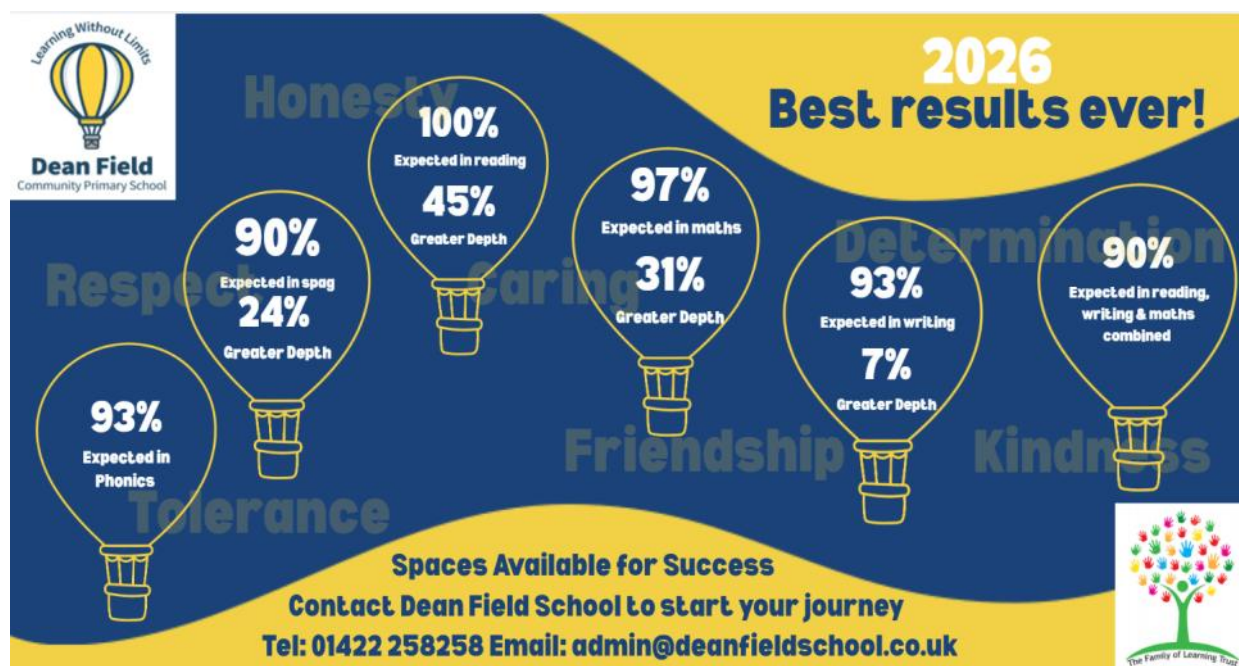


Friday 17th July 2026

We are incredibly proud of our end of year outcomes, which are our strongest results to date. They are a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our children, staff and families throughout the year.

We are also delighted that **77% of our Reception children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD)**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the excellent start our youngest pupils have made to their educational journey.

These wonderful outcomes provide the perfect way to celebrate the end of another successful academic year. We would like to thank our children for their enthusiasm and determination, our staff for their unwavering commitment, and our parents and carers for their continued support. Together, we have so much to celebrate, and we look forward to building on this success in the year ahead.



Goodbyes...

We said a last farewell to our remaining year 6 pupils today as they left us for the last time. We wish all of them and the children who left earlier in July the very best for their next chapter.

Goodbye to Miss Fitzpatrick who embarks on a new journey as the Nursery Lead at Shirley Manor Primary Academy (part of the Family of Learning Trust).

Goodbye and thank you to Mrs Hawsworth who has covered Miss Jagger's maternity leave since January. We thank her very much and wish her well for the future. Miss Jagger will be returning to work on the 7th September.

All that remains to say is have an amazing summer and we'll see you in September!
Mrs Pether

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TECH-FREE SUMMER FOR TEENS

For many 11- to 16-year-olds, summer can quickly become screen heavy, especially when socialising, entertainment, and downtime all happen via their devices. Encouraging a tech-free summer isn't about banning technology altogether, but about helping young people rediscover friendship, creativity, independence, and the great outdoors. The NHS recommends that young people aged 5 to 18 aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day across the week.

