

Weekly Bulletin no.110

Friday 26th September 2025



We have had another great week at Darnhall. Some of our Year 2 children enjoyed their residential to **Tattenhall**, they had a great time, and we also launched our Outdoor Art Gallery which can be seen on Darnhall School Lane. A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes and delicious treats for our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. A reminder for Years 5 & 6 — High School open days and evenings are coming up and its time to apply for your preferred **High School**. Here is a link to a good website for help with this: [Secondary Booklet Sep25](#)

Our Outdoor Art Gallery



Wednesday 1st October

Swimming for Year 4

Friday 3rd October

WORLD ANIMAL DAY

Nursery-Year 6 children - dress as an animal (no donations).

Endangered animal poster competition. Read to an animal photo competition

Saturday 4th October

Open Morning 9:30am—
12:30pm

Friday 17th October

Harvest Celebrations
KS2

Thursday 23rd October

Halloween Discos
Booking on ParentPay

An appeal to all parents and carers of children who are using mobile phones, tablets, games consoles or other devices.

Please, please check what they are doing every day - read messages, listen in, make it your business to know what your child is doing, and protect them. We have some children participating in group chats and online chats that aren't very nice and are really unkind.

School are not responsible for supervising children's personal technology and are having complaints from parents about some children.

School staff are limited what they can do as this is not happening in our care. It is the responsibility of the parents and carers to 'police' this. It's happening at home. Take phones off your children, restrict their usage, monitor their usage daily, talk to your children about the implications of bullying online etc. Report harmful material, online bullying or malicious communications to the police.

Ask yourself ... Why does my primary age child need a phone? Give them back their childhood and take control of their screen time.

I read this the other day and it rang true ... "Mobile phones are stealing children's childhoods. They're being pulled into the online world before they've had the chance to live in the real one."

Thank you
Sarah Tomlinson

Open Morning

Saturday 4th October 2025

9:30am - 12:30pm

Headteacher presentation at 10am (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.

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Claim
your **FREE**
goody
bag

Reminder

Monday 3rd November

is an **INSET Day** and
school will be closed to
all children on this date.



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 Karen Swift.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Tomlinson
Headteacher

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Just a few reminders!

- The school day starts at 8.30am
- Any absences must be reported to 07754 559291
- If your child vomits at home they will need to be absent from school for 48 hours, please let us know
- Non urgent appointments should be taken outside of school hours
- Holidays should not be taken in school terms (please see attached flyer on previous page)
- Children need to bring in a labelled water bottle every day
- Please write your child's name on clothing

Meet our friendly **Family Support Team**

Mrs. Karen Swift and
Mrs. Carolyn Baxter
would love for you to
come along for a chat,
a brew, and a biscuit.



They can offer a lot of support for
you and your family.

Thursday 16th October 2025

8:30am - 9:30am in the KS2 Staffroom

Happy Note Home

A little note home to let you know that

has:

- ☐ Shown kindness to others
- ☐ Displayed beautiful manners
- ☐ Shown fantastic effort in lessons
- ☐ Worked well with others
- ☐ Participated in lessons and discussions
- ☐ Been extremely helpful
- ☐ Demonstrated wonderful behaviour and set a positive example to others
- ☐ Shown great improvement in their work

Signed:



Look out for your child coming home with one of these 'Happy Note Home' notes as a reward for their good behaviour.



A big well done to this week's attendance winners



Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog 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/>

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.

Support our School!

It's as easy as...



- ① **Join our lottery**
- ② **Boost school funds**
- ③ **Win cash prizes**

Tickets cost just £1 a week and are an easy way to help us raise funds for school. There are local cash prizes every week and there's even a chance to win the £25k Jackpot.

To start supporting, visit:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

and search for: **Darnhall Primary**

Supporters must be 16 years or older



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



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.

Tuesday 16th September 2025 Tuesday 31st March 2026
Tuesday 25th November 2025 Tuesday 19th May 2026
Tuesday 27th January 2026 Tuesday 14th July 2026

KS2 Building at 8:30am

Read Write Inc.



Information Drop-in Sessions

Tuesday 30th September 2025
3:15pm - 3:45pm

These drop-in sessions are for parents and carers who have children in Reception, Years 1 and 2.

Drop-ins will take place in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.



If you have a child in more than one year group, please pick one to attend.

World Animal Day

Friday 3rd October 2025



Children from Nursery to Year 6 can come to school dressed as an animal to celebrate the importance of animals on our planet and to think about what we can do to make the world a better place for all animals.

We will be hosting two competitions for World Animal Day:

- Create a poster linked to an endangered animal.
- Read to an animal photo competition.

(Photographs to be sent to our usual school WhatsApp number: 07701 316490)

No donations needed.



Open Evening for Prospective Families



Tuesday 4th November 2025
5:00pm - 7:30pm

Headteacher Presentation at 6:00pm (optional).
EVERYONE WELCOME!



