

Friday 20thth March 2026

Steel Drum Workshops

Years 3, 4 and 5 yesterday had a fantastic time taking part in a hands-on musical workshop using steel drums. They explored how sound is produced by striking different areas of the drums and learned how pitch and volume are created. With great enthusiasm, the children worked together to experiment with rhythms and melodies, culminating in the creation of their own amazing compositions. It was a joyful and engaging experience!



Wellies Appeal!

We are kindly asking for donations of old wellies for our school gardening club to use as plant pots! If you have any pairs you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your support in helping our young gardeners.

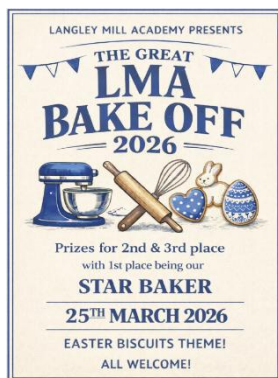


We had a wonderful celebration of Las Fallas, with all the children dressed in vibrant red and yellow to mark the occasion. They enjoyed exploring the language, tasting traditional foods, and learning lively songs, making it a fun and memorable cultural experience for everyone.



LMA Bake-off 2026

We are excited for next week's 'Great LMA Bake Off' on Wednesday the 25th, where pupils will showcase their creativity with a fun and delicious optional Easter theme! Star baker prizes await & biscuits will be sold after school.



Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

*Y4 Showcase postponed until after Easter

23rd March: Year 4 Residential Meeting – Mill Base: 4:15pm-4:45pm school hall.

24th March: Year 5 Showcase – Stop Go Animation – 8:45am

25th March: Great LMA Bake Off 2026 – with bake sale after school

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

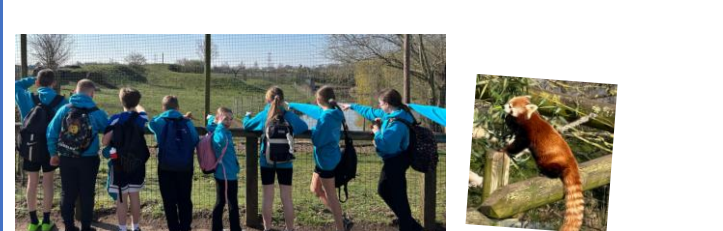
26th June & 29th June: School INSET days – long weekend.



Year 5 Hawking Class delivered a fascinating assembly on the life of Stephen Hawking, exploring his studies of light, gravity, time, and black holes. They spoke with confidence and used rich, ambitious vocabulary to explain complex ideas, while also highlighting his incredible determination in overcoming adversity. The assembly was both inspiring and engaging, ending with enthusiastic singing that showcased their teamwork and enthusiasm.

Year 6 Visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 6 had an amazing and memorable trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, filled with excitement from start to finish. One of the highlights was seeing the polar bears, where pupils were fascinated by their size and playful movements in the water. The visit to the lions was equally impressive, with children also enjoying spotting the Red Panda!



Throughout the day, pupils gained valuable experiences by attending talks and learning about animal care, habitats, and conservation.



Overall, the trip was both enjoyable and enriching, giving pupils the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom while making lasting memories with their friends.



Update on Aldercar Rec Refurbishment

A message from Amber Valley Borough Council: *We've had 3 suppliers interested in providing a new play area at Aldercar Rec, as well as Waingroves Rec – the designs are now in and we're hoping you might be able to share with students / parents as it would be great to get local input on which their preferred design is. To see the images and vote for the preferred design, please follow this link:*



Multi-site play area consultation

A Facebook post has also gone out on the AVBC page.

Tom Nelson | Leisure and Parks Manager Amber Valley Borough Council.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Elizabeth – Kindness**

Carson: **Jaxx – Determination**

Goodall: **Lucas – Confidence**

Year 4:

Hadid: **Kyson - Determination**

Kahlo: **Emilia C – Aspiration**

Berners-Lee: **Heath – Aspiration**

RESPECT **Year 5:**

CONFIDENCE Ayling-Ellis: **Sophia – Aspiration**

Hawking: **Harrison – Aspiration**

Tull: Jax B – Confidence

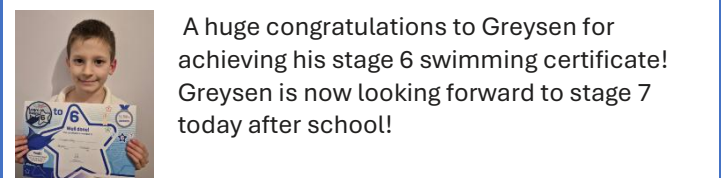
KINDNESS

Year 6

Arkwright: **Felicity – Kindness**

Hallam: **Stanley – Aspiration**

This award recognises pupils **for living our school values and** inspiring others to follow. Well done to you all!



A huge congratulations to Greysen for achieving his stage 6 swimming certificate! Greysen is now looking forward to stage 7 today after school!

Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 95.3% and our top 3 classes were.

Attenborough – 98.9%

Hadid – 98.6%

Berners-Lee 97.6%



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](#)