

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fantastic start to the half term we have had!

On Monday, only 5 children were absent from school on the first day back. A big well done to you all! This tells me that pupils are keen to get back to school and get back into their learning routine. You will know that we take attendance very seriously at Dean Field and that each and every day really does count.

As we approach March, it occurred to me that it's nearly five years since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; which undoubtedly changed everyone's lives. It also changed schools and the pressures placed on us.

With that in mind and with some sadness, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that our core business as a school is to provide high quality teaching and learning experiences. Whilst this may seem obvious, it is a reminder that we are an academic organisation first and foremost and we are here to provide education and opportunities for children to grow and flourish.

The reality since Covid is that additional responsibilities have been placed on schools to provide support for pupils and families beyond that of education and eventually this is taking its toll both on staff and resources. Whilst we are trying to do our best to balance these needs, it can be challenging to ensure that the quality of education remains at the forefront when there are so many other expectations placed upon us.

We will always endeavor to go 'above and beyond' and do all that we can for the families of Dean Field but there are limits to what we can do and what should be expected of us. We thank you for your understanding as we learn to balance these demands. Our commitment to your child's education remains the most important factor to us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in us.

Mrs Pether

### **Staff Training**

This week all of our teachers have taken part in a cross-trust writing moderation session. Writing moderation takes place once a term and involves all teachers from each of our 5 trust schools. This is a way for our teachers to share good practice and ensure writing is of the highest standard at Dean Field.

We are fortunate in our trust to have several Local Authority writing moderators and this means we benefit from their skills and expertise. This is just one of the benefits of us being part of the Family of Learning Trust!



## ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2024, the whole school participated in the Overgate Reindeer Run. As a school, we donated £1,457.50 to Overgate Hospice. This is absolutely fantastic! Huge thank you to all who donated for this amazing cause.



This week, we are proud to announce that we have been selected as a Music Mark School in recognition of our commitment to improving music education at Dean Field. Music Mark honours schools dedicated to delivering high-quality music education for all children and young people. We have been working hard to expand our music offerings, ensuring that music teaching and experiences are a key part of our broad and balanced curriculum.

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

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Bridget Whyte  
CEO of Music Mark

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Music Mark's campaign on sustainability in music education

Just a reminder about the Family Challenge! We would love to see your book related creations! There are prizes for the winners too!



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



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!



WORLD BOOK DAY

# 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 4th March** and **Wednesday 5th 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 7th 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.





# ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Children & Young People Need to Know about

# FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to others. Whether online or offline, communication attacking or discriminating against groups or individuals (because of protected characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's ideas were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin's theory today. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – which displays prejudice against someone's identity. Derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes ...

Targeting people or groups because of who they are – including but not limited to aspects such as race, sexuality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on those same attributes; referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way.

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity is different to the person who's posting.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are.

### Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the OEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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# SAFEGUARDING



## Stepping Stones Triple P

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® knows that all parents have different needs. That's why Triple P offers a number of specialist programmes tailored to suit parents with very specific needs or circumstances. Stepping Stones Triple P is one of them.

### What is Stepping Stones Triple P?

Stepping Stones Triple P has been developed for parents of children with a developmental disability. Because it's based on Triple P's proven parenting strategies, it gives you ways to deal with the kinds of childhood behaviour problems and issues that can make family life stressful.

#### Who is this for?

- parents of children with a disability (birth–12 years)

#### Stepping Stones Triple P can help you

- manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities
- encourage behaviour you like
- cope with stress
- develop a close relationship with your child

Stepping Stones Triple P has been evaluated with real families and has been shown to work with children with intellectual and physical disabilities who have disruptive behaviour.

#### teach your child new skills

Group Stepping Stones is great if you are having significant problems with your child's behaviour or if you would simply like to learn parenting skills to help promote your child's development and potential. You'll meet with a small group of parents who also have a child with a disability. There'll be just six sessions of around 2 ½ hours each. It will take a couple of months to complete. During the sessions you'll watch DVD excerpts of the parenting strategies being used in real family situations and you'll have a group workbook to take home. Your provider will also call you at home (three times for between 15 and 30 minutes) to answer questions, provide support and help you with any problems.

**We are running this course in school starting 22/4/25. The sessions run for 2 ½ hours for 5 weeks from 9:30-12pm. Then there's a 3 week break where you will receive telephone calls to see how things are going and support offered.**

**We then come back together for a final session to discuss success/concerns.**

The course is led by trained leaders in SEND.

A work book and refreshments are provided.

There's limited availability so get yourself booked on A.S.A.P.

See Loraine to book on.

Looking forward to seeing you.

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Watch this space  
more to follow...

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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**Fun for all  
the  
family!**

# 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**  
9-2.30PM

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PLEASE USE THINK LINK BELOW TO BOOK A PLACE


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Another opportunity to take part in their fantastic course. Run in collaboration with ADHD West Yorkshire. Please follow the links below for booking. This is a fully funded course but really important you can commit to the 4 weeks to get the full benefits. Both courses are run in person from our community hub within Brighthouse town centre.


