

Weekly Bulletin no.139
Friday 19th June 2026



We have had our **Sports Day**, well done to all of the children who took part and big thank you to all the families that came to watch. It's that time again! Our **Fun Fest Summer Fair** is back on Thursday. We have **The Big Bubble Man**, **Buddy the Elf in the Stocks**, **K-Pop Demon Hunters**, **Miniature Ponies**, **Fairground rides** for only £1 or you can buy a wristband for £7.50 which will allow unlimited rides (on sale now on ParentPay). We have lots of stalls and amazing prizes, jewellery making, great choice of yummy hot food, ice cream van, candy floss, face painting, tattoos, beat the goalie and lots more. If anyone would like a stall on the day to sell items, there is still time, please contact our office. Each stall is £15 to book.

The **weather** is getting warmer, please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school and follow our guide on DoJo.

SNACKS—From September we are no longer able to sell apple juice or milk shake for snacks, only toast will be available to book on ParentPay. This is following Dental Health advice.

School Photographer Coming!

MONDAY 22ND JUNE
to Photograph Nursery,
Reception and Year 6

Get your **smart uniforms** ready!

* Please wear school uniform *

Monday 22nd June

Photographer for Nursery, Reception and Year 6

Wednesday 24th June

Swimming - Year 6

Thursday 25th June

Non-uniform day and Fun Fest

Thursday 2nd July

Bump Up Afternoon

Children spend time in their new classes in preparation for Sept

Monday—Wednesday 6th/8th July

Year 6 — Anglesey Trip

Wednesday 22nd July—

School Closes at 1.30pm

NO HOMEHUB

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

MONEY FOR MARTY!

HELP US RAISE MONEY TO BUY A SET OF 5 MARTY ROBOTS!



WHY DO WE WANT MARTY?

Marty is a fun, friendly robot that helps children learn through play!

- ✓ Coding and programming
- ✓ Problem-solving skills
- ✓ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
- ✓ Creativity and teamwork


Marty can walk, dance, speak, kick a ball and more – making learning exciting and hands-on!

★ We want to raise enough money to buy a set of 5 Martys so more children can learn, explore and enjoy robotics together!

WHAT IS BAG2SCHOOL?

Bag2School is a simple and eco-friendly way to raise money for our school.

It helps schools earn money by collecting unwanted clothes and textiles.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Have a clear out at home – find unwanted clothes, shoes and accessories.
2. Bring them into school in bags.
3. Bag2School collects and weighs the bags.
4. The school gets paid based on the weight collected!

The clothes are reused or recycled, helping the environment and creating jobs worldwide.


WHY TAKE PART?

- Help us buy 5 Marty robots
- Support children's learning in coding & STEM
- Be eco-friendly by recycling clothes
- Raise money for our school

GET INVOLVED!

- START COLLECTING your unwanted clothes today!
- BRING YOUR BAGS INTO SCHOOL on collection day!

TOGETHER, WE CAN BRING MARTY BACK TO OUR CLASSROOMS!




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.



★ WE NEED YOUR HELP! ★

PAW
**LIKE NEW CLEAN
TEDDIES WANTED!**

Donate your
**LIKE NEW, CLEAN & CUDDLY
TEDDY BEARS!**



For Our
FUN FEST STALL!

- ✓ **Must Be in Excellent Condition!**
- ✓ **Fresh & Clean, Like New!**
- ✓ **Ready for a New Hug!**



Drop off your **teddies** to either
KS1 or KS2 office!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

👨🍳 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
23rd June



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!

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)



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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

FREE for ALL RECEPTION SCHOOL STARTERS 2026

NEW RECEPTION SCHOOL STARTER EVENT!

at **POLAR PALACE WINSFORD**

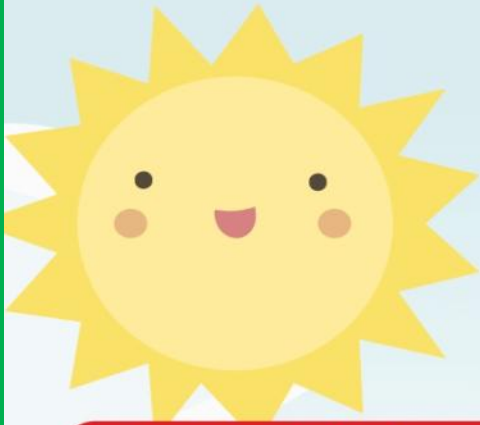
THURSDAY 9TH JULY 10AM TO 12PM

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! ♥



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**

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 1st June 2026 -

Wednesday 22nd July 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	PE Kit	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Fox Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit
Badger Class	Uniform	Forest School	Swimming	Uniform	PE Kit
Owl Class	Forest School	Outdoor Learning Uniform	Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day)	Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day)	Outdoor Learning Uniform
Bear Class	Uniform	Uniform	Swimming	PE Kit	Forest School

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

Butterfly Class

who had a fantastic attendance
this week of **98.6%**

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,

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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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Summer Half Term	Friday 28th May 2027	Monday 7th June 2027
Summer	Friday 16th July 2027	

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