

Friday 30th January 2026

Pastoral Care & SEND Coffee Mornings

Next week we will hold the first, in a series of, coffee mornings, focussed on Pastoral Care and supporting children with Special Educational Needs. We hope these coffee mornings will provide support and information for families who are interested in the theme. We have 9 planned coffee mornings, with three this year focussing on:



- Functions of Behaviour: Positive behaviour and motivation at home
- School Nursing Team: Sleep Workshop & supporting routines
- Masking: Supporting positive home-school transitions

The first coffee morning will be held in the school hall at 9am on Wednesday 4th February. There is no need to book – just come along and grab a coffee!

Crayola Creativity Week 2026: Colour Inspires Creativity

26 Jan - 1 Feb, 2026



Mrs Armstrong this week shared 2026 Creativity Week activities and inspiration with our whole school this week. When we nurture children's creativity, we give them a boost to reach their full potential and embrace innovative thinking – and we know at Langley Mill that we have amazing talent: the home learning tasks that are shared with us prove it!



This year the theme is about colour and football – ready for the World Cup. Mrs Armstrong has shared the competition (entry sheet copy also attached below) and will collect entries next week – closing date Thursday 5th February. Crayola also share craft resources here: [Crafts](#) that are free to access.

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...



4th Feb: Pastoral & SEND coffee morning – 'The Functions of Behaviour' – 9am school hall
9th Feb: Young Voices – Sheffield Arena.
11th Feb: Arkwright Class Assembly – 8:30am school hall
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
3rd June: Pastoral & SEND coffee afternoon 2 - 3pm. Masking: Supporting positive home-school transitions
26th June & 29th June: School INSET days – long weekend.



This week Hallam Class hosted their class assembly to the school, parents, carers & families. It was a great opportunity to learn about a key figure who had a significant impact on the history of Langley Mill.

Celebrations from Home

It has been great to share home-learning tasks. We had river valleys, volcanoes and rainforests being shared. The artwork and fact sheets are high-quality and informative.



Matilda in Year 5 has shared this amazing artwork inspired by 'The Wave' by Hokusai – Year 5



Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Violet W – Confidence**
Carson: **Freya – Confidence**
Goodall: **Freddie – Kindness**

Year 4:

Hadid: **Julia – Enthusiasm**
Kahlo: **Jacob A – Respect**
Berners-Lee: **Amelia – Enthusiasm**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Matilda – Confidence**
Hawking: **Sophie – Confidence**
Tull: **Oliver – Kindness**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Beth – Respect**
Hallam: **Leo C – Confidence**

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!

AVSSP – Holiday Clubs Offer



A message from AVSSP:
Amber Valley School Sport Partnership (AVSSP) are delighted to be working in partnership with Places Leisure and Trilogy Leisure to once again provide exciting Holiday Sports Camps, in the upcoming February Half

Term. Holiday camps run from 8.30am to 3pm on: Monday 16th February Tuesday 17th February Wednesday 18th February Thursday 19th February Places are available to pupils aged 5 to 11 years at Alfreton, Belper and Ripley Leisure Centres.

Those attending will take part in Swimming, Arts & Craft, Games, Inflatable fun and sports including Football, Dodgeball, Archery, Basketball, Hockey, Cricket and much more. Children attending will need to bring a packed lunch, drink, swimming kit and wear sports clothing and footwear such as a PE kit. Places cost £20 per child, per day and are open to all pupils within the stated age range.

Payments to be made online upon booking. *please note – funded/free places are not available during half term but we expect to have them back in the Easter holidays.

To book your place please follow the link below:

<https://avssp.co.uk/holidaycamps/>

Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 96.6% and our top 3 classes were:

Arkwright – 98.7%

Ayling-Ellis – 98.2%

Hawking – 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](#)



