DEAN FIELD NEWS

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

What a fantastic start to this half term we have had! The children have settled back into school brilliantly and it has been lovely to see everyone returning with such enthusiasm and ready to learn. This is a long half term, and although we have lots of exciting activities and Christmas celebrations to look forward to as the weeks go by, we will be doing our best to keep things as structured and settled as possible for as long as we can. Maintaining our usual routines and expectations helps the children to stay focused, make the most of their learning and enjoy all the excitement that the run-up to Christmas brings. We have lots to look forward to!

Christmas Dates

Speaking of Christmas, please keep an eye out for our upcoming Christmas event dates. There is lots to look forward to, and we would hate for you to miss out on any of the festive fun. Make sure you pop the dates in your calendars as soon as they are available so you can join us in celebrating what is always a very special time of year at Dean Field!

Parents' Evening

We're really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Parents' Evening next Wednesday. It's a great opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher and hear how they are getting on. Just a little reminder that, where possible, we ask parents to collect children at 1.10pm so that teachers are free to run their appointments. Please don't worry if this isn't possible for you – we will have provision in place for children who need to stay until 3pm or who are attending the Dean Field Den. We look forward to seeing you there!

A reminder that I offer an open door policy and I will be around on Parents' Evening either meeting and greeting or working in my office which is located at the back of the library. Should anyone wish to speak to me about any concerns or pass on anything you feel is going well, you are more than welcome to pop and see me.

Bonfire Safety

With many of you attending bonfires or firework displays this weekend, we would like to remind everyone to stay safe and enjoy the celebrations responsibly. Fireworks and bonfires can be dangerous, so please make sure children are always supervised by a responsible adult and keep a safe distance from fireworks and flames. Never touch fireworks, even if they appear to have gone out, and remember that sparklers get extremely hot.

We hope everyone has a lovely, safe Bonfire Night!

Mrs F Pether

Meet Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies!

We are delighted to introduce our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl!

These children have been chosen to represent our school and act as positive role models for others. Their roles include sharing pupils' ideas, helping at school events, welcoming visitors and supporting us in making Dean Field an even better place to learn and grow.

We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing them grow in confidence and develop their leadership skills throughout the year.

Take a look below to meet our pupil leaders and find out a little more about them!

"We are the head boys and girls at Dean Field School and we learn without limits"

Hi, I'm Harper. I'm the deputy head girl of this school. My favourite subjects are science, history and art. Outside of school I like to paint, sing and read.



Hi, my name is Josh and I'm head boy. My favourite subject is history. Outside of school I like doing rugby and playing out with my friends.

Harper, Charlotte, Josh and Rogan
Deputy head girl, head girl, head boy and deputy head boy

Hi, I am Charlotte and I am Dean Field's head girl. My favourite is history. My favourite thing to do out of school is dancing. I have one dog called Chase who is a lurcher. I also have one sister called Rosie.

Hi, my name is Rogan. I'm deputy head boy. My favourite subject is history because I love learning about the past. I also enjoy learning art. Out of school my favourite hobbies are football, art and playing out with my friends.



Mrs Stansfield
Pastoral Manager

PASTORAL AND SEND SUPPORT IN OUR SCHOOL

Miss Clay & Mrs Stansfield



Miss Clay
SENDCo

We Are a Nut-Free School

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers that our school is strictly nut-free.

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, and even a small amount of exposure can cause a serious allergic reaction. We therefore ask that all families take extra care when preparing packed lunches and **always** check the ingredients and packaging of food before sending it into school.

In particular, please remember that Nutella and other chocolate or nut spreads must not be included in sandwiches or packed lunches, as they may contain nuts or nut ingredients.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to keep all of our children safe. Your support in maintaining a nut-free school environment is greatly appreciated.





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Christmas Dates for Parents

Fri 27 Nov	**Non-uniform Day** – please bring a donation for our **chocolate and sweet tombola.**
Wed 2 Dec	**Christmas Fayre**
Tue 8 Dec (AM)	**Christmas Performance** (Nursery and Reception – EYFS)
Thu 10 Dec	**Christmas Dinner Day**
Fri 11 Dec	**Christmas Jumper Day**
Fri 11 Dec	**Reindeer Run** – in aid of Overgate Hospice
Wed 16 Dec (9am)	**Singing Around the Christmas Tree** – Lower School **(Years 1, 2 and 3)**
Wed 16 Dec (2:15pm)	**Singing Around the Christmas Tree** – Upper School (Years **4, 5 and 6)**
Thu 17 Dec	**Christmas Discos** Years 1 & 2: 9:30 – 10:15 Years 5 & 6: 10:30 – 11:15 Years 3 & 4: 1:30 – 2:15
Thu 17 Dec	**Nursery and Reception Classroom Parties**
Fri 18 Dec	Last Day of Term – School closes for everyone at **1:10pm.**

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Dean Field Festive Finds

Our Christmas Shop is a wonderful opportunity for children to choose special gifts for the important adults in their lives. Children can select a gift for up to 4 adults, with each present costing just £3.

