



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils, parents and carers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. It has been a long, busy, yet rewarding term and everybody is looking forward to a restful Christmas break.

We finished today with a bang. Multiple prizes have been awarded for attendance to pupils in the live attendance draw carried out by Mrs Cundle as well as pupils who have good attendance and no negative behaviour points all half term being rewarded with a disco courtesy of our resident DJ Mr Humphreys. We have also had a visit from Santa himself handing out presents to pupils this morning.

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2024.



Lucy Cropper
Headteacher

OMG IT'S SANTA..... I KNOW HIM!!!



COLLEAGUE OF THE WEEK



LITERACY CHALLENGE

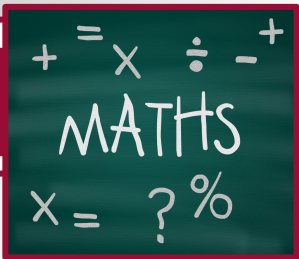


Spot the odd one out;
Cars, trains, bike, walk, boat, bird, van, plane.

Why is it the odd one out? What do the rest share in common?

Challenge - try to use the word 'Jolly' in as many sentences as you can this week!

MATHS CHALLENGE



Last Week's Solution

Underwear would cost £45 as the pricing is £5 a letter.

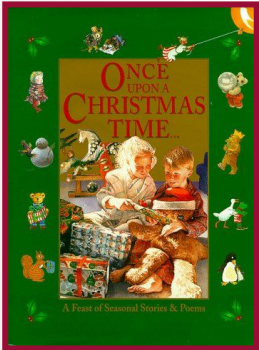
This Week's Problem

Thirty elves would like to build a skating rink, so they can all use it at the same time. Santa tells them, they need at least 40 square feet for each skater, so no one will bump into each other. If they build a rectangular rink, what are some possible dimensions (length and width) for the rink?

BOOK OF THE WEEK: Once Upon a Christmas Time

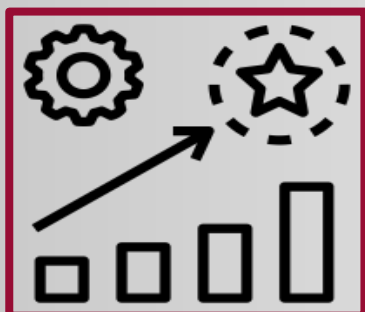
For anyone wanting lovely Christmas stories to read for yourself or with younger children, this is a great book, beautifully printed with lush illustrations that everyone will love.

There's Peter Bowman's Tiny Ted, the world's smallest bear who was just missed the last Christmas post; Jane Hissey's Old Bear and all his friends, impatient for the snow; the feisty Mrs Pepperpot who finds a way of getting to the Christmas market despite all odds; Other authors and illustrators include Shirley Hughes, Pat Hutchins, Angela McAllister, Claire Fletcher, Susie Jenkin-Pearce, Peter Weevers, John Bush and John Richardson.



Religious Education

Year 7 have produced some amazing homework to create a display of what they think about the world and what influences them. They have also been learning about what a messiah is and what they might expect one to look like.



Year 8 have been continuing looking at charity. We have also looked at Buckingham Palace as part of the topic. We have investigated the arguments for and against selling it alongside reasons why we shouldn't and what the current monarch already does to help with charity. Year 8 scores on their assessment knowledge have been outstanding as a whole.

Year 9 have been continuing to look at reasons for funerals in society and comparing both religious and non religious beliefs about the afterlife and comparing the different aspects which are involved.



Health and Social Care

Key Stage 4 Health & Social Care

Year 10 have kick started the course with enthusiasm and dedication. They have focused on component 1 of their studies, exploring human development.

This half term, our year 11 cohort have worked tremendously hard completing their controlled assessments. Well done to all our pupils who were resilient, attended revision classes and tried their best. We now look forward to starting their examination unit after the Christmas break.

TURNAROUND CHRISTMAS DINNER

Turnaround Pupils prepared and hosted Christmas dinner, with all the trimmings, for Miss Cropper and Mrs Kelly last week. Well done to the Turnaround Team and Conor; it was a roaring success!



EVENTS COMMITTEE CRAFTING AT LAKELANDS



The Events Committee helped residents and Lakelands create their own Christmas Trees and make paper chains to decorate their home.

THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



The Environment Committee were out in full force on Tuesday helping to keep the local area clean, tidy and litter free.

The people in the local area were made up to see our pupils out helping and we received a whole host of positive comments as we were working.



PUPILS IN THE COMMUNITY

Our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed being out in the community this half term. Miss Ashursts dance group performed at Lakelands care home and we delivered christmas cards to our neighbours.



