

Weekly Bulletin no.114

Friday 24th October 2025



We've reached the **end of our first half term** and what a fantastic first half term it has been! The children have settled into their new classes and we've seen some fantastic learning and some amazing progress.

We have an **Open Evening** coming up on the **4th of November** for all prospective families, so spread the word to all your family and friends who may have children due to start in Reception in 2026.

Please don't forget to **pre-order lunches** for the first week back, set yourself a reminder! If your child has a packed lunch from home you still need to put this on ParentPay.

We can't wait to welcome you all back next term on

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER.

Open Evening for Prospective Families



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:

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Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 1JL | Tel: 01606 593315

Email: contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk

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Monday 3rd November

INSET day school is closed for all children

Tuesday 4th November

School Re-Opens

Opening Evening 5pm until 7:30pm

Wednesday 5th November

Bonfire Themed Lunch

Booking on ParentPay

7th November

Tuck Shop Day

Gingerbread Man

Monday 10th November

Anti-bullying week

Odd Socks Day

Friday 14th November

Children In Need

Donations Via ParentPay

HAPPY HALLOWEEN PARTY

♥ The children loved their Halloween discos ♥



Happy Note Home

A little note home to let you know that

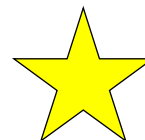
has:

- ☐ Shown kindness to others
- ☐ Displayed beautiful manners
- ☐ Shown fantastic effort in lessons
- ☐ Worked well with others
- ☐ Participated in lessons and discussions
- ☐ Been extremely helpful
- ☐ Demonstrated wonderful behaviour and set a positive example to others
- ☐ Shown great improvement in their work

Signed:



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



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE WINNERS



A big well done to this week's attendance winners

Bear Class

Bear Class had a fantastic attendance this week of **97.4%**.



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

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

<https://darnhall.childcare-online-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.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS SO FAR...

W/C 08/09/2025	Owl Class 98.6%
W/C 15/09/2025	Hedgehog Class 100%
W/C 22/09/2025	Hedgehog Class 100%
W/C 29/09/2025	Butterfly Class 98.1%
W/C 06/10/2025	Hedgehog Class 98.8%
W/C 13/10/2025	Grasshopper Class 98.4%



Reminder

Monday 3rd November
is an **INSET** Day and
school will be closed to
all children on this date.



Darnhall Nursery & Primary School



October Half Term Family Fun Activity

Design and make a Traditional
Tales Scarecrow Character!

For example: Goldilocks, The Three Little
Pigs etc

You could win a family day
out voucher or a cosy winter
hamper of goodies!

Bring in on **Tuesday**
4th November 2025



Nursery Stay & Play

Nursery Rhyme Week

Monday 10th November 2025

AM children

10:30am-11:15am

PM children

2:15pm-3:00pm

One special person to attend the
session. No younger siblings can
attend due to limited space



Number Confidence Week

Photo competition!

3rd-7th November 2025

Where can you see maths in the world around you?

Maths is all around us - not just in school! It's in the patterns we see when we are out on a walk, the equal parts when we're sharing our favourite treats and even in some of our stories too!

Take a photo showing us the maths you have found and send your photos on Class Dojo by **Friday 7th November** for a chance to win!



Anti-bullying Week

10th-14th November 2025

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. In 2025 it will take place on Monday 10th November.

Children will take part in various activities throughout the week.





School Photo Day

Is Coming.....



Save The Date:

Your child will be having their school photo taken on Monday 17th November. Children to wear the uniform choice that you want your child to have on for their photo.

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 17TH**

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

1. Start early

Don't wait until the night before school starts to implement new routines. Ease your child back into their routine by adjusting sleep schedules and daily activities at least a week in advance. This gradual approach can make the transition feel less abrupt and more manageable for everyone involved.

2. Establish a consistent bedtime routine

A good night's sleep can make all the difference when it comes to learning and overall wellbeing.

3. Create a morning routine for kids

A well-structured morning routine can set a positive tone for the entire school day.

4. Prepare the night before

Children and parents can reduce morning stress by preparing as much as possible the night before

5. Use visual aids

Create charts or checklists for morning and evening routines. This can help younger children stay on track and give older kids a sense of accomplishment as they complete tasks. Consistently using these aids can help reinforce the routine

6. Gradually adjust screen time

If the summer holidays meant more relaxed rules around screen time, start adjusting limits well before school starts. Set specific times for screen use and stick to them. This can help ease the transition and reduce conflicts once children are back at school.

7. Practice healthy evening habits

Sleep is the foundation for successful learning. It's not just about physical rest; it's about having time to recharge mentally, too. When children get a good night's sleep, their brains are gearing up for optimal cognitive function and emotional regulation during the school day.

8. Be flexible and patient

Every child is different, and what works for one may not work for another. Be prepared to adjust your back-to-school routines as needed, and involve your child in the process. This can help them feel more in control and more likely to cooperate with the established routines.

Remember, getting back into a school routine is a process that may take time. Be patient with yourself and your children as you all adjust to the new schedule.

The Attendance Alligator

The school day starts at 8:30am.

Each time your child is absent or late for school they miss a vital block of learning. Each year their new learning blocks build upon the last year's blocks.

