



Dean Field  
Community Primary School

# DEAN FIELD NEWS

Friday 14th November 2025



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Parents' Evening Success

We were so pleased to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It was lovely to have the chance to catch up, share how well the children are doing and talk about their progress and next steps. We hope you found the conversations helpful and valuable and that you came away feeling as proud of your children as we do every day.



Also a big well done and thank you to our Head Boy and Girl and the year 6 Prefects who helped out during Parents' Evening. You did a great job and were so mature.

Thank you to those parents who completed our parent survey. This is currently being analysed and will be shared in an upcoming newsletter along with feedback on any development points raised.

## Christmas Dates

As we head towards the festive season, please make sure to take a look at the key Christmas dates listed later in the newsletter. There's lots happening over the next few weeks, and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out! Please make a note of any events involving your child so you can join us in celebrating all the wonderful activities taking place before the holidays.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fiona Pether  
Headteacher



Reminder: Please can parents complete a FSM application form; either hard copy available at the office or on line [Apply for free school meals | Calderdale Council](#). Even if your child receives universal school meals (Reception to Year 2).

# SAFEGUARDING

Visit [Calderdale Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) to access safeguarding information and advice for children and young people.

## Support available for Children and Young People:

### childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

#### Childline

Childline is a free, private and confidential service where you can be you. Whatever your worry, whenever you need help, however you want to get in touch.

[Visit Childline](#)

### NSPCC

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The NSPCC are the leading children's charity fighting to end child abuse in the UK.

[Visit NSPCC](#)



A National Crime Agency command

#### CEOP

CEOP are here to help if something has happened online which has made you feel unsafe, scared or worried.

[Visit CEOP](#)

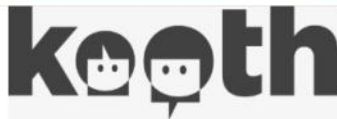


#### Open Minds

Open Minds will help you with questions about emotional health and wellbeing, showing you where you can find support.

[Download Poster - Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service Offer for Children and Young People in Calderdale](#)

[Visit Open Minds](#)



#### Kooth

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online support for young people

[Visit Kooth](#)



#### Fearless

Fearless is a website where you can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality including myths and facts on topics such as knife crime, county lines, and robbery.

[Visit Fearless](#)



#### Kidscape

The vision of Kidscape is for all children to grow up in a world free from bullying and harm, with adults who keep them safe and help them to reach their full potential.

[Visit Kidscape](#)



#### Shore

Shore is a safe space for teenagers concerned about their own or someone else's sexual thoughts and behaviour. Shore has anonymous advice and support to help you or someone you know manage worrying thoughts. All services are anonymous.

[Visit Shore](#)



#### Centre Point

Centrepont is a safe space for young people to build an independent future. We provide the expert support and secure housing that young people need to reclaim their dreams and have a future beyond homelessness

[Visit Centre Point](#)



#### NIGHT OWLS

Overnight West Yorkshire Listening/Advice Service

#### West Yorkshire Night OWLS Helpline

West Yorkshire Night OWLS is a confidential support line for children, young people, their parents and carers, in a crisis. If you are concerned about their emotional wellbeing contact **Night OWLS**.

[Visit Night OWLS](#)

# ONLINESAFETY

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

## 1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a private pin code on certain devices, you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.



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## PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted users on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu (look for a cog icon) and select the 'Users' option. Here you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android smartphone it's similar, but first select 'Parental Controls' in the play store.

## 3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can simply visit the preferences/settings menu and within 'General' there is an option for 'Restrictions'. Here you can turn off any applications or features on your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.



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## 5 MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'safe search' setting. You should activate this. Otherwise, it's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the Internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change so it defaults each time you open the browser. This will seriously reduce the chances of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.

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## 4 THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the Internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the Internet.



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## 6 REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you allow your child to use social media, you should discuss the dangers with them. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.



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## 7 DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.

## 8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.



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## 9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health suggests it's more important to consider the 'context and content' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' functions, which you can find in the settings of certain devices.



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## Chocolate Tombola

On Friday 21st November children can come to school in non-uniform. Please donate a chocolate or sweet item for the Christmas tombola. Thank you!



