Weekly Bulletin no.112 Friday 10th October 2025



This week we celebrated World Mental Health Day on Friday and our children wore a splash of yellow to support this! Well done to the children who took part in the NSPCC Kindness Challenge. Jars of flowers were left around Winsford for the public to keep if found and the lovely people of our town were so appreciative of these. We are thinking of doing something similar, so if you have any empty jam jars we would really appreciate them. You can now book for our Halloween Disco on ParentPay for £1. See the flyer for more information. Please remember, we have Parents Evening coming up next week, if you haven't already booked an appointment, please do so.

THE WINNERS OF 2025 'READ TO AN ANIMAL'





13th & 14th October

Parents' and Carers' Evening

Friday 17th October

Harvest Celebrations KS2

Thursday 23rd October

Halloween Discos
Booking on ParentPay

Friday 24th October

School closes for half term

Tuesday 4th November

School Re-Opens

Wednesday 5th November

Bonfire Themed Lunch



Look out for your child coming home with one of these 'Happy Note Home' notes as a reward for their good behaviour.



A big well done to this week's attendance winners

Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog Class had a fantastic attendance this week of 98.8%.

They have been rewarded with 15 minutes of extra outdoor play.



Here is the link to our Wrap-around Care booking system

https://darnhall.childcareonline-booking.co.uk/

We offer Breakfast Club on both sites starting at 8am.

Home Hub After School Club takes place in the KS2 building and starts at 3:15pm until 6pm.

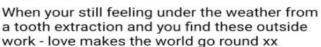
NSPCC KINDNESS CHALLE





Debbie Murphy Cragg

3h · 🎜 Layup · Who You Share it With · 🕙



NSPCC Kindness Challenge 2025

@Darnhall Nursery and Primary School - thank you xx





Winsford Community Forum

Ann Victoria Bateman • 16m • 🖪

Made my day to find this by the entrance to B&M. So kind. Thank you to whoever made them xx







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To the young man in the middle please know. I found your flowers. They have brighten up my day so much 😄 xox

Rachel Lee
M thoroughly enjoyed doing this today! He told me all about it as soon as he got homel
Well done everyone for this very kind gesture (RECENTIAL) 19h Like Reply

Ann Victoria Bateman
I found one outside B&M. Made my day thank you.xx Angi Holden What a lovely 'Random Act of Kindness' by each of these youngsters. 20h Like Reply We had one at ken's convenience was lovely 👺 xx



Winsford Community Forum

Birgit Hankin · 2h · 🖪

Thank you to everyone at Darnhall School. Your kindness has brought smiles to all the Staff and Patients at Launceston Close Surgery. What a lovely kind thought.





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We are hosting a **Big Brunch** for **4**

Tuesday 14th October 2025

10:00am - 11:00am in the KS2 Hall

Mind fights mental health every day - through their information, services, and campaigns. They spend every day tackling stigma, barriers, and isolation so everyone can get the right support at the right time.

By supporting our Big Brunch today, Mind can support people tomorrow.

Our donation link has been shared to Class Dojo, Tapestry and

Facebook.

Come along and enjoy a bacon bap, toast, biscuits, and a brew.

Please book your place via Eventbrite.



Just a few reminders!

- The school day starts at 8.30am
- Any absences must be reported to 07754 559291
- If your child vomits at home, then they will need to be absent from school for 48 hours.
- Non urgent appointments should be taken outside of school hours
- Holidays should not be taken in school terms (please see attached flyer on previous page)
- Children need to bring in a labelled water bottle every day
- Please write your child's name on clothing



They can offer a lot of support for you and your family.

Thursday 16th October 2025

Oam - 9:30am in the KS2 Staffroom

Help your child with English Workshop





(as part of the Family Learning Festival)

For: All parents/carers and their children
Tutor: Nina Hallmark

Date: Wednesday 15th October **Time:** 1:45-3:10pm **Location:** KS2 Site

This session offers hands-on activities, expert tips and plenty of time for questions. Boost children's confidence and motivation in reading with fun and interactive ideas.

Help them to develop their reading comprehension skills by making puppets, sharing eBooks and playing games. The English Workshop is available for booking on ParentPay.

