

# Weekly Bulletin no.87

## Friday 7th February 2025



Happy Friday! It's been another fantastic week at Darnhall. Thank you to all Parents and Carers who attended Grasshopper Class's **special lunch**. We look forward to Dragonfly Class's lunch next Friday.

We have a **Valentine,s lunch** and a **Valentine's disco** coming up, please log on to ParentPay to book on. On Friday children can wear **red or hearts**, see flyer below.

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 10th February

Dragonfly Class

Parent/Carer Lunch

KS1, 11:40am

#### Thursday 13th February

##### **Valentines Disco**

Reception to Year 6

(See attached leaflet for details)

#### Friday 14th February

##### **NON Uniform Day**

Wear Red or a Heart for

Valentine's Day

- Suggestion donation £1 -

# 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.**

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

## CENTIPEDE CLASS

Centipede Class had a  
fantastic attendance this week  
of  
**100%.**

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/](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.





# 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

## Nursery and Reception Open Morning

Saturday 22nd March 2025

10am - 12pm

Come along and meet our fabulous teaching team and see our inclusive learning environment.

We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school!

Darnhall School Lane,  
Winsford CW7 1JR



Free play at Polar Palace for everyone who attends

Enjoy a cuppa and a cake

Claim your FREE goody bag





# 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





# Number Half Term Competition

Can you design a poster all about numbers?  
Get creative! You could present your  
favourite number facts or even create  
a guide to help others learn theirs!

**Counting, Number Bonds, Times  
Tables, Place Value, Written Methods**

Winners will be announced on  
**Monday 24th February 2025**



# Raising Aspirations Day 2025

**Thursday 13th February 2025**

Children are allowed to  
come to school dressed  
as the job they aspire to  
have when they are older.

In school, children will be  
researching and  
presenting information  
about different careers  
which will hopefully  
inspire them for their futures.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 3 LUNCH MENU—WEEK COMMENCING 10th FEBRUARY 2025

WEEK 3

Choice 1

Choice 2

Dessert

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Sausages served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy



Cheesy Bean Pasta served with Garlic & Herb Bread and Seasonal Vegetables



Cottage Pie served with Seasonal Vegetables



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



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Fruit Crumble & Custard



Wacky Chocolate Cake



Fresh Water Melon Wedge



Fruit Mousse



Melting Moment

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



Dartford Primary School

# NEXT WEEKS LUNCH MENU—WEEK COMMENCING 24th February 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



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Ice Cream & Fruit



Chocolate Mudslider



Trio of Melon



Cheese & Crackers



Butterscotch Biscuit

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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](http://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](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions).

**Closing date for reception applications 15 January 2025**

Visit: [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://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
<b>Autumn Term</b>		Wednesday 3rd September 2025
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Friday 24th October 2025	Tuesday 4th November 2025
<b>Christmas</b>	Thursday 18th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026
<b>Spring Break</b>	Wednesday 1st April 2026	Monday 20th April 2026
<b>May Day Weekend</b>	Friday 1st May 2026	Tuesday 5th May 2026
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Friday 22nd May 2026	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
<b>Summer</b>	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](http://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!





**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**

**FEE**

**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