

Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, a big thank you for your support this week with the extreme temperatures we have seen—it's very much appreciated!

I am incredibly proud to announce that we have achieved the **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)**, a nationally recognised accreditation that celebrates a commitment to developing excellence in science leadership, curriculum design, teaching and learning.

Led by the University of Hertfordshire, for over a decade the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) has been setting children on a path to a life filled with exciting possibilities and opportunities, by giving them access to a strong foundation in quality primary science education.

PSQM is a comprehensive, evidence-informed, professional learning programme which equips primary science subject leaders with the knowledge, confidence, and expert support they need to transform the quality and profile of science education in their schools.

PQSM said 'Our congratulations go to the whole school community on this achievement and particularly to the school's science subject leaders who have led this process through participation in the PSQM professional learning programme and by driving a cycle of reflection, development and improvement across the school. Their leadership helps to ensure that all children benefit from high-quality science teaching and learning.'

'Everyone involved should be very proud of the positive difference they are making to children's learning and of their commitment to continuous improvement in primary science education.'

A big thank you to Miss Jagger our Science Lead and Miss Brambani for all their hard work submitting our evidence for this prestigious award showcasing the quality curriculum in place for Science at Dean Field—well done!



Mrs Fiona Pether



Summer Term Key Event Dates

Year 1 Phonics Screen Check	8 th June – 12 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	8 th June – 12 th June
Year 2 Family Learning Fire Fire	Friday 12 th June
Year 1 Yorkshire Wildlife Trip	Wednesday 17 th June
Family Learning Year 6 Autograph Book	Friday 19 th June
Non-uniform chocolate raffle donations	Friday 19 th June
Year 5 Lights Camera Score at the Victoria Theatre	Tuesday 23 rd June
Year 5 London Trip	Wednesday 24 th June
Year 6 Prom	Thursday 25 th June
Sports day	Wednesday 1 st July EYFS AM Lower School (1-3) AM Upper School (4-6) PM
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 parents	Thursday 2 nd July 9am
Reception Graduation	Tuesday 7 th July 9am
Transition morning	Friday 10 th July
End of year reports go home to parents	Friday 10 th July
Nursery Graduation	Tuesday 14 th July 9am
Year 1 Awards Assembly	Monday 13 th July 9am
Year 2 Awards Assembly	Monday 13 th July 2.15pm
Year 3 Awards Assembly	Tuesday 14 th July 2.15pm
Year 4 Awards Assembly	Wednesday 15 th July 9am
Year 5 Awards Assembly	Wednesday 15 th July 2.15pm
End of term behaviour treat	Thursday 16 th July
Break up for summer	Friday 17 th July 1.10pm (school will close at 1.10pm with no after school clubs or Dean Field Den)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>



Mrs Stansfield
Pastoral Manager



Miss Clay
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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.



Year 5 Trip to The Victoria Theatre

Year 5 visited the Victoria Theatre for the Lights, Camera, Score project, where they performed their song using musical instruments. They also had the opportunity to watch the English Chamber Orchestra perform. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by everyone!



Parent and Carers' Half term

We have had a fantastic start to our Parents and Carers' Half Term, welcoming families into school for a range of exciting activities. This week included Stay and Read sessions, Nursery Stay and Play, EYFS outdoor learning, a Year 3 ukulele session with Mr Drinkwater and a Year 6 art session with Mr Bullock.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported these events. We look forward to welcoming even more parents and carers into school as our programme continues throughout the term.



Focus Value—Kindness

This half term, our focus value is ****Kindness****. This week in school, we launched our ****Kindness Challenge Calendar****. Each day school day in June, we will encourage all staff and children to complete the daily act of kindness from the calendar. We would love for you to look through the calendar with your child and encourage them to take part at home as well.

Small acts of kindness can make a big difference, helping to create a caring, supportive and positive community both in school and beyond.

Remember – ****kindness is contagious!****



June





KINDNESS CHALLENGE

One simple act of kindness each school day

2026






Mon 8 June		Smile and say hello to someone you don't usually talk to.
Tue 9 June		Give a genuine compliment to a friend.
Wed 10 June		Hold a door open for someone.
Thu 11 June		Say "thank you" to a member of staff.
Fri 12 June		Help tidy up without being asked.
Mon 15 June		Invite someone to join your game or activity.
Tue 16 June		Share something with a classmate.
Wed 17 June		Ask someone how they are and listen carefully.
Thu 18 June		Help a friend who is finding something difficult.
Fri 19 June		Write or draw a kind note for someone.
Mon 22 June		Encourage someone to keep trying.
Tue 23 June		Pick up a piece of litter and put it in the bin.
Wed 24 June		Let someone go first in a line or activity.
Thu 25 June		Thank a friend for something they do.
Fri 26 June		Say three kind things to three different people.
Mon 29 June		Include someone who is on their own.
Tue 30 June		Perform a surprise act of kindness for someone.



