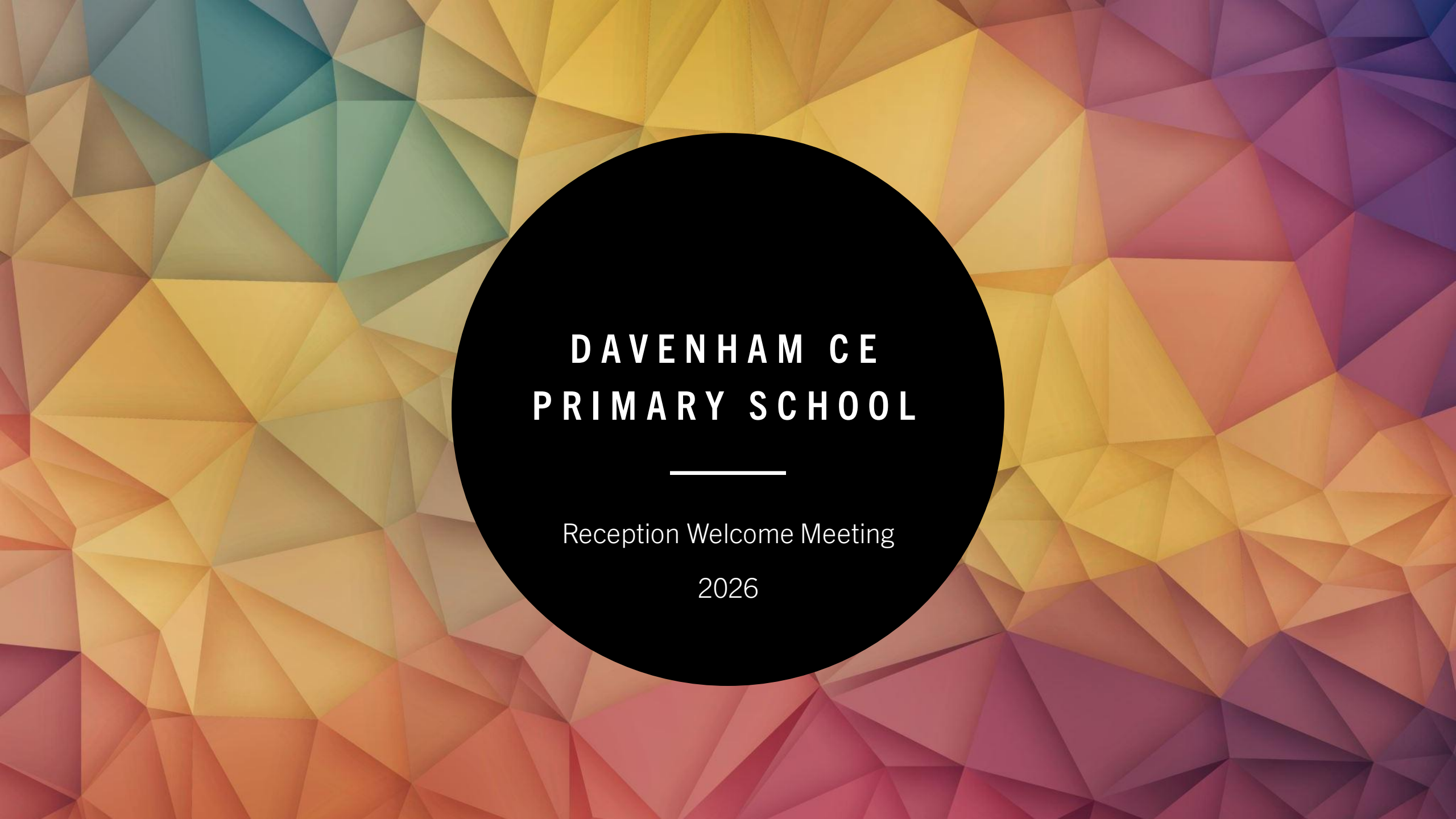




DAVENHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Welcome Meeting

2026



Davenham Church of England Primary School

"Working Together, Playing Together, Serving God and Serving Others"

"...encourage one another and build one another up..."

1 Thessalonians 5:11.



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A WELCOME BY MRS HYSLOP HEAD TEACHER





A tour of our lovely EYFS
Department!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMQb3cpvcnc>

WE CANNOT WAIT FOR YOU TO
VISIT WITH YOUR CHILD NEXT
WEEK PARENTS/CARERS TO
ATTEND THIS WITH THEIR
CHILD.