Headteacher presentation will be held in the KS2 hall on the Sandyhill Road site:

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Fancy Dress Halloween Discos

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Early Years Building

Reception / Year 1:

4:00pm-5:00pm

Year 2:

5:15pm-6:15pm

Key Stage 2 Building

Year 3 & 4 Classes:

4:15pm-5:15pm

Year 5 & 6 Classes:

5:30pm-6:30pm



Prebook on ParentPay for £1!

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 MASKS PLEASE OR MOBILE PHONES

You MUST prebook on ParentPay so we can plan staffing ratios.
All bookings can be made up until the morning of Thursday 23rd October



Spooky Time Stay & Play Session



Ladybird & Caterpillar Nursery Classes

Thursday 23rd October 2025

10:30am - 11:15am

(Morning Nursery Children)

2:15pm - 3:00pm

(Afternoon Nursery Children)

Parents of children who stay all day can choose either session

Children can attend in fancy dress if they wish to.

NO MASKS. No babies/toddlers

Safeguarding: No Mobile Phones - we will take the photos.

One special someone per child may attend.



Name it or lose it!



We ask that **ALL** school uniform items including shoes, water bottles and lunch boxes are name labelled please.





Reception Classes' Harvest Stay and Play

On **Thursday 16th October**, our Reception classes will be hosting a special Harvest Stay and Play from 2:15pm in the Reception classrooms.



Due to the space available, we can only accommodate 1 special person per child.

No babies and toddlers

A Little Harvest Celebration

On **Friday 17th October**, we will be hosting a little harvest celebration for years 1 - 6 in the **Key Stage 2 hall**.


Our little celebrations will start at the following times:

Year 3 & 4 classes 9:00am

Year 1 & 2 classes 9:30am

Year 5 & 6 classes 10:00am

We are asking for any donations of canned or long-life packet foods for the Salvation Army.



Our School Day



Nursery

(Ladybirds and Caterpillars)

Session 1: **8:30am – 11:30am**

Session 2: **12:15pm – 3:15pm**



Reception, Year 1 & 2

School Day Begins: **8:30am**

Morning Break: **10:30am – 10:45am**

Lunchtime: **12:15pm – 1:00pm**

School Day Ends: **3:10pm**

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

School Day Begins: **8:30am**

Morning Break: **10:30am – 10:45am**

Lunchtime: **12:15pm – 1:00pm**

School Day Ends: **3:15pm**



Owl Class

(Resource Provision)

School Day Begins: **8:30am**

Morning Break: **10:30am – 10:45am**

Lunchtime: **12:15pm – 1:00pm**

School Day Ends: **3:00pm**



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Darnhall Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is offered on two sites 8:00am - 8:30am

For block bookings this is equivalent to £1 a day.

For occasional bookings it will be £1.50 a day.

Bookings are essential and can be made until 7pm the night before – they cannot be made the same day.

(We accept the Government Tax-free Childcare Payments)

- For children **aged 3 to year 2** breakfast club is in the **Early Years building** on Darnhall School Lane.
- For children in **years 3-6** Breakfast Club is in the **Key Stage 2 building** on Sandyhill Road.

Please note, this is only available for children aged 3 or above who are toilet trained. If your child has additional SEN needs, please discuss with our SENDCO before booking.

Booking for our Breakfast Club will need to be made via the link on our website:

www.darnhall.cheshire.sch.uk



Home Hub

Fun and Affordable After School Childcare Club



| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| End of school day until 4:30pm | £7.75 |
| End of school day until 5:00pm | £10.45 |
| End of school day until 5:30pm | £13.15 |
| End of school day until 6:00pm | £15.85 |

A 20% sibling discount will be offered to families with more than one child.

Open to children aged 3 or above who are toilet trained. If your child has additional SEN needs, please discuss with our SENDCO before booking.

You will have to book and pay in advance on an online booking service – details are on our website.

Bookings can be made until 7pm the night before – they can not be made the same day.

Limited places so book in advance to avoid disappointment!

This childcare provision is run by school staff on the Key Stage 2 Sandyhill Road site.

(We accept the Government Tax-free Childcare Payments)



WEEKS 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025

WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?

WEEK 1

AVAILABLE DAILY

VEGETARIAN
OPTION OF
CHOICE 1



JACKET POTATO
WITH A SELECTION
OF FILLINGS SERVED
WITH A SIDE SALAD

FRESHLY MADE
SALAD
FRESH BREAD
FRUIT YOGHURT
FRESH FRUIT
CHILLED WATER

Edsential CATERING

CORNHALL PRIMARY

| | MEAT FREE MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | SUGAR FREE THURSDAY | MEAT FREE FRIDAY |
|----------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|
| CHOICE 1 | | | | | |
| CHOICE 2 | | | | | |
| PUDDING | | | | | |

For allergen information, please ask one of our catering team • All the above dishes are subject to availability

WEEKS 08/09/2025, 29/09/2025, 20/10/2025

WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?