1 BUILD OUTDOOR CHOICE

Teens are more likely to engage when they feel they have a level of control. Create a simple 'summer outdoors menu' with options such as cycling to a favourite café, playing rounders, visiting a skatepark, dog walking, photography walks, geocaching, or helping around the garden. Parents and educators can then ask young people to choose two or three activities each week that interest them.

2 PREPARE THE KIT

Small barriers can stop teenagers going outside, especially if they feel uncomfortable, too hot, or unprepared. Keep a grab bag with sun cream, water, snacks, plasters, a cap, period products, and a lightweight waterproof. During hot weather, plan shade, water breaks, and calmer activities, as vigorous exercise is not advised on very hot days.

3 TRY MICRO-ADVENTURES

Outdoor activities don't need to be expensive or complicated. A micro-adventure could be as simple as watching the sunrise, walking to a local viewpoint, making breakfast outside, visiting a new green space, or planning a bus journey to a nearby nature trail. Encourage teens to plan the route, snacks, and timings themselves to help build their independence.

4 LINK TO REAL INTERESTS

A young person who dislikes sport may still enjoy being outside if the activity connects with something they already care about. Link outdoor time to music, art, animals, fashion, cooking, photography, or social interaction. Ideas include sketching in a park, making a nature playlist, filming a wildlife vlog script, or designing posters for a community garden.

5 CREATE SOCIAL PULL

For many teenagers, friends are the strongest motivator in various areas of life. Parents can invite one or two friends on walks, picnics, or garden games, while schools can promote lunchtime leagues, outdoor clubs, or summer meet-ups linked to existing interests. Make these activities feel social rather than supervised, with adults nearby for safety but not dominating the experience.

6 MAKE TRAVEL ACTIVE

Active travel is a practical way to build outdoor time into everyday routines. Encourage young people to walk, cycle, or scooter short journeys where it's safe to do so, such as to school, the library, a friend's house, or a sports club. Educators could run a summer 'active miles' challenge, with pupils logging their journeys completed on foot or by pedal.

7 USE PHONE-FREE CHALLENGES

Rather than simply saying, "Put your phone away", turn time spent offline into a shared challenge. Try a two-hour, phone-free park visit, a family evening walk, or a tutor-group challenge where pupils track their screen-free outdoor hours and share what they've been doing. You could all agree to keep devices in a box, bag, or classroom drawer, and allow for check-in time afterwards.

8 OFFER REAL RESPONSIBILITY

Teens often respond well when outdoor activities feel purposeful. Give them the responsibility for setting up a garden get-together, planning a picnic budget, leading a warm-up routine, mapping a walking route, or organising outdoor equipment. Schools could ask pupils to design an outdoor wellbeing trail, manage a sports rota, or support younger pupils during activity sessions.

9 REPLACE, DON'T REMOVE

If screens are taken away without an appealing alternative, young people may see outdoor time as a punishment. Replace gaming sessions with football drills, dance practice, basketball shots, treasure hunts, or card games outside. Replace screen scrolling with a 'boredom box' containing items like chalk, a frisbee, skipping ropes, playing cards, seed packets, or a disposable-style camera.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Not every teenager will suddenly love the outdoors, so recognise their gradual progress. Celebrate a 20-minute walk, an hour at the park, a phone-free picnic lunch, or choosing to cycle instead of being driven around. Parents and educators can use praise, certificates, group displays, or simple shared reflection to show that outdoor effort matters.

Meet Our Expert

The National College provides expert-led training and resources to support schools, trusts and education settings worldwide. Its guidance helps parents and educators understand the issues affecting children and young people today, covering topics such as safeguarding, wellbeing, digital safety, and healthy development.

See full reference list on our website

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Mrs Stansfield
Pastoral Manager



Miss Clay
SENDCo

Fidget and Sensory Tools from September

At Dean Field, we recognise that some children benefit from sensory and fidget tools to support attention, self-regulation and engagement in learning. These are support tools, not toys, and can play an important role in helping children access learning successfully. Recently, we have seen an increase in fidget and sensory items being brought into school from home. Unfortunately, this can sometimes lead to distractions in class, and when items are lost or damaged, children can become upset or distressed.

