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A note from Mrs Lennon

I can't believe we are already in the middle of October—this term is already flying by! I have started to hear staff talking all things Christmas in the staff room and am already looking forward to celebrating that time of year with the children in school. This week I have seen some real acts of kindness around school—children helping pick litter up without being asked, children welcoming visitors who are in school, children helping each other on the playground... it all makes me so proud!



Christmas changes

Hopefully you've seen the recent letter outlining changes to our school performances. We've updated the structure to give children varied opportunities to shine and make it easier for families to attend. Please check the termly calendar below for revised dates and year group allocations. We look forward to welcoming parents in to school to celebrate the festivities with us.



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 95.9%**



**And the winning
class is...**

Year 4 (99.7%)

Congratulations!

Star of the Week

All certificates link to our 6 school values.

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

Nursery: **Penny Wilson**: For coming in to school with a smile on her face!

Reception: **Arlo Forde**: For having an amazing week and showing superb progress.

Year One: **Emily McCormack-Harvey**: For showing resilience and responsibility in Maths.

Year Two: **Asena Odabasoglu**: For wonderful reading in and out of school.

Year Three: **George Ayres** : For showing all of our school values—but especially respect and kindness.

Year Four: **Harry Ross** : For demonstrating exceptional kindness and for helping others during the Design Technology lesson.

Year Five: **Darcey Cox** : For brilliant resilience—outstanding effort to collect the TTRS badges!

Year Six: **Amelia-Rae Peake** : For 'sparkling' in Maths this week—showing great perseverance to make links between her learning.

The Hive: **Amaya Hashim** : For engaging so well with nursery rhymes!

Next Tuesday and Thursday are our Parents' Evening days. You should have received a letter regarding this and an electronic link to book an appointment.

If you haven't had this, or need any help with booking, please contact the office.

Parents' Evening

www.intameside.co.uk

www.intameside.co.uk is a fab website that contains information about all the things that are happening across Tameside—particularly in school holidays etc. On the final pages of this newsletter I have added information they have shared with us—but the website is well worth a visit!

Don't forget...

Please make sure drinks bottles are labelled if your child brings one to school!



Dane Bank Primary School

Events Calendar: Autumn Term 2025



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

Date	Event
Friday 19 th September	"Jeans for Genes" day – children wear denim, £1 donations.
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Cake Sale for children
Wednesday 1 st October	Phonics meeting for Reception parents – 9am
Thursday 2 nd October	School photographs – individual and sibling pictures
Friday 10 th October	Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo (more info to follow)
Friday 10 th October	<u>Cauliflower Cards Christmas project artwork return date</u>
Tuesday 14 th October	<u>Open Morning – new to Nursery/Reception in September 2026: 9.30-10.30</u>
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 2 trip to Manchester Airport (more info to follow)
Tuesday 21 st October	<u>Parents' Evening 1.30-4.00pm</u>
Wednesday 22 nd October	<u>Year 6 Class Assembly – 9.15am. Year 6 parents welcome</u>
Wednesday 22 nd October	Nursery Stay & Play session – Parents welcome – 2pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Friday 24 th October	FODB – Autumn Disco - £2 per child (All Years) with refreshments and treats for sale
HALF TERM Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	
Wednesday 5 th November	Year 2 trip to the Jewish Museum
Monday 10 th November	Children wear odd socks as part of Anti-Bullying week
Thursday 13 th November	Parent Forum – 9.15 School Hall
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need day
Wednesday 19 th November	Open Morning – new to Nursery/Reception in September 2026: 9.30-10.30
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 5 Jodrell Bank Trip (more info to follow)
Thursday 27 th November	Year 4 trip to Chester (more info to follow)
Friday 28 th November	Friends of Dane Bank – Non-uniform day – bottle donation for Christmas tombola
Friday 5 th December	Friends of Dane Bank - Non-uniform day – chocolate donation for Christmas tombola
Tuesday 9 th December	Early Years Christmas show – parents welcome. 9.30am
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas show – parents welcome. 1.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas show – parents welcome. 9.30am
Thursday 11 th December	Year 5 Class Assembly – 9.15am. Year 5 parents welcome
Thursday 11 th December	Friends of Dane Bank Christmas Fair: 3:30 – 4:30
Friday 12 th December	Nursery and Reception trip to the pantomime (more info to follow)
Tuesday 16 th December	Early Years & Key Stage One Christmas Parties (pm)
Wednesday 17 th December	Santa Bus visits school!
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 trip to Waterside Arts, Sale – "Father Christmas" by Raymond Briggs
Thursday 18 th December	Key Stage Two Christmas Parties (pm)
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper day
Friday 19 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 (+choir) Christmas Singalong – parents welcome. 2.15pm
School closes for Christmas on Friday 19th December & re-opens Monday 5th January 2026	



It's all happening **IN TAMESIDE**



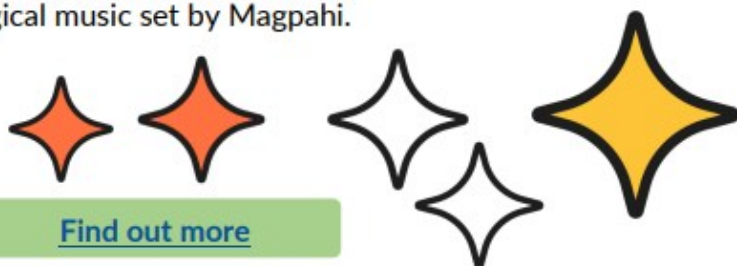
There is so much going on across Tameside this October half term so you can make the most of the school holidays. All the events and activities can be found on What's on pages on www.intameside.co.uk Please see below highlights, with related links for further details.

