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## A note from Mrs Lennon

Time is flying by already this half term—I can't believe we have reached the end of week 2 of this term. The children have made such a positive start to 2026 despite the dark mornings, cold and January blues! You should have received our termly dates calendar for Spring—I have added to the 3rd page of the newsletter here as well.  
Have a lovely weekend.



## New hall sound system!

Thanks to the generous donations of parents and the hard work of our Friends of Dane Bank group, I am thrilled to share that we are in the process of arranging to have a new sound system installed in our school hall! We will have a built in PA system with multiple speakers and microphones. This will benefit all children in assemblies, discos, lessons, concerts etc. We couldn't have afforded this without parental donations so **thank you** for the support you always show our fundraising events! It really makes all the difference.

## Attendance

**Our school  
attendance target is  
97%.**

In assembly each Monday, we will share the attendance and the class with the highest attendance will receive a point. The winning class will choose a treat at the end of the half term!



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

**This week our whole  
school attendance  
was 96%**



**And the winning  
class this week is  
Reception (98.8%)  
Congratulations!**

## Star of the Week

All certificates link to our 6 school values.

***Respect, Kindness, Resilience, Empathy,  
Responsibility, Fairness***

Nursery: **Xavier Clark** : For brilliant listening in Music.

Reception: **Michael O'Brien** : For working hard in class and making super progress. In English

Year One: **Joseph Mountford** : For showing kindness—being caring and kind to everyone in our class.

Year Two: **Hazel Dunmore** : For working really hard in Maths.

Year Three : **Lars Anderson** : For smashing his Maths work this week!

Year Four : **Luke Davis** : For showing responsibility and good engagement in lessons.

Year Five : **Logan Draper** : For outstanding Maths work.

Year Six : **Amelia Finn** : For thriving during our Maths lessons this week—what a star!

The Hive : **Logan McKay** : For doing some beautiful independent writing.

We have just reviewed all of our learning interventions across school. If your child has been put forward for any additional learning intervention/support, you should receive a letter next week with more info.

## Learning interventions

## OPAL donations

We would be really grateful for donations of dressing up clothes and costumes for our OPAL project. We have a clothes rail outside with KS1 at dinner time and they love to dress up and make up shows—I know they would love more variety of clothes to wear to become different characters!

## Don't forget...

We have spaces available in most of our after school clubs—so if your child may like to join in, please sign up online.



# Dane Bank Primary School

## Events Calendar: Spring Term 2026



**Dane Bank**  
Primary School

Please find below advanced notice for upcoming events in school  
this term.

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Primary School

| Date                                                                     | Event                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                                           | <b>School Opens</b>                                                                        |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January                                          | "Pre-loved uniform shop" after school (free to take) 3.15 KS1 playground.                  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January                                         | Reception Class REAL Project Pantomime – Parents welcome to watch. 9.30-10am               |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February                                        | Ukulele concert – parents of children having ukulele lessons welcome at 9.30am             |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                                          | Young Voices concert – Co-Op Arena                                                         |
| WB 9 <sup>th</sup> February                                              | CLIC Trust Times Tables Rockstars Competition                                              |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                                        | Safer Internet Day                                                                         |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                                        | Nursery "Stay & Play" – Nursery parents/Grandparents welcome – 2pm.                        |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                                      | Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.15am. Year 4 parents welcome                                     |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February                                       | Valentines Discos – all classes. Children wear non-uniform                                 |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February                                       | <b>School Closes</b>                                                                       |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                                         | <b>INSET Day – school closed</b>                                                           |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February                                          |                                                                                            |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>                                                         |                                                                                            |
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> |                                                                                            |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February                                         | <b>School Opens</b>                                                                        |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February                                         | "Show racism the red card" workshop – Year 5                                               |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                                            | Reception class visit to Denton West End Library – parents welcome (1.15pm)                |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                                           | World Book Day – more info to follow                                                       |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March                                             | Year 6 Bikeability workshop Day 1 (more info to follow)                                    |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March                                           | Year 6 Bikeability workshop Day 2 (more info to follow)                                    |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                                          | Year 1 Trip to Portland Basin – "Toys through time"                                        |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March                                          | Family Quiz Night! (More info to follow!)                                                  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                                            | Non-Uniform Day – Easter Egg donations                                                     |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March                                           | Year 3 trip to Reddish Vale – Orienteering                                                 |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March                                         | Year 5 trip to Portland Basin – "Industrial Tameside"                                      |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March                                         | Nursery Stay & Play – Nursery parents/Grandparents welcome: 9.30 – 10.30am.                |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March                                          | Year 6 Rockpool Workshop – Aqualease                                                       |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                            | Red Nose Day – wear red and/or something spotty!                                           |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                                            | Deadline to enter CLIC Trust "Egg Decorating Competition" – more info to follow            |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                         | School Nurse in school – parent session focused on sleep and anxiety. More info to follow. |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                         | Chocolate Bingo Day!                                                                       |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                         | Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.00pm                                                           |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                          | Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.15am. Year 3 parents welcome                                     |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                          | Parents' Evening – 1.20 – 4.00pm                                                           |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                                            | <b>School Closes</b>                                                                       |
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| <b>Easter Holidays</b>                                                   |                                                                                            |
| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>       |                                                                                            |
| <b>School Re-Opens: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>                     |                                                                                            |