

Weekly Bulletin no.85

Friday 24th January 2025



This week our **Year 6 Booster Clubs** started and the children have made a great start to these. If you would like your child to attend, please email contact@darnhall.sch.uk.

We now have our **spring term after school clubs** available to book on ParentPay which are due to **start 3rd February**. Please remember when booking, if your child is in years 4- 6, to state whether or not your child can walk home after the

The poster is titled 'The Attendance Alligator' in large, colorful letters. It features a friendly green cartoon alligator on the left and a tall, colorful tower of blocks on the right. The school logo is in the top right corner. The text explains that school day starts at 8:30am and that missing school leads to learning gaps and lower attainment. A yellow banner at the bottom reads 'BE SNAPPY! BE ON TIME!'.

The Attendance Alligator

The school day starts at **8:30am**.

Each time your child is absent or late for school they miss a vital block of learning. Each year their new learning blocks build upon the last year's blocks.
Being absent from school = learning gaps and lower attainment.

BE SNAPPY! BE ON TIME!

Coming up...

Monday 27th January

Centipede Class
Parent/Carer Lunch
KS1, 11:40am

Monday 3rd February

Dragonfly Class
Parent/Carer Lunch
KS1, 11:40am

Thursday 13th February

Valentines Disco

Reception to Year 6
(See attached leaflet for details)

A big well done to this week's attendance winners

BUTTERFLY CLASS

Butterfly Class had a fantastic attendance this week of

98%.

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



Here is the link to our

Wrap-around Care booking system

<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.



HAF Feedback

If your child attended any of our HAF funded Christmas Activities over the Christmas period, please could you complete the attached survey. We welcome any feedback to ensure that we can continue to run these amazing activities for the children and to make any improvements going forward.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/WKfrmZi1mq>

1-1 Guitar and Ukulele



Lessons are available in school.

Lessons are priced at £13 for 30 minutes.

To arrange a lesson, please contact

Mr Lambert by email:
alambert@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk



Drop-in session with **School Nurse** - **Nicola Bradshaw**

Parents and carers can drop in for advice on continence, fussy eaters, sleep, dental hygiene and headlice.

If you can not make any of the drop in sessions, please contact the family support team via contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk and we can make a referral to the school nurse.

Friday 18th October 2024	Friday 14th March 2025
Friday 13th December 2024	Friday 2nd May 2025
Friday 24th January 2025	Friday 4th July 2025

KS2 staffroom from 8:40am

World of Work Week 2025:

We are holding another wonderful World of Work Week from the **10th February—14th February**. This is a wonderful week where we provide our children with opportunities to learn about different careers.

If there are any parents or carers who are able to give up some of their time to talk about their careers/jobs, we will be very grateful. If you are not able to volunteer but potentially have some contacts regarding World of Work Week, please send an email to contact@darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk

Please follow this link to a Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/p3sNYkPKnbX1JsnQ6>

Valentine Discos



Thursday 13th February 2025

Early Years Building

Reception Classes:

4:00-5:00pm

(Nursery Classes are having their own event. See separate flyer.)

Year 1 & 2 Classes:

5:15-6:15pm

Key Stage 2 Building

Years 3 & 4 Classes

4:30-5:30pm

Years 5 & 6

5:40-6:40pm

**Just £1 each
pay on the door!**

Due to the size of the halls and the number of children we

have four sessions so it's more enjoyable for the children.

On sale on the night: snacks, drinks and glow sticks

STRICTLY NO MOBILE PHONES



Darnhall Nursery & Primary School

LADYBIRD & CATERPILLAR NURSERY CLASSES



On **Friday 14th February 2025**, we would like to invite someone special to your child to come into Nursery for a Valentine's theme 'Stay and Play' session.

'Stay and Play' sessions are a really useful way of you getting to see the nursery environment and having the chance to share in your child's nursery experience. The stay and play experience is about getting involved in the session and playing alongside your child. It can be a bit daunting for young children if lots of adults just stand at the side of the classroom observing play.

Stay and play times will be
10:30-11:15am for **MORNING** nursery children
2:15-3:00pm for **AFTERNOON** nursery children
*(parents/ carers of children who stay all day
can choose either session to attend).*

Due to the number of children we now have in nursery we must ask that no younger siblings attend stay and play sessions.

Please note: absolutely NO mobile phones will be allowed to come into nursery due to safeguarding.

Please let Mrs Perrin or Mrs Young know if someone will be attending. Due to space we are asking for only ONE special someone per child to attend.



