

Friday 6th March 2026

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day together on Tuesday! Our theme focused on inspiring vocabulary, and it was fantastic to see so many brilliant words brought to life, including cantankerous, suave, chaotic, and generous! The creativity and enthusiasm from the children were truly impressive. A big thank you to all our parents and carers for the amazing turnout and for supporting the celebration with such fantastic costumes – it made the day even more special for everyone!



Don't forget to use your World Book Day tokens! They can be exchanged for a special World Book Day book or used towards the cost of another book, helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

Showcase Events

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for our Year Group Showcase events taking place in the final week of term. These special sessions give pupils the opportunity to share the exciting learning they have been doing in class.

Year 3 will present **"Journey Down a River,"** Year 4 will explore **"Angry Earth,"** Year 5 will showcase their **Computing Stop-Go Animation** projects, and Year 6 will deliver powerful **Climate Speeches**. Please see the diary opposite for the specific dates and times. There is no need to book. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the children's fantastic work together.

Finally, a reminder to book Parent & Carer Evening appointments now available from Tuesday 17th March. This is done through the Arbor App – the school office team are happy to assist with any problems booking an appointment.

*Ayling Ellis appointments will be after Easter with Mrs Jackson.

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

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 **23rd March:** Y4 howcase 2:30pm – Angry Earth!

24th March: Year 5 Showcase – Stop Go Animation

25th March: Great LMA Bake Off 2026 **25th March:** Y3 Showcase 8:45am – 'Journey down a river'.

26th March: Year 4 visit Bluebell Farm **26th March:** Year 6 Showcase 9:00am – Sustainable Planet

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

11th May: **Year 6 SATS week:** Mon – Grammar & Spelling; Tue – Reading; Wed Maths Paper 1 & 2; Thu – Maths Paper 3

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

We were delighted that some of our Year 6 children were able to visit Year 2 at Langley Mill Infant School to celebrate World Book Day and share books together. It was a special experience for all.



Year 3 Visit the National Stone Centre

Year 3 had a fantastic visit to the National Stone Centre as part of their Rocks science unit. During the trip, the children explored limestone and discovered fascinating fossils hidden within the rock.



They also sorted different rocks by type and learned about soils, discussing why soil is so important for plants, animals, and our environment. One of the highlights of the day was gem panning, where every child uncovered and took home a small bag of semi-precious stones.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Beau – Confidence**
Carson: **Hope – Respect**
Goodall: **Brody – Confidence**

Year 4:

Hadid: **Zaffiah – Kindness**
Kahlo: **Harison H – Determination**
Berners-Lee: **Willow-Marie – Respect**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Harry – Enthusiasm**
Hawking: **Nora – Confidence**
Tull: **Stanley – Aspiration**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Jacob M – Determination**
Gregg: **Leo J – Kindness**

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



We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic swimming achievements of Mason and Julia. Mason has successfully achieved Stage 4, showing great progress and confidence in the water.

Julia has accomplished an incredible 1-mile swimming award, demonstrating real determination and stamina.

Both children are now very well prepared for school swimming in Year 5, and we are extremely proud of their hard work and commitment. Well done to you both!

Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 96.5% and our top 3 classes were.

Hadid 100%

Hallam 100%

Carson– 99.5%



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](#)

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FREE HOLIDAY CAMPS DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

Dear Parent/Guardian

AVSSP Holiday Camps are back!

It is with great pleasure that Amber Valley School Sport Partnership (AVSSP) can offer your child(ren) a FREE place on our Easter Holiday Camps for 2026.

For the past 5 years AVSSP have delivered Holiday Camps to thousands of children across the borough and we're proud to do so again in conjunction with the Holiday, Activity & Food programme (HAF).

AVSSP Easter Holiday Camps are available to your children between:

Monday 30th March & Thursday 2nd April

All the above dates will be available at Alfretton, Belper, Heanor and Ripley Leisure Centre's.

To be eligible for free places your child must be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding during 2025/26. Eligibility will be checked with each school to ensure accuracy.

If you would like to take up this offer, please visit the below webpage to complete the booking form for your choice of venue and dates:

<https://avssp.co.uk/hafbooking-wk1est26/>

Bookings will open at 12pm on Wednesday 4th March 2026

Places on our holiday camps will be offered on a first come first served basis so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

We are able to accept bookings from children aged 5 to 11 only. This may mean that some children in Reception ARE NOT eligible as they have not yet turned five.