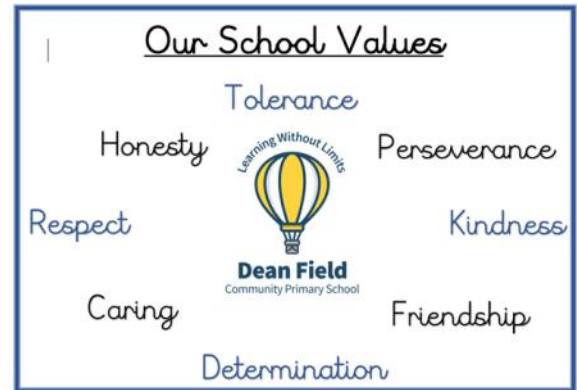


A reminder of our **School Values** and why they matter to us so much at Dean Field.

They:

- Help children learn how to behave and treat others
- Support kindness, respect, and honesty
- Encourage children to keep going when things are difficult
- Create a safe, happy, and calm school environment
- Help children become confident and responsible learners
- Prepare children for life beyond primary school

These core values underpin everything we do in our school.



We use our school values every day to help us make good choices. They guide how we behave in class, how we play with others, and how we learn. Our values help us know what is right, even when something feels tricky. When everyone follows the same values, our school is a happy, safe place where we can all do our best.

In lessons:

We use our values to listen carefully, try our best, and help each other learn.

Around school:

We show respect, kindness, and good manners in the playground, corridors, and dining hall.

With friendships:

Our values help us include others, solve problems calmly, and be fair.

When learning is tricky:

We use resilience to keep going and not give up.

In rewards and praise:

We celebrate children who show our values through certificates, stickers, and praise.

In choices and behaviour:

We use our values to help us make the right choices and reflect on our actions.

At assemblies and events:

We talk about our values and see how they link to stories, real life, and our community.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Fiona Pether

Headteacher



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's following feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.8 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-18s (or young people using a false date of birth) are set to public view 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 allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage 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 cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

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 they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, 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 important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

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.



See full reference list on our website

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NSPCC Number Day 2026

Friday 6th February



Dean field will be taking part in a mega maths fundraising day. We've got lots of activities planned including activity sheets, games, and puzzles.

Math Activities

During the day, pupils will be completing activities such as, games, puzzles, presentations and paying in instructions.

We will share our learning on Seesaw for parents and carers to see.



Dress up for Digits!

On Friday 6th February, we are inviting all pupils to wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a donation.

Donation £1 for NSPCC

They could wear a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. You could get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!



NSPCC Rocks

NSPCC Rocks is an online times table competition to celebrate Number Day — in collaboration with Times Tables Rock Stars.

Taking place on **Friday 6 February 2026**, the competition boosts maths confidence, accuracy and recall speed.



Why your support matters



1 in 5 children across the UK have suffered abuse. That means **7 children in a classroom** experience abuse before they turn 18.



Last year, we reached **over 1.5 million children in over 6,300 schools** with our **Speak out Stay safe** safeguarding assemblies.



£3 from Number Day fundraising could help pay for the NSPCC **Speak out Stay safe** programme to reach 1 primary school child.



Stay and Read



On **Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th February** we are welcoming parents and carers to come and read with their children in class! Classroom doors will open from 8:30 to 9:00 and all parents, carers and grandparents are welcome!

Monday 2nd February - Reception, Y2, Y4, Y6
Wednesday 4th February - Nursery, Y1, Y3, Y5

All parents can enter classroom doors via the playground. If you wish to visit more than one class, please use the same doors to enter and exit classrooms as you wish.

We look forward to seeing you!

Flat Stan First Aid Course

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an engaging Flat Stan First Aid course, where they learnt vital life-saving skills in a fun and age-appropriate way. During the session, children practised how to call for help confidently, including when and how to dial 999. They also learnt what to do in emergency situations involving bleeding, choking, and how to perform CPR. The pupils showed great enthusiasm and maturity, and the course helped build their confidence to act calmly and responsibly if faced with a real-life emergency.



Year 5 Yorkshire Water Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Headingley Water Treatment Works on Wednesday.

They learnt about where water comes from, how it is cleaned and treated before returning to our homes linking to our River topic.





Dean Field Den



Welcome back to the School Den. We have the following things coming up this term.

February—Valentine's Day

March—Mother's Day

April—Easter Day

Food Friends Competition

During September and October the children at the den took part in a competition. They designed their own food and gave it a name.

These pictures have since been published in a book, children and their parents/carers were able to purchase a copy, we also have a copy of the book in school to look at.

