

Weekly Bulletin no.135

Friday 15th May 2026



A huge well done to all of our Year 6 children who did their SATs this week, we are so proud of each and every one of them. The children enjoyed their **McDonald's treat** today as a well done, and had fun with their water soakers. **On Thursday 21st May, we have a special lunch menu, please make sure you book via ParentPay.** Year 3 are on a trip to the **Liverpool Museum** today and are having a fabulous time. **Home Hub is** now set up ready for bookings for next term, please remember sessions need to be paid for when booking. **End of half term** is next Friday, school finishes at normal time.

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 20th May**

Year 6 Swimming

**Friday 22nd May**

SCHOOL CLOSURES  
(AT NORMAL TIME)

**Monday 1st June**

Inset day—School closed

**Tuesday 2nd June**

School Reopens

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Bikeability—Year 6

**Friday 12th June**

Cystic Fibrosis  
Ice Pop Sale

# DARNHALL NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

# DAVID ATTENBOROUGH 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

## COMPETITIONS

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

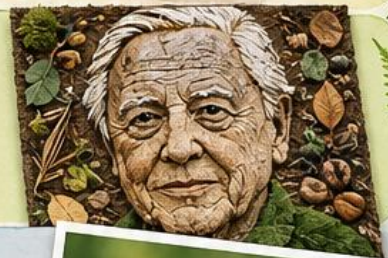


**DESIGN A 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CARD FOR SIR DAVID**

Happy  
100<sup>th</sup>  
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 22<sup>ND</sup>  
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!**

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 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Family Coach Trip  
to Cheshire Oaks!**

**Only £2<sup>a</sup> 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! ♥

# FREE

## 5 day Crash Course Swimming Lessons



**Monday 10th August to Friday 14th August 2026**

For children entitled to Pupil Premium Stages 1-4 funded by school and bookable on ParentPay (Non-attendance on booked places will be charged)



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## Darnhall FREE Summer Activities



**Monday 17th August 2026**  
Forest School - 9:00am-1:00pm



**Thursday 20th August 2026**  
Art, craft, board games and Lego - 9:00am-1:00pm



**Tuesday 18th August 2026**  
Gaming - 9:00am-1:00pm



**Friday 21st August**  
Knowsley Safari Park 9:00am-5:00pm



**Wednesday 19th August 2026**  
Sports Coaching - 9:00am-1:00pm



- To be eligible for a place on the Knowsley Trip children must attend the other 4 activities that week.
- You need to book a complete week of activities via Eequ link when sent out.
- These are FREE to children who are

entitled to Pupil Premium – places will be limited!

- The Safari Park trip is for the children only. Children with SEND are eligible to bring one FREE carer with proof of DLA funding.
- There will be some places at £15 a session for children not entitled to Pupil Premium



**HAF FUNDED**

## 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@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk) who will provide you with the direct booking details.

Treats and coffee available.





**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](mailto: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](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx)

If you have difficulties claiming online, please email: [benefits@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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
<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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<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	

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