



Deepdale Community Primary School
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2nd February 2024

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 9th February

School re-opens on Monday 19th February

Attendance Focus

It is parents responsibility to ensure that your child is in school every day. The Pastoral Team are here to support families and if you have any issues with attendance please contact either the Pastoral Team or school office. We continue to be active in ensuring good attendance in school and will be further enhancing our approaches with parents to ensure the children are in school. Whilst some absence is unavoidable, it is important that your child is in school every day for their learning, wellbeing and development. You should contact the school office or put a message on Parent App as early as possible to explain why your child is not in school.

(Do not use Dojo as teachers cannot always check Dojo's during school teaching hours)

It is school's policy to contact you if you fail to notify us of your child absence.

Winter Illnesses

As levels of winter illnesses including flu, COVID-19 and norovirus continue to rise, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of simple steps they can take to reduce viruses spreading in the community.

For our part in school, we have stepped up our infection control measures including regular hand washing, good classroom ventilation and regular sanitising of high touch areas. Remember: While children are encouraged to stay in education or childcare with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), children should stay home from school if they are displaying the following symptoms:

- If your child has a fever and is unwell, they should stay home from school until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend.
- If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should stay off school for at least 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea – this will help stop the spread of stomach bugs.

Please click on this link for more information:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-schooladvice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-Notifications+topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily

Year 6 Booster Classes

Booster Classes for the children in Year 6 will run from 3.15 – 4.00pm starting from Monday 5th February.

Please remind your child about Booster Classes. Please ensure that your child is collected from school at 4.00pm by a responsible adult.

Free School Meals

Lancashire County Council have approved supermarket vouchers to be ordered for all eligible families this half term. If you have already registered you, do not need to register again. If you have not registered yet, and think you might be eligible, please follow this link and apply.

[https://lancshireself.achieveservice.com/service/Free school meals and pupil premium](https://lancshireself.achieveservice.com/service/Free%20school%20meals%20and%20pupil%20premium)

School Gates

A gentle reminder that the School gates close promptly at 8.45am. As you are aware, you are encouraged to bring your child to School by 8.30am so that they can walk straight into class, benefit from a calm, and settled start to their day. Some children are still arriving after 8.45am, which results in them being late for School and as a result disrupts their lesson.

Taking Children Out Of School During Term Time

A very important message for all parents. We will not authorise parents taking children out of school during term time for family holidays.

Any unauthorised leave during term time may risk families receiving a penalty notice or legal action being taken.

Should a penalty notice be issued, each parent will be fined a minimum of £60 or £120 depending on how soon payment is made.

If the fine is not paid, you may be required to attend Court and this could result in a fine for each parent of up to £1000 per child and a Criminal Record.

Welcome back to the P.E section of the newsletter.

We hope that you all have had a fantastic holiday.

This Term, each class will be taking part in P.E either in the morning or afternoon. All children must come to school in the correct P.E kit on their allocated P.E day.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Butterflies Wednesday	Tigers Friday	Goldfinches Wednesday	Willows Tuesday	Dolphins Tuesday	Moons Thursday	Astronauts Thursday
Ladybirds Friday	Bears Monday	Kingfishers Tuesday	Sycamore Wednesday	Stingrays Friday	Stars Monday	Rockets Wednesday
Bumblebees Wednesday	Lions Monday	Falcons Tuesday	Oaks Thursday	Sharks Tuesday	Suns Monday	Robots Friday



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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY PATTERN: 2024 / 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Re-open on	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Half Term	Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2024
Re-opens on	Monday 28 th October 2024
Closure after school on	Friday 20 th December 2024
Number of openings	75

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open on	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February- Friday 21 st February 2025
Re-opens on	Monday 24 th February 2025
Closure after school on	Friday 4 th April 2025
Number of openings	60

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
Inset Days	Monday 2 nd June – Friday 6 th June 2025
Re-opens on	Monday 9 th June 2025
Closure after school	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
Number of openings	55

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS – 190