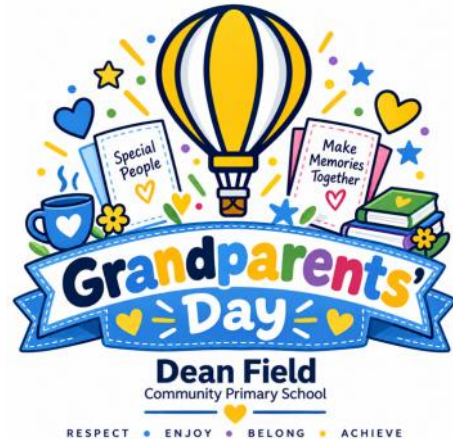


Grandparents' Day

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful grandparents and special people who joined us in the hall on Wednesday for a lovely afternoon tea!

Grandparents' Day is always one of our most popular family engagement events of the year and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying some special time together.

Thank you for helping us make the afternoon so memorable. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



See full reference list on our website

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Mrs Stansfield
Pastoral Manager



PASTORAL AND SEND SUPPORT IN OUR SCHOOL

Miss Clay & Mrs Stansfield



Miss Clay
SENDCo



Helping the Homeless

Food Bank Donations



Dean Field
Community Primary School

Please help us support Happy Days by donating non-perishable food items.

Together we make a difference

Items that can be donated include:



Tinned food
(e.g. beans, soup, vegetables, tomatoes)



Pasta & rice



Cereal



Spreads
(e.g. peanut butter, jam, marmite)



Tea & coffee



Toiletries
(e.g. toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant)



Tinned fruit & desserts



Long life milk
(UHT)



All donations must be non-perishable, in date and unopened please.

Where to leave your donations:



At the hall door
during
Breakfast Club



Year 3 and 4
cloakroom
before school



Year 3 and 4
cloakroom
at the end of
the school day

Thank you for your support!

Advance Notice

Please note that there will be no after school clubs on **Friday 18th December 2026, Friday 9th April 2027** and **Friday 16th July 2027**. School will close to all children at 1.10pm on these days.

Please see 2026/27 term dates below.

2026 Autumn Term	Re-open	Tuesday 1 September	74 school days
Half Term	Close	Friday 23 October	
	Re-open	Monday 2 November	
Christmas Holiday	Close	Friday 18 December	
2027 Spring Term	Re-open	Monday 4 January	54 school days
Half Term	Close	Friday 12 February	
	Re-open	Monday 22 February	
Easter Holiday	Close	Thursday 25 March	
2027 Summer Term	Re-open	Thursday 8 April	62 school days
May day	Closed	Monday 3 May	
Half Term/Training week	Close	Friday 28 May	
Mid-Summer	Re-open	Monday 14 June	
	Close	Friday 16 July	
			Total 190 days

Training Days

Monday 7 June 2027

To

Friday 11 June 2027

- (disaggregated)

Medication Reminder

If your child has been prescribed medication that needs to be given **four times a day**, we can administer this at school.

Please ensure that the medication is in its original packaging and has a **pharmacy label clearly showing your child's name and the prescribed dosage**.

When bringing medication into school, please complete a **Medication Form** at the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



DEAN FIELD'S PUMPKIN SHOWDOWN



Spooky, silly or stunning - all carvers
welcome!

Bring your pumpkin to school on
Wednesday 21st or Thursday 22nd October
£1.50 per entry - please pay on school
money by Monday 19th October



**Winners to be
announced at the
Halloween Discos**





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RECEPTION OPEN DAY 2026

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Morning: 10:45 – 11:30

Afternoon: 13:45 – 14:30

Evening: 16:30 – 17:15



Teaching pupils to read
is given priority.
Pupils learn to read with
fluency and accuracy.

incredibly
supportive and
nurturing to the
children

What to expect on the day:

- A guided tour of the school
- Question and answer sessions
- Discover the fantastic opportunities we can offer your child



Register Now: 01422 258 258



Adults actively
support pupils' well-
being and mental
health.

