

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you to everyone who voted in our consultation regarding a change to the term dates from the academic year 2025/26.

With an even 50/50 split vote, I have taken the decision to opt for the additional week tagged onto May Spring bank which will mean from the academic year 2025/26, we will have one week holiday in October and two weeks in May/June.

**PLEASE NOTE THE TERM DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25 REMAIN THE SAME AND CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

<b>2025 Autumn Term</b>	Re-open	Monday 1 September	<b>75 school days</b>
Half Term/	Close	Friday 24 October	
	Re-open	Monday 3 November	
Christmas Holiday	Close	Friday 19 December	
<b>2026 Spring Term</b>	Re-open	Monday 5 January	<b>55 school days</b>
Half Term	Close	Friday 13 February	
	Re-open	Monday 23 February	
Easter Holiday	Close	Friday 27 March	
<b>2026 Summer Term</b>	Re-open	Monday 13 April	<b>60 school days</b>
<b>May day</b>	Closed	<b>Monday 4 May</b>	
Half Term/Training week	Close	Friday 22 May	
	Re-open	Monday 8 June	
Mid-Summer	Close	Monday 20 July	
			<b>Total 190 days</b>

### Dean Field Values

This half term our focus value will be.....

**Kindness**

We are really looking forward to recognising the amazing achievements of the wonderful children here at Dean Field School!

## SAFEGUARDING



# Holiday Activities & Food programme (HAF)

**9:30am - 1:30pm**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Aug    Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug    Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug

At Park Lane Academy, Halifax, HX3 9LG



### Who is it for?

This programme is for children aged between 6-13. If your child is eligible for free school meals they can attend for free. If your child is not eligible for free school meals, but would like to attend, the cost is £20 per day per child. If you would like to book please email [haf@parklane.org.uk](mailto:haf@parklane.org.uk) with the child's details and which days you would like to attend. Children can attend as many days as they wish.

### What activities will they do?

A fun filled week of sport including Nerf Battles, Football, Trampolining, Dodgeball, Tchoukball, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, Table Tennis, and other fun filled sports and activities. Other activities include Arts and Craft and Science Workshops, Quizzes, Bingo, plenty of free time to make new friends, and will learn more about healthy eating.

### What clothing/footwear will be required?

Both indoor and outdoor clothing is required with suitable sports shoes for both indoor and astro surface.

### Is lunch provided?

Yes, a healthy hot meal is provided every day, as well as snacks and refreshments.

### What ability level?

All abilities are welcome although an interest in sport is recommended. There will also be lots of other fun activities available throughout the camp.

**Please ensure your child's name is on their drink bottle and clothing.**

If you require any further information then please contact Daniel

01422 362 215 ☎

[haf@parklane.org.uk](mailto:haf@parklane.org.uk) ✉





## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# GAMBLING

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Gambling can be defined as betting or risking money or something of value on the outcome of a situation involving chance. Under current regulations, gambling is legal for adults in the UK. Its potential impacts on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities are well documented – emphasising the importance of safeguarding children and young people against these hazards.

### MANIPULATIVE ADVERTISING

Adverts for online bookmakers and betting exchanges can raise concerns about targeting vulnerable groups, fostering addiction, promoting misleading expectations, impacting mental health, affecting social norms, posing regulatory challenges, influencing minors and other ethical issues. Effective regulation, responsible advertising practices and public education are essential to mitigate these concerns and address the potential harms associated with excessive exposure to manipulative advertisements.

FREE BET!

### ADDICTIVE FEATURES

All gambling products carry safety concerns, but some can be even riskier and more addictive. The frequency with which people can place bets can encourage them to do so often – with rapid spins and multiple betting options, for example. Betting on sports events, especially with live in-play betting options, can be highly engaging and habit forming. The 24/7 availability of online platforms can also increase the risk of excessive gambling, particularly among young people.

### PEER PRESSURE

Exposure to gambling through friends, influencers or social circles can normalise risky behaviour and create unrealistic expectations about the chances of winning. Addressing peer influence requires support services, responsible advertising practices and effective education on the subject to minimise the impact on children and promote healthier choices.

### IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Gambling can exacerbate mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress – especially if it leads to financial loss. Individuals with existing mental health conditions may use gambling as a coping mechanism – but the cycle of gambling can worsen their symptoms, creating a detrimental impact on overall wellbeing. Integrated support services and treatment options are crucial to address these interconnected challenges effectively.

### GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Certain features of other products – such as video games that offer in-game purchases – can lead to gambling among young people. These mechanisms can sometimes be designed to exploit psychological vulnerabilities, encouraging repeated spending to acquire virtual items or advantages. Such practices can normalise the associated risks and desensitise young people to putting their or their family's money in danger.

### FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The most common impacts of online betting come in the form of financial losses and debt. This, in turn, can lead to distorted perceptions of money, deterioration of relationships, social isolation, and poor academic and career outcomes. Regular gambling can even exacerbate other risky behaviour by making it seem less significant – potentially leading to a cascade of health impacts and financial loss.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Sporting events can be a good opening for conversations about gambling, as some sponsorships may reference and even glamourise it. Talk to children about how these promotions make them feel and encourage frequent conversations about any concerns they may have. Adverts, influencers and online platforms may also feature gambling products. As a child grows, it's important to encourage their critical thinking skills to help them avoid being manipulated by this type of marketing.

### MONITOR SPENDING

In-game purchases can be appealing to children, allowing them to unlock new features or cosmetic items in a fraction of the time it would take to win them by playing. Talk to children about how they spend money online; an interest in what video games they play can encourage the conversation. Consider setting up restrictions on their devices, requiring their parent or carer's permission before making any purchases. Talk about finances regularly and openly.

### KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Parents and educators should be vigilant for signs of gambling harm among young people. Look for changes in their behaviour such as increased secrecy, unexplained money issues, mood swings or withdrawal from their usual activities. Open conversations about gambling risks and maintain a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Try to familiarise yourself with resources and helplines for assistance and guidance.

### GET FURTHER SUPPORT

Support and treatment for young people is available via the Young People's Support Service at GamCare, who can be contacted at 0808 8020 133. A link to their website has also been included in the sources of this guide, along with links to several other support networks. Your GP and local NHS gambling clinic are also available if you require additional advice. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you're concerned about a child's gambling behaviour or their financial situation.

### Meet Our Expert

Ygam's mission is to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research. The charity was established in 2014 as a result of the lived experience of their founders.



## Summer Term Key Event Dates 2024

Sports Days	<b>KS2</b> (Year 4, 5 and 6) Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm-2:45pm  <b>KS1</b> (Year 1, 2 and 3) Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm – 2.45pm  <b>Reception</b> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 9.30-10.30am
Year 6 Transition Football Match v Moorside	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 1.30-2.30pm
Year 6 Prom	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 5-6.30pm
Non-Uniform for chocolate tombola at Summer Fayre	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Year 5 London Trip	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Leavers assembly for Year 6 Parents	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 9am
Summer Fayre	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 3pm – 4.30pm
Transition Morning	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
End of year reports go home to parents	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 10th July 9am
Reception Graduation	Thursday 11 <sup>h</sup> July 9am
Family of Learning Trust Training Event – no Friday after school clubs	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July PM
Year 1 Awards Assembly	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 9am
Year 2 Awards Assembly	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm
Year 3 Awards Assembly	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 9am
Year 4 Awards Assembly	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm
Year 5 Awards Assembly	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 9am
End of term behaviour treat	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Family of Learning Trust Training Event – no Friday after school clubs	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July PM
Break up for summer	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 3pm



## Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone that attended the Summer Fayre and helped us raise a huge £816! We will be able to use this money towards extra curricular activities and provisions for children in school.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the PFA for organising the Fayre and making it so special despite the bad weather!

A final big thank you to the companies below that donated some amazing prizes for the raffle:

West End Builders  
RK Electric  
Morrisons  
Tesco  
Munchies take away  
PB Play Village  
Spice King  
Ivy House  
Chelsey Bakes  
Party like a King  
Halifax Panthers  
CS Cleaning  
Anna Cleaning Services  
Harveys  
Victoria Theatre  
L'Abeille Boutiques & Beauty  
Luxe Lolly  
The Web Adventure Park  
D S Security



## Nursery play palace trip

Antarctica class enjoyed a trip to play palace this week for our end of year behaviour treat. The children enjoyed playing with their friends and going up and down the slides again and again!



## Year 5 London Trip



Last week our year 5 pupils went on a very exciting day trip to London!! They travelled to London via train and spent the day exploring the landmarks around the city! They went on a cruise down the River Thames, had lunch in the Jubilee Gardens and watched the amazing West End musical 'Wicked.' They travelled around the city on the underground trains and had a brilliant time! They ended the day with a meal at Pizza Express!


All the pupils were fantastic ambassadors for the school and did the staff very proud!