NEW STARTERS



Since September we have had a number of new starters join us from around the world.

Their attitude to learning has been exemplary and their presence has enriched our school community.

LITTLE DREAMERS NURSERY VISIT

Our pupils went to the nursery and helped them make christmas cards for parents/carers. Parents were delighted that our pupils were involved. A big thank you to Mrs Burrows who led the activity.



HOSPITAL VISIT

AspullRAEI @Aspullward · 1h

Thankyou to @DeanTrustRose for coming down to Aspull to give Christmas cards/chocolates to our patients. Very thoughtful of you all ❤️



Conor and pupils distributed Christmas cards and Chocolate to patients and staff on MAU, Aspull and Rainbow Ward at Wigan Infirmary. The visit went really well.

HOUSE EVENTS



There has been some fantastic house events this half term. Thank you to everyone involved and everyone who donated to the Christmas hampers.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Thank you to Rose Bridges' very own Quiz Elf for hosting our Christmas Quiz !

YEAR 11 RESULTS

Wow!

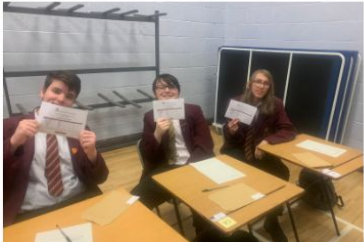
We celebrated with year 11 as they received their mock examination results.

47 Year 11 students have achieved grade 4 and above in their November mock examinations in Maths and 42 in English!

Thank you to all staff for their huge efforts supporting our learners!



Congratulations



HALF TERM 2 HOUSE COMPETITION



Sanderson	660
Franklin	915
Nightingale	810
Turing	665
Churchill	985



Well done to the winning house, your prize will be delivered to your form class period 3 today.

LOST PROPERTY



LOST PROPERTY
PLEASE COLLECT BEFORE 22ND
DECEMBER.
SHOULD THEY NOT BE CLAIMED
THEY WILL BE DONATED TO THE
LOCAL CHARITY SHOP.

Consultation on admission arrangements 2025-26

Admission arrangements include the admission number and oversubscription criteria which are used to decide on the allocation of school places.

The admission authorities for the following Wigan primary and secondary schools are consulting on their admission arrangements for admission in September 2025 –

Beech Hill Community Primary School	Dean Trust Rose Bridge
Hindley All Saints' Church of England Nursery and Primary School	
Marsh Geen Primary School	Parklee Primary School
Platt Bridge Community Primary School	St John's Church of England School Wigan
St Mary's CE Primary School, Platt Bridge	Standish Community High School
Standish Lower Ground St Anne's CofE Primary School	
The Deanery Church of England High School and Sixth Form College	

Changes to the admission arrangements for these schools may affect parents and carers applying for places from 2025 onwards.

This is your opportunity to comment on proposals before admission arrangements for 2025 – 26 are determined (by 28 February 2024).

Details are available by accessing the school admissions consultations page at www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Consultations

Responses are invited from:

- parents with a child aged between 2 and 18 years old
- local community groups
- other interested persons

The consultation lasts for six weeks. Responses must be submitted to Wigan Council no later than 15 January 2024.

Responses will be considered by the admission authority for each school before the admission arrangements are determined for 2025 – 26.

You can respond using the web form on the consultation webpage or by email to consultation@wigan.gov.uk

Or, by writing to: Consultation, School Organisation Team, People Directorate, Wigan Council, PO Box 100, WN1 3DS.

*If you are unable to view the consultation online you can request a paper version or other format by contacting the School Organisation Team on 01942 489013.



YEAR 7

Year 7
For having a fantastic year

YEAR 8

Lilly WF
For being a wonderful role model to year 8, a fantastic person who is being recognised by her teachers for her outstanding contribution to her learning.
Well done

YEAR 9

Cl Ob -
Good luck in your new school. You have been brilliant in your time here and we wish you all the luck in the future.

YEAR 10

Millie L
For being an absolute legend and offering her time in the community this week. Well done Milli

YEAR 11

Holly L
Absolutely fantastic year so far with holly. She is a delight to have in my year group. Well done and have a fantastic holiday



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Please can we remind all parents that reply slips giving consent for children to attend the trip were due by 10th November, so these should be brought into school as soon as possible and final payments made.