It's a lovely opportunity to come into school and spend some time with your child and have some fun playing and

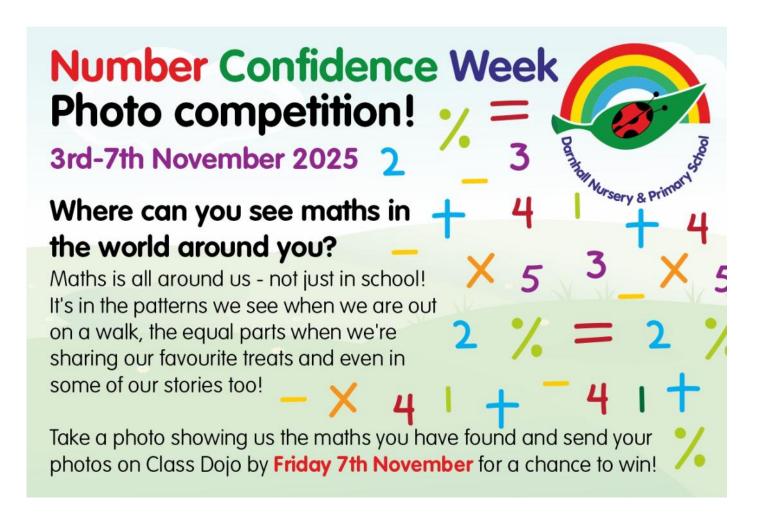
Please Remember to bring a water bottle into school with your child.

We also sell water bottles in school which are available on ParentPay for £1.50.













Parents and carers can drop in for advice on continence, fussy eaters, sleep, dental hygiene and headlice.

If you can not make any of the drop in sessions, please contact the family support team via contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk and we can make a referral to the school nurse.

Tuesday 16th September 2025 Tuesday 31st March 2026 Tuesday 25th November 2025 Tuesday 19th May 2026 Tuesday 27th January 2026 Tuesday 14th July 2026

KS2 Building at 8:30am







Tuesday 4th November 2025 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Headteacher Presentation at 6:00pm (optional). **EVERYONE WELCOME!**







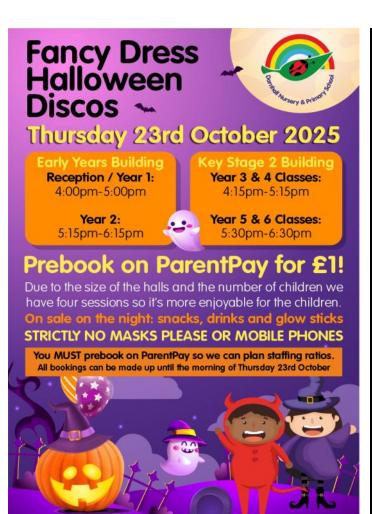


Headteacher presentation will be held in the KS2 hall on the Sandyhill Road site:

Darnhall Nursery and Primary School, Sandyhill Road, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 1JL | Tel: 01606 593315

Email: contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk











We ask that **ALL** school uniform items including shoes, water bottles and lunch boxes are name labelled please.





- Join our lottery
- 2 Boost school funds
- 3 Win cash prizes

Tickets cost just £1 a week and are an easy way to help us raise funds for school. There are local cash prizes every week and there's even a chance to win the £25k Jackpot.

To start supporting, visit: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for: Darnhall Primary

Supporters must be 16 years or older



Our School Day



Nursery

(Ladybirds and Caterpillars)

Session 1: **8:30am - 11:30am** Session 2: **12:15pm - 3:15pm**

Reception, Year 1 & 2

School Day Begins: **8:30am**Morning Break: **10:30am - 10:45am**

Lunchtime: **12:15pm - 1:00pm**

School Day Ends: 3:10pm

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

School Day Begins: 8:30am

Morning Break: 10:30am - 10:45am

Lunchtime: 12:15pm - 1:00pm

School Day Ends: 3:15pm



Owl Class

(Resource Provision)

School Day Begins: 8:30am

Morning Break: 10:30am - 10:45am

Lunchtime: 12:15pm - 1:00pm

School Day Ends: 3:00pm

An appeal to all parents and carers of children who are using mobile phones, tablets, games consoles or other devices.

Please, please check what they are doing every day - read messages, listen in, make it your business to know what your child is doing, and protect them. We have some children participating in group chats and online chats that aren't very nice and are really unkind.

School are not responsible for supervising children's personal technology and are having complaints from parents about some children.

School staff are limited what they can do as this is not happening in our care. It is the responsibility of the parents and carers to 'police' this. It's happening at home. Take phones off your children, restrict their usage, monitor their usage daily, talk to your children about the implications of bullying online etc. Report harmful material, online bullying or malicious communications to the police.

