



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

Welcome back to our second Spring term – we hope you had a good break and are looking forward to the wide variety of activities for both pupils and parents we have on offer in the run up to Easter. Please check Class Dojo for more accurate timings and what to expect. I was over the moon that over 72% of our parents attended our World Book Day breakfast yesterday. Thank you once again for all of your continued support.

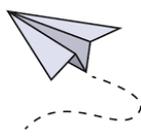
Mr Brown

Science Workshop for Parents

Next week is British Science Week!

We are holding a science event for children and carers to attend together after school on Monday 9th March. The event will run until 4:30 if anyone wants to attend following a club. This year's theme is all about curiosity and asking questions and the event will include activities about exploring the best way to throw a paper aeroplane and experimenting with the best design for a raft!

The event will be held in the school hall so please enter via the office after children have been collected from the yard.



Dean Bank's Got Talent!

Auditions for **DBGT** are next week! Does your child have a talent they wish to share with the school community? Then get practicing and contact Mrs Hall if you wish to audition.

I wonder if any staff will enter? Maybe Mr Brown will be dancing? Will Mr Heggarty show us his skills with a hula hoop? Who knows!



Parking

You may have noticed over half term that we have had some new markings painted on the road at the bottom gate. Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside school. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined.

Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- **Do not park on yellow zigzag lines** and avoid parking opposite them if possible.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or accessways.



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

Easter Crafting

On Thursday 2nd April, we will be holding an ‘Easter Egg-stravaganza’ in the hall. Children are invited to bring in a decorated egg or bonnet similar to those below. There will be prizes for every child who enters as well as overall winners in each year group. More information will be posted on Class Dojo in the coming weeks but in the meantime, get crafty and start planning your entry.



KIRF's

To develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills, we are introducing KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts). KIRFs are a way of helping your child to learn by heart, key facts and information which they need to have instant recall of.

KIRFs are designed to support the development work in our school. They are particularly useful when calculating, adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. They contain number facts such as number bonds and times tables that need constant practice and rehearsal so children can recall them quickly and accurately.

To find out more come to our workshop on Monday 16th March.

Office on the web Frame

Maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) Overview 2025-2026

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	I can count to 5.	I can recognise quantities without counting up to 3 (subitise).	I can read and write numbers 0-10 in words.	I can recall number bonds for each number to 20.	I can recall all my facts for numbers up to and within 20.	I can recall all number bonds to 100.	I can quickly recall multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12 x 12.	I can identify common factors of a pair of numbers.
Autumn 2	I can count to 10	I can recognise quantities without counting up to 5 (subitise).	I can recall number bonds for each number to 5.	I can recall number bonds to 100. (multiples of 10) (30+70=100).	I can recall number bond facts up to 100. (multiples of 5) (45+55=100).	I can recall the multiplication facts for my 3, 4 and 8 (x and ÷).	I can recall decimal number bonds between 1 and 10.	I can derive multiplication and division facts using decimal numbers (8 x 0.7 = 5.6).
Spring 1	I can recognise quantities without counting up to 3 (subitise).	I can order and compare numbers using more or less. (numbers to 5).	I can recall number bonds to and within 10.	I can count, read and write numbers up to 100.	I can recall the multiplication facts for the 3 times table (x and ÷).	I can recall the multiplication facts for the 6 and 8 times table (x and ÷).	I can count forwards and backwards in steps of powers of 10.	I can recall square numbers up to 144 and their roots. I know the first 5 cube numbers.
Spring 2	I can compare amounts up to 5.	I can name numbers in order to 10. I can say 1 more/less than a given number up to 10.	I can read and write numbers up to 30 (numerals and words).	I can recall doubles and halves of numbers to 20.	I can recall multiplication facts for the 4 and 8 times table (x and ÷).	I can recall multiplication facts for the 7 and 11 times table (x and ÷).	I can recall common equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.	I can identify prime numbers up to 100.
Summer 1	I can use 1:1 correspondence to count up to 3 objects.	I can recall number bonds to 5 (without counting, rhymes or other aids)	I can recall number bonds to and within 20.	I can recall multiplication facts for the 2 and 10 times table.	I can count in multiples of 50 and 100.	I can recall doubles and halves up to 50.	I can find a fraction of an amount.	I can recall and use the formula for finding area of different shapes.
Summer 2	I can use 1:1 correspondence to count up to 5 objects.	I can recall some number bonds to 10 including doubles.	I can recall doubles and halves of numbers to 10.	I can recall multiplication facts for the 5 times table.	I can read time to the nearest minute. I can recall facts about duration of time.	I can recognise simple equivalent fractions and decimals	I can recall metric conversions and use these.	Revisit previous KIRFs.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th March
 Tuesday 10th March
 Wednesday 11th March
 Friday 13th March
 Monday 16th March
 Monday 23rd March
 Monday 30th March
 Wednesday 1st April
 Thursday 2nd April

Science Workshop for Parents
 Parents Evening
 Parents Evening
 EYFS Special Person Afternoon Tea Stay & Play
 Maths Workshop for Parents
 DT & Art Parent Gallery
 Dean Bank's Got Talent (Pupils to watch)
 Dean Bank's Got Talent (Parents to watch)
 Easter 'Eggstravaganza'

School closes for Easter at 15.15 on Thursday 2nd April 2026.

School will reopen at 08:45 on Tuesday 21st April 2026.



Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children

Parent Governor Vacancies

A huge thank you to everyone that took the time to vote in our Parent Governor election. Congratulations to Laura and Martin as your new parent governors. Thank you to Gift and Jayne for offering their services to the board, I am sure that I will be calling on you to support at future events in school!

Education Durham – Governance Services:
Administrative Officer
Ref: AJC (Tel: 03000 265705)

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

Children and Young People's Services

1986 Education Act - Constitution of School Governing Bodies

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ELECTION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE - RESULT

The result of the election held on Friday 20th February 2026 to provide 2 Parent Representative/s was as follows:-



	Full Name, Title, Address & email address	Number of Votes Received
1	Mrs Jayne Farley, 30 Westcott Terrace, Ferryhill, Co. Durham DL17 8NS, jayne.bonarius123@gmail.com	5
2	Ms Laura Rennison, 25A Thirlmere Road, Ferryhill, Co. Durham DL17 8HA, laurarennison687@gmail.com	47
3	Mr Martin Gray, 2 Eamont Road, Ferryhill, Co. Durham DL17 8LY, martin.gray333@hotmail.com	28
4	Miss Gift Onyinyechi Nwandu, 21 Towson Close, Spennymoor, Co. Durham DL17 6FZ, giftofyah27@gmail.com	23
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Total number of ballot papers issued182.....

Total number of ballot papers returned66.....

Headteacher 

Date 20/02/2026.....