

Weekly Bulletin no.134
Friday 8th May 2026



Next week, Year 6 will be taking their **SATs**. All teachers are extremely proud of each and every one of them. Children need to remember: don't get stressed, just do your best! They will also enjoy a **special lunch treat** from **McDonalds** on Friday for all of their hard work as well as a water party. We have emailed all parents a list of **important dates** / events coming up. If you have not received one, please let us know. We have a bargain coach trip to **Cheshire Oaks** during half term, where you can shop until you drop or go and enjoy some family time bowling or maybe the cinema, there is plenty to do. Booking is on Eventbrite. We have reports of parents **parking on the zigzags** on Darnhall School Lane outside of the school. This can result in a fine as police regularly patrol that area. Also, it is dangerous and could result in a child being hurt, so please do not park on the Zigzags. Enjoy your weekend.

Is your little one joining us in September for Reception?



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

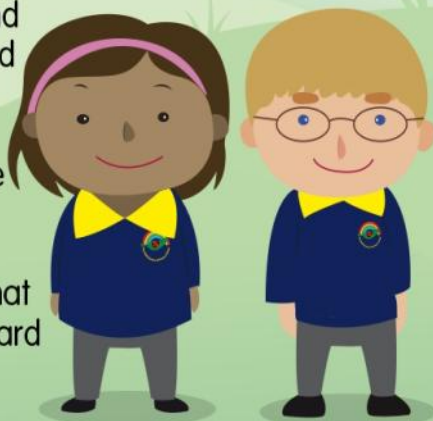
Monday 29th June 2026 at 6pm
in the Key Stage 2 Hall

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



Wednesday 13th May

Year 6 Swimming

Friday 15th May

Year 6—Water Fun Day

Children can bring something in i.e. teddy, to support well-being

Mental Health Day—dress as you wish (see flyer)

Year 3—Museum Trip

Friday 22nd May

SCHOOL CLOSSES
(AT NORMAL TIME)

Monday 1st June

Inset day—School closed

Reopens 2nd June

DARNHALL NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH 100TH BIRTHDAY

COMPETITIONS

To celebrate Sir David Attenborough turning **100**, we are holding four exciting competitions:

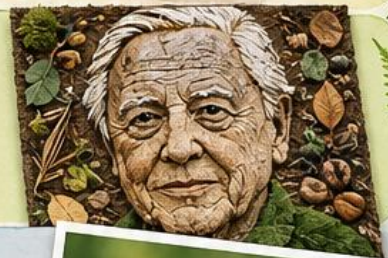


DESIGN A 100TH BIRTHDAY CARD FOR SIR DAVID

Happy
100th
Birthday
Sir David!



CREATE A PORTRAIT OF SIR DAVID USING NATURAL MATERIALS



“WONDER OF THE WILD” PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Take a photograph of nature in your local area, celebrating Sir David's love for the diversity of life on Earth.



MAKE A NATURE DOCUMENTARY

Create your own mini nature documentary, including a 'Sir David-style' commentary, about a local plant or creature.



ENTRIES DUE BY
**FRIDAY 22ND
MAY 2026**

★ **TOP PRIZE:**

A family ticket to

CHESTER ZOO

PLEASE SEND ENTRIES TO:

 **07701 316490**

Include your child's
name, age, and class.

ENTER AS MANY COMPETITIONS AS YOU LIKE!

DARNHALL NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 2026

MONDAY 11TH MAY – SUNDAY 17TH MAY

Be kind to your mind

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

is an opportunity for all of us to focus on our mental wellbeing and take action together.



THIS YEAR'S THEME IS

TAKE ACTION

Focusing on small, practical steps to support mental wellbeing for yourself and others.

SMALL STEPS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE



MOVE MORE

Get active in ways that make you feel good.



CONNECT

Spend time with people who make you feel safe.



TAKE NOTICE

Be aware of the world around you.



KEEP LEARNING

Try something new or keep doing what you enjoy.



BE KIND

Be kind to yourself and to others.

SPECIAL DAY: FRIDAY 15TH MAY

On Friday 15th May, children can bring to school something that supports them with their wellbeing.



It may be



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You can also dress in whatever you are comfortable wearing and however you identify.



➔ NO MOBILE PHONES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES



This day is about wellbeing, connection and being present. Please do not bring mobile phones or electronic devices.

COMPETITION!

Design a poster of **ideas** that people can use to support their mental wellbeing.

Be creative! Draw, paint, collage, write – anything that shows your ideas!

IDEAS MIGHT INCLUDE:

- ✓ Spending time with friends or family
- ✓ Being active
- ✓ Taking time to relax
- ✓ Talking about how you feel
- ✓ Doing something you enjoy
- ✓ Helping others
- ✓ Being kind to yourself

PRIZES FOR WINNING ENTRIES!