Therefore, from September we kindly ask that fidget and sensory tools are not brought into school from home. We will continue to provide school-approved sensory and fidget resources for children who need them, ensuring they are suitable, used consistently and available when required. **To be clear, this is not a ban on fidget tools.**

What Are Fidget Tools Used For?

- Improve focus and attention
 - Regulate movement without leaving their seat
 - Reduce anxiety by giving hands something purposeful to do
 - Engage more fully in whole class learning
 - Manage sensory needs discreetly
- They are tools for regulation, not toys for play.

We already have a set of school approved fidget tools and will be replenishing stock for September to ensure we can provide them where needed. This ensures consistency, fairness and suitability across the school. Our aim is to create calm, focused learning environments while continuing to support the individual needs of all pupils.





Dean Field
Community Primary School

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When to Apply

When your child turns 2 years old.

Children start nursery in the term after their 3rd birthday:

- ★ Turns 3 between 1 Sep – 31 Dec → Start January
- ★ Turns 3 between 1 Jan – 31 Mar → Start April
- ★ Turns 3 between 1 Apr – 31 Aug → Start September



**APPLY NOW FOR
A SEPTEMBER
PLACE**

**APPLY AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE OR CALL 01422**

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HELPS TOWARDS SECURING A PLACE
IN OUR RECEPTION COHORT**





Free Breakfast *Club*



**MONDAY TO
FRIDAY 8-8:30AM
RECEPTION TO
YEAR 6**

**LAST ENTRY 8:20AM
NO NEED TO PREBOOK -
JUST TURN UP!**

*'Staff are amazing,
caring and attentive'*

*'Supports the children and
the transition in to class'*

*'It's great for children to
socialise and
eat breakfast together before
going to class'*

*'Great selection of different
foods'*

*'It's good for parents that need to
attend work'*



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK YOUR N-Y6
CHILD ONTO THE PAID BREAKFAST CLUB
FROM 7:30AM PLEASE CONTACT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE ON 01422 258 258.**



Summer Holiday Family Challenge



It's time for the Summer Holiday Family Challenge! It's the perfect way to keep the children occupied, have fun and make memories for little or no cost during the holidays. This is completely voluntary and there is no expectation to complete the challenge. However, if you choose to, we love to see and hear all about what you have been doing so please upload your challenges to Seesaw before our return to school in September. Your new teacher would love to see what you have been up to! Please send your pictures to your new teacher via Seesaw message before you return in September! All children that participate will receive a small prize in Gold Book assembly.

Calderdale Summer Library Challenge

Visit your local Calderdale Library and join the Summer Reading Challenge.



Nature Visit

Visit Ogden Water or Cromwell Bottom and see how many birds and insects you can spot.

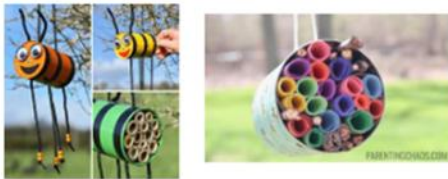


Kindness Rocks

Decorate pebbles with positive messages or pictures and hide them around Calderdale for others to find.



Bee Hotel



Make a bug hotel using bamboo canes, sticks and a tin can or wooden box.

Recycled Robot Challenge

Build a robot using cereal boxes, tubes, yoghurt pots and bottle tops.



Family Handprint Canvas

Each family member adds a painted handprint and turns it into flowers, animals or balloons.



Design a road safety poster and win shopping vouchers

Calderdale Council would like young people to help raise awareness of road safety. Your challenge is to create a poster that promotes road safety to your community using one of the themes below:

- **Buckle Up!** - Seat belts keep everyone safer. Little ones need the right car seat too.
- **Stop, Look, Listen, THINK** - Use the Green Cross Code every time you cross.
- **No Distractions** - Phones away, headphones off, eyes up. Messages can wait until you're safely across.
- **Use Safer Crossings** - Zebra crossings, traffic lights, islands — they're there to help you.
- **Watch Out for Parked Cars** - Look carefully when crossing between parked cars.
- **Be Bright, Be Seen** - Wear bright or reflective clothes, especially when it's dark.
- **Know the Risks** - People aged 12-15 are more likely to be in collisions — think safety.

