

Dear parents and carers,

What a fabulous week we've had in school! I know this time of year can be incredibly busy for all but there really has been a wonderful buzz around school this week!

Firstly, our wonderful EYFS children treated us to not one but TWO fantastic performances of their Christmas production. Their dress rehearsal was performed to the whole school; and some special visitors from Heptonstall who were very impressed. Then on Tuesday, they wowed parents, carers, and our lovely guests from Lee Mount Care Home. We were all so impressed with how confident, brave and brilliantly enthusiastic they were. What stars! Also a special mention to all our EYFS staff who have worked so hard to bring it all together!

We also enjoyed our annual Overgate Hospice Elf Dash (formerly the Reindeer Run), which is always a highlight. The children threw themselves into it with their usual enthusiasm and really went all out with their Christmas outfits this year. I'm sure many of you spotted The Grinch lurking about too!

And to top it all off, Year 3 had a brilliant Roman Day. The children got stuck into making traditional pizzas, creating mosaic tiles and dressing up as Roman citizens.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for cheering the children on. It's been a week full of joy, creativity and festive fun.

Have a lovely weekend - hopefully you're doing something festive!

Mrs Fiona Pether
Headteacher



Christmas Events



Event	Date
Singing around the Christmas tree – Lower School	Wednesday 17 th December 9am
Singing around the Christmas tree – Upper School	Wednesday 17 th December 2:15pm
Santa Visit	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Party – non-uniform	Thursday 18 th December
School Closes for Christmas break	Friday 19 th December 1.10pm

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday

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Elf Class Visits

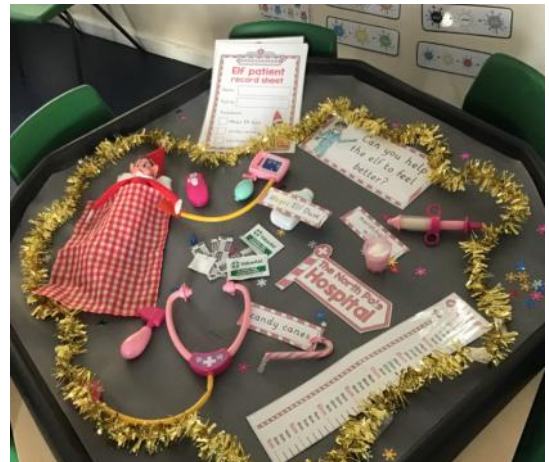
Year 4



Santa and the Elf hear Miss Jagger talk about the MTC everyday, so they decided to create a MTC Elf Edition challenge.

Reception

The elf visited reception this week but he was extremely poorly with a virus! All the children helped to look after him and make him feel better!



Nursery

The Elf has been in Nursery this week too. He helped the children practise their fine motor skills by putting coloured pom poms on the Christmas wreaths!

EYFS Christmas

On Tuesday, residents from Lee Mount Care Home enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Dean Field EYFS Christmas Show. They were welcomed by festive cheer, excited little faces and a hall full of proud families.

The children sang beautifully performing with confidence and plenty of Christmas sparkle. Our residents said it was a highlight of their week and a perfect start to the festive season.

A big thank-you to the EYFS teachers and staff for their hard work and creativity, and to the families whose support made the atmosphere even more special.

Everyone left with big smiles, warm hearts, and lots of Christmas spirit. We're already looking forward to the next visit!



We also welcomed pupils from Hepstonstall School to watch a rehearsal of our Dean Field Christmas show. Despite a few nerves, our children sang and performed beautifully supported by encouraging smiles and applause from our visitors.

We also had the pleasure of visiting Hepstonstall School to watch their Christmas performance. Our staff were proud of how well-behaved and respectful the Dean Field children were. They represented our school brilliantly.

Well done to both schools for their wonderful performances and festive spirit. It's moments like these that make sharing Christmas celebrations with our wider community so special.