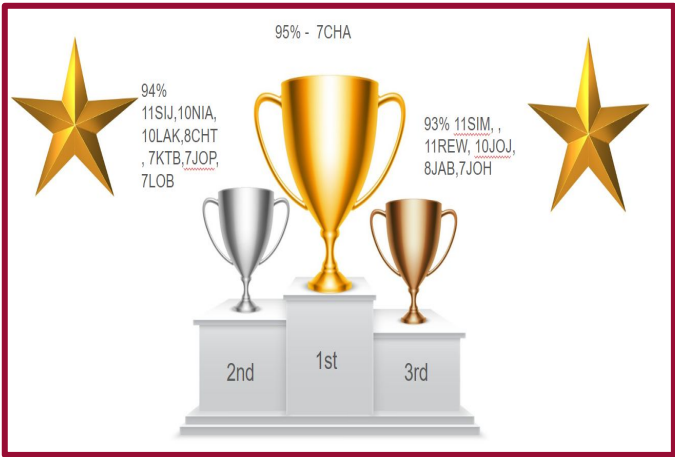
Please can parents be aware that medical appointments should, wherever physically possible, not take place during school hours. They should be arranged for before or after school. The attendance office should be notified via phone when this is not possible.

It is also essential that parents of absent pupils should call school to notify us of reasons **before 9am**. After this time, communications regarding absence will primarily go home **via email**. Parents who have downloaded the MCAS app, will also get a notification there. If you think you need to update your details to accommodate this, please get in touch.

As always, excellent attendance at school is the only sure-fire way to guarantee excellent success for our pupils.

	WC 17/12/2023
Whole School	89.8%
7	93.1%
8	92.1%
9	87.8%
10	87.8%
11	87.9%

Source	DfE 2023/24 live autumn/spring
NA	90.7
NW	90.8
Wigan	90.5



STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS



Standards and Expectations					
Be Ready		Be Respectful		Be Safe	
<u>Key Items To Bring To School Each Day</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Bag 100% Folder Planner Water Bottle Reading Book (Years 7-10) Revision materials (Year 11) Pencil case, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Black Pens Pencil Ruler Rubber Green Pen Red Pen Scientific Calculator Highlighter Pens 	<u>Attendance & Punctuality</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils should have 100% attendance. Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice/ Fine. Pupils absent from school for 10% of the time are defined as 'Persistent absentees' and are less likely to make expected progress. Pupils need to be in school before 8.40am ready for Form Time. Pupils must be on time for all lessons. 	<u>Uniform</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils must be smart at all times. Footwear should be plain black shoes, business style with leather upper, no boots or large logos. Black knee-high socks (no bows) or black tights. Hoodies are not permitted. Outdoor coats should be removed inside the building. Blazers and school ties are to be worn at all times. Only badges awarded by the school may be worn upon the lapel of the blazer. Shirts must be tucked in. Tailored black trousers (no jeans, skinny leg, leggings or chinos etc). Pinafores & skirts must be knee length and not be rolled. School PE kit must be worn to every PE lesson. PE kit consists of: Black non-branded shorts/ leggings/ tracksuits and school PE shirt. 	<u>Travel</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils should travel to and from school in full school uniform, adhering to school standards and expectations. When representing the school, pupils should adhere to school standards. <u>Accessories & Haircuts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All hairstyles should be smart in appearance. Accessories should be small in size and in the school colours. No extreme haircuts (full head/bare blade shaves, tram lines etc). Skin fades are acceptable if there is a minimum of a number 2 on top. Only natural colours/tones of hair are acceptable and if longer than shoulder length, must be tied up at all times. 	<u>Jewellery & Makeup</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For health & safety reasons, pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery other than a wrist watch. No earrings or piercings are allowed. Makeup, fake-tan, semi-permanent makeup, nail varnish, false nails and false eyelashes are not allowed. <u>Healthy schools</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only water can be consumed in school or in the classroom. Water bottles can be filled up at break and lunch time. No family size/sharing bags or sweets, chocolates or crisp etc are allowed. Keep our school tidy, do not drop litter, do not chew gum. 	<u>Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mobile phones or electronic devices are allowed in school (Please note: this includes Smart Watches). Pupils who need a mobile phone for their journey to and from school should hand it in before entry to the school and collect it at the designated phone point when leaving. <u>Banned items</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banned items are any items which may cause damage to other pupils and or the school environment e.g. aerosols, cigarettes, marker pens, chewing gum, E-cigarettes, lighters, weapons etc. DTRB has the right to ban any items during the academic year that breaches health and safety.

At Dean Trust Rose Bridge, we believe that the standards of personal appearance are reflected in the attitudes of our pupils. By dressing to a high standard, it has been shown that our standards of work, and subsequent outcomes, improve over time. Please support the school by ensuring that your child adheres to the school's high standards of uniform and appearance. Each day staff will check that pupils are dressed in accordance with the above expectations.