June 3rd 6-8pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-adhd-what-i-wish-i-knew-earlier-tickets->

June 4th 10am-12 midday <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-copy-of-adhd-what-i-wish-i-knew-earlier-tickets>



A FULLY FUNDED 4 WEEK COURSE

# ADHD- WHAT I WISH I KNEW EARLIER




**OPTION ONE**  
4 CONSECUTIVE  
WEEKS STARTING  
ON  
TUESDAY 22ND  
APRIL 2025  
6-8 PM


**TO ENROL ON ONE  
OF THESE  
COURSES YOU  
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**OPTION TWO**  
4 CONSECUTIVE  
WEEKS STARTING  
ON  
WEDNESDAY 23RD  
APRIL 2025  
10-12PM

- UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND ITS CHALLENGES
- SUPPORT & ADVICE
- HELP WITH MANAGING BEHAVIOUR
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- LIASING WITH SCHOOL
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## Whole School Values

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



This half term's value is

**Caring**



I care for myself,  
for others and our  
school community.



# 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 3rd March

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	2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option		Southern Fried Chicken Goujons <small>1, 5</small>	Sausages 5 Gravy	Battered Fish <small>2, 5</small>	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, <small>10, 12</small>	Pizza <small>5, 10</small>
		Tomato Pasta <small>5, 10</small>	Homemade Onion Bhaji Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie <small>5, 10, 12</small>	Quorn Sausages 5	Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10 Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14
Vegetables		Potato Puffs Spaghetti 5 Peas	Potato Wedges Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Mushy Peas	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches <span style="color: red; font-size: small;">Allergies for the daily items available on request</span>					
Dessert		Assorted Biscuits <small>5, 10, 12</small>	Iced Cake <small>5, 10, 12</small>	Cupcakes <small>5, 10, 12</small>	Jam Sponge <small>5, 10, 12</small> Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking <small>5, 10, 12</small>
		Strawberry Swirls <small>10</small>	Jelly	Cornflake Buns <small>4, 5, 10</small>	Angel Delight <small>10</small>	Chocolate Ice Cream <small>10</small>

A few reminders of the Apps we use in school which can also be accessed at home to enhance your child's learning.

### EYFS-Nursery and Reception



<https://tentown.co.uk/login-page-class>

Please ask your class teacher for a login

### Year 1 and 2



<https://numbots.com/#>

Please ask your class teacher for a log in

### Year 1 to 6



<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Please ask your class teacher for a log in



Year 2 to 6

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Please ask your class teacher for a log in

## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 4th March	Stay and Read –Reception, y2, y4, y6
Wednesday 5th March	Stay and Read –Nursery, y1, y3, y5
Friday 7th March	World Day Celebration! Come dressed in PJs
Monday 10th March	Parent Session- Understanding Anxiety
Tuesday 11th March	Year 1 Trip to Manor Heath
Tuesday 11th March	Year 5 Family Learning on Ancient Greece.

**REMINDER:** All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and

**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.

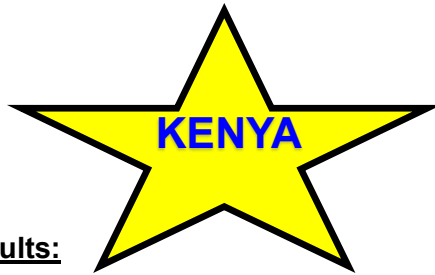


**REMINDER:** If your child has asthma please ensure they have an inhaler in school and you have filled out a medical form at the school office. Thank you.





## Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



### AR Results:

Australia 86%  
Poland: 80%  
Kenya: 93%  
Brazil: 80%  
Ireland: 78%

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	94.6%
China	91.4%
Australia	95.8%
Poland	98.3%
Kenya	95.4%
Brazil	98.3%
Ireland	95.5%
Total	95.6%

## 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	Jasper F	For a great first week back.
	Dakota A	For being and ALWAYS child and always trying her best.
China Year 1	Dolcie D	For her amazing effort in the art lesson this week.
	Luna S	For contributing in all lessons and for being enthusiastic and engaged with new learning.
Australia Year 2	Lennon H	For being 'switched on' and engaged with all learning.
	Lucy W	For determination and effort in all she does.
Poland Year 3	Lexi D	For effort and enthusiasm in music lessons.
	Zoraiz B	For being determined to always do his best in all lessons.
Kenya Year 4	Leo B	For excellent participation and enthusiasm in all lessons this week.
	Mia E	For a mature and sensible attitude in all lessons, all of the time,
Brazil Year 5	Freya B	For always putting in 100% effort in all lessons.
	Olivia T	For determination in Bikeability.
Ireland Year 6	Scarlette W	For enthusiasm in all lessons.
	Lucas W	For always putting in 100% effort in to everything.