Ask yourself ... Why does my primary age child need a phone? Give them back their childhood and take control of their screen time.

I read this the other day and it rang true ... "Mobile phones are stealing children's childhoods. They're being pulled into the online world before they've had the chance to live in the real one."

Thank you Sarah Tomlinson Important Information Regarding Holidays

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government discourages the taking of holidays in term time. Evidence shows that children who miss school do not achieve as well as those who attend regularly.

As of September 2013, the law restricted a Headteacher's ability to authorise holidays during term time, Headteachers are now only empowered to approve a leave of absence when it is requested in advance by the parent or carer with whom the child resides, and when circumstances of the requested leave are 'exceptional'.

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for School Absence will come into effect from the 19th August 2024. Should you choose to take a holiday for 5 consecutive school days or more during term time the Local Authority will be informed as this will constitute an unauthorised absence. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents/carers are £80 when the penalty is paid within 21 days, and £160 when the penalty is paid within 28 days. This penalty is per parent/carer, per child. If the fixed penalty is not paid this could lead to you being prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

In cases where there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 3 year period of the date of the first absence and if there is a 3rd occasion of unauthorised absence (10 sessions), alternative action will be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact school and speak to Karen Swift.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Tomlinson Headteacher

Darnhall Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is offered on two sites 8:00am - 8:30am
For block bookings this is equivalent to £1 a day.
For occasional bookings it will be £1.50 a day.
Bookings are essential and can be made until 7pm the night before - they cannot be made the same day.

(We accept the Government Tax-free Childcare Payments)

 For children aged 3 to year 2 breakfast club is in the Early Years building on Darnhall School Lane.

For children in years 3-6 Breakfast Club is in the Key Stage 2
 building on Sandyhill Road.

Please note, this is only available for children aged 3 or above who are toilet trained. If your child has additional SEN needs, please discuss with our SENDCO before booking.

Booking for our
Breakfast Club will
need to be made via
the link on our
website:
www.darnhall.

www.darnhall. cheshire.sch.uk



Home Hub

Fun and Affordable After School Childcare Club



End of school day until **4:30pm** £7.75
End of school day until **5:00pm** £10.45
End of school day until **5:30pm** £13.15
End of school day until **6:00pm**

A 20% sibling discount will be offered to families with more than one child.

Open to children aged 3 or above who are toilet trained. If your child has additional SEN needs, please discuss with our SENDCO before booking.

You will have to book and pay in advance on an online booking service – details are on our website.

Bookings can be made until 7pm the night before – they can not be made the same day.

Limited places so book in advance to avoid disappointment!

This childcare provision is run by school staff on the Key Stage 2 Sandyhill Road site.

(We accept the Government Tax-free Childcare Payments)



WHAT'S ON ENU TODAY? THURSDAY



of Texas BBQ Pizza (V) and with Baked Beans.

Pasta of the Day



Het Deli Choice red with a Side Salad



Reast Chicken Lunch s Reast/Mashed Potat Seasonal Vegetables

Pasta of the Day



Spaghetti Bolognese served with Seasonal Vegetables

Hot Deli Choice served with a Side Salad



FRIDAY

asta of the Day



WEEK

AVAILABLE DAILY VEGETARIAN PTION OF CHOICE 1

JACKET POTATO
WITH A SELECTION
OF FILLINGS SERVED
WITH A SIDE SALAD

FRESHLY MADE SALAD

FRESH BREAD FRUIT YOGHURT

FRESH FRUIT CHILLED WATER

CATERING

WEEK2

AVAILABLE DAILY VEGETARIAN OPTION OF CHOICE 1



WEEKS 08/09/2025, 29/09/2025, 20/10/2025

THURSDAY FRIDAY





Hot Deli Choice ed with a Side S



Pasta of the Day



Hot Deli Choice served with a Side S







FRESHLY MADE FRUIT YOGHURT FRESH FRUIT CHILLED WATER

Edsential CATERIN

WEEK3

AVAILABLE DAILY VEGETARIAN OPTION OF CHOICE 1

For allergen information, please ask one of our catering team . All the above dishes are subject to availability

