

Friday 27thth March 2026

'The Great LMA Bake Off' – Biscuit Edition!

Langley Mill Academy recently held its much-loved annual event, *The Great LMA Bake Off*, with a delicious biscuit theme that brought creativity and friendly competition to the forefront.



Participants took part individually, presenting an impressive variety of biscuits. The standard was exceptionally high, making the judges' task a real challenge. The event was judged by members of the school council alongside special guest judge Richard Stock.

Winners were announced on the same day, building excitement across the school. The first-place winner, Owen, was awarded the prestigious "Star Baker" title and proudly wore the star baker apron throughout the entire day—a well-deserved honour that drew admiration from both students and staff. Second and third places were awarded to Maise in Year 6 and, Billy & Layla Redding.



The Great LMA Bake Off continues to be a highlight of the school calendar, and this year's biscuit theme proved to be a fantastic way to celebrate creativity, skill, and community spirit.



A great term – we have a packed newsletter. I wish all our children and families a very happy Easter Break

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Dates for your diary...

13th April: Summer Term Begins

15th April – 16th 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, Punctuation & 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 6 pupil this week have been learning life skills – including First Aid.

Years 3, 4 and 6 held their Showcase Events this week. We had over 100 parents & carers attend, which made the events special for the children. It was wonderful to see collaboration and working together in projects. Thank you!



Achievements from Home!



Daisy-May took part in the 2026 'Swimathon' on Sunday 22nd March. Daisy-May was part of a team with her sister Sophie, Mum and Dad. They all took turns to swim to complete 5k, which works out at 200 lengths of the 25m pool!

Daisy-May swam twice, first achieving 1000m (40 lengths). After her sister did 64 lengths Daisy jumped straight back in to do another 600m (24 lengths). In total she swam 1 mile!



Her Mum and Dad finished up the last few lengths for the 5k - they all managed to swim 200 lengths in around 2h 6min approximately (awaiting on official time)! An incredible family achievement. Well done, Daisy-May!



Thank you to Stephanie in Year 3 for sharing this wonderful collage of our local area. Stephanie has kindly given this work to school – which was displayed in Heanor library – to display in our school, celebrating the local community.

Alyssia recently took part in a wonderful performance of 'Joseph' with her drama and dance group, showcasing her creativity and confidence on stage. She is rightly very proud of her achievement and the dedication she has shown to her performances.



Zidane observed the holy month of Ramadan with commitment and reflection this term and enjoyed a joyful Eid celebration with his family. We hope he had a special and memorable time marking this important occasion.



An incredible geography home learning task was shared by Kaitlyn in Year 5. Caves, arches and stack formations caused through coastal erosion are modelled perfectly. Year 5 and Year 6 were all impressed.

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Tyler – Determination**
Carson: **Alice – Determination**
Goodall: **Ruby – Confidence**

Year 4:

Hadid: **Ava B – Determination**
Kahlo: **Thomas – Aspiration**
Berners-Lee: **Cara – Aspiration**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Alyssa – Enthusiasm**
Hawking: **Michal – Confidence**
Tull: **Mia – Confidence**

Year 6

Arkwright: **Nathan – Determination**
Gregg: **Zidane – Determination**
Hallam: **Iris – Determination**

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!

Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 95.8% and our top 3 classes were.

Hadid – 99%

Kahlo – 98.2%

Attenborough - 97.9%



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 4 Visit Bluebells Farm



Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Bluebells Farm, where they deepened their understanding of life cycles and food production through hands-on experiences. The trip provided an engaging learning opportunity that brought their classroom studies to life – and I hear a sheep race was a particular highlight! To top it all off, everyone enjoyed a delicious ice cream treat, making the day both educational and great fun!



Reading Challenge Celebration

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic success of our Spring Term *Read Everyday Challenge*! Over the course of 10 weeks, an incredible 127 children achieved 70 reads each – a truly brilliant accomplishment that reflects their dedication and love of reading.

To recognise this achievement, every child who reached 70 reads was rewarded with a well-deserved Easter egg today.

A special congratulations goes to Brooks in Attenborough Class, who was the lucky winner of our prize draw and has won Alton Towers theme park tickets for his family – what an exciting reward!

Well done to everyone who took part – keep up the amazing reading!

(Brooks also shared his amazing home-learning task: a river valley with labelled features that he presented to our whole school celebration assembly)



Sustainability Team Launch 'The Big Grow'



The LMA Big Grow 2026

The **Sustainability Team** are delighted to launch this year's 'Big Grow'. Following previous success with beans, tomatoes and sunflowers, we are again promoting growing your own food to reduce 'food miles' (the distance our food travels from a farm to our plates). In our Sustainability assembly this term, we calculated that one supermarket bag of groceries had travelled 22,000 miles, including cucumbers from Spain, Tomatoes from Morocco & Blackberries from South America!

This means lots of fossil fuels are burnt transporting our food and releasing Carbon Dioxide, that causes global warming & climate change. This is not sustainable! We can help by growing our own produce and food locally – including at home.

Each year group will be growing and harvesting a different crop. We hope that you can successfully germinate your seed and grow your own – it is a magical experience!

Year 3



Sunflower & Seeds!

Year 4



Peas

Year 5



Runner Beans

Year 6



Mini cucumbers

Instructions:

- 1) **Water Gently:** Water the soil lightly to moisten it, without over-saturating.
- 2) **Provide Light:** Place the container in a sunny spot indoors.
- 3) **Wait for germination:** Water a little every day.
- 4) **Transplant:** After 6-8 weeks, when seedlings are strong, transplant into a larger pot or outdoors after the last frost.
- 5) Wait for your crop and enjoy!



Please send any crop photos to the **Sustainability Team** – we want to share your success in school! You can do this via Dojo to your teacher.