



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

believe, achieve and soar with pride

Autumn Term 2025

And we are back! What a fantastic return to school we have had after the summer break. I have been really impressed with how hard the children are working in their new classes and getting back into their routines. They are looking smart in their uniforms and I have enjoyed getting to know all of our new pupils. We have lots of exciting events planned over this term and I look forward to continuing to work together to fulfil the school's vision of 'believe, achieve, soar with pride'.



Spooky Disco

Tickets to our Halloween disco go on sale next week £3 each (inc. a hotdog) – other snacks available to buy on the night.

EYFS & KS1 – 15:15 – 16.15

KS2 – 16:30 – 17:30

EYFS & KS1 children can bring their costume to school to get changed into.



Don't forget that Friday is the day we have our **Celebration Assembly** in school. We would love to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school. So, if your child has received an award or certificate from an event outside of school, such as football, dancing, judo, etc. they should bring it in on a Friday to share with Mr Brown and their peers at **Celebration Assembly**.



Attendance

A quick reminder of the importance of school attendance. Please make sure your child is in school, on time every day. Last year our whole school attendance improved significantly and this term we are already up by 2% keep it up!

Remember:

08:40 - Gates open to playground

08:45 – School starts

08:55 – Gates closed & Registration

09:00 – 09:15 – Late before registers close

After 09:15 - Unauthorised absence



Staffing

You may have noticed that we have had some staffing changes over the summer. Unfortunately we said goodbye to: Mr Murphy, Mr Renney, Miss Wildsmith and Miss Boxall. A huge thank you for your hard work at Dean Bank, especially to Mr Murphy for 7 fantastic years. We wish you all well in your new ventures.

This year we have welcomed in new staff: Miss Race & Miss Hume in Early Years and Mr Cornish. Please make them feel welcome.



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Have you moved home, changed your phone number during the Summer break? Please make sure we hold the correct contact details for you or any of the emergency contacts you have given us for your child.

Uniform

In the summer term we informed you that we have a new uniform shop at Cre8ive Graphics in Bishop Auckland. You can follow the QR code below to access a direct link to our new store.

All uniform comes embroidered with the school badge and looks very smart indeed! All items can be delivered free directly to school during each calendar order, please email school@cre8ivegraphics.co.uk or contact the school office for more information.

<https://deanbank.durham.sch.uk/parents/school-office/our-school-uniform/>

 <p>Book Bag with embroidered logo £6.90 Select options</p>	 <p>ECO Cardigan £11.75 – £18.80 Select options</p>	 <p>ECO Sweatshirt £10.55 – £16.20 Select options</p>	 <p>Classic Polo Shirt £7.30 – £11.35 Select options</p>
 <p>PE T Shirt £3.80 – £5.85 Select options</p>	 <p>PE Shadowstripe Shorts £3.90 – £4.70 Select options</p>	 <p>StormDri Waterproof Coat £22.00 – £29.20 Select options</p>	

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 th October	Story & Craft Parent Event
Wednesday 15 th October	Y5/6 Residential
Friday 17 th October	KS2 Football Tournament
Monday 20 th October	Full Governing Body Meeting
Tuesday 21 st October	Halloween Spooky Disco – see information above
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 4 Sports Festival
Friday 24 th October	School and Nursery closes after session for half term
Monday 3 rd November	School and Nursery re-opens as normal Story & Craft Parent Event
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 6 visit to the Mosque

Internet Safety/Phone Safety

It has come to our attention that a large number of our pupils have been accessing a number of apps that are not age appropriate. As a school we are reminding all pupils about e-safety and how to stay safe online. Please discuss this with your child and what apps they are using to ensure they are safe. The internet is an amazing tool but can also be very dangerous. Age ratings are useful to help you decide what is appropriate. You are probably familiar with the age ratings there is lots more to consider. Some ratings give a minimum age, some use categories. Be vigilant!

Check out this website for more advice and top tips!

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>

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 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter	17+	
 TikTok	 Kik	 Sarahah	18+
 YouNow	 Yubo	 YOLO	 MeetMe
 House Party	 Monkey		 LiveMe

