

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Davies Lane Primary! It's been a pleasure to see all of our children and families returning with such enthusiasm. We're excited for the busy and inspiring term ahead, filled with learning, events, and opportunities to come together as a community.

We value open and timely communication with our parents and carers. Please remember to check our school newsletter and website regularly, as these are our primary channels for sharing key information. We also send text reminders for upcoming events, aiming to give at least two weeks' notice where possible. We are using My Child at School (MCAS) to send text messages and emails to parents. If you have not yet signed up to MCAS, we ask that you do so urgently and please spend the weekend getting used to the online site and app. **One of the most important requests we have is that all parents ensure that they have switched on push notifications.** As always, we will endeavour not to saturate you with notifications; however, it will save the school a significant amount of money to communicate using push notifications rather than SMS text messages.

To keep communication structured and easy to follow, we follow this weekly schedule:

Monday: Office updates on upcoming events

Tuesday: Class teacher reminders (e.g. trips, learning resources)

Wednesday: Updates from Phase Leaders (e.g. school procedures or policies)

Thursday: Messages from the Leadership Team

Friday: Newsletter and office communications (e.g. payment reminders)

We understand that at times you may have concerns. To ensure these are resolved effectively, please follow our structured support process:

Step 1: Speak with your child's class teacher.

If your concern is not resolved, move to Step 2.

Step 2: Contact your child's Phase Leader:

Ms Yasmin – Assistant Headteacher (Nursery & Reception)

Ms Chinyemba – Assistant Headteacher / Phase Lead (Years 1 & 2)

Mr Harris – Interim Assistant Headteacher / Phase Lead (Years 3 & 4)

Ms Hussain – Assistant Headteacher / Phase Lead (Years 5 & 6)

Step 3: If still unresolved, contact:

Mr Bolt – Assistant Headteacher / SENCo / Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Olubitan – Deputy Headteacher

Step 4: If necessary, contact our Acting Head of School: Ms Corderoy

Step 5: For any unresolved concerns, contact our Executive Principal: Mr Cook

You can also find our full complaints procedure in the *Communication* section under the *Parents* tab on the school

Every school day counts! Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and progress. As you will have seen on our new information boards 95% attendance = around 9 days of missed learning. We expect all pupils to maintain a minimum of 97% attendance, with 100% as the goal. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please call the school each day they are absent. If we don't hear from you, we will get in touch to ensure everything is okay.

Join us for your child's Curriculum Meeting to learn more about what they will be studying this year:

- Monday 8th Reception 9am in school and 7 to 7.45pm online
- Tuesday 9th Year 2 9am in school and 7 to 7.45pm online
- Thursday 11th Year 6 9am in school and 7 to 7.45pm online
- Friday 12th Year 1 9am in school and 7 to 7.45pm online

We look forward to seeing you there!

On Friday 13th September, we'll be supporting the Roald Dahl Charity, which provides specialist nurses for seriously ill children. Children are invited to dress as a Roald Dahl character, or wear yellow (his favourite colour). We kindly ask for a £1 donation towards this wonderful cause.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Corderoy

Acting Head of School


Davies Lane Primary School

FoDL

Here's to the 2025/26 Academic year - time for golden leaves, conkers and the FoDL Annual General Meeting (AGM). Can you make it along? It's a great way to meet others and hear a bit about what Friends of Davies Lane (FoDL) gets up to.

- **It's on 24 September** - That's a wednesday. From 8pm
 - **Location is at the school** - Come in via the main Davies Lane office
 - **Snacks, drinks and chat** - We'll take a quick look at activities over last year, with a view to switching things up for the year ahead
 - **Join the FoDL team** - Look out for an email from the school about the AGM. It outlines the roles that have opened up in the committee. Please consider what might be right for you. Here's what's on offer:
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Co -treasurer
 - Communication officer
 - Graphic designer
 - General committee members
 - **We'd love your ideas** - Have you been inspired by other activities that could make the 25/26 school year more fun? Share them at the session
 - **Meet other parents** and see how we work together. No commitment needed!
- Let us know you're coming** - Message us at FoDLNews@gmail.com