Presents will be chosen, put in a named giftbag and brought home W/C Monday 7th December



Please pay from 1 up to 4 presents on school money by Monday 23rd November

Year 1 Autumn Adventure

One half of Year 1 enjoyed an autumnal trip to Manor Heath Park on Thursday morning.

As part of our learning about the seasons and our Geography topic, the children worked hard to spot signs of autumn and identify both human and physical features of the environment.

After all that exploring, they enjoyed some well-deserved time playing on the park equipment before finishing off with a tasty gingerbread man!

A lovely morning of learning, exploring and fun!



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

TRUST COMPETITION



PRACTISE • IMPROVE • ACHIEVE

CAN YOU BE THE TRUST CHAMPION?

COMPETITION DATES:
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2026

COMPETITION HOURS:
7AM UNTIL 8PM

WINNERS ANNOUNCED:
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

GO DEAN FIELD

Charity Fundraiser Day!

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Dean Field Community Primary School

Friday 13th November 2026

Come to school in your pyjamas!



Suggested donation: £1

All funds will be equally shared between two charities:

BBC Children in Need

Mothershare

WORKING TO END CHILD POVERTY

Free School Meals for your child

YOU MUST APPLY ONLINE!



Apply now at:

https://new.Calderdale.gov.uk/dio/apply-free-school-meals

IMPORTANT:

You cannot get free school meals without applying.

Applying is quick and easy and can be done **online.**

Don't miss out – apply today!



Starting School September 2027

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are due to start primary school in September 2027.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2027** at **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 2026.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2027, including oversubscription criteria, is available at **www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions**

The application process opens on 18 November 2026 and the close date is 15 January 2027

Offers of school places will be made on 16 April 2027.

Calderdale Council

Admissions | Calderdale Council

Week Commencing Monday 9th November 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	

Free Breakfast Club

EXCITING NEWS!!!!!

NEXT WEEK AT FREE BREAKFAST CLUB A RAFFLE TICKET WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH CHILD THAT ATTENDS WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A £20 MORRISONS VOUCHER.

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER DURING GOLD BOOK ASSEMBLY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME SPECIAL TREATS ON OFFER ALL NEXT WEEK SO COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST, MEET YOUR FRIENDS, PLAY GAMES, LEGO, DRAW OR READ.

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 11th November	Parents' Evening 1:20pm onwards
Thursday 12th November	Individual School Photos
Friday 13th November	Children in Need PJ Non-uniform 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 …





Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this week



Australia	88%
Poland	90%
Kenya	90%
Brazil	83%
Ireland	82%

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)

Zarmish in Year 3

(64 minutes)

NumBots Star of the Week
(Minutes Played)

Christina in Year 2

(14 minutes)

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	95.1%
China	91.7%
Australia	99%
Poland	97.2%
Kenya	98.2%
Brazil	99.6%
Ireland	93.2%
Total	95.4%

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Brazil** class who had the highest attendance in school this week. Well done to **Australia** class for coming second. **All classes above 96% continue to receive £5 for their jars; well done Australia, Poland, Kenya and Brazil!** 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	Asher S	For outstanding progress in RWI.
	Milena G	For always doing the right thing—kind and caring.
China Year 1	Xiong J	For an improved attitude towards learning and impeccable manners.
	Louie C	For super phonics!
Australia Year 2	Sebastian S	For doing amazing in his new phonics group!
	Arizona L	For always showing great interest in all your learning!
Poland Year 3	Anastasia Star C	For always being enthusiastic and positive.
	Hunter W	For always trying your best.
. Kenya Year 4	Lennon H	For his effort in writing and having some great vocabulary.
	Nilaani S	For reading two books at a time and quizzing at record speed!
Brazil Year 5	Jordan C	For always showing beautiful presentation in ALL books.
	Lilly-Jo F	For being a role model to the class.
Ireland Year 6	Melissa Mc	For superb writing in English describing the character in our new book ‘Holes’.
	Penelope C	For being a lovely, kind and helpful member of class.