Being absent from school = learning gaps and lower attainment.

BE SNAPPY! BE ON TIME!

The poster features a green alligator on the left and a stack of colorful blocks on the right. A rainbow logo for 'Darnhall Nursery & Primary School' is in the top right corner.



UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Drop-in session with School Nurse - Nicola Bradshaw

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

Decorate or Carve a Pumpkin Family Competition



Send a photo via WhatsApp to

07701 316490

SEND PHOTOS BY 31ST OCTOBER

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER FAMILY PLEASE



**PopCat's
Music Time**



FREE Social interaction
for parents and their little ones.
MUSIC & MOVEMENT FOR 0 to 5 YEARS

Dates:

Thursday 13th November 2025
Thursday 20th November 2025
Thursday 27th November 2025
Thursday 4th December 2025

9:00am in the KS2 Hall

12 places available.

**To book your
place please
email:**

contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk

Please note, in the rare event that a class is cancelled, you will be notified via the Darnhall Nursery and Primary School Facebook page.

BONFIRE • BONANZA •

on: **Wednesday 5th November 2025**

Bangers and Mash

Crackling Chicken Grill & Fries

Served with Sweetcorn or Beans

Jumping Jacket Potato (Various Fillings)

Served with Salad

Iced Sparkling Sponge

or Fresh Fruit Salad

Remember to stay safe on Bonfire night

Support our School!

It's as easy as...



- ① **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**



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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.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	£15.85

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)



WEEKS 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025

WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?

WEEK 1

AVAILABLE DAILY

VEGETARIAN
OPTION 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

Edsential CATERING

CORNHALL PRIMARY

CHOICE 1

MEAT FREE
MONDAY



2 Slices of Texas BBQ Pizza (V)
served with Baked Beans,
Seasonal Vegetables or Coleslaw

TUESDAY



Oven Baked Sausage Roll,
Mashed Potato served with
Baked Beans or Seasonal Vegetables

WEDNESDAY



Roast Chicken Lunch served
Roast/Mashed Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

SUGAR FREE
THURSDAY



Spaghetti Bolognese served with
Seasonal Vegetables

MEAT FREE
FRIDAY



Cod/Salmon Fish Fingers
served with Chips,
Baked Beans or Peas

CHOICE 2



Pasta of the Day



Hot Deli Choice
served with a Side Salad



Pasta of the Day



Hot Deli Choice
served with a Side Salad



Pasta of the Day

PUDDING



Toffee Cake



Golden Crunch Biscuit



Chocolate Mudslide Cookie



Watermelon Wedge



Rice Crispy Cookie

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

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

WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?

WEEK 2

AVAILABLE DAILY

VEGETARIAN
OPTION 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

Edsential CATERING

CHOICE 1

MEAT FREE
MONDAY



2 Slices of Margherita Pizza (V)
served with Baked Beans,
Seasonal Vegetables or Coleslaw

TUESDAY



Sausage Pattie Brunch served with
Hash Browns & Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY



Mild Chicken Curry served
with Rice, Naan Bread &
Seasonal Vegetables

SUGAR FREE
THURSDAY



Tomato & Mascarpone
Cheese Pasta (V) served with
Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables

MEAT FREE
FRIDAY



Battered Fish served with Chips,
Baked Beans or Peas

CHOICE 2



Pasta of the Day



Hot Deli Choice
served with a Side Salad



Pasta of the Day



Hot Deli Choice
served with a Side Salad



Pasta of the Day

PUDDING



Vanilla Ice Cream & Fruit



Shortbread



Chocolate Crispy Cake



Melon Medley



Melting Moment

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

WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?

WEEK 3

AVAILABLE DAILY

VEGETARIAN
OPTION 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

Edsential CATERING

CHOICE 1

MEAT FREE
MONDAY



2 Slices of Thin & Crispy Cheese
& Tomato Pizza (V), served with
Baked Beans, Seasonal Vegetables
or Coleslaw

TUESDAY



Beef Burger in a Bun, Hash Brown
served with Baked Beans or
Seasonal Vegetables

WEDNESDAY



Roast Garamon Lunch served
Roast/Mashed Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

SUGAR FREE
THURSDAY



3 Cheese & Tomato Pasta (V)
served with Crusty Bread &
Seasonal Vegetables

MEAT FREE
FRIDAY



Breaded Fish served with Chips,
Baked Beans or Peas

CHOICE 2



Pasta of the Day



Hot Deli Choice
served with a Side Salad



Pasta of the Day



Hot Deli Choice
served with a Side Salad



Pasta of the Day

PUDDING



Caramel Crispy Bar



Butterscotch Biscuit



Chocolate Muffin



Apple & Grape Pot



Ginger Biscuit

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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)	Forest School (every week 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) Uniform (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).



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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 1st June 2026
 Monday 3rd November 2025

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Holiday Dates 2026/2027



HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
Autumn Term		Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23rd October 2026	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Spring Half Term	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 22nd February 2027
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

Tuesday 1st September 2026 Tuesday 20th July 2027
 Monday 2nd November 2026 Wednesday 21st July 2027
 Monday 19th July 2027

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