Portland Basin's Spooky Spectacular

Date and time: Saturday 19 October 2025. 11am–3pm

Join us at Portland Basin museum for our 'Spooky Spectacular', a delightful day of free performances and activities for young people and their grown-ups.

Get ready for fantastic folk tales, told by Professor Jigget, then help Aimee the witch complete 'The Cloak of Spells' Finally, have a go at making spooky sounds inspired by ghosts, goblins, bogies, and boggarts before listening to a magical music set by Magpahi.



[Find out more](#)



Make, Do and Play family friendly activities at Portland Basin Museum

Portland Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 0QA



Suitable for all ages, children must be supervised at all times. The activity costs £1.35 per child. **On Tuesday & Thursday during the school holidays. 11am–3pm**

[Find out more](#)

Spooky Season at Ryecroft Hall

Step into a world of eerie enchantment at Ryecroft Hall this autumn!

Perfect for families, creatives, and lovers of the spooky and sublime.

Costumes welcome and imagination required.



Date and time: Friday 31 October 2025. 11am–3pm



[Find out more](#)

SoundHoppers

Date and time: Wednesday 29 October 2025. 10–11.30am

Discover the possibilities of sound through an exciting workshop of sonic games & attentive listening, with Modus Arts! For 7 - 11 yr olds, on Zoom.

Join SoundHoppers for a participatory online sound exploration workshop

[Find out more](#)



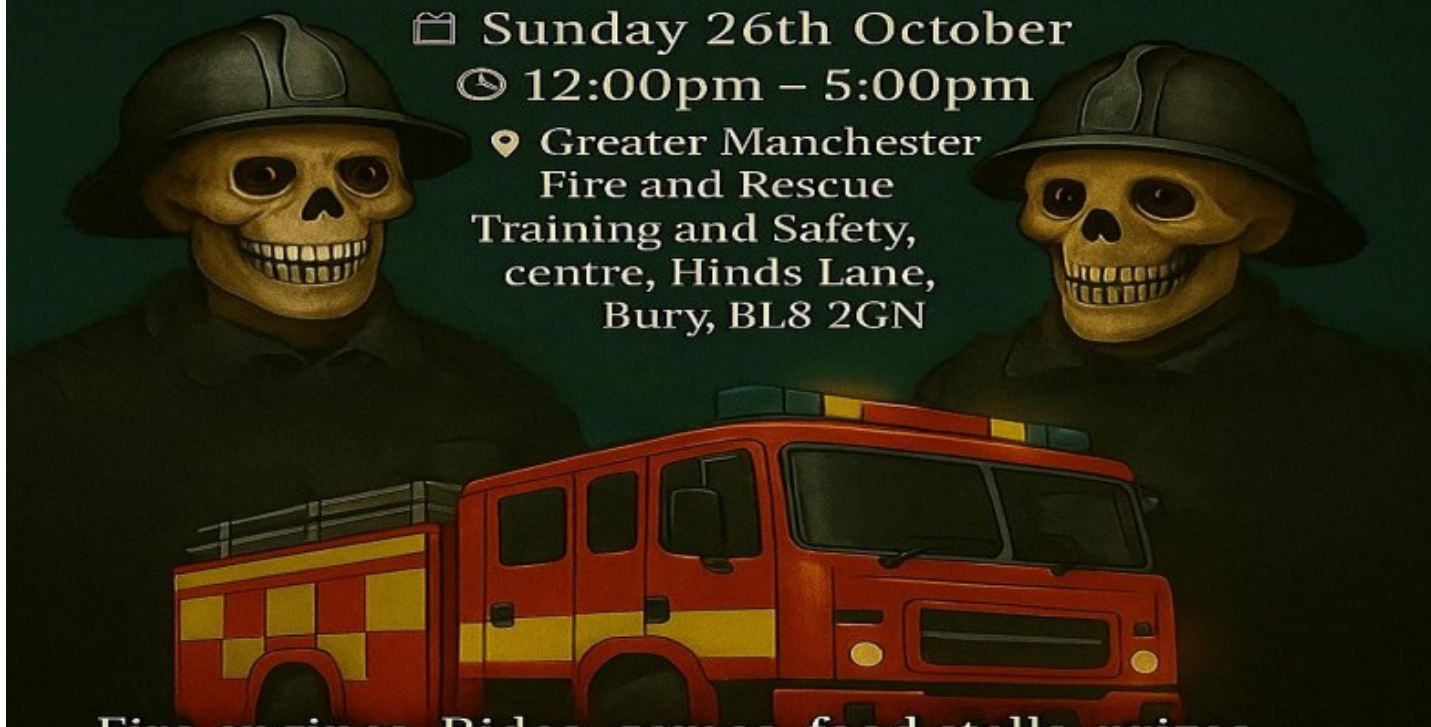
SPOOKTACULAR IS BACK!

Join us for a fright-filled day at **SPOOKTACULAR**
— our Halloween charity event!

📅 Sunday 26th October

🕒 12:00pm – 5:00pm

📍 Greater Manchester
Fire and Rescue
Training and Safety,
centre, Hinds Lane,
Bury, BL8 2GN



Fire engines, Rides, games, food stalls, prizes,
a dedicated SEND friendly area and our famous
interactive walkthrough tour will all be available
on the day.

Plus much much more!



Scan this QR code to book your place in the
Zombie Apocalypse interactive walkthrough
tour.

Or visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spooktacular-tickets-1707625346379?aff=oddtcreator>