Dean Field
Community Primary School

DEAN FIELD NURSERY

We are now accepting children the day after the child's 3rd birthday if a parent is in receipt of either the working parent 30 hour entitlement or 15 hour disadvantaged funding.



Register Now -
Contact the school office:



01422 258 258

FREE UNIFORM!



Starting School September 2026

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 are due to start primary school in September 2026.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2026** at **www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions**

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2025.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2026, including oversubscription criteria, is available at **www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions**

The application process opens on 18 November 2025 and the close date is 15 January 2026

Offers of school places will be made on 16 April 2026.



How it works...



It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Dean Field Community Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Dean Field Community Primary School

Please ensure you look at the Uniform Policy posted on Seesaw messages.

We thank you for support with this.



Correct Uniform



No tracksuit bottoms

JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME

20th December 2025 - 4th January 2026

This Winter, during the school holidays, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this winter by visiting:
healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the winter programme please contact:

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk



Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.



Week commencing Monday 15th December 2025

<div>  School Meals Menu - Week 3  </div>					
3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Beef Burger 1, 5, 8	Cod Stars 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12	Pizza 5, 10
	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini 3, 4, 5, 10, 12	Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Homemade Cheese & Onion Quiche 5, 10	Quorn Sausage 5	Homemade Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry Rice
Vegetables	Chips Beans Sweetcorn	g/f Waffle Fries Mixed Veg Broccoli	g/f Wedges Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Peas
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	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Crispy Buns 5, 10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Ice Cream Swirls 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Ice Cream Cake 4, 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Ice Cream 10

Polite Reminder



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 15th December	Nursery Christmas Party in Class
Tuesday 16th December	Rec Care Home Trip
Wednesday 17th December	KS1 Singing Around the Tree 9:00am KS2 Singing Around the Tree 2:15pmm
Thursday 18th December	Non uniform-Party clothes
Friday 19th December	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1:10PM FOR ALL CHILDREN

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.

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.

This half term's focus value is ...

TOLERANCE



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Australia	90%
Poland	73%
Kenya	78%
Brazil	90%
Ireland	93%

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 and Numbots Stars of the Week



TTRS Star of the Week
(Minutes played)

Joshua in Year 5



NumBots Star of the Week

Sebastian in Year 1

This Week's Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	97.2%
China	82.3%
Australia	89.9%
Poland	91.%
Kenya	94.3%
Brazil	91.6%
Ireland	97.3%
Total	92.7%

Congratulations to **Ireland** class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to **Mexico** class for coming second. **All classes above 96% will receive £5 for their jars this week! Well done to Mexico and Ireland.** We have just fallen below 96% this week and we need to get back there or above ! 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



Learning without Limits Leadership Award



The award recognises outstanding leadership, dedication and commitment to fostering a culture of 'Learning Without Limits' and helping others to do their best and believe in themselves. Recipients of the award also show great courage, creativity and kindness, making our school a better place.

Winners this week:

Robyn G– H - for her contribution and dedication to dinner duty every day.

Xiong J - For leading the class on making the Lee Mount Care Home Residents feel welcome and for being caring and considerate.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Elijah M	For making MASSIVE progress in Read Write Inc and retaining lots of sounds.
	Noah E	For a fantastic effort in the Christmas Show.
China Year 1	Kairo C	For fantastic handwriting this week.
	Owen W	For always being a super role model.
Australia Year 2	Evie R	For fantastic reading aloud in comprehension group this week.
	Jacob S	For doing extra maths learning at home and trying really hard in lessons .
Poland Year 3	Jacob S – H	For effort and improvement in English and handwriting.
	Hollie K	For enthusiasm on Roman Day!
Kenya Year 4	Annabelle H	For always giving 100% to her learning.
	Kairi I—S	For always being positive and spreading her positivity.
Brazil Year 5	Kaiden N	For trying hard and contributing more in lessons.
	Harper B	For her superb reading and achieving a high score in her test.
Ireland Year 6	Rory C	For putting in 100% effort into English this week.
	Nico G	For an improvement in attitude towards his learning.