

Weekly Bulletin no.145

Friday 18th Sept 2026



Thank you to all our children who attended last Saturday morning for our **Open Morning**. They really are a credit to you and to us! We had a lot of prospective families visit our school, and we can't wait to see more at our Open Evening in November. **After school clubs** have now started and what a variety of clubs we have! We have a few places left in some of our clubs, please contact the KS2 office for Information. A reminder for Years 5 & 6 — **High School open days** and evenings are coming up and it's time to apply for your preferred **High School**. Here is a link to a good website for help with this: [Secondary Booklet Sep25](#)

If your child is also due to start **Reception in September 2027** the window for applying is also open.

Fish and Chip SUPPER

Friday 16th October 2026
5pm - 6pm

Families are invited!

FREE!

100 PLACES

Come along and enjoy a family meal on us!

Book your place via EventBrite.

Please add a note of any allergies when booking.

KS2 hall.

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

Monday/ Tuesday 19th & 20th October

PARENT / CARER EVENING

Thursday 22nd October

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 23rd October

SCHOOL CLOSURES at 2pm —END OF TERM

Centipede Class

They have been rewarded with
15 minutes of extra outdoor play.



Since returning we have had some fantastic attendance and very few children arriving late. A quick reminder that our school day for all children starts at 8.30am, and it is an important routine for children to arrive on time and join their line and enter school together. Children who arrive late can often feel embarrassed entering a settled class.

Anyone who struggles please reach out to us, and we can help! Contact school, either the attendance phone 07754 559291, or ask for Family Support.

Special mention to the following classes for last week: Butterfly, Centipede, Bumblebee, Otter, Rabbit, Squirrel and Bear Classes, all achieved over 96% Attendance, WELL DONE!

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.



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>



ADHD Awareness Month

Monday 5th October

Children are invited to **wear something orange** with their uniform and will learn facts about ADHD in assembly.

ADHD is part of who some of our friends, classmates and family members are. By learning more, we can be kinder, more understanding and help everyone to feel included at Darnhall Nursery & Primary School.

Celebrate Differences

Be Kind
Be Understanding
Be Inclusive
Be a Good Friend

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Is your child starting Reception in September 2027?

Stay and Play for Prospective Families

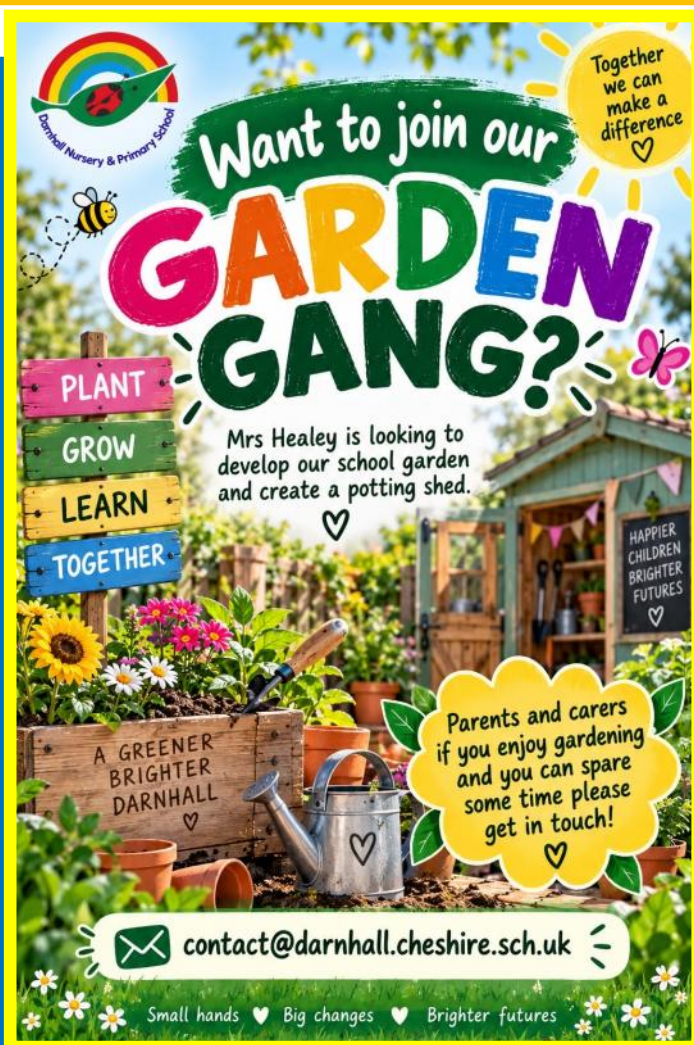
Wednesday 21st October 2026, 3:45pm- 4:30pm

Please join us at our 'Stay and Play' session for Reception 2027 new starters. Prospective Nursery children and their families are also welcome to attend.

Bring your little ones to a 'Stay and Play' session and enjoy our EYFS provision.

- Tour the indoor and outdoor EYFS areas.
- Meet the Head Teacher, Assistant Head Teacher and Reception Teachers.