## W/C Monday 8th July week 3

 <b>School Meals Menu - Week 3</b> 					
3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Chilli Con Carne & Rice	Roast Chicken Dinner & Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12	Homemade Chicken Curry Naan Bread 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 4, 5, 10, 12	Homemade Cheese & Onion Quiche 5, 10, 12	Vege Nuggets 5	Samosas 5 Homemade Bhajis Savoury Rice	Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10 Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14
Vegetables	Chips Beans	Potato Wedges Peas Carrots	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Ziggy Fries Cauliflower Mixed Veg	Curly Fries 5 Beans Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches <i>Allergies for the daily items available on request</i>				
Dessert	Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Parkin 5, 10, 12	Bakewell 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Strawberry Swirls 10	Angel Delight 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream 10



**Dean Field**  
Community Primary School


### Dean Field Primary School Year Group Availability



**Dean Field**  
Community Primary School

If you would like a space in our Primary school  
please contact Calderdale Admissions on  
01422 392 617.

Contact the school office on 01422 258 258 if you  
would like to visit the school.



Current Spaces Available in:

Reception

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

## SCHOOL LOTTERY

Don't forget to join our school lottery and be in with a chance of winning cash prizes up to £25,000, plus great bundles like the one shown here.

The school lottery helps support our school so we can buy extra resources and do extra curricular activities.

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

To start supporting, visit:

**[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)**

and search for: **Dean Field Community**

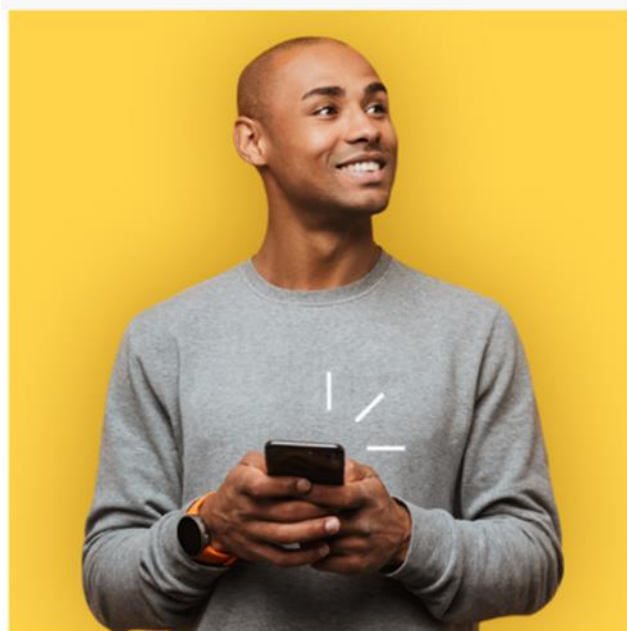


## Easy Fundraising App

Download the easyfundraising app below to help donate funds to Dean Field. Every time you order shopping, etc online you can help our school raise more funds to provide extracurricular activities and learning resources for our children.

<https://deanfieldschool.co.uk/>

To raise funds towards provisions for our primary school



### GET STARTED

#### How to support Dean Field Primary School, Halifax

1

##### Sign up

Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.

2

##### Download our browser extension

Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.

3

##### Track your donations

You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and we'll send updates on when Dean Field Primary School, Halifax gets paid.

### HOW IT WORKS

**We turn your daily shopping into every day magic!**

easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation – magic!

# **FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM SERVICE AT THE YMCA**

**Calderdale school uniform**



**Primary and Secondary  
school uniforms available.**

**We collect all uniform items  
including warm winter coats.**

**No referral needed  
Free service  
Collect and Donate**



**Email: [admin@halifax.ymca.org.uk](mailto:admin@halifax.ymca.org.uk)**

**Tel: 01422 353626**

**The Halifax YMCA, Crossley Street, Halifax, HX1 1UG**







*You're  
Invited!*

Halifax Panthers are inviting you to our next home game at The Shay Stadium!

We would like to give you a **FREE JUNIOR TICKET** and **AN ADULT TICKET FOR £5** to our home fixture against **FEATHERSTONE ROVERS** 14th July 2024!

The game kicks off at 3pm and we would love to see you down at The Shay Stadium to hopefully see Halifax Panthers win, most importantly have fun, enjoy the live entertainment and fun activities and be part of the PANTHER PACK!

To claim your **TICKETS** please email [kara@halifaxpanthers.co.uk](mailto:kara@halifaxpanthers.co.uk). If you require any additional junior tickets please let me know.

The tickets will be for our seated East stand, so you can sit back in comfort and engage in what should be a brilliant game of rugby league and fantastic pre-match entertainment!

**tickets need to be claimed before 5pm on Wednesday 9th July 2024**

We cant wait for you to come to our game!! 

Kind regards and pawsome high fives!   
  
  


*Kara Colvin*

Community Development and Engagement Manager - Halifax Panthers


# Try High HOLIDAY CLUBS!

FOR AGES  
7-11



## FUN-PACKED HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN WITH SPORTS, GAMES & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES!

- FREE for children eligible for free school meals.
- BREAKFAST and hot LUNCH provided.
- 4 day programme 10am-2pm.