Design a Ball

Reaching Team Goals

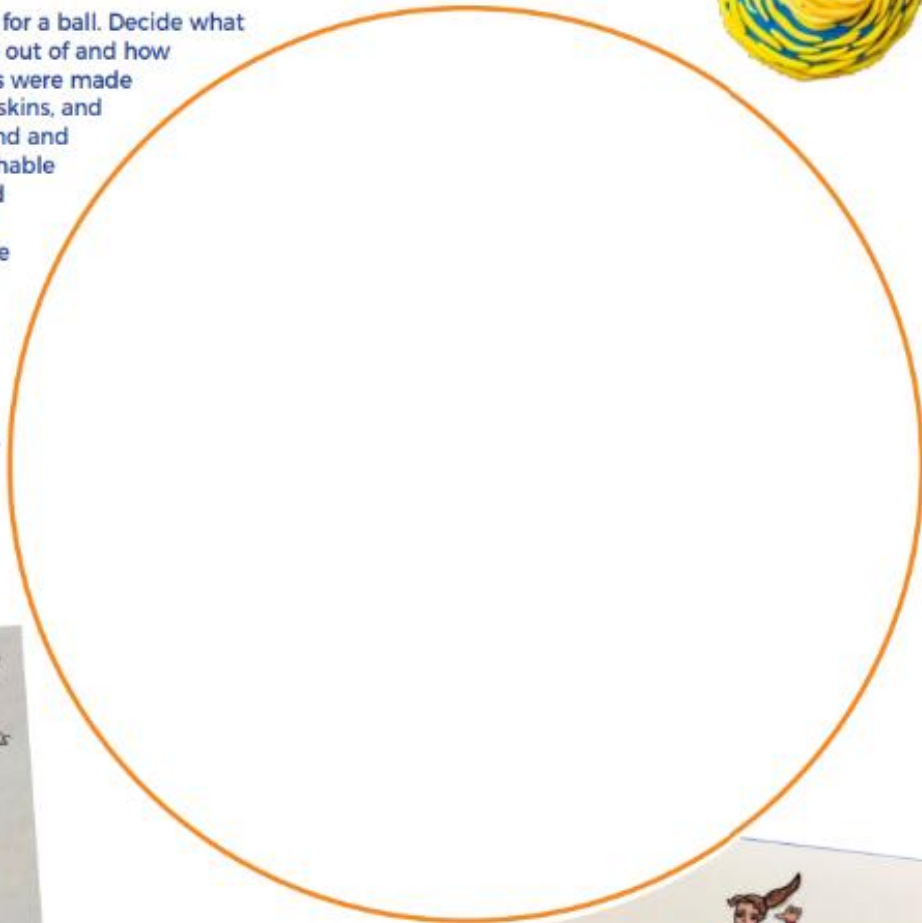


CONNECT the history of how balls have been used for fun, sports, and entertainment. Reflect on how these round play objects have been used by every generation since ancient times and are still important in backyards and sports arenas around the world today.

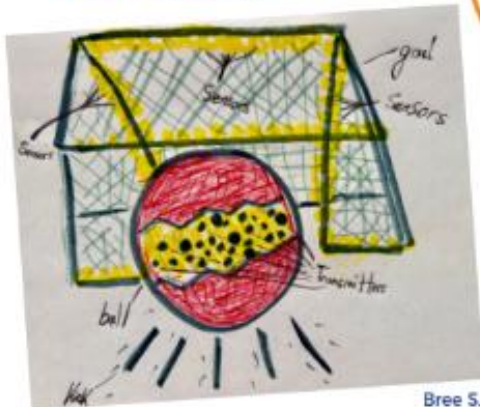


CREATE your own design for a ball. Decide what material it will be made out of and how it will look. Ancient balls were made out of animal bladders, skins, and

fibers—materials that were easy to find and manipulate into bouncy and/or catchable play objects. Modern technology and advanced materials have influenced ball construction, making some more water resistant, aerodynamic, or biodegradable. Smart soccer balls have sensors that track speed, spin, and trajectory. Use your creativity to design an innovative ball.



PRESENT your ball design and describe the innovative features you included.



Bree S.



RESPOND to others’ designs and innovation ideas. Ask “What if...?” questions that help expand the realm of possibilities. For example, what if a soccer ball had different design layers that could be peeled back for a new visual or could make a cheering sound when a goal is scored? Put your imagination into action.



Alex P.

Note for teachers and parents:

For more creative inspiration and hands-on explorations go to [Crayola.com/CreativityWeek](https://www.crayola.com/CreativityWeek)
To share student artwork on social media please post using [#CrayolaCreativityWeek](https://www.crayola.com/CreativityWeek)



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Learning

Color Inspires Creativity
Thinking Sheet