

Weekly Bulletin no.142

Friday 10th July 2026



We are heading closer to the end of the summer term, **Year 6** are working hard practising for their **end of year play - Annie**, which we can promise will be amazing! More news will follow. **After school clubs** are now finished until September. With the **Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026** coming into place, the legislation regarding **branded school uniforms** is primarily outlined in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, please see the attached flyer for guidance. **Julie Clare Schoolwear** on the Winsford Town Market are now taking orders for our **school uniform**. Could you please try and place orders before the end of July as they need to make sure that they have enough stock for everyone. If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, you are entitled to a £30 discount voucher. Please call our office to enquire.

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.

Homehub are having an end of year party, please use the link if you would like your child to attend homehub and the party: <https://darnhall.childcare-online-booking.co.uk>



Tuesday 14th July

School Nurse Drop In—8.30am KS2

Wednesday 15th July

Swimming - Year 6

Friday 17th July

Year 6 Leavers' Play at Winsford Academy

Tuesday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers' Party—6pm-8pm

Wednesday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—10am

School Closes at 1.30pm

NO HOMEHUB

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

SCHOOL OPENS

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' EVENTS

FRIDAY 17TH JULY
★ 2.30 P.M. AND 5 P.M. ★
A PRODUCTION OF **Annie**

AT THE WINSFORD ACADEMY

- ★ FOUR TICKETS PER CHILD PER PERFORMANCE.
- ★ SIBLINGS CAN COME TO THE EVENING ONE, BUT WILL NEED TO USE A TICKET.
- ★ NO BABIES OR TODDLERS, PLEASE.

TUESDAY 21ST JULY 6 TILL 8 P.M.
★ YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PARTY

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 10 A.M.
★ YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

- ★ THIS IS FOR YEAR 6 ONLY.
- ★ THERE WILL BE THREE ADULT GUESTS PER CHILD.
- ★ NO BABIES OR TODDLERS.

★ EXCEPTION NEWBORN BABIES ★

YEAR 6 AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS

FOR OUR PRODUCTION OF **Annie**

Please note that Year 6 will be staying after school for rehearsals for their production of *Annie* on:

MONDAY 13TH JULY & **TUESDAY 14TH JULY**

REHEARSALS WILL FINISH AT **4:00 P.M.** ON BOTH DAYS.

Let us know if your child is walking home otherwise you must collect them.

Thank you for your support! ♥

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

NEW LEGISLATION ON BRANDED UNIFORM

What this means for you

With the new legislation around branded uniform, parents and carers are NOT obliged to buy logo wear.

We have a range of branded uniform available at the Julie Clare Winsford Market store, but plain items are completely acceptable.

You have the choice!

Branded or plain – both are welcome at Darnhall Primary School.

If you choose to purchase THREE branded uniform items, we recommend the following:

- 1** A branded cardigan, jumper or fleece – ideal for everyday school wear.
- 2** A branded pale blue PE T-shirt – worn for PE lessons or part of the hot weather uniform.
- 3** A branded Forest School item – as every class will take part in Forest School once a fortnight next year.

All other uniform items can be plain, including:

- Plain navy shorts
- Plain navy joggers
- Plain navy leggings
- Plain pale blue polo shirts

Our branded uniform is available from Julie Clare at Winsford Market, but families are welcome to choose plain alternatives.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep uniform affordable and accessible for all.

READ to the BEAT

Help the school win a trophy this Summer

The trophy goes to the primary school in each area with the most number of **completers*** of the Summer Reading Challenge.

Teachers love it when their school wins a trophy!

Completers also get entered into a prize draw to win a **karaoke machine!**

*This normally means reading six books.

Reading Libraries

Free READ to the BEAT

Join the Summer Reading Challenge

- Join at your local library
- Starter pack includes bookmark and magazine
- Stickers and digital prizes after every two books read*
- Certificate and medal when Challenge completed PLUS karaoke machine prize draw
- Events bookable at each library
- Use the QR code to register in advance

*Books can be from any source and includes digital and all formats and genres. Stickers are normally given at every visit/2 books read and the Challenge is completed after 3 visits/6 books read but the target can be tailored to each child

Reading Libraries

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.