 CALDER COMMUNITY SQUASH

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well-being

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& BOOK NOW**

[invictuswellbeing.com/tryhigh](http://invictuswellbeing.com/tryhigh)



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Calderdale  
Council



## Whistlestop Valley Summer

There is SO MUCH happening for families at Whistlestop Valley this summer!

All summer long, simply book a Big Adventure or Little Adventure and you can join in with Summer of Sport - There will be plenty of sporting activities and local sporting clubs to give demonstrations & interactive workshops.

20th & 21st July - Join Thomas the Tank Engine at Whistlestop Valley  
Enjoy steam train rides, meet Sir Topham Hatt, and join Rusty & Dusty for unlimited platform rides with Thomas, Toby, and Mavis. Plus, enjoy the interactive Bubble Zone, photo ops, and live entertainment.

17th & 18th August 2024 - Paddington™ at Whistlestop Valley  
The nation's favourite marmalade-loving bear is visiting! Enjoy a weekend of fun with train rides, playgrounds, jumping pillows, miniature railway rides, face painting, tram rides, and more!

26th August 2024 - Charity FUN Day  
Support the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice with a day of fun, including beer tents, live music, jumping pillows, crazy golf, pedal cars, playgrounds, cafes, dessert parlours, miniature trains, fairground rides, face painting, garden games, and more! A percentage of ticket sales will go to the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

Tickets on sale now! More info: <https://whistlestopvalley.vticket.co.uk/index.php?jssCart=9d4911e4780ed17e8f46a8e26ae54c43>



**BANK HOLIDAY  
FAMILY CHARITY  
FUN DAY**

Supporting the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

**Monday 26th August 2024**

A percentage of ticket sales will go to our chosen charity the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

Activities on the day include a steam train rides, jumping pillow, crazy golf, live music, beer tent, pedal cars, fairground rides, face painting, garden games, Clayton Flyer, indoor play area and lots more!



Tickets on sale now [www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk](http://www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk)

COME AND MEET

# Paddington

17TH & 18TH  
AUGUST  
2024

**PADDINGTON™  
WILL BE MAKING  
APPEARANCES  
AT INTERVALS  
THROUGHOUT  
THE DAY!**



Tickets for the event can be purchased from [www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk](http://www.whistlestopvalley.co.uk)

#PADDINGTON

## Ovenden Football Club

Ovenden West Riding football club are inviting any boys/girls currently in Reception and Year 1 classes to join there training sessions on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:15pm.

Training is held at Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD.

For further information contact Amir on 07711148026.



### JOIN THE **FUN** THIS SUMMER AND ENJOY A **HEALTHY** HOLIDAY!

**Keep the kids entertained in the Summer holidays with fun activities and fed with healthy meals.**



The Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme returns this Summer with thousands of places available for young people to access during the 2024 school holidays.

A diverse programme of activities will be available with something new for all. From performing arts, wheelchair basketball, rap workshops, cook clubs, bushcraft, bikeability, canoeing and so much more, young people will be kept entertained this Summer. Everyone attending will receive a healthy and nutritious meal.

Places are free for school aged children Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. There may also be sessions for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

Places will be available to book from the middle of June 2024.





## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 10th July	Nursery Graduation Assembly 9am
Thursday 11th July	Year 5 Residential Parent meeting 8:30am
Thursday 11th July	Year 5 Residential Parent meeting 2:30pm

**REMINDER:** All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery fees need to be paid in advance.  
We do not offer any credit and there are no exceptions.  
Please pay fees on time.

**REMINDER:** We are a nut free school and we would appreciate that any lunchboxes do not include nut products to protect the children in school with nut allergies.



**REMINDER:** If your child has asthma please ensure they have an inhaler in school and you have filled out a medical form at the school office. Thank you.



## Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



China	70%
Australia	77%
Poland	73%
Kenya	76%
Brazil	73%

You could help increase your class percentage by doing some extra reading on myON! There are thousands of books for you to choose from! If you need a reminder of your login details, please speak to your teacher. Visit <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/> to start reading!

## TTRS Stars of the Week

Year 2 – Drake C

Year 3— Melissa M

Year 4 – Isaac P

Year 5 – Asmaria B



## This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	95.9%
China	96.3%
Australia	94.7%
Poland	93.2%
Kenya	97.7%
Brazil	90.4%
Ireland	96.7%
Total	95%

Congratulations to Kenya class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Ireland class for coming second. I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. Meetings with parents of children who are of concern will occur.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on 01422 258258 before 9.00am.

It is important we are aware of the reason for your child/children's absence. It becomes a safeguarding concern if parents do not inform school when their child/children are absent. Please contact the school office on the first day of absence before 9am stating reasons for any absence. This will avoid absences being recorded as unauthorised.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,  
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager