



Weekly Bulletin no.120

Friday 12th December 2025



We hope your children enjoyed the **Christmas Panto** performed by Darnhall Staff on Wednesday, there were lots of laughter and a link has been put on Facebook if you would like to watch it. A huge thank you to everyone that attended our **Christmas Bingo**, it was a great success! Children participated in the **Elf Run** today, please can envelopes be returned no later than Monday. We have a **FREE Christmas Lunch** on Thursday for years R—Y6, you must **prebook this via ParentPay**. If you have any issues doing this please let the office know. Let's try and keep attendance up as all children with **100% attendance** will be in for the chance of winning a variety of vouchers. A reminder, there will be **NO SNACKS** next week and **school finishes** Thursday **18th December at 2.30pm**. There will be no Home Hub that day.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

To ensure the safety and privacy of all our pupils, you **MUST NOT** take any photographs or videos during the Christmas performances. There are serious safeguarding implications, and some families have chosen not to have their child's image shared on social media or stored on other devices. With the rise of image manipulation through A.I. it is more important than ever to protect children's identities. Many children do not have consent for their images to be shared, so we ask all grown-ups to respect this by keeping phones away and refraining from taking any images. As always, the school will capture photographs for you. Individual photos of children in costume (where consent has been given) and group scene images / recordings will be shared through our usual channels. Thank you for supporting us in keeping every child safe.

### 15th & 16th December

KS1 Christmas Nativities  
(Tickets only)

### Tuesday 16th December

Sing along with Buddy the Elf  
KS2 Yard at 3.30pm

### Wednesday 17th December

ELF THE MUSICAL  
Years 3-6 Winsford Academy

### Thursday 18th December

**FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
Years R—6  
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.30PM  
No Home Hub

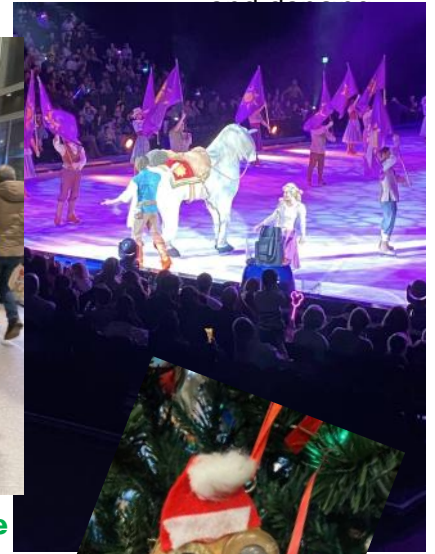
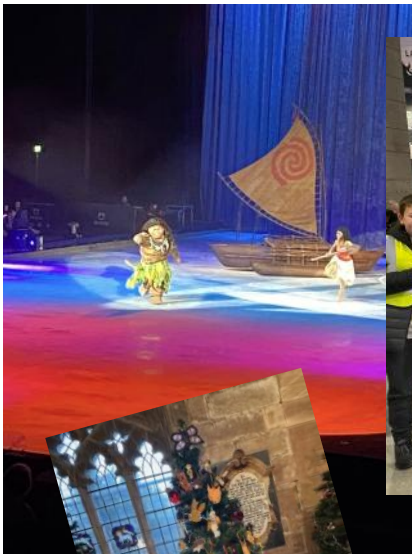
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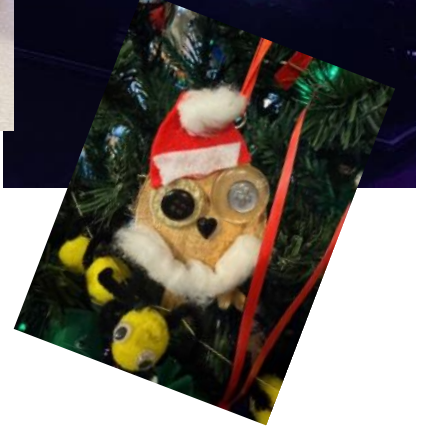