MONDAY 29TH JUNE
3.30PM TO 4.30PM

ENTER SCHOOL THROUGH THE
TOP GATE SO THE CHILDREN
KNOW WHERE TO GO ON THEIR
VISIT DAY



The video provides a great
visual at home to help your
child familiarise themselves
with our setting.



VISIT DAY WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

A CHANCE TO MEET US AND GET TO KNOW
THEIR NEW CLASSROOM BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

GROUP A Children who attend Chrysalis, Busy Bees or Tilly Tots nurseries should attend 9.00am – 10.15am Please come to the top gate. Please pick up from under the EYFS canopy on the playground.

GROUP B Children who attend all other nurseries / settings should attend the second session. 10.30am – 11.45am

If you are struggling to attend at your allotted time please to speak to Miss Phillips at the end of the meeting.



Please arrive with your child at the top gate for your allotted time and arrive at school at the collection time to get your child from the green gate by the classroom, entering school through the top gate again.

The best thing is to drop them off and try to move away quickly – the adults will be there to see them in and check they are ok! The children will be probably be braver than you! 😊

We promise if they do not settle we will ring you.

Your child only needs to bring a water bottle with them on their visit day.

Your child is to wear their own clothes on this day they do not need to be in uniform.

TRANSITION INTO SCHOOL

From Weds 2nd Sep
Children can select a
school lunch or bring a
packed lunch.

Menus will be available on
the website.

Gate opens at 8.30am and
children will be in all day.
*There will be no half day
sessions.

Drop off at the top gate and
pick up at 3.20pm from under
the canopy area.

Children should be brought to the top gate each day from 2nd September. Reception staff will be on hand to assist but we do ask that you leave as quickly as possible as this causes the least amount of distress to the children. If you need morning or afterschool club provision please speak to Mrs Hyslop at the end of the meeting. Our club is called HYYGE.



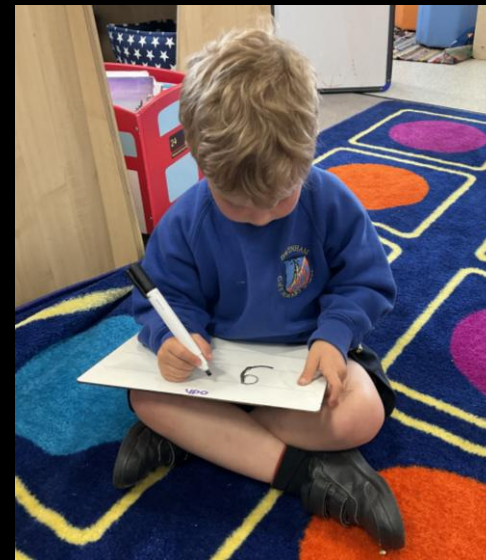
ROUTINES

- In September / October time we will hold an information evening for maths, RWI phonics, reading and work at home expectations etc. We wait until then because for now we just want to help the parents/carers and children feel happy and settled!
- The children will have an hour lunchtime play. We do not stop for a play in the morning as the children will be very busy playing in their learning environment. We have balance bikes that the children can use during provision time.
- Your child will stop for a snack; this snack must be provided from home please. It needs to be a healthy snack.
- Your child will access to their water bottle all day, please only put water in their bottles not juice.
- The children will be offered a hot dinner every day or they can bring sandwiches from home in a named lunch box. Please check the menu carefully to ensure if your child is having a hot dinner they like the options. If you send in a packed lunch from home do not send in fizzy sweets, fizzy drinks or lollies.
- The children will arrive at school through the top gate and walk down to the classroom, put their belongings in their locker, then play on the playground until the whistle is blown at 8.45am. When the Reception children are new it is usually better to bring them about 8.40am.
- There is a stop and drop car parking system in a morning or you can walk your child to the gate. Reception staff will be available at the gate to support the transition into school.
- At 3.20, parents/carers will come onto the playground and children will be dismissed from the green gate. Please wave to the adult when your child reaches the front of the line to let the adult know you are collecting that child. Please refrain from waving until your child is at the front. If it is not you collecting or they going home with another parent/carer you must email the class teacher.