Week Commencing Monday 12th October 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

**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'*

*'Great selection of different
foods'*

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

*'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.**

Calling
all
young
people



Free holiday activities
and food sessions

HEALTHY
HOLIDAYS
CALDERDALE



HALF TERM FUN

26th October - 30th October 2026

Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety
of activities during October Half Term!



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HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in
free, fun activities during the half term
holidays! Scan the QR code to find out
what activities are available to book.



Find out what's on
and book your place
at... [www.eequ.org/
healthyholidays
calderdale](http://www.eequ.org/healthyholidayscalderdale)



Looking for something fun to do over the holidays?

From bushcraft and outdoor challenges
to performing arts, sign language, and
Total Wipeout-style activities, there's a
wide range of activities to get involved in.

As part of the Healthy Holidays
Calderdale programme, Calderdale
Council is offering free places and
nutritious meals for children and young
people aged 5-16 who are eligible for
benefits-related free school meals.



Calling all
5-16s on
Targeted Free
School Meals

[Click Here](#)



DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 14th October	Reception Open Morning/Afternoon
Wednesday 14th October	Year 4 Timetables Tea Party
Thursday 15th October	Cross Country Competition

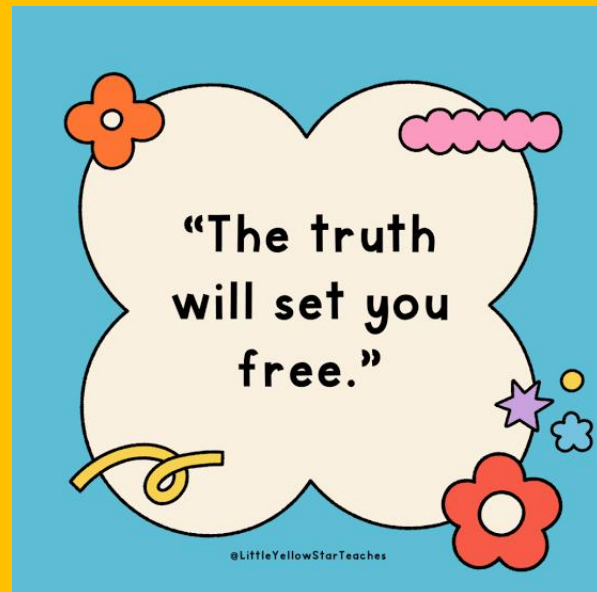
REMINDER: All school fees, dinner money, extended provision and Nursery fees need to be paid in advance.
We do not offer any credit and there are no exceptions.
Please pay fees on time.

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	79%
Kenya	80%
Brazil	81%
Ireland	80%

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)

Rocco in Year 4
(74 minutes)



NumBots Star of the Week
(Minutes Played)

Milena in Reception
(13 minutes)

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	92.1%
China	94.9%
Australia	98.1%
Poland	98.5%
Kenya	91.2%
Brazil	96.7%
Ireland	96.8%
Italy	90%
Total	95.3%

This Week's Attendance

Congratulations to **Poland** 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, Brazil and Ireland!** 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	Vidusha R	For being an ALWAYS child and demonstrating the class rules.
	Eden M	For always trying her best.
China Year 1	Bonnie-Mae H	For being a super book corner monitor.
	Regan C	For settling in to China class.
Australia Year 2	Renley A	For having a great attitude to learning and showing improvements in focus.
	Tobias C	For doing great in his phonics group and always trying his best.
Poland Year 3	Rosie H	For your super effort and concentration this week!
	Alex K	For always trying your best and being kind and polite.
Kenya Year 4	Lucy W	For incredible writing these last few weeks.
	Caylem C	For settling in to your new class so well.
Brazil Year 5	Koben C	For a wonderful first week and settling in to routines well.
	Ranveer R	For impressing the teacher at North Halifax Grammar school with his sports skills.
Ireland Year 6	Harlen M	For fantastic effort during maths.
	Harper B	For super reading comprehension.