

Friday 24th October 2025



Our new school council team is now firmly established and will represent every pupil across Langley Mill Academy. They meet visitors, suggest projects and will be judges for our Autumn

Art competition. I look forward to working with them through the academic year.

School trip funding: We need to say a big thank you to the Hyundai Great British School Trip for donating £281 to our London Visit for Year 4 next half term.

This week, Year 5 pupils visited the Open Centre in Derby for a Faith walk. We were dropped off at the Baptist Church, visited the Mandir (Hindu temple) on Pear Tree Road, a mosque and a Gurdwara (Sikh temple). This visit supported the children's Religious Education curriculum, and the children should be proud of their knowledge demonstrated across multi faiths during the walk.



Our Autumn Art competition has been very popular with some amazing work. If you would like to submit an entry, you have half term to work on it before the competition is judged at the start of November.

I wish all our families a happy and safe week break. We return to school Monday 27th and look forward to a term that will see Year 4 visit London, Year 3 Creswell Craggs & Year 5 Tamworth Castle. Also, we have Carson & Hadid class assemblies and a build up to Christmas with carols, church visits and pantos!

Mr Bland

Dates for your diary...

24th October: Break up for Half Term

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

5th November: Carson Class assembly - parents & carers invited at 8:30am.

12th November: Hadid Class assembly

6th November: Year 4 London visit to British Museum

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

21st November: Times Tables Rock Stars Day 2025! Come to school dressed as a rock star for a day of times table fun!

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

3rd December: Year 3 visit to Creswell Craggs

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

19th December: Last day of Autumn Term – Happy Christmas!

6th January (Tuesday) – first day of Spring Term



We have had a wonderful selection of after school clubs this half-term. These will be refreshed with opportunities to sign up to a new club experience in November & December.

Celebrations from Home



Three amazing celebrations from home to share this week. Lissy had her dance presentation last week passing her ballroom, Latin and free style. Lissy had every reason to be proud as each one was with highly commended results!

Jax in Year 5 is celebrating achieving his 10m distant award, as he continues to make great progress at swimming. Jax enjoys swimming, having started on holiday and progressing to lessons in the pool. Keep it up Jax – you will be well prepared for Year 5 swimming lessons in the Spring Term!



Caleb in Year 4 is rightly proud of his Yellow belt achieved in kickboxing. He told us about his ambitions and the kit he must wear. Great job Caleb – let us know how Yellow belt goes!

Alyssia has shared her trip to London with us all in today's assembly. She enjoyed a visit to the Natural History Museum and went to two theatre shows: Wicked and Starlight Express!



Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Alissa**
Carson: **Harlee – Kindness**
Goodall: **Frank – Determination**

Year 4:

Kahlo: **Emilia C – Kindness / Lily W Confidence**
Berners-Lee: **Yulia – Enthusiasm**
Hadid: **Livvy T – Determination**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Korben P – Determination**
Tull: **Stanley – Kindness**
Hawking: **Jessica W – Confidence**

Year 6:

Arkwright: **Lilly – Wyn D – Confidence**
Gregg: **Zidane – Kindness / Alyssia – Aspiration**
Hallam: **Madison M – Aspiration**

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!

Aldercar Recreational Ground



We have received the following message from Amber Valley Borough Council regarding the future development of Aldercar Recreational Ground, which is located close to our school, off

Andrew's Dive: *I'm hoping your schools might be able to help with an upcoming project – the refurbishment of Aldercar Rec, which I'm sure plenty of your pupils and their families will be keen to hear/see. It would be great to hear what local young people would like to see, to help us produce the spec/shape what they want. We obviously can't do everything as there's not an infinite budget to work with but I'm sure there are plenty of things we can incorporate.*

- Aldercar Rec consultation to help create the specification: [Aldercar Recreation Ground Play and Open Spaces Survey 2025](#)

The deadline for responses is Sunday 26th October.

Attendance

This week, Archie in Year 4 won our 100% attendance weekly award. Archie chose a non-uniform day for himself and a friend. Overall attendance was **93.5%** this week and our top 3 classes were:

Arkwright 100%

Hallam 98.5%

Kahlo 97.8%

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](#)

A proud Mascot Moment!



What an incredible experience for Penelope, who was a **mascot for Nottingham Forest** in their exciting **Europa League match against Porto!**

Dressed proudly in her Europa League Kit, Penelope walked out onto the pitch alongside the players in front of a huge, 30,000 cheering crowd. It was a truly proud and unforgettable moment—well done, Penelope, for representing with such confidence and smiles!



Half-Time Stardom!

McKenzie had an amazing experience at the Derby match! In front of a **big, cheering crowd**, McKenzie stepped onto the pitch for a **shoot-out with the team mascot!**

The atmosphere was electric, and everyone was so proud to see McKenzie showing great confidence and skill out there. He told our school assembly that he handled the pressure well and found the back of the net! What a moment to remember—well done, McKenzie! 🏆 🙌



Junior Parkrun



A big shout out to all the pupils who took part in Junior Parkrun this half term. You can keep the fun going every Sunday at 9am by joining **junior parkrun at Shipley Park!** It's a great way to start your day with friends, fresh air, and plenty of smiles. Whether you run, jog, or walk, every step counts and every finish is an achievement. And if you fancy an adventure, why not be a **parkrun tourist** and visit other venues nearby? Each course has something new to explore—but the same friendly spirit wherever you go! Keep showing up, keep moving, and most of all, keep having fun! I look forwards to checking the results!

Times Tables Rockstars Sayt 2025



Get ready to **rock your maths skills!** On **Thursday 21st November**, we'll be celebrating **Times Tables Rock Stars Day** in school. Come dressed as your favourite **rock star** – think cool shades, leather jackets, funky hair, and lots of sparkle! There will be **fun competitions**, games, and chances to show off your amazing times tables knowledge. Over the **half-term break**, keep practising your times tables on **TTRS** so you're ready to be a true maths rock star when the big day arrives – as Rio and Cara will be! Let's see who will be crowned our **ultimate Times Tables Rock Legend!**