Life of a Reception Child

ENRICHED CURRICULUM
DAILY WORSHIP
CHILD LED PROVISION
READ WRITE INC PHONICS
DRAWING CLUB ENGLISH
NUMICON MATHS

OUT OF SCHOOL VISITS
EXPERIENCE DAYS IN SCHOOL
SPORTS DAY
STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS





OUR JOB AS LITTLE PEOPLE IN RECEPTION
IS TO EXPLORE, PLAY, USE OUR
IMAGINATION, GET MESSY, HAVE FUN AND
LEARN.

DUE TO THIS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO DESIGN
A RECEPTION UNIFORM THAT ALLOWS THE
CHILDREN THE FREEDOM TO PLAY!

THIS UNIFORM CONTINUES INTO YEAR 1 AND
YEAR 2.

WE WILL BE SELLING PRE LOVED UNIFORM
AT THE STAY AND PLAY AND ASKING FOR A
SMALL MONETARY DONATION.

UNIFORM

Navy round neck t shirt with school logo
(not the traditional polo shirt)

School royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with
school logo

School reversible parker coat with school logo
(please can all children have this as their school coat – it has
a hood and is waterproof)

Navy joggers (available with school logo but may wear any
navy joggers)

*Navy school shorts/skorts are optional. Blue
Gingham Summer dresses when very hot.*

Navy waterproof trousers – THESE WILL BE
KEPT IN SCHOOL

Blue, white, black or navy trainers (Velcro please
– please only send laces if your child can tie
laces)

Wellies – THESE WILL BE KEPT IN SCHOOL
Any colour/ design.

What will my child need?

Please label everything! It helps when returning missing items to children.

They will need a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers bringing into school to keep in their locker. Please could you also send in spare trouser, socks and underwear. Please send these in during the first week.

A named water bottle to be brought in daily- please only put water or flavoured water in the bottle.

A Davenham book bag to be brought to school daily. We will give them a reading folder which must be brought in daily.
(Must not send a backpack)

Please send your child with a healthy snack each day. In line with current choking prevention guidance, please ensure foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar small round fruits are cut lengthways. **DO NOT SEND NUTS OR SESAME PRODUCTS.** We will send further guidance in September. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

If your child needs medication or an inhaler please sign these in with a first aider at the office. Do not send them in with your child.

On very warm days, children may need a hat and sun cream applying at home. They do not need an umbrella on rainy days.

PARENT / TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- All communication to your child's class teacher should be via email. Email addresses will be provided. This might be if something has happened at home that we need to know about, they are feeling unwell or if someone different is picking up. We only let your child go home with a new adult if we have been told by you.
- You can talk to the teacher at the end of the school day once the children have been seen out or make an appointment for a meeting if more time is needed.
- A weekly school Newsletter - this contains vital information. It is emailed out every week and a copy placed on Google Classroom.
- **Google Classroom.** This is the main communication tool for teachers to parents. Each class has a Class Page, and this is where you will find specific information about your child's class. Important messages and reminders are uploaded to this platform. We will also share some photos each week of what we have been doing in class. You can download this an app on your phone and turn on notifications so you don't miss anything.
- Please make sure that we have up to date contact numbers for you as sometimes we will send out text messages.
- Email - letters are emailed out to parents via the Website (school spider). Please make sure that we have the correct email address for you.

PARENT / TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- Our Website www.davenhamcofeprimary.com There is also a School Spider App which can be used on phones.
- Arbor – This is our new system and you will receive information in September about this.
- FODS Facebook Page. FODS – Friends of Davenham – this is our PTA and they set up lots of lovely events across a year, if you would like to join FODs please let me know, we welcome new members.
- Come and Join us sessions and Family Services – dates are sent out in September for these.
- You are invited into school to be a mystery reader.
- In September we hold a “when I grow up” fortnight and parents/carers/family members are invited to come in and talk about their jobs.
- As a church school, our local parish church is Saint Wilfrid’s in Davenham. There is a family friendly service every Sunday at 11.00am which includes songs and crafts for children. This session lasts 40 minutes.

WHAT DOES SCHOOL READINESS LOOK LIKE?

School readiness is not about being able to read, write or count before starting school. It is about children developing the skills they need to be happy, confident and independent learners.

