

**Friday 14th February 2025**

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic half term we have had! I am always amazed at how much learning can take place across a half term and how many wonderful experiences we have had on offer to the pupils at Dean Field.

### **Keep up to date!**

Seesaw is the learning platform that we use at Dean Field to record daily learning and also to communicate with parents. If you don't already check Seesaw regularly then please do. All your child/ren's work is added to Seesaw so you can see the wonderful things they get up to in the classroom and also, the progress they are making.



We also showcase all the amazing things that happen at Dean Field on our X account. I would encourage parents to follow us using **@dean\_primary** where you'll see all the fantastic work going on in all year groups across school as well as the Family of Learning Trust.

We will be sending out information about our 'mid year' parents' evening after half term, this will be straight after the Easter holidays and also our annual Parents' Week. Please look out for this and we look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

### **New Interactive Smart Boards**

We are always looking to ensure we have the best resources at Dean Field, this includes technology. We have invested in new interactive Smart boards which are currently being rolled out across school..



Have a great half term!

Mrs Pether

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our value award winners this half term. These children have been chosen by their teachers for showcasing the values of determination and perseverance.



Congratulations to everyone in Team Charlotte Bronte who have the most house points this half term. Children were awarded a prize for their efforts .

Dean Field House Team Winners!



 <p>Charlotte Bronte</p> <p>199 points</p>	 <p>Anne Lister</p> <p>185 points</p>	 <p>Percy Shaw</p> <p>186 points</p>	 <p>Sir Charles Barry</p> <p>191 points</p>
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Well done to team Mexico for winning the topic display board competition!



Dean Field School



February Half Term Family Challenge

World Book Day is soon approaching so we thought this half term you could spend time making book related memories! This challenge will run all the way up to when we celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 7th March** where we will be having a celebratory day to showcase all the creations that you make! This is completely voluntary and there is no expectation to complete the challenge. If you choose to take part, we would love to see and hear all about what you have been doing so please upload your challenges to Seesaw or bring them to school **on or before Thursday 6th March**. **There will be a prize for the winner from EYFS, Lower School and Upper School.**

### Reading Den

Create a reading at home or in your garden to read your favourite stories. Take some pictures and share your den with your friends on Seesaw!



### Book Jar or Box

Capture your favourite book in a box or a jar! This could



include your

favourite scene, how you imagine a place or character to look or simply recreating the illustrations in 3D!



### Wooden Spoon Book Character

Transform a wooden spoon into your favourite book character!



### Book Recommendation

Write a book recommendation for your friends and teachers. Be sure to tell them enough information to persuade them to read it but don't give any spoilers!





Safer  
Internet  
Day 2025 | Tuesday  
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

This week, our school joined others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2025, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online,' focuses on teaching children and young people how to identify and avoid scams, and highlights available support.

Scams can take many forms and target anyone, including young people. You may think that your child would be able to spot an online scammer, but the truth is that they are incredibly convincing and hard to spot. They often involve fake profiles and identities to target people. You may have heard this referred to as 'catfishing.' If your child has been targeted by a scam online and they have been made to do something that they didn't want to, then they are not to blame, they are not in trouble, and support is available.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation at home about spotting, responding to, and reporting online scams. Here are some helpful resources:

You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) with your child about this theme.

The UK Safer Internet Centre have created resources for use with children and young people about this year's theme. These were designed for learning settings but can be adapted to use with your child. You can find these [here](#).

Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for parents and carers [here](#).

You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for children and young people](#) with your child.

You can visit the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland's [Online Safety Hub](#) website for lots of advice and support about how to keep your child safer online. It is split into two sections, one for adults and one for [young people](#). It signposts to local support if help is needed.

The Department of Education also continues to fund the [Safer Schools NI App](#) which is available to all school communities and families to help them manage a wide range of safeguarding issues.

You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

What's your favourite thing to do online?

Have you ever seen a scam online? How did it make you feel?

What signs would you look out for to spot a scam?

What advice would you give to your friends about scams?

Who would you talk to if you saw a scam online?

What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or our Designated Safeguarding Leads

# SAFEGUARDING/ONLINE SAFETY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TIKTOK



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, for that is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.



### BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.



### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Gift bundles range from \$5.99 to an eye-watering £99, while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £2.5 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.



### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.



### MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 15- to 19-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

### ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 137 minutes per day on the app; that's twice as much as in 2023. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.



## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.



### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.



### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



Source: See full reference list on our 0-16 page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/tiktok-2025>





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**Monday** - Academy training U11-U16

**Tuesday** - Futsal training U6-U14

- Open training U14-U16

**Wednesday** - Girls-only training

**Friday** - Academy training U11-U16

All sessions take place at Calderdale College with FCHT coaches

## ALL YEAR EVENTS

**Shay Matchdays** - Community days  
- Half-time schools 5-aside  
- Ball boys/girls

**School Holidays** - Camps @ Brooksbank

**Schools** - Wrap around sessions  
- Inter-school comps  
- In school coaching

### CONTACT US:

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Would you and your family like to participate in our Invictus Inflatable fun run to help raise vital funds for our charity? Would you be able to raise £150 per person? This would also mean you would be able to race for free. This a fun event with many inflatable obstacles to go at. Suitable for children aged 5+



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# THE INFLATABLE 5K - FUN RUN

The Inflatable 5k is not a race. It's all about having fun and taking part with friends and family. Whilst having fun, you'll be helping us raise vital funds to support Children's and Young people's mental health in West Yorkshire



**REGISTER NOW** 

 **Saturday 14th June**  
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# WORLD BOOK DAY

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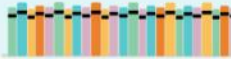
Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading. Here is what we are doing at Dean Field to celebrate World Book Day 2025!

## Stay and Read - Book token prize draw!

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** and **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** we are welcoming parents and carers to come and read with their children in class and complete a World Book Day quiz! Classroom doors will open from 8:30 to 9:00 and all parents, carers and grandparents are welcome!

**Tuesday** – Reception, year 2, year 4, year 6  
**Wednesday** – Nursery, year 1, year 3, year 5

Parents that attend will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 book token. There are three tokens to be won!



## Celebrating in our PJs

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we are inviting all pupils to come to school in their pyjamas for a cosy, fun-filled morning celebrating WBD. Children may also bring their favourite book and teddy to share with their friends whilst doing other activities in class!



## The Masked Reader

The staff at Dean Field are going to be taking part in The Masked Reader! Staff will be disguising themselves and reading an extract from their favorite book. Videos will be posted on Seesaw for parents to enjoy at home too! Pupils are also welcome to take part in this! Post your videos on your Seesaw journal and your teachers will share them with the rest of the class.



## PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS ONLINE

### Workshop Topics

#### Supporting Transition

This workshop covers change, what a successful transition to high school looks like, benefits of a positive transition, as well as briefly covering what anxiety is and some of the brain changes that your child may be going through at this time. It will also look at how to support the transition and some practical strategies and resources for doing this. This workshop is suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 6.

Learning objectives:

- To understand the impact of transition to high school.
- To understand why a positive transition is important and the benefits of this.
- To understand some of the changes to your child's development.
- To know how a parent/carer can support the transition to secondary school.

**To access this—please search for Open Minds CAHMS, once loaded, click on the three lines in the top right hand corner where this will bring up different subsections. Click on parent/carer workshops where you will be able to find all the topics!**



## Whole School Values

As a school, our vision is 'Learning without Limits' and being guided by our school values.



Next half term's focus value is ...

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# Dean Field Nursery

**If you have applied for a September 2025 Reception place at Dean Field please speak to the office about our Nursery Provision. We have places available in Nursery that will improve your chances of a place in Reception. Please contact the school office on 01422 258258 to register.**

## What we offer



- ✦ Safe, secure & stimulating environment
- ✦ Fully equipped indoor and outdoor space
- ✦ Fun and sociable experiences
- ✦ Fully qualified, friendly and caring staff
- ✦ Up to date resources and equipment
- ✦ Nurturing transition to our school
- ✦ Hot meals available
- ✦ Free and daily fruit, milk and tooth brushing
- ✦ Whole school involvement to prepare for starting Reception with their class mates
- ✦ Trips and exciting opportunities including animal workshops



## When to apply

Apply when your child turns 2 years old. Children start nursery the term after they turn 3 years old.