<https://www.youngartists.co.uk/competitions/closed/food-friends>

Breakfast Club Menu

Monday—3 choices of cereals/toast/juice

Tuesday— Pancakes with Syrup/cereals/juice

Wednesday—3 choices cereals/toast juice

Thursday—3 choices of cereals toast juice

Friday—This week Sausage Sandwiches

Week after pain au chocolate

Fruit available at times

After School Club Menu

Week 1

Monday

Noodles

Crisps or fruit

Tuesday

Fish fingers/jelly

Wednesday

Beans/spaghetti on toast

Cream crackers

Thursday

Pasta cheese/tuna/sauce

Biscuits

Friday

Ham/cheese

toasties

Fruit or yoghurt

Week 2

Monday

Hot dogs

Angel delight

Tuesday

Wraps/sandwiches

cheese/ham/jam

Biscuits

Wednesday

Chicken nuggets/smiles

Thursday

Soup/bread

Buns/flapjack

Friday

Sausage rolls/beans

Swiss roll

Week 3

Monday

Sausage sandwich

Biscuit/yoghurt

Tuesday

Soup/bread

Jelly

Wednesday

Pasta/cheese/tuna/sauce

Crisps

Thursday

Ham/cheese/jam sandwich

Cream crackers

Friday

Homemade pizza

Swiss roll

Week 4

Monday

Beans/spaghetti on toast

Jelly or fruit

Tuesday

Noodles

Biscuits

Wednesday

Jacket potatoes cheese/beans

Pancakes

Thursday

Pizza fingers

Ice cream

Friday

Carrot sticks/cucumber sticks/humus

Sausage rolls/pork pie

Flapjack/biscuits



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

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**£1 per
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**Weekly
cash prizes**

**£25,000
jackpot**



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



Splitting the £1.00

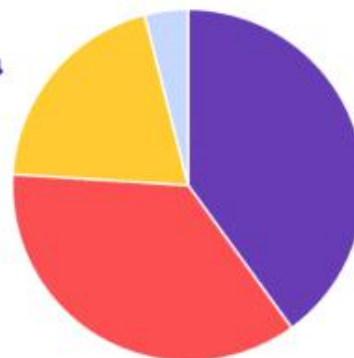
How it works...

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



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

**Enter our
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Win a £1,000 Aldi Gift Card
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THE BIG SLEEPOUT



**20TH
FEB**

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Halifax HX3 5AX

**START
7:00PM**

Spend a night under the stars and help raise funds
for people facing homelessness, food poverty, and
crisis in Calderdale

Together, we can make a real difference

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You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)*



*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)*

The You Are Not Alone drop-in is a service delivered by
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

If you would like to join the **next drop-in**, please send an email to team@youarenotalone.community and we will send you the **Zoom** link.



Week commencing Monday 26th January 2026

<div>  School Meals Menu - Week 1  </div>					
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5	Sausages 5, 8 Gravy	Cod & Parsley Fishcakes 2 Parsley Sauce 5, 10	Homemade Chicken Tikka Wraps Southern Fried Chicken Poppers 5, 8	Pizza 5, 10
	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 5, 10, 12	Quorn Burger 5, 10, 12 in a Bun 5	Homemade Vegetarian Lasagne 5, 10	Mac n Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Homemade Vegetable Biryani
Vegetables	g/f Potato Wedges Beans	Mashed Potato 10 Sweetcorn Broccoli	g/f Waffle Fries Peas Carrots	Potato Puffs Spaghetti 5 Sweetcorn	Chips Beans Mixed Veg
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cheesecake 5, 10	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Assorted Ice Cream 10	Jelly	Cornflake Buns 4, 5, 10	Angel Delight 10	Assorted Ice Cream 10

Polite Reminder



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 28th January	Reception Eye Clinic
Friday 6th February	Young Voices Concert Manchester Arena
Tuesday 10th February	Nursery Trip
Friday 13th February	School closes

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



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 ...

DETERMINATION



Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Australia	82%
Poland	86%
Kenya	76%
Brazil	86%
Ireland	88%

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)

Elijah Year 4



NumBots Star of the Week

Vanessa in Year 2

This Week's Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	91%
China	96.3%
Australia	94%
Poland	98.9%
Kenya	93.1%
Brazil	95.9%
Ireland	94.5%
Total	94.8%

Congratulations to **Poland** class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to **China** class for coming second. **All classes above 96% continue to receive £5 for their jars; well done China and Poland!** 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:

Lennon W - For performing first aid on another pupil choking.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Louie C	For his improved attitude to learning. Especially his handwriting and reading.
	Lily-Mae S	For moving up writing groups and fabulous effort.
China Year 1	Scarlet W	For amazing phonics, spelling and handwriting progress.
	Romeo S	For incredible art work.
Australia Year 2	Lacey-Mae C	For her amazing writing in English with commas in a list!
	Lenny H	For amazing engagement in ALL lessons!
Poland Year 3	Nilaani S	For demonstrating fantastic team work skills in music.
	Owais B	For your enthusiasm and engagement in French lessons.
Kenya Year 4	Eleanor H	For always displaying positive behaviours and being fully engaged at all times.
	Kairi IS	For fantastic participation and contributions in class all week.
Brazil Year 5	Charlotte H	For always showing kindness, manners and care to others.
	Lillie-Paige K	For being a swimming superstar and improving her confidence.
Ireland Year 6	Kadie-Mai G	For fantastic participation in lessons this week.
	Ava O	For super engagement in our First Aid workshop this week.