Reminder : MCAS App Instructions

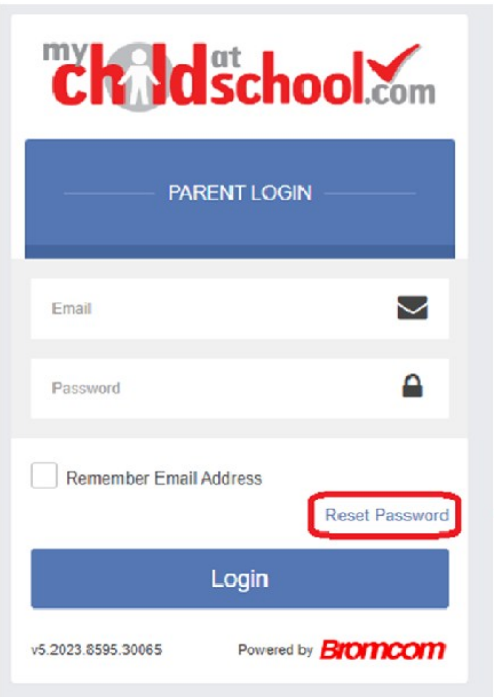


Your School Name / Contact Info / Website

Download & Set Up the MCAS App in 4 Easy Steps

For parents and guardians: Stay informed. Stay engaged.

- DOWNLOAD THE APP**
Search for "MCAS - MyChildAtSchool"
✓ Available on App Store & Google Play
- SIGN IN**
Use the same personal email address used during student registration.
- SET YOUR PASSWORD**
Tap "Forgot Password" on the login screen.
✓ A reset link will be emailed to you.
✓ Don't forget to check your Junk/Spam folder.
- ENABLE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**
Turn on notifications in app/device settings to receive school alerts instantly.
- Need Help?**
Contact the school office or visit our website for more support.



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Password

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**NOTICE TO
CHILDREN**
Parents are advised
to remind children

**ZERO
TOLERANCE**



**ON BRINGING ANY ITEM
INTO SCHOOL
WHICH IS NOT PERMITTED**

Ensuring Our Children Are Full After Lunch

To support children in feeling full and satisfied after their lunch, we'd like to remind everyone about our lunch times:

If a child is still hungry after their main meal, they will be offered **Option 3**, which includes a choice of:

- Cheese or tuna sandwich/wrap, or Cheese or tuna jacket potato.

Children are also allowed:

- One dessert and one piece of fruit, or One yoghurt, one piece of fruit, and access to the salad bar.

Multiple desserts or yoghurts will not be permitted. We hope this ensures all children have the energy and nutrition they need to thrive during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support!

Can you use your skills to support the school?

Friends of Davies Lane needs your help!

Time for a fresh group of people to make up the PTA committee. We would love your enthusiasm for making Davies Lane life more fun for your kids and their school mates.

Here are some of the roles available, where you might make a huge difference:

- **Leadership** - Do you have a vision for how we'd make an impact for the school? Our fab chair is stepping down and FoDL needs a new person...
- **Design** - if you use apps like Canva or Powerpoint, you might enjoy doing our posters and shareable flyers. Plenty of creative scope - get in touch to talk it through.
- **Finance** - We have a great treasurer but we need two to make this work! Your skills could help make the most of our funds. This is a commitment, but it's gentle on your time because it's a role-share. Do get in touch to discuss.
- **Pre-loved Uniform Team** - This project makes so much sense, avoiding land fill and making sure everyone can get uniform that fits. We need helpers for the team, organising donations and supporting our sales.

General committee members - We need your great ideas and willingness to get stuck in. It's lovely to be part of a team organising fun events to raise money, and then deciding how best to spend it on Davies Lane activities.

We'll discuss all of these opportunities at our AGM on Wednesday 26 September

Find out more! For either of the above, message FoDLNews@gmail.com

8pm Wednesday 24th



FRIENDS OF DAVIES LANE



Please join us at the FoDL
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8pm WEDNESDAY 24 September

At the School - North side, Davies Lane entrance

Find out what we do & share your thoughts for the
year ahead! Get in touch at FodlNews@gmail.com

Charity news

At Davies Lane we take our social responsibility for both our local community and the wider world very seriously encouraging our children to be aware of those who may be in need in many different ways. Throughout the school year we highlight several causes and take part in events to raise awareness and funds for several charities.

