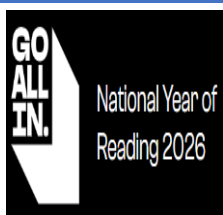


Friday 16th January 2026



Spring Term 2026 Read Everyday

Challenge: This spring term, Langley Mill Academy is excited to once again launch our 'Read Everyday Challenge' for all pupils. The challenge runs for 10 weeks, encouraging children to read every day and build strong, lifelong reading habits.

To complete the challenge, children need to read **7 times a week**, recording their reading at home in their reading record. By the end of the challenge, pupils who have recorded **70 home reads** will have successfully completed the challenge. To help children get started, every pupil has been given a brand-new reading-for-pleasure book, along with a bookmark to support regular reading at home. We hope these inspire children to enjoy reading wherever and whenever they can.

Rewards and Prizes

All pupils who complete the challenge will receive a delicious Easter Egg as a reward for their hard work and commitment. In addition, they will be entered into an exciting prize draw to win a family day out to one of the following theme parks – family choice:

Alton Towers Gulliver's Kingdom Matlock Farm Park

Why Reading Everyday Matters at KS2

Regular reading is essential during Key Stage 2. Reading every day helps children develop **fluency**, allowing them to read more smoothly, accurately, and confidently, strengthening comprehension **skills**. We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support with reading at home – it is critical that it is maintained and becomes a regular habit.

Happy reading! 📖 ✨ **If you're into it, read into it: Go All In. - YouTube**

Amber Valley Sport Competition Success

Well done to the boys who took part in the AVSSP Futsal competition this week: the team worked well together, showing lots of grit and determination. They came first in the group stage going through unbeaten and only conceding 1 goal! In the final, LMA were in full control throughout and finished the game winners! This means that Langley Mill Academy were victorious in the competition for the second year running. We are all really proud of this year's Futsal Team!

Dates for your diary...

2nd Feb: Bikeability Week for Year 4 & Year 5

4th Feb: Pastoral & SEND coffee morning – The Functions of Behaviour – 9am school hall

9th Feb: Young Voices – Sheffield Arena

13th Feb: Last day of school - February Half Term

23rd Feb: Back to school after Half Term Break

4th & 5th March: Year 3 visit National Stone Centre

11th March : Year 5 visit to National Space Centre

18th March: Pastoral & SEND coffee morning – Supporting your child's Sleep Workshop with the school nursing team – 9am school hall

18th March: Las Fallas – Spanish Festival – wear red & yellow

19th March: Year 6 Visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

25th March: Great LMA Bake Off 2026

26th March: Year 4 visit Bluebell Farm

27th March: Last day of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holidays

13th April: Summer Term Begins

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



Derbyshire local Offer

We have been asked to share Derbyshire's Local Offer with our school community:

"Helping and supporting children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities to be more confident in their communities and live independently."

The Derbyshire Local Offer is in place to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as their parents and carers. It covers a wide range of topics, including how to apply for an assessment, early years support, education and learning, care services, preparing for adulthood, health and wellbeing, financial support and travel and transport.

The Local Offer aims to help families navigate the support system, ensuring that children and young people with SEND can access the resources they need to thrive in their communities and achieve greater independence. Other key features of the Derbyshire Local Offer include the directory of local SEND services, support groups, activities, and leisure opportunities.

We have updated our school website with this information and included the poster below with a scannable QR code: [Langley Mill Academy - Derbyshire Local Offer](#)



Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Oscar – Kindness**
Carson: **Macey – Confidence**
Goodall: **Miley – Confidence**

Year 4:

Hadid: **Bella – Respect**
Kahlo: **Faith – Kindness**
Berners-Lee: **Tyler – Enthusiasm**

Year 5:

Hawking: **Matthew – Enthusiasm**
Tull: **Brandon – Respect**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Maylie-Grace – Enthusiasm**
Gregg: **Naomi – Enthusiasm**
Hallam: **Lilly T – Enthusiasm**

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!

Celebrations from Home

Mrs Jackson has had her knee operation - the snow couldn't stop her having it, but she has told me she wasn't playing out in it last Friday. We wish her a speedy recovery!



Our curriculum enquiry home-learning projects were shared last Friday, and it is amazing to see projects already being shared. With a Geography theme for this term, we have seen work being presented on volcanoes, river systems and coasts.