Winners will be announced during Mental Health Awareness Week!

LET'S TAKE ACTION – FOR OURSELVES AND FOR EACH OTHER!

To book for this coach trip please use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-coach-trip-darnhall-primary-school-cheshire-oaks-tickets-1988613661995?aff=oddtcreator>



Wednesday 27th May 2026

**Family Coach Trip
to Cheshire Oaks!**

Only £2^a seat

**Coach leaving at 9.a.m. on
Darnhall School Lane. Returning late afternoon.**

Suitable for age 2 upwards

Eventbrite

Please note this is transport only and you are free to go and book and take part in activities such as bowling, the cinema, Blue Planet aquarium, shopping, restaurants, etc. There is a wide variety of activities to take part in whilst you there.

Caterpillar Nursery

Ready, Steady, Read.

Stay and Play

Monday 18th May
2.15pm - 3pm

FOR AFTERNOON SESSION
CHILDREN ONLY



One
adult only



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.



YOU'RE INVITED!



FREE
for ALL
RECEPTION
SCHOOL STARTERS
2026

NEW RECEPTION SCHOOL STARTER EVENT!

at **POLAR PALACE WINSFORD**



**THURSDAY
9TH JULY**



**10AM
TO 12PM**



A great opportunity for children and their parents/carers to meet, have fun and make new friends before starting school!

★ RECEPTION CLASS STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING! ★

MEET
NEW
FRIENDS

FUN
ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE
AND
PLAY

GET READY
FOR
SCHOOL!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU! ♥

Drop in session with the Early Help Navigators

Tuesday 5th May
Tuesday 7th July

8:30 - 10:00am in the KS2 Building

The Early Help Navigators can support with:

- DLA forms
- Benefit checkers
- Toilet training
- Pre-school speech and language
- Baby development
- Healthy meals
- Debt support
- Housing
- Parental mental health
- Food bank and baby bank referrals

If you cannot make the session and would like to contact the Early Help Navigators for support, please contact our Family Support Team via familysupport@damhall.cheshire.sch.uk who will provide you with the direct booking details.

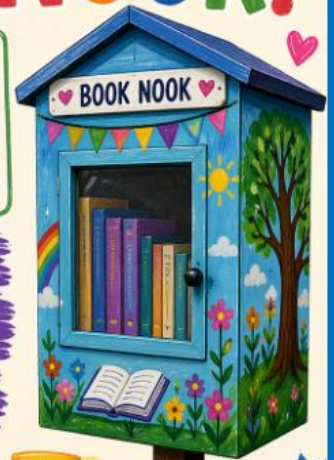
Treats and coffee available.



DESIGN COMPETITION! DESIGN OUR 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!

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FUN FEST
Thursday 25th June 2026
3:30pm -5:30pm

Entry: Free. Everybody welcome! Lots of great stalls and refreshments so bring plenty of change on the day.



Parents and carers are invited to attend
Nursery Leavers' Beach Party
Monday 13th July 2026
10:15am-11:00am for morning children
2:00pm-2:45pm for afternoon children

This is only for parents/carers of children leaving **Caterpillar Nursery** and starting in Reception. Children can wear summer party clothes. We hope to have water play so a change of clothes would be ideal.

Two adults per child. This event is weather permitting.



Nursery Stay & Play
Sports Activities

Monday 6th July 2026
Morning nursery: 10:30am-11:15am
Afternoon nursery: 2:15pm-3:00pm
on the KS2 field.

One adult per child is welcome to come along and join in Nursery's very own Sports Day celebration! If your child attends all day, please choose one session to attend.

Please note: no photographs can be taken during the session.



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.



Dream, Believe, Learn, Achieve

A big well done to this week's
attendance winners

Otter Class



who had a fantastic attendance
this week of **98.1%**



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)

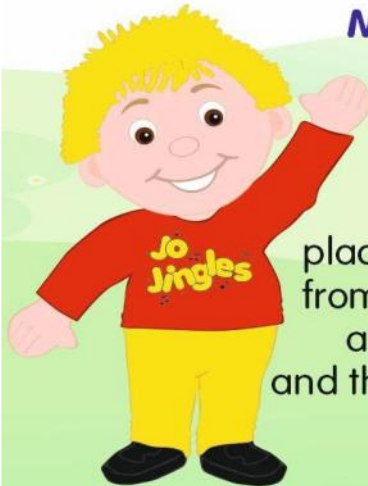
We offer Breakfast
Club on both sites
starting at 8am.

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	

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



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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	

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 Monday 19th July 2027

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