- **A School-Ready Child Can:**

- 🧥 Put on and take off their coat.
- 🚽 Use the toilet independently and wash their hands.
- 🍏 Open their lunchbox, snack and water bottle. Eat with a knife and fork.
- 🗣️ Talk about their needs, feelings and interests.
- 👂 Listen to simple instructions and follow them.
- 🤝 Take turns and begin to share with others.
- 😊 Separate from their parent or carer with increasing confidence.
- 📖 Enjoy looking at books, stories and songs.
- 🎨 Join in with play, exploration and new experiences.
- 💪 Keep trying when things are tricky.

How Can You Help?

- Encourage independence at home.
- Read and share stories every day.
- Talk together throughout the day.
- Play games that involve taking turns.
- Give your child opportunities to make choices and solve problems.
- The most important thing is that children arrive at school feeling confident, curious and ready to learn.

DEVELOPING OUR MUSCLES

Fine Motor Skills Matter!

- ✏ Before children can write, they need to develop strong fine motor skills.
- 👉 Fine motor skills use the small muscles in the hands and fingers.
- ☀ These skills help children become confident and independent learners.

Try these activities at home:

Playdough
Threading
Cutting with scissors
Building and junk modelling
Stickers
Water spraying
Sand or shaving foam tracing
Scooping and pouring
Pattern making
Remember...

🏃 Gross motor skills come first!

Encourage:

Outdoor play

Climbing

Running and jumping

Balance bikes and scooters



Strong bodies help create strong writers! Writers are not built at tables with pencils!

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Communication & Language

🗣️ Communication is at the heart of learning and wellbeing.

📖 Children's vocabulary grows quickly:

Age 1: around 50 words

Age 3: around 1,000 words

Age 5: around 10,000 words

💡 Strong communication skills support:

Learning

Reading

Writing

Confidence

Friendships

How can you help?

💬 Model good language

📖 Read, read, read!

🎵 Sing songs and nursery rhymes

💡 Listen and chat together

💡 Remember the 3:1 Rule — explained in the handout.

Make 3 comments for every 1 question you ask.

"Language is the foundation for learning."





BIRTHDAY TREAT!

BIRTHDAY DRESS UP DAY

We offer an optional wear your own clothes on your birthday day.

For those children who have a birthday over the weekend they can wear their own clothes on the Monday after.

If a birthday falls during half term, they can wear their own clothes on the first day of the week following half term. If their birthday is in the Summer holidays, they can wear their own clothes any day of the first week back in September.



SUMMER CHALLENGE



ALL ABOUT ME!

Just to help us in getting to know your child and support your child talking about themselves in front of others we are going to set you a little challenge

With your child can you make something to show us more about your child. This could be in a glass jar, in a shoebox, on a video that you email to us, on a poster you have made. The how is up to you! Feel free to get creative.

The children can bring this in with them on **wb 7.9.26** we do a circle time with their share and then we display them in school and send them home again after a few weeks.

Consider things like ...

Siblings, hobbies, talents, favourite things, pets, fun facts etc

FODS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- If you wish to join Friends of Davenham School (Our PTA) please email head@davenhamce.Cheshire.sch.uk to express your interest and one of our FODs members will get in touch. FODs are always looking for people to join them.



FODS parent and carer volunteers play a vital role in organising events that not only bring our community together but also raise essential funds. These funds directly benefit all our children, enhancing their experiences within our school environment.

A few things our FODS school charity has paid for:



FRIENDS OF DAVENHAM SCHOOL

FODS
Putting Fun into Fundraising

Please follow us on Facebook
to find out about all our events
@FriendsofDavenhamSchool

As pupils leave school, FODS inevitably loses members. We therefore need new people to join us each year allowing us to continue to raise money for our children's enjoyment.

If you think you would like to get involved with your school charity, here are just a few ways in which you could make a huge difference:

- ✓ Offer ideas and skills to put an event together
- ✓ Set up for an event
- ✓ Pick up refreshments & food
- ✓ Organise raffles
- ✓ Serve at an event bar
- ✓ Man a stall
- ✓ Tidy up after an event

Over the last
6 years FODS have
raised a HUGE
£60,434
for our school

If you'd like to learn more about being part of FODS, please email:
head@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk
Or ask at the office to get in touch with a FODS member. Thank you!

You can also support us via:



easyfundraising

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THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING.

ANY QUESTIONS?

I will save this PPT on the
Davenham CE School website under
— EYFS — WELCOME TO EYFS