WEEK 2

AVAILABLE DAILY

VEGETARIAN
OPTION OF
CHOICE 1



JACKET POTATO
WITH A SELECTION
OF FILLINGS SERVED
WITH A SIDE SALAD

FRESHLY MADE
SALAD
FRESH BREAD
FRUIT YOGHURT
FRESH FRUIT
CHILLED WATER

Edsential CATERING

| | MEAT FREE MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | SUGAR FREE THURSDAY | MEAT FREE FRIDAY |
|----------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|
| CHOICE 1 | | | | | |
| CHOICE 2 | | | | | |
| PUDDING | | | | | |

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WEEKS 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025, 03/11/2025

WHAT'S ON THE MENU TODAY?

WEEK 3

AVAILABLE DAILY

VEGETARIAN
OPTION OF
CHOICE 1



JACKET POTATO
WITH A SELECTION
OF FILLINGS SERVED
WITH A SIDE SALAD

FRESHLY MADE
SALAD
FRESH BREAD
FRUIT YOGHURT
FRESH FRUIT
CHILLED WATER

Edsential CATERING

| | MEAT FREE MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | SUGAR FREE THURSDAY | MEAT FREE FRIDAY |
|----------|------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|
| CHOICE 1 | | | | | |
| CHOICE 2 | | | | | |
| PUDDING | | | | | |

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Autumn Term 2025 Uniform Time Table



| Class | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Ladybird Nursery | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform |
| Caterpillar Nursery | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Forest School |
| Butterfly Class | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform |
| Dragonfly Class | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform |
| Centipede Class | Uniform | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform | PE Kit |
| Grasshopper Class | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform |
| Bumblebee Class | Uniform | PE Kit (until half term) Uniform (after half term) | Forest School (every week after half term) | Uniform | PE Kit |
| Spider Class | PE Kit | Uniform | Forest School (every week up until half term) | Uniform (until half term) PE Kit (after half term) | Uniform |
| Beaver Class | Uniform | Uniform | PE Kit | Forest School (every week after half term) | PE Kit (until half term) Uniform (after half term) |
| Hedgehog Class | PE Kit | Uniform | Uniform (until half term) PE Kit (after half term) | Forest School (every week up until half term) | Uniform |
| Otter Class | PE Kit | Uniform | Uniform (bring Swimming Kit) | Uniform | Uniform |
| Rabbit Class | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform (bring Swimming Kit) | PE Kit | Uniform |
| Squirrel Class | PE Kit | PE Kit | Uniform | Uniform | Uniform |
| Fox Class | Uniform | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform | PE Kit |
| Badger Class | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform |
| Bear Class | Uniform | Uniform | PE Kit | Uniform | PE Kit |
| Owl Class | Outdoor Learning Uniform | Outdoor Learning Uniform | Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day) | Outdoor Learning Uniform (PE Day) | Outdoor Learning Uniform |

School Uniform



You can purchase our school uniform from our supplier – Julie Clare Logo Wear – which is located on Winsford's Market on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Cold Weather Uniform

- Ladybird Nursery - **Red Polo Shirts**
- Caterpillar Nursery - **Green Polo Shirts**
- Reception to Year 5 - **Pale Blue** or **Yellow Polo Shirts**
- Year 6 - **Pale Blue Shirt and Tie**
- Grey skirt, shorts or trousers
- Navy Fleece, jumper or cardigan
- Grey socks or Tights
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers



Hot Weather and PE Uniform

- Pale Blue T-shirt
- Navy skort, shorts or jogging pants
- Navy fleece
- Navy socks or white socks
- (Or Blue checked summer dresses for non-PE days)



Owl Class Uniform and Optional Outdoor Learning

- Green T-shirt
- Green Hoodie
- Navy Jogging Pants
- Navy shorts

(Owl class are outside a lot of time so this uniform is the most practical for them and can be worn every day for all lessons).



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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

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CBT GROUP INTERVENTIONS FOR PARENTS OF ANXIOUS CHILDREN

AUTUMN 2025 GROUPS

FREE NHS
group
interventions
for parents.

Triple P Fear-Less & Timid 2 Tiger

For parents/carers of school aged children 6 to 14 years with moderate anxiety issues. Triple P Fear Less & Timid 2 Tiger are evidence based interventions delivered over 6-9 weeks and includes understanding about anxiety, learning to encourage your child's coping skills to manage their anxiety; building on problems solving skills and gaining confidence as a parent supporting your child.

Triple P Fear-Less Group

HOW?

6 sessions
Wednesdays
9:30 - 11:30am

WHEN?

08/10, 15/10, 22/10,
05/11, 12/11, 19/11
No session during half-
term break.

WHERE?

Online Group
Via MS Teams

Timid To Tiger Group

HOW?

9 sessions
Fridays
10-12pm

WHEN?

03/10, 10/10, 17/10,
24/10, 31/10, 07/11, 14/11,
21/11, 28/11/
No session during half-
term

WHERE?

Online Group
Via MS teams

Support,
Friendly non-
judgemental

Parents/carers **MUST** register to attend one of the registration sessions to meet with a practitioner to discuss suitability for the group.

You can access this through scanning the QR code below and booking yourself into an appointment slot.



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everyone in our communities