## When will my child start Nursery?

- If your child turns 3 between 1 September and 31 December – **Term starting on or after 1 January**
- If your child turns 3 between 1 January and 31 March – **Term starting on or after 1 April**
- If your child turns 3 between 1 April and 31 August – **Term starting on or after 1 September**





## School Lottery

So far we have raised a huge £3000 through the School Lottery. If you would like to support our school and help us raise funds to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment and organise extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport please sign up and be in with a chance of winning the super draw or £1000 cash!

Cash prizes are guaranteed weekly for one player locally plus money for school. You can also win up to £25,000!

Follow the link to sign up— <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play>.

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## Week commencing Monday 24th February

1		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option		Battered Chicken Steak 1, 3, 4, 5, 10	Homemade Chicken Pulao Rice 4	Cod & Parsley Fishcakes 2 Parsley Sauce 5, 10	Homemade Mexican Chicken Enchiladas 5, 10 Peri-Peri Shredded Chicken 4, 5	Pizza 5, 10
		Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 5, 10, 12	Homemade Vegan Meatball Curry 4 Rice	Homemade Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese 4, 5	Spicy Bean Burgers 5	Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli 3, 4, 5, 10, 12
Vegetables		Potato Wedges Spaghetti 5	Ziggy Fries Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Peas Carrots	Potato Smiles Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Mixed Veg
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request					
Dessert		Jam Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Carrot Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
		Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Angel Delight 10	Crispy Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Strawberry Ice Cream 10



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17th February - 21st February 2025

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## HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in **free, fun** activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.

Find out what's on and book your place at...[www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)

Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.

Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.

Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!

## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 25th February	Year 1 trip to Manor Heath Park
Monday 10th March	Parent Session- Understanding anxiety
Tuesday 11th March	Year 5 Family Learning on Ancient Greece.

**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.

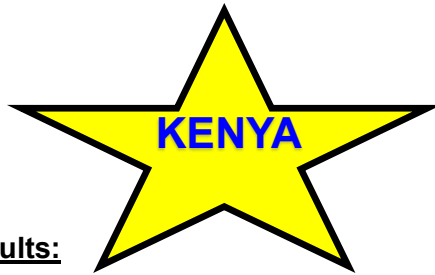
### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Great difficulties may be  
surmounted by patience  
and perseverance.

Abigail Adams



## Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



### AR Results:

Australia 85%  
Poland: 71%  
Kenya: 92%  
Brazil: 74%  
Ireland: 80%

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!

## Evolve First Aid System

The new first aid system is now live so please check your junk email and update us if you change your email address.

Bumped head texts will no longer be sent as every incident will be emailed to parents and no paper slips will be sent home.

School will continue to ring parents if we feel further information needs passing on or in the event of further medical treatment needed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**EVOLVE**accidentbook

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	90.3%
China	97.9%
Australia	87.3%
Poland	96%
Kenya	91.9%
Brazil	96.9%
Ireland	98.2%
Total	93.9%

## This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Australia 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



# GOLD BOOK



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Fraser R	For continuing to put in 100% into RWI even when finding it hard!
	Amina N	For working so hard to make her writing AMAZING!
China Year 1	Star C	For perseverance and determination in phonics, writing and spelling.
	Evie E	For trying her best in all lessons, even when it's tricky.
Australia Year 2	Grayson W	For your determination to join in with all your sports and PE lessons.
	Angus M	For persevering with your handwriting and presentation.
Poland Year 3	Alexa A	For always being determined to do your best!
	Rio-Darren H	For persevering through challenges.
Kenya Year 4	Elliott R	For showing excellent behavior in every lesson and great determination and improvement in his time tables.
	Harper B	For the perseverance in her writing which is showing in her English work!
Brazil Year 5	Libby S	For persevering with Bikeability!
	Blakely R	For always being determined and overcoming barriers with his learning.
Ireland Year 6	Asmaria B	For always being determined to be the best possible version of herself.
	Ollie C	For always persevering through challenges.