

Friday 10th October 2025

On Monday this week, I launched an Autumn Art Competition in our school assembly 🍁

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 are invited to create artwork inspired by falling leaves, acorns, woodland animals, muddy wellies or cosy autumn scenes. Let your creativity shine with autumn colours and seasonal creativity!
Closing date: Friday 7th November 2025 with top prizes for every year group. Every pupil's work will be displayed and shared. 🎨



[parkrun](#)

This Sunday (12th October) will be our first official link up with Shipley Junior Parkrun. To take part children will need to register for a barcode – which should be brought to junior parkrun. This can be a printout or a phone screenshot. Parkrun has a motto “no barcode, no time”

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Next Friday (17th) we will recognise and support the campaign to ‘Show racism the Red Card’, inviting all pupils and staff to attend school wearing an item of red clothing or accessory. We will also have a supply of red bracelets to give out and every pupil will receive a free pack of football collector cards from the Premier League.

#WRD25 SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

CHANGE HEARTS. CHANGE MINDS. CHANGE LIVES.

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

12th October: Junior Parkrun at Shipley Park – 9am

4th-16th: Parents' Evening Consultations

15th October: Goodall Class Assembly

16th October: Year 6 visit to Eden Camp

17th October: Wear Red Day for ‘Show Racism the Red Card’.

23rd October: Year 5 Faith Walk visit to Derby

24th October: Break up for Half Term

3rd November: Return to school after half term break.

6th November: Year 4 London visit to British Museum (provisional date)

20th November: Year 5 visit to Tamworth Castle – Anglo Saxons & Vikings

26th-28th November: Year 6 Residential to Lea Green

3rd December: Year 3 visit to Creswell Crags

8th December: Sign and Sing Event at Derby Theatre

10th December: Year 3 & 6 Pantomime at Nottingham Theatre Royal – Cinderella.

11th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Dinner

Parents' Evening Consultations: Dates remain open on the Arbor App. We will aim to speak to every parent or carer face to face or by telephone.

Tuesday 14 th Oct	Year 6
Wednesday 15 th Oct	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 16 th Oct	Years 3, 4 & 5

Celebrations from Home

Harry was presented with a trophy from his cricket club last weekend, for U11 fielding.

Harry is looking forward to indoor hall cricket over the winter months.



Felicity has shared with us all her dance success. She spoke confidently and clearly about her training and competitions, which have taken her to events in Blackpool, West Midlands Safari Park and Drayton Manor. The haul of medals and trophies is super impressive – well done Felicity.



Key Stage Two Assessments

2026 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents



These guides have been produced by the Department for Education for statutory Key Stage Two assessment. They are information for the parents and carers of pupils in Year 4 and Year 6 and they will also be shared at next week's parents' evenings.

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

[2026 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents:](#)

Butterflies



Great excitement in Year 6 this week as they welcomed some butterflies into the world.

Mrs Armstrong's class have identified the butterflies as Painted Ladies, and they have

enjoyed watching them emerge from their cocoons over the last few days. I personally think Year 6's naming strategy could use some imagination as they told me that one is called Thursday, another Thursday Junior and the other Friday!

Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Quinn – Respect**
Carson: **Eddie – Determination**
Goodall: **Edie – Determination**

Year 4:

Kahlo: **Hudson – Respect**
Berners-Lee: **Henry – Kindness**
Hadid: **Jax – Kindness**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Matilda – Determination**
Tull: **Archie – Aspiration**
Hawking: **Gracie-Mae – Determination**

Year 6:

Arkwright: **Savannah – Confidence**
Gregg: **Scarlett – Respect**
Hallam: **Maisie – 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!

Attendance

Congratulations to Skyla in Year 4 who was this week's 100% attendance award winner - she chose a Forest school session for herself and a friend. Overall attendance was 96% this week and our top 3 classes were:

Hadid – 98.7%

Hawking – 98.3%

Kahlo – 98.3%

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](#)