

Friday 16th January 2026



What a fantastic week we've had at Darnhall. We have been very impressed with how hard the children have been working. Our Spring term **After School Clubs** will start on Monday 19th January. Please remember they finish at 4pm. See the letter on our website for all information. **Year 1 Phonics** and **Year 6 Revision sessions** will also be starting, an invitation letter has been sent via ParentPay. On Monday, for **Reception classes** only, we have a **Winnie The Pooh** Themed day. Booking a lunch for this event is via ParentPay. Now available on ParentPay is the booking for the **Valentine Discos**.

Well done to the children who have kept up their reading over the school holidays and have collected their 'reading buddies'



Monday 19th January

Winnie the Pooh Themed Day
RECEPTION CLASSES ONLY

Wednesday 21st January

Swimming lessons—Year 5

Thursday 12th February

Nursery Stay & Play
(see flyer)

Thursday 12th February

Valentines Discos
(see flyer)

Friday 13th February

School Closes for half term

LADYBIRD & CATERPILLAR NURSERY CLASSES



On **Thursday 12th February 2026**, we would like to invite someone special to your child to come into Nursery for a Valentine's theme 'Stay and Play' session.

'Stay and Play' sessions are a really useful way of you getting to see the nursery environment and having the chance to share in your child's nursery experience. The stay and play experience is about getting involved in the session and playing alongside your child. It can be a bit daunting for young children if lots of adults just stand at the side of the classroom observing play.

Stay and play times will be
10:30-11:15am for **MORNING** nursery children
2:15-3:00pm for **AFTERNOON** nursery children
(parents/ carers of children who stay all day can choose either session to attend).

Due to the number of children we now have in nursery we must ask that no younger siblings attend stay and play sessions.



Please note: absolutely NO mobile phones will be allowed to come into nursery due to safeguarding.

Please let Mrs Perrin or Mrs Young know if someone will be attending. Due to space we are asking for only ONE special someone per child to attend.



Screen Time & Internet Safety

A Guide for Parents and Carers



Did You Know?

- Children aged 5-15 spend on average 5 hours 24 minutes a day on social media.
- Children aged 8-14 spend on average 2 hours 59 minutes a day on smartphones, tablets and computers.

That's a significant part of a child's day spent online.



Why It Matters

Online platforms use algorithms designed to keep users watching and scrolling. These algorithms can quickly lead children from harmless content to content that may be harmful, upsetting or inappropriate, often without them searching for it. Children may not always recognise when content is unsafe or know how to respond.

Top Tips to Keep Children Safe Online

- Monitor use: know what apps, games and websites your child uses and how long they spend on them.
- Use parental controls: set age-appropriate restrictions on devices, apps, streaming services and games.
- Know when and where your child goes online: be aware of internet access at home, friends' houses and on mobile devices.



- Talk openly: encourage your child to talk about what they see online and reassure them they can come to you if something worries them.
- Set clear boundaries: agree screen-free times (e.g. before bed, during meals) and keep devices out of bedrooms where possible.
- Be a role model: children copy adult behaviour – show healthy screen habits yourself.

Working Together

Keeping children safe online works best when schools and families work together. If you need support or advice, please speak to a member of the school team.

Winnie the Pooh Themed Day Monday 19th January 2026

Classroom activities will be Winnie the Pooh themed.

Children will only be able to order a school packed lunch or bring in their own packed lunch on this date so that we can have a Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Children are invited to bring in their own teddy bear on this date.

ONLY RECEPTION CLASSES



Valentine Discos

Thursday 12th February 2026

Early Years Building

Reception & Yr 1 Classes:

4:00-5:00pm

(Nursery Classes are having their own event.
See separate flyer.)

Year 2 Classes:

5:15-6:15pm

Key Stage 2 Building

Years 3 & 4 Classes

4:15-5:15pm

Years 5 & 6

5:30-6:30pm

Entry Price £1

**You can book your child's
place on ParentPay**

Due to the size of the halls and the number of children we have four sessions so it's more enjoyable for the children.

On sale on the night: snacks, drinks and other merchandise.

**Children must NOT bring lollipops,
energy drinks or snacks containing nuts.**

STRICTLY NO MOBILE PHONES



BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY STAY & PLAY CLASSES

would like to invite one special person to
their Valentine's stay and play session.

**Friday 13th February 2026
at 2:30pm**



A big well done to this week's
attendance winners

Beaver Class

who had a fantastic attendance
this week of **99.6%**



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.

Darnhall Doodlebugs

Every Friday at 2:15pm-3:00pm

KS1 Hall

Sing, Play, Imagine & Create –
Big Adventures for Little Doodlebugs!



Toddler
Groups
At
Darnhall
Primary



sessions for parents
and carers with babies and toddlers!

Mondays in the **Key**
Stage 2 Hall from
8:45am – 9:30am

Sessions will take
place every week, apart
from the first week back
after a school holiday
and the last week of each
half term.

Sessions are FREE. No need to book

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



**PopCat's
Music Time**

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

12 places available.

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

Dates:

Thursday 15th January 2026
Thursday 22nd January 2026
Thursday 29th January 2026
Thursday 5th February 2026
Thursday 5th March 2026
Thursday 12th March 2026
Thursday 26th March 2026

9:00am in the KS2 Hall



Uniform Timetable

Monday 5th January to
Friday 13th February 2026



Class	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Ladybird Nursery	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Caterpillar Nursery	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Forest School
Butterfly Class	Uniform	Forest School	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Dragonfly Class	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Centipede Class	Forest School	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit
Grasshopper Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform
Bumblebee Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit
Spider Class	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform
Beaver Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit
Hedgehog Class	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform
Otter Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Forest School	Uniform
Rabbit Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	PE Kit	Uniform
Squirrel Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Swimming	Uniform	Uniform
Fox Class	Uniform	Uniform	Swimming	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

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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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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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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