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)




Our School Day



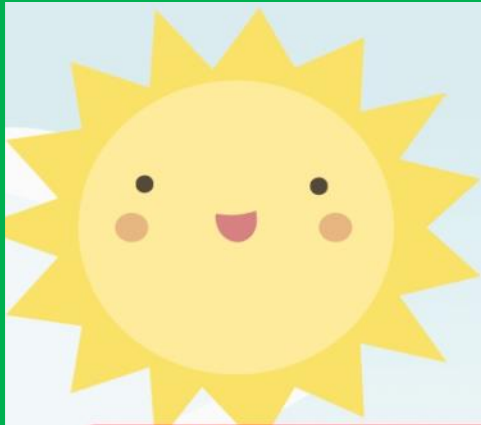
Nursery (Ladybirds and Caterpillars)
 Morning Session: 8:30am - 11:30am
 Afternoon Session: 11:30pm - 3:15pm
 Funded Day: 9:00am - 3:00pm
 Extended Day: 8:30am - 3:15pm* (additional charge)

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: 3:10pm

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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**

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

Rabbit Class

who had a fantastic attendance
this week of **99.1%**



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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Website: www.darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk | Facebook: www.facebook.com/DarnhallPrimarySchool



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.

Need help with school uniform?

We're here for you.

Paying for school uniform can be difficult.
You're not alone – support is available to
help your child feel ready for school.

School Uniform Support

We provide free school uniform items
to families who need extra support.

We can help your child go to school with
what they need – without added
financial stress.



→ **Apply now**

Apply before 31 July 2026

- ✓ Quick and simple application
- ✓ Takes just a few minutes

Scan the QR code
to apply

What we provide



New and pre-loved
school uniform



Support for
primary and
secondary school
children



Some secondary
school logo
uniform



Items provided using
donations first, then
purchased if needed



Who can apply

You can apply if:

- You live in Cheshire West and Chester
- Your child attends school in the area
- You do not need to be on benefits



How it works

- 1 Apply online
- 2 We review your application
- 3 We confirm what we can provide
- 4 You receive a collection code by text



Collecting your uniform

- Collection from Wyvern House, Winsford
- We will contact you when your items are ready

Need help?

- ☎ 07835 851908
- ✉ info@gubco.org



Important to know

- Most items are included (not bags or coats)
- Primary school logo items are not included as standard (may be considered if required by the school)
- Up to 4 logo items for secondary school children
- We use donated items first
- Please check sizes carefully before ordering



Need extra help?

There is more support available for you and your family, including:

- Benefits and cost of living support
- Emergency help and grants
- Free school meals and food support
- Holiday activities for children

Scan the QR code for links to all support services.



Green Uniform and Baby Co.

Winsford Cross Shopping Centre
Unit 28, Dingle Lane
Winsford, CW7 1BA





**SATURDAY
25TH JULY 2026**

**11AM – 4PM
TOWN PARK**

LIVE MUSIC • STALLS • BARS • FAIRGROUND RIDES

SPONSORED BY



**Friends of
Winsford
Town Park**

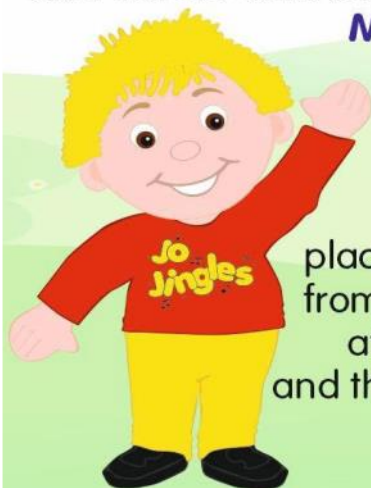


➤ FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! ➤



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

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 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	

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