

Weekly Bulletin no.132
Friday 24th April 2026



Welcome back, what a great first week of the summer term we've had at Darnhall and welcome to all of our new pupils and families joining our school community. We hope you all had a great Easter break. The children had so much fun at our Easter **HAF funded activities** over the holidays. Big thank you to everyone who donated to our **Bring and Buy sale** and to those that came and supported us in raising funds for the school. You can now book an **after school club** on ParentPay. They will start on Monday and finish at 4pm. Some of our clubs still have places left, if you would like to book a second club please contact our office to enquire. The weather is starting to warm up now, so please remember to bring in a **water bottle** for your child.

**Is your little one
joining us in
September for
Reception?**



If so, save the date for the information evening for grown-ups!

**Monday 29th June 2026 at 6pm
in the Key Stage 2 Hall**

You will meet the staff, find out lots of information and be able to ask questions.

We can't wait to welcome you to our school.

Uniform will be on sale that night also (we can take card payments).



Please note this is an adults only event

Tuesday 28th April

PARENT & CHILD
COOK A LONG—KS2 hall

Wednesday 29th April

Year 6 Swimming

Monday 4th May

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 5th May

Early Help Navigators Drop In
KS2

Friday 15th May

Year 6 Water Fun Day

Friday 22nd May

SCHOOL CLOSES

Tuesday 2nd June

SCHOOL REOPENS

👨‍🍳 PARENT & CHILD COOK-ALONG! 👩‍🍳

After-School Cooking Fun 🍫

Cook • Create • Spend Time Together



Hosted by
Nicky Cain & Mrs Bradley



What we're making:
Delicious homemade brownies!
Learn new kitchen skills while having fun together



Tuesday
28 April



3:30pm
-5:00pm



£ 5 per child
(Payment via ParentPay)

Important Information

- ✓ One adult per family must attend
- ✓ Open to children aged 2-11 who attend our school
- ✓ All children attending must be paid for

Spaces are limited – book early to avoid disappointment!

★ DESIGN COMPETITION! ★

♥️ DESIGN OUR BOOK NOOK! 📖

BOOK NOOK!

WINSFORD DECIDES

We are delighted to have been granted funding by **WINSFORD DECIDES** to build community Book Nooks! 📖



We are asking you to **WORK TOGETHER** as a family to **DESIGN** the outside of our Book Nook.

Pupil Leaders will be collecting the designs and judging the entries on **11TH MAY** ★



GET CREATIVE!
We can't wait to see your amazing ideas! 📖

★ **GOOD LUCK – WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED ON OUR PROJECT!**

☀️ Year 6 WATER PARTY! 🌊

Friday 15th May 2026

Celebrate the End of SATs!

Bring Spare Clothes, Towels, and Your SUPER SOAKER

No Water Balloons Allowed!

Wear Yellow

and raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Trust on **Friday 12th June 2026**



The children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow to support Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

The children can wear their own clothes including something yellow, for example: Yellow scarf, bow or socks. Yellow shorts or skirt, and obviously they can just wear their normal yellow school t-shirt.

Send in a cash donation for this brilliant charity please.

Ice pops on sale for 50p

In support of our two amazing CF Warriors and in loving memory of Chloe Richardson.



Other Darnhall News

Teacher of the Year

.... Mr Hayden Baxendale.



We are all so proud of him



Mr Lambert has guitar / ukulele lessons at school

1:30pm - 2pm and 2pm - 2:30pm. You can contact Mr Lambert directly at alambertguitar@gmail.com if interested in arranging lessons

£13 for half an hour



Uniform Timetable

Monday 20th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 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 | Uniform | Forest School | Uniform | Uniform |
| Dragonfly Class | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Forest School | Uniform |
| Centipede Class | Uniform | PE Kit | 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 | PE Kit | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform | Uniform |
| Rabbit Class | Uniform | Uniform | PE Kit | PE Kit | Uniform |
| Squirrel Class | Forest School | PE Kit | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform |
| Fox Class | Uniform | Forest School | PE Kit | Uniform | Uniform |
| Badger Class | Uniform | PE Kit | Swimming | Uniform | Uniform |
| Owl Class | Outdoor Learning Uniform | Outdoor Learning Uniform | Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day) | Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day) | Outdoor Learning Uniform |
| Bear Class | Uniform | Uniform | Swimming | PE Kit | Uniform |

Unfortunately from the beginning of Summer Term 2026 , there will be a School Lunch price increase, the cost of a lunch will be £3.25. If you believe you may be entitled to Free School Meals, we would encourage you to apply via Cheshire West and Chester council. If you need help in doing so please contact the office.

School Lunches

All children, from Reception to Year 2, are entitled to a free school meal each day under the Universal Free School Meal scheme.

The cost of a school meal for children in Key Stage 2 is **£3.25 a day** or **£16.25 a week**. All dinner money is paid via our ParentPay system.

Free School Meals

If your child is in any year group and you think that they are entitled to benefit related free school meals, you will need to apply via the Cheshire West website:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx

If you have difficulties claiming online, please email: benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or call: 0300 123 7021 to discuss making a telephone or paper application.

If you think that your child qualifies for free school meals, please apply for this - even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1.

By claiming this benefit, the school will then receive additional funding called Pupil Premium which as a school we will use to help support your child to achieve their full potential.



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A big well done to this week's
attendance winners

Badger Class



who had a fantastic attendance
this week of **98.8%**



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



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 **Katie Harrop** or email: contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Tomlinson
Headteacher

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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.



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.

Toddler Groups At Darnhall Primary

Darnhall Doodlebugs



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

KS1 Hall

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



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 | |

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 Monday 19th July 2027

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