WEEKS 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025, 03/11/2025



2 Slices of Thin & Crispy Ch & Tomato Pizza (V), served Baked Beans, Seasonal Vege or Coleslaw









Breaded Fish served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas





Pasta of the Day



FRUIT YOGHURT FRESH FRUIT CHILLED WATER

JACKET POTATO

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Pasta of the Day



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Pasta of the Day











Autumn Term 2025 Uniform Time Table



Class	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Ladybird Nursery	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Caterpillar Nursery	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Forest School
Butterfly Class	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Dragonfly Class	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Centipede Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit
Grasshopper Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform
Bumblebee Class	Uniform	PE Kit (until half term) Uniform (after half term)		Uniform	PE Kit
Spider Class	PE Kit	Uniform	Forest School (every week up until half term)	Uniform (until half term) PE Kit (after half term)	Uniform
Beaver Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Forest School (every week after half term)	PE Kit (until half term) (after half term)
Hedgehog Class	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform (until half term) PE Kit (after half term)	Forest School (every week up until half term)	Uniform
Otter Class	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform (bring Swimming Kit)	Uniform	Uniform
Rabbit Class	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform (bring Swimming Kit)	PE Kit	Uniform
Squirrel Class	PE Kit	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Fox Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit
Badger Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform
Bear Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit
Owl Class	Outdoor Learning Uniform	Outdoor Learning Uniform	Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day)	Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day)	Outdoor Learning Uniform

School Uniform

You can purchase our school uniform from our supplier – Julie Clare

Logo Wear – which is located on Winsford's Market on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Cold Weather Uniform

- Ladybird Nursery Red Polo Shirts
- Caterpillar Nursery Green Polo Shirts
- Reception to Year 5 Pale Blue or Yellow Polo Shirts
- Year 6 Pale Blue Shirt and Tie
- Grey skirt, shorts or trousers
- Navy Fleece, jumper or cardigan
- Grey socks or Tights
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers











Hot Weather and PE Uniform

- Pale Blue T-shirt
- Navy skort, shorts or jogging pants
- Navy fleece
- Navy socks or white socks
- (Or Blue checked summer dresses for non-PE days)





Owl Class Uniform and Optional Outdoor Learning

- Green T-shirt
- Green Hoodie
- Navy Jogging Pants
- Navy shorts

(Owl class are outside a lot of time so this uniform is the most practical for them and can be worn every day for all lessons).







Holiday Dates 2025/2026



HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
Autumn Term		Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Autumn Half Term	Friday 24th October 2025	Tuesday 4th November 2025
Christmas	Thursday 18th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026
Spring Half Term	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026
Spring Break	Wednesday 1st April 2026	Monday 20th April 2026
May Day Weekend	Friday 1st May 2026	Tuesday 5th May 2026
Summer Half Term	Friday 22nd May 2026	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Summer	Wednesday 22nd July 2026	

Inset Days 2025/2026

Monday 1st September 2025 Friday 19th December 2025 Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 1st June 2026

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Spring Break	Thursday 25th March 2027	Monday 12th April 2027	
May Day Weekend	Closed: Monday 3rd May 2027		
Summer Half Term	Friday 28th May 2027	Monday 7th June 2027	
Summer	Friday 16th July 2027		

Inset Days 2026/2027

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CBT GROUP INTERVENTIONS FOR PARENTS OF ANXIOUS CHILDREN

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership

AUTUMN 2025 GROUPS

free NHS group interventions for parents.

Triple P Fear-Less & Timid 2 Tiger

For parents/carers of school aged children 6 to 14 years with moderate anxiety issues. Triple P Fear Less & Timid 2 Tiger are evidence based interventions delivered over 6-9 weeks and includes understanding about anxiety, learning to encourage your child's coping skills to manage their anxiety; building on problems solving skills and gaining confidence as a parent supporting your child.

Triple P Fear-Less Group

HOW?

6 sessions Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:30am

WHEN?

08/10, 15/10, 22/10, 05/11/, 12/11, 19/11 No session during halfterm break. WHERE? Online Group Via MS Teams

Timid To Tiger Group

HOW? 9 sessions Fridays 10-12pm WHEN? 03/10, 10/10,17/10, 24/10,31/10,07/11,14/11, 21/11, 28/11/ No session during halfterm

WHERE? Online Group Via MS teams

Support, Friendly nonjudgemental Parents/carers MUST register to attend one of the registration sessions to meet with a practitioner to discuss suitability for the group.

You can access this through scanning the QR code below and booking yourself into an appointment slot.

DAY MINCE





Helping to improve the lives of everyone in our communities