

Weekly Bulletin no.86

Friday 31st January 2025



Our **spring term after school clubs** are starting this Monday— **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 club. One of our clubs is **FOREST SCHOOL**, who are appealing for the following objects to help with the club: NAILS, OLD PANS, TARPAULIN, FOAM TUBING. If anyone has any of these items we would be really grateful for them.

We have a fantastic opportunity for pupils to win some amazing prizes, all they have to do is come into school and on time! (see leaflet below)

You have to be in to win!



For every week that a pupil is in **AND** on time for the whole week, their name will go into the draw.

The more weeks that they achieve 100% weekly attendance the more chances they have to win one of five fan-dabi-dozi prizes.

You could be in with a chance to win one of five fantastic prizes – we have **2 x £50 Entertainer vouchers** and **3 x Easter activity hampers**.

Winners will be drawn before we break up at Easter.



Coming up...

Monday 3rd February

Dragonfly Class

Parent/Carer Lunch

KS1, 11:40am

Monday 10th February

Dragonfly Class

Parent/Carer Lunch

KS1, 11:40am

Thursday 13th February

Valentines Disco

Reception to Year 6

(See attached leaflet for details)

AFTER SCHOOL FREE ACTIVITIES - SPRING TERM



After School Clubs will run for the dates below and all finish at **4:00pm** . .

Please take note of the dates as not all clubs are every week due to other events such as the Valentines Disco.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 rd February 10 th February 24 th February 3 rd March 10 th March 17 th March	4 th February 11 th February 25 th February 4 th March 11 th March 18 th March	5 th February 12 th February 26 th February 5 th March 12 th March 19 th March	6 th February 27 th February 6 th March 13 th March 20 th March
Computing Miss Edge (Years 1 & 2) Puzzle Club Miss Harrison (Reception) Sketching Mrs Jardine (Years 1 & 2)	Watercolour Painting Miss Bradley (Year 1) BSL Mrs Grimshaw (Years 3-6)	Science Mrs Edwards (Year s) Play Dough Mrs Fife (Reception) Forest School Mr Byrne (Years 4-6) The Big Quiz Show Miss Jervis (Years 3-5) Outdoor Ball Games Mr Edwards (Years 3- 5)	Board Games Mrs Page (Years 1 & 2) Watercolour Painting Mrs Gibson (Years 5 & 6)

Miss Morris and Miss Walker are running Young Voices club, for children attending the event. Mr Dunning, Mr Baxendale, Miss Worden, Mrs Healey and Mrs Mulholland are running Year 6 booster clubs (a separate letter has gone home).

A big well done to this week's attendance winners

HEDGEHOG CLASS

Butterfly Class had a fantastic attendance this week of

96%.

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>

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 14th February 2025



Wear red or hearts to show
your love this Valentine's Day.

This Valentine's Day we would like to show our love and raise some funds to improve a facility that supports children across our area who have experienced difficulties and abuse.

Suggested donation £1

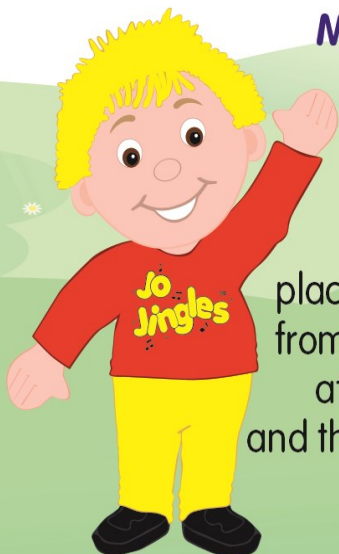


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sessions for parents
and carers with babies and toddlers!

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.

Coffee Afternoon SLEEP



Does your child experience difficulties
with sleep and bedtime routine?

In partnership with our local NHS Mental Health
Support Team, we are offering a parent support
coffee afternoon in school on
Wednesday 12th March
2.30pm - 3.15pm

This informal drop in session, is an opportunity for you
to come into school to speak about concerns you
may have about your child's sleep or bedtime routine.

Possible topics to discuss:

- **Whats normal**
- **Common sleep issues / possible causes**
- **Sleep stages / wakening**
- **Making changes / importance of routines**

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

You can book your child's place on ParentPay (we will also accept £1 on 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



Darrhall Nursery & Primary School

Children's Mental Health Week

3rd February - 7th February 2025



Competition:

We would like children and their families to create a new character that could be in the film 'Inside Out'.

All entries will be handed to Class Staff by **7th February 2025**.

Prizes will be awarded to the most creative entries.



Tea with Mrs T.

My door is open...Drop in for a cuppa and a chat with

Mrs T. on **Thursday 6th February 2025** at **8:30am** at the Sandyhill Road site.

Mrs T. would love to see you!

If you have anything you would like to discuss you can get in touch anytime.



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>

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.



WEEKS 2 LUNCH MENU—WEEK COMMENCING 3rd FEBRUARY 2025

WEEK 2
Choice 1
Choice 2
Dessert

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Beef Burger served in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans</p>	 <p>Mac 'n' Cheese served with Garlic & Herb Bread and Seasonal Vegetables</p>	 <p>Honey Roast Gammon served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy</p>	 <p>Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetable or Hot Cheese & Ham Wrap served with Carrot & Cucumber Sticks</p>	 <p>Fish Fingers served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans</p>
VEGETARIAN VERSION OF THE ABOVE AVAILABLE DAILY				
 <p>Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad</p>	 <p>Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings served with a Side Salad</p>
 <p>Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard</p>	 <p>Chocolate Swirl</p>	 <p>Apple & Grape Pot</p>	 <p>Jelly & Fruit</p>	 <p>Shortbread Finger</p>

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



WEEKS 3 LUNCH MENU—WEEK COMMENCING 10th FEBRUARY 2025

WEEK 3
Choice 1
Choice 2
Dessert

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Sausages served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy</p>	 <p>Cheesy Bean Pasta served with Garlic & Herb Bread and Seasonal Vegetables</p>	 <p>Cottage Pie served with Seasonal Vegetables</p>	 <p>Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetable or Hot Pizza Baguette served with Carrot & Cucumber Sticks</p>	 <p>Battered Fish (MSC) served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans</p>
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 <p>Fruit Crumble & Custard</p>	 <p>Wacky Chocolate Cake</p>	 <p>Fresh Water Melon Wedge</p>	 <p>Fruit Mousse</p>	 <p>Melting Moment</p>

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Darnhall Primary School

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Drop in session with the Early Help Navigators



Tuesday 4th February 2025


8:30am-10:00am in the KS2 Hall

The Early Help Navigators can support with:

- DLA Forms
- Benefits checkers
- Toilet training
- Pre-school speech and language
- Baby development
- Healthy meals
- Debt support
- Housing
- Parental mental health
- Food bank and baby bank referrals

Treats and coffee available.





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