One winning design will be chosen from each theme. The designs will be used in promoting road safety by Calderdale Council and partners. The winners will be announced at our community road safety Vision Zero event at People's Park in Halifax on Thursday 13 August and presented with their prizes.

- The competition is open to young people aged 18 and under who live or go to school in the Calderdale area.
- The poster should be A4, can be hand drawn or done using a computer but it should be your own work. You should not use AI to create the poster or include any elements which would breach copyright.
- Please state on the back of the poster the category you are entering, your first name, age and contact details for your parents/guardian or organisation.
- Entries must be submitted by 17:00 on 9 August 2026 to visionzeroposter@calderdale.gov.uk or can be posted/delivered to Halifax Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ.

For full terms and conditions and information on GDPR, please visit the event link below.

Find out more about the Vision Zero event at www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/vz-event or scan the QR code.



Week Commencing Tuesday 1st September 2026

 School Meals Menu - Week 1 					
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Hot Dogs Sausage 5, 8 Bun 5, 14	Roast Chicken Dinner	Homemade Cottage Pie 10	Homemade Butter Chicken Curry 10	Homemade Tuna Sweetcorn Pasta Bake 2, 5, 10
	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini 3, 4, 5, 10, 12	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10	Samosas 5	Pizza 5, 10
Vegetables	Chips Mixed Veg Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas Broccoli	New Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Savoury Rice Broccoli Pies	Wedges Beans Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Tuna Mayo, Beans, Cheese) Selection of Wraps & Sandwiches Salad Bar Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts & Fruit Cocktail				
Dessert	Strawberry Milkshake 10 & Homemade Cookie 5, 10, 12	Homemade Parkin 5, 10, 12	Homemade Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Fresh Fruit Selection	Assorted Homemade Baking 5, 10, 12
	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Assorted Ice Cream 10	Orange Jelly	Choobs 10	





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MONDAY TO THURSDAY
20TH JULY - 30TH JULY

10AM-2PM
AGES 5-11





FREE! to children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals (£10 per day for non-FSM)

Hot meal provided for **ALL** that attend



TO BOOK SCAN QR CODE






IT'S A KNOCKOUT

FAMILY FUN DAY

30TH AUGUST 2026

OPEN FROM: 10:30 - 15:30
(It's a Knockout starting at 11:30)

SAVILE PARK MOOR, HALIFAX, HX1 3EW

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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.

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SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



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DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 1st September	School reopens
Tuesday 1st September	Residential Trip Parent Meeting 3pm

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 ...

KINDNESS

"CARRY OUT A
RANDOM ACT OF
KINDNESS, WITH NO
EXPECTATION OF
REWARD."
- PRINCESS DIANA

Reminders

The T2P app will no longer be available to use from September. If you would like to access payments, forms and texts in one place then please download the new app <https://eduspot.co.uk/app/>

Please collect any medication or inhalers from school before we break up for the summer holidays. Any medication that will still be required should be returned to school in September. Thank you.

Free Breakfast Club—you no longer need to book the free breakfast club in advance from September. Last admittance is 8:20am.

This Week's Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	98.3%
China	95.7%
Australia	91.7%
Poland	96.1%
Kenya	96.1%
Brazil	92.5%
Ireland	93.1%
Total	94.9%

Congratulations to **Mexico** class who had the highest attendance in school this week. Well done to **Poland and Kenya** class for coming second. **All classes above 96% continue to receive £5 for their jars; well done Mexico, Poland and Kenya!** We have fallen just below 96% this week in some classes 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,
Lorraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Yuna L	For always, always being so kind and considerate and full of compliments.
	Daryl A	Everybody wants to be Daryl's friend which shows how kind and caring he is.
China Year 1	Romeo S	For showing kindness to all of the grown ups in school.
	Blake H	For showing kindness to everyone.. ALWAYS.
Australia Year 2	Alex K	For always using kind words and manners.
	Zarmish B	For always using kind words and manners.
Poland Year 3	Franklin L	For always being kind to everyone.
	Edith G	For always being kind and respectful.
Kenya Year 4	Jack PM	For always being kind and considerate to adults and pupils.
	Mila H	For showing kindness to others, always.
Brazil Year 5	Millie-Lou A	For showing kindness and respect to all pupils.
	Rogan M	For showing kindness and respect to all pupils.