

Weekly Bulletin no.144

Friday 11th Sept 2026



Welcome back to all of our lovely children and a huge welcome to our new starters! It has been wonderful to see the children settling in so well to their new classes and they have already been producing lots of wonderful work in our first week. For any new families, you will have received a **ParentPay letter**. It is really important that you set this up as a lot of our school communication is sent through this app. **Tapestry and Class Dojo** are apps that we also use as a way of communicating key messages with parents and carers. If you have not received an invite for Dojo please let us know. Once you have received your email invite, please follow the steps to set these up.

We have an **open morning** on Saturday 12th September. Please let your friends who may have children that are due to start nursery or who are coming up to school starting age, know. People can have a tour around our school and get to meet our fabulous team of staff.

To **ALL** children returning to school



If you see any of the following:

- Another child struggling to make friends
- A child being picked on
- A child who is new, shy, or not with the 'in crowd'
- A child who is eating lunch alone

Be a leader! **Be a warrior!**

Say hi. Smile at them.
Ask if you can sit with them.
Include them.
You never know what that child is facing inside or outside school.



Saturday 12th September

OPEN MORNING—9.30AM—11.30AM

Tuesday 15th September

DROP IN SESSION WITH EARLY HELP NAVIGATORS—KS2 STAFF ROOM

8.45AM—9.45AM

Friday 25th September

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

9AM—10AM

Friday 2nd October

NSPCC KINDNESS CHALLENGE—
DONATIONS ON PARENTPAY

8.30AM—10AM IN KS2 HALL4

Friday 9th October

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Wear Yellow

Thursday 15th October

HARVEST STAY AND PLAY FOR RECEPTION

2.15PM RECEPTION CLASSROOM

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September 2026
9-10am

Our Y5 and Y6 pupil leaders will be on hand to help serve drinks and cake.

This is an adults only event.

Please book your place costing £5 per person on EventBrite

KS2 Hall

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2000257407752?aff=oddtcreator>

Drop in session with the Early Help Family Link Workers

Tuesday 15th September 2026
8.45am to 9.45am in the KS2 Building

The Early Help Family Link Workers can support with:

- 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 Family Link Workers, please scan the QR code below for details of drop-in sessions in your area or to request an appointment.

Treats and coffee available.

Huge congratulations to one of our year 6 students who came runner up in designing a prosthetic leg. He and his family travelled all the way to Newport for the presentation.



BAPO Regional Conference Wales
Friday 4th September

HandGen2
The World Designed for Life.

Draw Your Superhero

Flipper foot to increase speed, and efficiency in the water.
Made from a combination of titanium, aluminium, carbon fiber, silicone, and special polyurethanes for water resistant and rust resistant composite.
Can be used in fresh, salt and chlorinated water without losing function. Ultra light weight and comfortable.

THE ENTRY "Zander Man"
DESIGNED BY: Alexander Kingston
SCHOOL: Damhall Primary School

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 **COMPETITION TIME!**
Win a copy of the latest **Gruffalo Granny** book!

Let your imagination run wild!

DRAW IT
COLLAGE IT
MAKE A MODEL OF THE GRUFFALO

Be Creative Have Fun Make a Difference

GRUFFALO GRANNY
JULIA DONALDSON AXEL SCHEFFLER
A brand new adventure with the much-loved Gruffalo family!

Entries to the school offices by Monday 21st September 2026

Winners will be announced that week!

Reading Sparks Big Imaginations

 **FAMILY HARVEST ART COMPETITION**
Healthy Children Happier Futures

CREATE A Healthy Eating poster as a family to be in with a chance to win a yummy healthy hamper!

DRAW COLLAGE MAKE A MODEL AS F FAMILY!

EAT WELL BE HAPPY

GOOD FOOD BRIGHT FUTURES

Healthy Choices Brighter Futures

Entries to the school offices by Thursday 8th October 2026

Let's get creative as a family!

 **Tea with Mrs T!**
All Parents and Carers Welcome!

Stronger Together Brighter Futures

A Cuppa
A Chat
A Stronger School Community

Meet Chat Connect Belong
Everyone Matters

COSTA

Mrs T invites you to Costa for a well-being cuppa and chat

Friday 18th September 9:15 - 10:15am

The Costa near Aldi

Email contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to come.

Come and be part of it!

Seaside Fun for All the Family! **BLACKPOOL COMMUNITY DAY OUT** **Make Memories Together**

Enjoy the day in Blackpool and see the Blackpool Illuminations!

FAMILY OF FOUR JUST £10
ADDITIONAL SPACES ARE £3 EACH

BRIGHTER DAYS TOGETHER

A Great Day Awaits!

Famous Lights Iconic Views Unforgettable Memories

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026
COACH LEAVES DARNHALL SCHOOL LANE AT 10 A.M. **OR** **ALTERNATIVE PICK UP THE GATE PUB DELAMERE STREET AT 10:10 A.M.** **LEAVES BLACKPOOL AGAIN AROUND 6 P.M. (DROP OFF THE SAME AS PICK-UPS)**

BOOK VIA Eventbrite **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**

Explore Shop Relax Enjoy

★ BEACH FUN ★ ATTRACTIONS ★ SHOPPING ★ THE ICONIC ILLUMINATIONS ★ FAMILY TIME

BRIGHTER COMMUNITIES ♥ HAPPIER DAYS ♥ TOGETHER



Together
we can
make a
difference
♡

Want to join our **GARDEN GANG?**

PLANT
GROW
LEARN
TOGETHER

Mrs Healey is looking to
develop our school garden
and create a potting shed.