NEXT WEEKS LUNCH MENU—WEEK COMMENCING 27th JANUARY 2025

WEEK 1

Choice 1

Choice 2

Dessert

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Homemade Sausage Roll served with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans



Tomato & Mascarpone Cheese Pasta served with Garlic & Herb Bread and Seasonal Vegetables



Roast Chicken served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy



Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetable or Hot Pizza Baguette served with Carrot & Cucumber Sticks



Battered Fish (MSC) served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

VEGETARIAN VERSION OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE DAILY



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad



Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad



Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad



Ice Cream & Fruit



Chocolate Mudslider



Trio of Melon



Cheese & Crackers



Butterscotch Biscuit

AVAILABLE DAILY – UNLIMITED SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, FRUIT YOGHURT, FRESH FRUIT PLATTER & CHILLED WATER. FOR ALLERGEN INFORMATION, PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR CATERING TEAM. ALL THE ABOVE DISHES ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

LUNCH MENU



Darnhall Primary School

WEEKS 2 LUNCH MENU—WEEK COMMENCING 3rd FEBRUARY 2025

WEEK 2

Choice 1

Choice 2

Dessert

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Beef Burger served in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans



Mac 'n' Cheese served with Garlic & Herb Bread and Seasonal Vegetables



Honey Roast Gammon served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy



Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetable or Hot Cheese & Ham Wrap served with Carrot & Cucumber Sticks



Fish Fingers served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans

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Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad



Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard



Chocolate Swirl



Apple & Grape Pot



Jelly & Fruit




Shortbread Finger

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LUNCH MENU



Darnhall Primary School



Cheshire West & Chester Council

Important
information for
parents or carers

Starting Primary School in September 2025

**Do you have a child born
between 1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021 and
are you a Cheshire West
and Chester resident?**

YES – from 1 September
2024 you must apply for
a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.2% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for reception applications 15 January 2025

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions



Cheshire West
and Chester

NEXT years school holiday dates

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

Dream, Believe, Learn, Achieve

February Half-Term **STEM** Skill Clubs

17th - 21st February 2025

Grange School Sports Centre,
Bradburn's Lane, Hartford, CW8 1LU

**Holiday clubs
for
8 to 13 year-olds**

- Sphero RVR+ Coding
- Engineering Big Build
- Make a Robot Orchestra
- Air Powered Vehicles
- FPV Drone Flying

Full details at
www.skillclubs.co.uk

- ✓ From £34 per day 9 - 4 pm (early drop and late pick up available). Discount for weekly booking
- ✓ OFSTED-registered & accepting childcare vouchers.
- ✓ All staff are experienced, DBS-checked, & first aid trained.

Now in
our 11th
year!





A free
course for
anyone aged
19 or over

Words for Life

Adult Reading and Writing

In a friendly and supportive environment, learn basic reading and writing skills through simple, practical lessons.

If you cannot read or write, or have very limited skills in these areas, this could be the right course for you.

Tuesdays
1pm - 3pm

Victoria Road Children's Centre
Northwich CW9 5UT

Just come along and start on
any Tuesday in January or
February 2025

**BRAND
NEW
CLUB!**

**STARTS
TUES
23/1/24**



Presenting...
**“JUNIOR TUESDAY
JUNCTION” CLUB**

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Junior's (8-11yrs): 5.30-7.15pm

Senior's (11-16yrs): 7.15-9.00pm

@ Wharton Library, Willow Square, CW7 3HP

**MEET WITH FRIENDS,
CHILL OUT
SPORTS, GAMES
ARTS & CRAFTS,
MUSIC & MORE!**

JUST £1 ENTRY

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**FREE TOAST,
HOT DRINKS AND
JUICE!**

**SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN
IN PRIMARY SCHOOL:
AGE 8-11YRS**

**&
HIGH SCHOOL
AGE 11-16YRS**

**PARENTS MUST COMPLETE A
REGISTRATION FORM AT DROP OFF.**

NO FORM = NO ENTRY!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO: 01606 659413



Winter Term 2025 Uniform Time Table



Please note, this rota will start from Monday 6th January 2025.

Class	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Ladybird Nursery	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Caterpillar Nursery	Uniform	Uniform	Forest School	Uniform	Uniform
Butterfly Class	Uniform	Forest School 25/02/25	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Dragonfly Class	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform	Forest School 27/02/25	Uniform
Centipede Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Forest School 13/02/25	PE Kit
Grasshopper Class	PE Kit	Forest School 11/02/25	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform
Bumblebee Class	PE Kit	Uniform	PE Kit	Forest School 06/02/25 & 03/04/25	Uniform
Spider Class	Uniform	Forest School 04/02/25 & 01/04/25	Uniform	PE Kit	PE Kit
Beaver Class	Uniform	Uniform	PE Kit	Forest School 30/01/25 & 27/03/25	PE Kit
Hedgehog Class	Uniform	Forest School 28/01/25 & 25/03/25	Uniform	PE Kit	PE Kit
Otter Class	PE Kit	Forest School 21/01/25 & 18/03/25	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform
Rabbit Class	PE Kit	PE Kit	Uniform	Forest School 23/01/25 & 20/03/25	Uniform
Squirrel Class	Uniform	Forest School 14/01/25 & 11/03/25	PE Kit	PE Kit	Uniform
Fox Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	Forest School 16/01/25 & 13/03/25	PE Kit
Badger Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Uniform	Forest School 09/01/25 & 06/03/25	PE Kit
Bear Class	PE Kit	Forest School 07/01/25 & 04/03/25	PE Kit	Uniform	Uniform
Owl Class	Uniform	PE Kit	Forest School	PE Kit	Uniform