Small acts. Big impact.
Together, we can make every day kinder!







Dean Field
Community Primary School

**15 & 30 HOUR
PLACES AVAILABLE!**

APPLY FOR A NURSERY SCHOOL PLACE

A safe and nurturing start to school life!

- ★ Fun indoor & outdoor learning
- ★ Caring, qualified staff
- ★ Healthy meals, free fruit & milk
- ★ Trips, clubs & animal workshops
- ★ Smooth transition into Reception

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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**ATTENDING OUR NURSERY PROVISION
HELPS TOWARDS SECURING A PLACE
IN OUR RECEPTION COHORT**



Week Commencing Monday 29th June 2026

 School Meals Menu - Week 1 					
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5	g/f Chicken Tikka Wraps 12 Shredded Chicken 4, 5	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Gravy	Pizza 5, 10 (various toppings - margherita/vegetable/spicy beef)
	1/4 Pounder Vege Burger 5	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 5, 10, 12	Vegetarian Bolognaise Pasta Bake 5, 10 Dough Balls 5	Quorn Sausage 5	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce 4 Rice
Vegetables	Chips Beans	Wedges Sweetcorn Carrots	Potato Puffs Peas & Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Wedges Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Selection of Sandwiches Salad Bar Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts & Fruit Cocktail				
Dessert	Selection of Fresh Fruit or Choobs 10	Sponge and Custard 5, 10, 12	Cheesecake 5, 10	Sponge and Custard 5, 10, 12	Vanilla Milkshake 10 & Cookie 5, 10, 12
	Assorted Ice Cream 10	Strawberry Jelly	Golden Syrup Cornflake Buns 5	Angel Delight 10	Assorted Ice Cream 10





MONDAY TO THURSDAY
20TH JULY - 30TH JULY

10AM-2PM
AGES 5-11

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DEAN FIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL





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




JOIN THE **FUN** THIS SUMMER AND ENJOY A **HEALTHY** HOLIDAY!

Healthy Holidays Calderdale returns July 2026 for a Summer of Fun!



The Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme returns this Summer with thousands of places available for young people to access during the 2026 school holidays.

A diverse programme of activities will be available with something new for all. From performing arts, wheelchair basketball, rap workshops, cook clubs, bushcraft, bikeability, canoeing and so much more, young people will be kept entertained this Summer. Everyone attending will receive a healthy and nutritious meal.

Places are free for school aged children Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. There may also be sessions for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

Places will be available to book from mid June 2026.



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 1st July	Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
Friday 3rd July	Cookie 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 ...

KINDNESS

THE WORLD IS FULL
OF KIND PEOPLE.
IF YOU CAN'T FIND
ONE, BE ONE.

—Unknown

Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Australia	90%
Poland	78%
Kenya	80%
Brazil	95%
Ireland	87%

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)

Nellie in Year 3

(46 minutes)



NumBots Star of the Week
(Minutes Played)

Dakota in Year 1

(20 minutes)

This Week's Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.8%
China	90.6%
Australia	94.1%
Poland	97%
Kenya	95.1%
Brazil	95.6%
Ireland	95.4%
Total	94.6%

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

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Archie W	For being a role model—very responsible with class jobs.
	Roma-Leigh J	For amazing speedy reading in phonics.
China Year 1	Dakota A	For consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviours and attitudes.
	Nikol K	For neat and carefully presented handwriting in all lessons.
Australia Year 2	Zarmish B	For always showing enthusiasm for her learning and trying her best!
	Jason T	For improved engagement in lessons!
Poland Year 3	India-Mae A	For always being an outstanding role model.
	Cub M	For always putting 100% effort into everything you do!
Kenya Year 4	Dayton-Jay GH	For great engagement and enthusiasm in all lessons.
	Kaya Mc	For increased engagement in maths and overall role model behaviour.
Brazil Year 5	Colin P	For always trying his best in all lessons.
	Millie-Lou A	For always trying her best and having beautiful presentation.
Ireland Year 6	Ivy B	For being a wonderful librarian and helping our younger children access the library this week.
	Ava O	For being a wonderful librarian and helping our younger children access the library this week.