Parents and carers
if you enjoy gardening
and you can spare
some time please
get in touch!
♡

✉ contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk

Small hands ♡ Big changes ♡ Brighter futures



DARNHALL

NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



AUTUMN TERM

CLASS P.E. TIMETABLE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Centipede	Bear	Otter	Bear	Centipede
Otter	Owl	Rabbit	Owl	Rabbit
Grasshopper	Badger	Badger	Grasshopper	Bumblebee
Bumblebee	Squirrel	Fox	Squirrel	Beaver
Beaver	Spider	Hedgehog	Fox	Spider
	Hedgehog			



**BE ACTIVE
BE HEALTHY
BE YOUR BEST!**



★ RESPECT

♥ KINDNESS

★ ASPIRATION

👥 TEAMWORK

DARNHALL NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL FOREST SCHOOL TIMETABLE

Every child
has this
once a
fortnight
this —
(except Owl
class is
weekly)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A 7/9/26	Bear	Centipede Otter	Rabbit Owl	Ladybird Caterpillar Nurseries	Grasshopper Badger
Week B 14/9/26	Squirrel	Dragonfly Fox	Butterfly Owl	Bumblebee Beaver	Spider Hedgehog
Week A 21/9/26	Bear	Centipede Otter	Rabbit Owl	Ladybird Caterpillar Nurseries	Grasshopper Badger
Week B 28/9/26	Squirrel	Dragonfly Fox	Butterfly Owl	Bumblebee Beaver	Spider Hedgehog
Week A 5/10/26	Bear	Centipede Otter	Rabbit Owl	Ladybird Caterpillar Nurseries	Grasshopper Badger
Week B 12/10/26	Squirrel	Dragonfly Fox	Butterfly Owl	Bumblebee Beaver	Spider Hedgehog
Week A 19/10/26	Bear	Centipede Otter	Rabbit Owl	Ladybird Caterpillar Nurseries	Grasshopper Badger
Week B 2/11/26	Squirrel	Dragonfly Fox	Butterfly Owl	Bumblebee Beaver	Spider Hedgehog
Week A 9/11/26	Bear	Centipede Otter	Rabbit Owl	Ladybird Caterpillar Nurseries	Grasshopper Badger
Week B 16/11/26	Squirrel	Dragonfly Fox	Butterfly Owl	Bumblebee Beaver	Spider Hedgehog
Week A 23/11/26	Bear	Centipede Otter	Rabbit Owl	Ladybird Caterpillar Nurseries	Grasshopper Badger
Week B 30/11/26	Squirrel	Dragonfly Fox	Butterfly Owl	Bumblebee Beaver	Spider Hedgehog
Week A 7/12/26	Bear	Centipede Otter	Rabbit Owl	Ladybird Caterpillar Nurseries	Grasshopper Badger
Week B 14/12/26	Squirrel	Dragonfly Fox	Butterfly Owl	Bumblebee Beaver	Spider Hedgehog

Learning, exploring and growing
together in the great outdoors!

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

Whole School Open Morning

Saturday 12th September 2026

9:30am - 11:30am

Headteacher presentation at 10am (optional)

Come along and meet our fabulous teaching team and see our inclusive learning environment - everyone welcome!

Headteacher presentation will be held in the KS2 hall on the Sandyhill Road site.

Darnhall Nursery and Primary School,
Sandyhill Road, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 1JL

Tel: 01606 593315 | Email: contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk



**Claim
your FREE
goody
bag**



Whole School Open Evening

Tuesday 10th November 2026

4:30pm - 7pm

Headteacher presentation at 6pm (optional)

Come along and meet our fabulous teaching team and see our inclusive learning environment - everyone welcome!

Headteacher presentation will be held in the KS2 hall on the Sandyhill Road site.

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goody
bag**



A big well done to this week's
attendance winners

Otter 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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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)

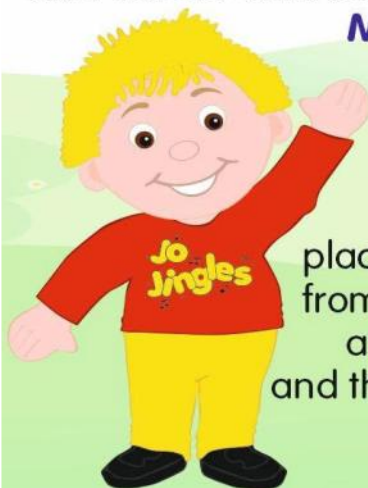
We offer Breakfast
Club on both sites
starting at 8am.

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 2026/2027



HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
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	

Inset Days 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026 Tuesday 20th July 2027
 Monday 2nd November 2026 Wednesday 21st July 2027
 Monday 19th July 2027

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