Thank you to Sofia in Year 5 for sharing her diorama of the coast. Completed on the 'Snow Day' last week, Sofia has included lot of elements and coastal features in a creative and artistic way.



In Year 4, three proud boys shared their work on volcanoes. It is wonderful to see models, artwork and imaginative creations supporting children's learning. Thank you for supporting homework projects.

Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 97% and our top 3 classes were:

Hawking 99.7%

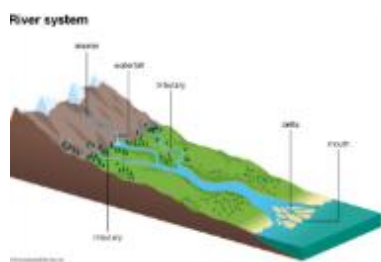
Arkwright 98.7%

Hadid 98.2%



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](#)

Year 3 Spring Curriculum Enquiry



Year 3 are going to be developing their Geography knowledge this term and learning “What Can We see from Source to Sea?” as part of our curriculum enquiry lessons.

In Science we are studying rocks, and we will visit the Stone Centre at Wirksworth where the children will take part in various activities such as finding fossils and sorting different types of rocks.



Our P.E. lessons include gymnastics and netball this half term and in R.E. we are learning about the Bible.

We are all enjoying our weekly Spanish lessons and this time we are learning about musical instruments. In computing we are making a video trailer and in Music, our lessons include the pentatonic scale!

Year 4 Spring Curriculum Enquiry

This term, Year 4 have an exciting and varied curriculum planned, with lots of opportunities to explore, create and discover.



In Geography, children will be asking the big question “What makes the Earth angry?” as they learn about volcanoes and earthquakes. They will also investigate the water cycle and its impact, including flooding.

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats, with a focus on conservation, alongside investigating states of matter. Art lessons will be inspired by the bold and colourful work of Andy Warhol, combined with exciting craft and design activities.

In Computing, children will develop essential online safety skills to help them stay safe and responsible when using technology. Spanish lessons will focus on seasons and vegetables, while in Music we will continue learning to play the ukulele.

We are also very much looking forward to our trip to Bluebell Dairy Farm, which promises to be a memorable hands-on experience for everyone!



Year 5 Spring Curriculum Enquiry

We are looking forward to a very exciting and busy term ahead, packed with rich and engaging learning opportunities for the children.

In Geography, the children will take part in an enquiry all about coasts. They will explore coastal features, investigate land use and learn how erosion shapes the coastline. This learning will link closely to work on climate change, helping the children understand how human choices can impact the planet and how we can all play a part in protecting it.

In English, we will be reading *The Last Bear*. This powerful text will support thoughtful class discussions and provide inspiration for a range of reading and writing activities.

Our Art lessons will focus on the work of the Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai, best known for *The Great Wave*. The children will explore his use of line, movement and colour and create their own artwork inspired by his style, linking beautifully with our geography learning about coasts.



We are also very excited about our upcoming trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester, which will give the children a fantastic opportunity to experience science learning in a hands-on and memorable way. Thank you for your continued support. – the Year 5 team

Year 6 Spring Curriculum Enquiry

This term in Year 6 we are exploring the topic ‘Are we killing our planet?’ as part of our geography enquiry.

We begin with researching the six major biomes of the world: tundra, rainforest, forest, aquatic, grasslands and desert. We will be looking at the animals (fauna) and plants (flora) that make their home in each biome, exploring adaptations that allow polar bears to live in freezing-cold climates and camels to survive the scorching-hot sun of the Sahara Desert!

After looking at these aspects of our physical geography, we will move onto human geography and explore how we are impacting our wonderful planet. We will be learning all about climate change and how humans are actively impacting the Earth’s climate, which links to our sustainability curriculum thread. This learning will also feed into our English lessons. Pupils will consider what can be done to protect our planet and how individuals and communities can make positive choices to help reduce environmental damage and create a more sustainable future.

Finally, we will begin to prepare for Year 6 SATs assessments through low-stake 10-minute tests. Support can be provided at home through online resources, and we will discuss these at our Spring Parents’ Evening.

[Free KS2 SATS Online 10-Minute Tests | CGP Books](#)

[Free interactive KS1 and KS2 SATs revision resources - BBC Bitesize](#)



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