

Friday 14th November 2025

A busy week at Langley Mill Academy with work on antibullying, Remembrance Day observance, Poppy collections, and fundraising for Children in Need.



For Remembrance, Year 6 pupils wrote, and shared poems and we all listened to the Last Post, before a 2-minute silence was respectfully observed.

Learning in School



One of the nicest parts of being a head teacher is walking around school and seeing amazing learning experiences taking place.

Yesterday, I was reminded of this when seeing Year 6 pupils enjoying dance workshops in PE and then, in their music lesson, venturing outside with an array of instruments to compose water themed percussion. Learning was engaging, enjoyed and memorable, and it was wonderful to see the collaboration and contribution.



Thank you for supporting Children In Need today. We have raised over £200 which will be donated directly to the charity.



Finally, I hear that next week children having school dinners will be able to vote on their preferred pizza topping for the next food theme day! Mrs Jones has created a rather spectacular voting machine!

Dates for your diary...

20th Nov: 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 Crags

8th December: Sign and Sing Event at Derby Theatre

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

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

17th Dec: Year 5 & 6 visit St Andrew's Church (pm) for Christmas Service (pupils only)

18th Dec: Year 3 and 4 visit St Andrews Church (am) for Christmas Service (pupils only)

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

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



Our assembly theme this week launched with 'Odd Socks Day' to support [Anti-Bullying](#) week. The children learnt about and completed follow-up work in their

class, including a BBC live assembly, on being a 'Power for Good'. We also enjoyed Hadid's class assembly on Wednesday, as the children taught us about the life and success of Zaha Hadid.



Celebrations from Home



Naomi and Natali after a lot of hard work and commitment have attained their Judo red belts!

This is an amazing achievement to hear about. Both are now licensed members of the British Judo Association of Great Britain. We wish them well with their progress and enjoyment of Judo!



It was wonderful to hear about pupils of our school joining the Remembrance Day Parade in Heanor. An important event that brings the community and organisations together. Owen has shared this photo of him with his Scout group taking part in Remembrance Sunday.



Harrison in Year 6 has shared a selection of photographs, medals and wartime memorabilia with his class this week. He spoke knowledgeably about



Autumn Art Competition

Our school council had the privilege of judging our Autumn Art Competition this week: they looked at thoughtful details, use of sketching & colour, and a clear expression of the autumn theme, while also recognising every child's enthusiasm.



The selected winners were Yulia, Georgia, Sophie & Myla – with a special mention for Alice in Year 6 for her Acorn Fairy! Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's competition, and I hope our winners enjoy their prizes.



Our Values Award Winners

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

Year 3:

Attenborough: **Freddie – Respect**

Carson: **Rosa – Confidence**

Goodall: **Esme – Kindness**

Year 4:

Kahlo: **Rubie H – Confidence**

Berners-Lee: **Rida – Respect**

Hadid: **Zaffie – Confidence**

Year 5:

Ayling-Ellis: **Sofia T – Aspiration**

Tull: **Arlo – Confidence**

Hawking: **William – Confidence**

Year 6:

Arkwright: **Heather M – Determination & Sophie N – Respect**

Gregg: **- Maddie J – Enthusiasm**

Hallam: **Harrison – 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!

Attendance

This week, our 100% attendance award winner was Treasure in Year 6, who chose a Forest School Session with Mr Blake. Overall attendance was **97.6%** this week and our top 3 classes were:

Ayling-Ellis 99.3%

Hadid 98.7%

Goodall 98.6%

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](#)