# Other Darnhall News

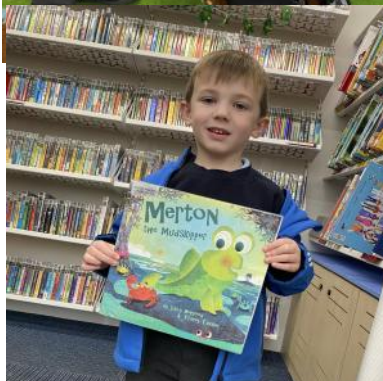
What an incredible show the children enjoyed  
in Manchester



Children made lovely Christmas tree decorations for St Chad's Church



The children had a lovely visit this week from the Library Van. The children enjoyed some lovely Christmas stories and Christmas activities.





# CINDERELLA

## Darnhall Staff Panto





# Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity

## 'A Happy-Clappy' Nativity



Performance  
Times:  
9:00am  
10:30am  
1:30pm

In the Hall on the Sandyhill Road Site

**Monday 15th December 2025**

Dragonfly, Centipede and  
Bumblebee Classes

**Tuesday 16th December 2025**

Butterfly, Grasshopper and  
Spider Classes

**One ticket per child,  
per performance**



**No Babies or Toddlers please**

Years 3-6 present

# Elf

the Musical



**Wednesday 17th  
December 2025**

**At The Winsford  
Academy**

**2:30pm &  
5:30pm**



**Two tickets per family per performance. No babies or toddlers please.**



**Free Yummy Christmas Lunch**  
**Thursday 18th December 2025**  
 For all children Reception  
 to Year 6  
 Dress in your sparkly  
 clothes or festive jumpers!  
 You must order via ParentPay please.



**100%**  
**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS**  
**ATTENDANCE RAFFLE**

Be in school and be on time for every school day in  
 December to be in with a chance to win a prize!

**One of 3 TOP Prize Vouchers of £50**  
**One of 5 SECOND Prize £25 Vouchers**  
**One of 10 RUNNER UP £10 Vouchers**

There are prizes for most improved attendance and  
 punctuality too!

Please Note: Children will choose which shop they want their voucher for




A big well done to this week's  
 attendance winners

**Fox Class**

Fox Class had a  
 fantastic attendance  
 this week of **98.3%**.

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/](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.



# Reach out for mental health support this winter



## Mind

Call 0300 102 1234 or visit [www.mind.org](http://www.mind.org)



## Samaritans

Call 116 123 or visit [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)



## Shout

Text Shout to 85258 or visit [www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org)



## Switchboard (LGBTQ+)

Text Shout to 85258 or visit [www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org)



## PAPYRUS

Call 0800 068 4141 or visit [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)



## NHS 111 - urgent mental health helpline

To get urgent mental health support, call 111 and select option 2.

## Community Carol Singing

### Festive sing-along with Buddy the Elf on the playground!

Families are invited to join staff on the KS2 playground at 3:15pm onwards on **Tuesday 16th December 2025** for a good old sing!

All children, parents and carers welcome to join in the fun!

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." – Buddy the Elf

(Carol sheets will be handed out)



## 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](mailto: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**



# 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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# 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



# Holiday Dates 2025/2026



HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
<b>Autumn Term</b>		Wednesday 3rd September 2025
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Friday 24th October 2025	Tuesday 4th November 2025
<b>Christmas</b>	Thursday 18th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026
<b>Spring Break</b>	Wednesday 1st April 2026	Monday 20th April 2026
<b>May Day Weekend</b>	Friday 1st May 2026	Tuesday 5th May 2026
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Friday 22nd May 2026	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
<b>Summer</b>	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
<b>Autumn Term</b>		Wednesday 2nd September 2026
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Friday 23rd October 2026	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
<b>Christmas</b>	Friday 18th December 2026	Tuesday 5th January 2027
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 22nd February 2027
<b>Spring Break</b>	Thursday 25th March 2027	Monday 12th April 2027
<b>May Day Weekend</b>	Closed: Monday 3rd May 2027	
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Friday 28th May 2027	Monday 7th June 2027
<b>Summer</b>	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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