted as good as they grew!



We have also had a wonderful message from Lissy in Year 4: "My peas  are growing! There is one flower on the top now. I think grandad has done a great job!". I couldn't agree more Lissy – this plant will create a great crop!



Sophie in Year 3 is amazed that her sunflower is now taller than she is and still growing at a rapid rate! We can't wait to see just how tall it gets—perhaps even twice Sophie's height—and, of course, to see its beautiful flower bloom.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Kyran – Determination**
Carson: **Khanm – Determination**
Goodall: **Isla – Aspiration**

Year 4:

Berners-Lee: **Willow-Marie – Aspiration**
Hadid: **Zihe – Aspiration**
Kahlo: **Jacey L – Confidence**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Harry B - Kindness**
Hawking: **Evie – Aspiration**
Tull: **Toby W – Confidence**
& Oliver B – Respect

Year 6

Arkwright: **Nicola - Confidence**
Gregg: **Ella-Rose Kindness**
Hallam: **Harrison – 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 94.8% and our top 3 classes were.

Attenborough – 98.6%

Hadid – 99.3%

Carson – 97.1%



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](#)