Banned items should not be brought into school. Banned items will be confiscated by staff. Please refer to our Standards and Expectations poster for clarity on banned items.

Mobile phones: Any pupil found with their mobile phone during the school day will have this item confiscated. Confiscated phones will not be returned to a pupil under any circumstances. It is the parent/carers responsibility to collect the device from school at a mutually agreed time.

If pupils need to bring a mobile phone to school to ensure their safety when travelling, they must be handed in at the start of the day, before entering the building.

Sanctions will be applied to any pupil who fails to meet the school's standards and expectations.

With your support, we will continue to improve the standards at Dean Trust Rose Bridge School. Together, we will continue to make progress, giving all our pupils the best life opportunities by developing hard-working and dedicated young adults with high standards and aspirations.

Standards & Expectations

Lines of Communication

Just a reminder to all parents, that your **child's Form Tutor** should always be the first port of call if there are any questions or concerns. Furthermore, due to staff absence, if you have contacted a member of staff and have not heard back, please contact

office@deantrustrosebridge.co.uk

and we can ensure any messages are directed to the right person.

Up to date contact details

Please can we ask that you ensure we have your most recent contact details on file so that if I have to communicate any changes to the normal operation of the school you receive the relevant messages.









Working together

Our strength develops when we work together as a community, ensuring that the children and young people who attend Dean Trust Rose Bridge receive the best possible experience even during these uncertain times. We feel blessed that we have such a supportive parents, wonderful pupils, and an incredible staff who always go above and beyond for your children.



DTRB Useful Guide for Parents and Carers

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

Hair and Appearance		Uniform Standards	Shoes and Footwear
Acceptable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Hair below shoulder length should be tied up at all times✓ Natural Hair Colours Only✓ Accessories should be small in size and in the school colours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Black Tailored only Trousers✓ Pinafore or Grey Box Pleat Skirt—Knee Length✓ Plain Black Socks (Knee High for skirts) (No Bows or trainer socks)✓ Plain Black Tights 	<div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Plain Black & Polishable Shoes only with a leather upper and durable sole.✓ Bright Trainers are allowed for PE only.
	<div></div> <p>Hair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ No Patterns or Tramlines✗ No Full Head of Bare Blade cut✗ No Loose long hair✗ No Hair Dye or Tip Dying <div></div> <p>Appearance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ No Nail Varnish or False Nails✗ No Jewellery✗ No Tattoos✗ No False Lashes✗ No Make up or Fake Tan	<div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ No Skirt or Pinafore above the knee✗ No rolling up of Skirts or Pinafores✗ No Fashion Trousers/Pants✗ No Leggings✗ No Jeans✗ No branded PE Shorts/ Leggings/ track suits	<div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ No boots over the ankle✗ No pumps✗ No dolly shoes✗ No bows, decorations or embellishments✗ No heels✗ No coloured shoes✗ No patterns✗ No sandals or opened toed shoes✗ No trainers✗ No sports logos✗ No 'shoe-trainers'

Thank you for your support with these standards and expectations.

Safer Internet Tips...

Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Have a look at the tips and links below with some suggestions on how to get you started and help you to stay safe and positive online. You and your family can #PlayYourPart in creating a better internet by...

Having conversations without judgement.

Whether by playing games, watching videos, or doing things your child enjoys, spending time together online is a great way to start conversations about the online world and how they're finding being a part of it.

It is important to ask questions and take an interest in what your child enjoys online. An essential part of having this open dialogue is to not judge, even if their behaviour or life online isn't what you wanted or expected. This ensures that your child feels they can come to you if ever they make a mistake or experience a problem online.



Knowing where you can learn more about their favourite apps and games.

Websites like Common Sense Media or The Family Gaming Database can be invaluable sources of information. When your child starts talking about a new game or app, why not do some research into the reporting and blocking options available? Then you can help your child if they come to you with an issue.

Getting support if things go wrong.

There are lots of organisations who are there to support you and your family if something has gone wrong. The [Report Harmful Content website](#) can help you with issues such as cyberbullying, impersonation and threats. You can report worrying behaviour towards children to [CEOP](#). Find out more on [Children's Get Help page](#).



Reassuring your child that whatever happens online, you are there to support them.

Let your child know that the best way to address any problem they have online, is to tell a trusted adult immediately. For example, this might include someone sending them a friend request; an online message; telling them to visit a specific website, or app; or asking them for their personal information. Reassure them that if anything happens online that they are unsure about, or makes them feel worried or upset, they can come to you for help.

More advice and guidance

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/>