## Christmas Events



Event	Date
Chocolate Tombola - non-uniform	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Reindeer Run/Elf Dash	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS Christmas Performance	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Singing around the Christmas tree – Lower School	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9am
Singing around the Christmas tree – Upper School	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm
Santa Visit	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party – non-uniform	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>School Closes for Christmas break</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1.10pm</b>

## Year 3 & 4 School Trip

Year 3 & 4 had an amazing art trip to Dean Clough on Tuesday! We explored the galleries, admired the Lego model & giant Iron Man statue, and enjoyed inspiring talks and workshops with artists Chris Mould and Jeffrey Andrews. What a creative day!

Quote from Jeffrey Andrews: They were brilliant: engaged, enthusiastic and really well behaved.



## Year 1 Manor Heath Trip

Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Manor Heath park to spot signs of autumn for their science seasons topic, as well as human features and physical features of geography to link with last half term's topic of geography in our local area.





Learning Without Limits



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# 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](http://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](http://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.

# ENGLAND ROCKS



18TH TO 20TH NOVEMBER  
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY



PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!



WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE  
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT  
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**



# DEAN FIELD CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2025

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

We are back for another year.

**BUT WE NEED YOU!!!!**

Our Fayre cannot go ahead without our  
Dean Field Community

We are looking for Donations of

- Raffle Prizes
- Unused Gifts
- Toys
- Chocolate
- Bottles

Please no Soft toys or Books

Please bring any donations to the  
school office.



**29th**  
November

**12 noon**  
**to 3pm**

**Faith**



**Hope**

Gift Stall

Games

Tombola

Cake Stall

Handicrafts

**Love**

Choc Tombola

And Much More

**Hot Food, Refreshments & Mince Pies**

## Christmas Fair - Christ Church Mount Pellon

**Christ Church Mount Pellon  
Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 15th November 2025**

**10am - 3pm - Admission Free**

Drinks and Cakes available: 10am - 3pm

Bacon Butties &

Hot Dogs: 10.30am - 1.30pm

Lots of stalls

Tombola

Raffle

Games

Craft

Cafe

If you want to book a table the cost is £10

Contact our church mobile phone on 07305 692032

Or email [ccinfopellon@gmail.com](mailto:ccinfopellon@gmail.com)

## Week commencing Monday 17th November 2025

		School Meals Menu - Week 2				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Goujons 5	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 Shredded Chicken 4, 5	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Chicken Curry Rice	Pizza 5, 10	
	Tomato Pasta 5, 10	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese 5, 10	Quorn Dippers 5	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	
Vegetables	Chips Beans Peas	g/f Waffle Fries Broccoli Mixed Veg	Chips Peas Sweetcorn	g/f Wedges Broccoli Carrots	Chips Beans Sweetcorn	
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, 14	Jam Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12	
	Ice Cream Cake 4, 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Angel Delight 10	Ice Cream 10	

### Polite Reminder



## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 21st November	Chocolate/Sweet Tombola—non-uniform
Friday 21st November	Year 4 Family Learning
Wednesday 3rd December	Christmas Dinner Day

**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.

**This half term's focus value is ...**

**TOLERANCE**



"The highest result  
of education is  
tolerance."  
- Helen Keller

### Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Australia	91%
Poland	86%
Kenya	79%
Brazil	83%
Ireland	86%

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)

**Freddie W in Year 3**



NumBots Star of the Week

**Vanessa A in Year 2**

### This Week's Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.8%
China	93.8%
Australia	97.5%
Poland	92.9%
Kenya	92.9%
Brazil	86%
Ireland	96.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>93.7%</b>

Congratulations to Australia class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Ireland class for coming second. **We have two classes above 96% this week!** We have fallen well 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:

**Owen W and Paige W**

**For behaving beautifully on the trip and showing fantastic leadership skills.**

**Olivia M**

**For practicing her solo for the Christmas show and standing up in front of the whole class.**

# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Emilia H	For trying hard at group time to follow rules and routine.
	Emily K	For good turn taking in social circles.
China Year 1	Nikol K	For always being positive, trying her best and being kind and helpful.
	Frankie L	For always giving everything 100% effort.
Australia Year 2	Reuben G	For amazing independent English writing about Owl Babies feelings!
	Rosie H	For trying hard in ALL subjects!
Poland Year 3	Francesca R	For your enthusiasm and engagement on our art trip.
	Rocco S	For always doing the right thing and putting in 100% effort.
Kenya Year 4	Alexa A	For always supporting her peers with their learning.
	Reggie A	For improved concentration with his learning.
Brazil Year 5	Lillie-Paige K	For her amazing achievements in rugby and dance.
	Mia E	For always trying hard in lessons.
Ireland Year 6	Ivy B	For outstanding drama skills.
	Vanessa G	For putting 110% into her maths learning.