Book your place by contacting the School Office- contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk



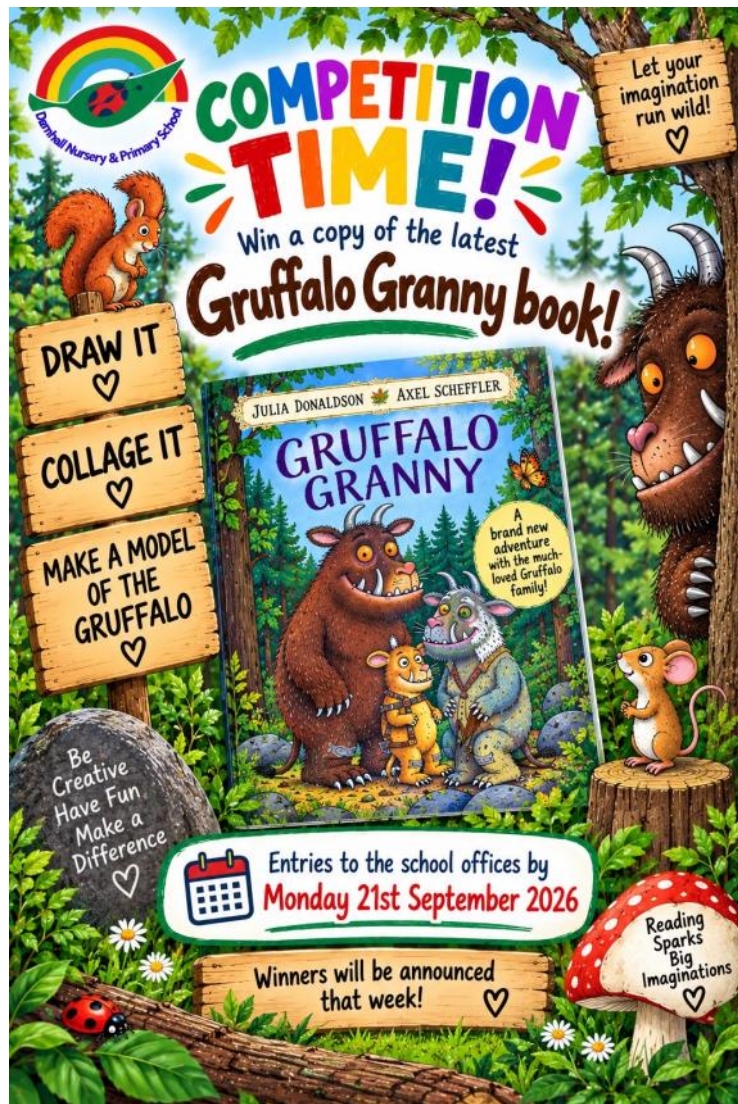
Want to join our GARDEN GANG?

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



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.

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

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your FREE
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Pirates & Princesses



Thursday 1st October 2026

MAIN COURSE

Treasure Chest Golden Chicken Coins Served with Blackbeard's Twists and Shipmates Sweetcorn, Buccaneers Beans or Swash Buckling Salad

Vegetarian option Available

Royal Deli served with Various Fillings and a side Salad

Captain Jacket Potato Selection served with Various Fillings and a side Salad

DESSERT

Pirates' Gold Cookie

Fruit Platter





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.



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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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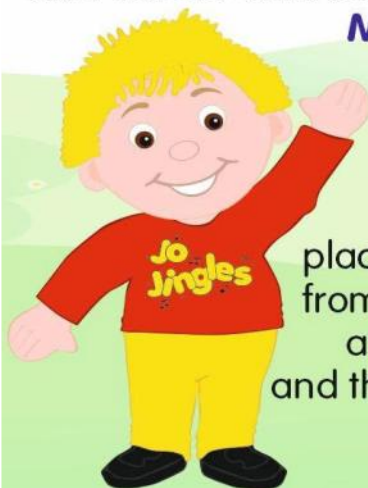
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sessions for parents
and carers with babies and toddlers!

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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Holiday Dates 2027/2028



HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
Autumn Term	-	Monday 6th September 2027
Autumn Half Term	Friday 22nd October 2027	Monday 1st November 2027
Christmas	Friday 17th December 2027	Tuesday 4th January 2028
Spring Half Term	Friday 11th February 2028	Monday 21st February 2028
Spring Break	Friday 31st March 2028	Tuesday 18th April 2028
May Day Weekend	Closed: Monday 1st May 2028	
Summer Half Term	Friday 26th May 2028	Monday 5th June 2028
Summer	Thursday 20th July 2028	

Inset Days 2027/2028

Wednesday 1st September 2027
 Thursday 2nd September 2027
 Friday 3rd September 2027

Friday 7th July 2028
 Friday 21st July 2028

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SALT FAIR

A DAY OF COMMUNITY & FAMILY FUN!



**SATURDAY 19TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**

TOWN PARK, WINSFORD

3PM – 7PM

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

FOOD & DRINK FOR ALL

MARKET STALLS & CRAFTS

CHILDREN'S RIDES & ACTIVITIES

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



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