

Friday 27th February 2026

We were excited to share that World Book Day 2026 tokens this week, giving children the chance to choose a free book or put the token towards a discounted title. Tokens can be redeemed at local bookshops, such as Bizy Lizy's in Heanor Market Place, and participating supermarkets, helping families enjoy and celebrate reading together.



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 3rd, and this year's theme invites everyone to dress up as a word — inspired by a character, costume, or personality from a book. We can't wait to see the creativity on display as our school comes together to celebrate the joy of reading!

Newt Rescued!

There was great excitement this week when Mr Hill discovered a tiny newt making its way across the school car park. We believe it was a smooth newt likely drawn to the area by the wonderful new pond that is already beginning to attract wildlife. It was a fantastic sight to share and a real sign that our habitat is thriving. Mr Hill carefully rescued the little visitor and returned it safely to the undergrowth near the pond!



Dates for diaries:

Year 5 class assemblies:

- 10th March (Tue): Tull class assembly
- 17th March (Tue): Hawking class assembly
- 6th May (Wed): Ayling-Ellis class assembly

Finally, Parents' & Carers' Evenings will take place on 17th and 18th March, offering a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and overall development. We encourage all families to attend and work in partnership with us to support every child's success. Bookings will open early next week through Arbor; however, Ayling-Ellis class will have opportunity to meet Mrs Jackson after the Easter Break.

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

3rd March: (Tuesday) LMA celebrates World Book Day – dress up as a word!

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

10th March: Tull class assembly – parents carers invited to attend: school hall 8:30am

11th March : Year 5 visit to National Space Centre

17th March: Hawking class assembly – parents carers invited to attend: school hall 8:30am

17th / 18th March: Parents & Carers Evenings – a chance to discuss your child's academic progress & development.

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 **15th April:** Year 4 Residential – Mill Base

6th May: Ayling Ellis class assembly – parents carers invited to attend: school hall 8:30am

3rd June: Pastoral & SEND coffee afternoon 2 - 3pm. Masking: Supporting positive home-school transitions

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



Arkwright Class delivered a fantastic assembly, sharing their learning about Sir Richard Arkwright and his lasting impact on industry and innovation. Through their work, pupils explored the significance of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and why it is important to preserve this part of our local and global history. Learning about our heritage helps children understand how the past has shaped the world we live in today and inspires them to value and protect it for the future.

This is My Place



Following Children's Mental Health Week, our school has continued to build on the theme of "This Is My Place," strengthening every child's sense of belonging within our community. Through thoughtful discussions, shared activities, and

daily acts of kindness, we are nurturing an environment where every pupil feels valued, heard, and proud to call our school their place.



Year 5 have truly impressed us with their collaborative work on King Lear by William Shakespeare. Inspired by Shakespeare's powerful storytelling, the children explored themes of loyalty, family, and fairness through drama, discussion, and creative projects.



Most importantly, this project continues to foster a strong sense of belonging. Every child had a role to play, and every contribution mattered. Through Shakespeare's timeless inspiration, Year 5 not only deepened their understanding of literature but also strengthened their teamwork and community spirit

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Oliver James – Confidence**

Carson: **Tommy –**

Goodall: **Roseanne – Determination**

Year 4:

Hadid: **Sullivan – Confidence**

Kahlo: **Naomi – Respect**

Berners-Lee: **Caleb – Kindness**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Hermione – Aspiration**

Hawking: **Daylan – Determination**

Tull: **Jude – Kindness**

Year 6

Arkwright: **McKenzie – Enthusiasm**

Gregg: **Sebastian – Kindness**

Hallam: **Mia – 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



McKenzie had an unforgettable day meeting the players from Derby County F.C., getting up close to the stars he cheers on every week. He proudly brought along his shirt and was thrilled to have it signed—a moment he

won't forget anytime soon. Smiles all around – and McKenzie tells me it was well worth the 3 hours wait!



Over the holidays Millie went to Scotland and climbed Arthur's seat (an extinct volcano). She was so excited to tell her family how she's been learning about volcanoes and rocks at school and she was explaining how the lava turns

to crystals. When coming down she spotted a sign that said 'Mesolithic' on it and wanted a photo to share with us all. Thank you Millie – knowledge really does bring the world to life.



Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 96.2% and our top 3 classes were.

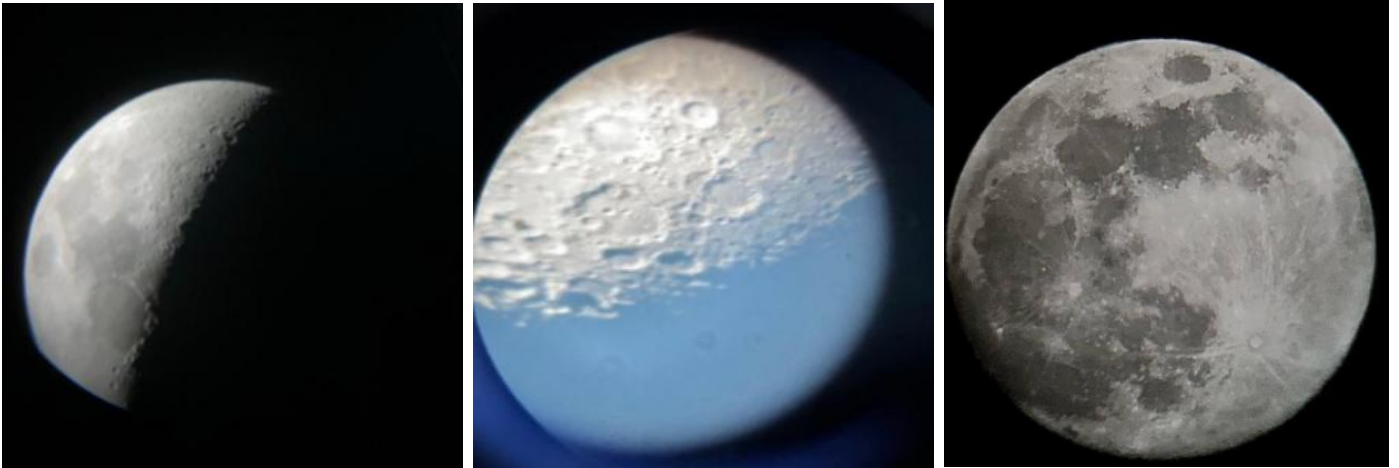
Arkwright – 100%

Berners-Lee – 99.5%

Attenborough – 99.4%



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](#)



Mia in Year 5 has shared these amazing Moon photos & they are nothing short of breathtaking—sharp, richly detailed, and captivating. Using their telescope, Mia and her brother captured the Moon’s phases, from the delicate glow to the dramatic shadows of the terminator line slicing across craters and lunar seas. Her timing feels especially exciting as the Artemis program prepares to return humans to the lunar surface, making her work a powerful reminder that the Moon is not just a distant light in our sky, but the next frontier of exploration!

The Great LMA Bake-off 2026

LANGLEY MILL ACADEMY PRESENTS

THE GREAT
LMA
BAKE OFF
2026



Prizes for 2nd & 3rd place
with 1st place being our
STAR BAKER

25TH MARCH 2026

EASTER BISCUITS THEME!
ALL WELCOME!