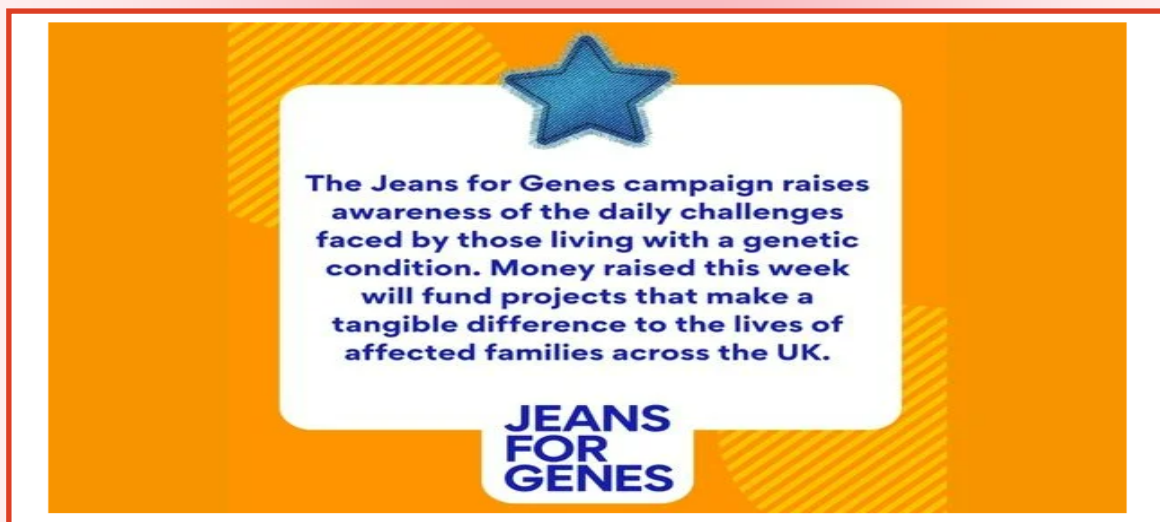
Some of these events take place in the next few weeks.

Friday 12th September: Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day.

The children can come in to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character or wear yellow. We will be taking donations for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which provides specialist nurses and support for seriously ill children.

For more information about this charity please visit: <https://www.roalddahlcharity.org/>

Friday 19th September: Jeans for Genes.



The children can come to school wearing jeans and their school jumper. We will be raising money for the Jeans for Genes charity.

For more information about this charity please visit: <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>

Thank you for your support.

Jenni Walsh (Charities lead)

Diary Dates

8TH Sept: Reception baseline assessments begin
8TH Sept: End of Year Citizenship Awards – nominations open all year
8TH Sept: Pupil Voice meetings – roles and responsibilities & badges handed out
8TH Sept: Peer mediation/ conflict resolution training for year 6
8TH Sept: Training pupils for year group roles
8TH Sept: No 1 to 1 instrumental music tuition
8TH Sept: Rocksteady begins
8TH Sept: Planting in planter boxes and forest school
8TH Sept: Reception parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)
9TH Sept: KS1 What is mental health workshop?
9TH Sept: Year 2 parent curriculum meeting (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)
11TH Sept: ECT 1st Year annual conference
11TH Sept: Y6 parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)
12TH Sept: Charity Event - Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day (Learning Council to lead- children dress as a Roald Dahl book character or wear yellow, £1 donation for Roald Dahl's Charity)
12TH Sept :Y1 parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)
15TH Sept: Reception baseline assessments
15TH Sept: SCHOOL COUNCIL – Terms of reference/ Inquirers mindset – three dispositions/ 5Cs
15TH Sept: Election for Parent Council
15TH Sept: 1 to 1 Instrumental music tuition begins
15TH Sept: Davies Lane Y4 Swimming
15TH Sept: Survey to Parents and Staff

15TH Sept: Y3 parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)
16TH Sept: KS2 What is mental health workshop?
16TH Sept: Y4 parent curriculum meetings (9am-10am) (Online 7:00pm – 7:45pm)
18TH Sept: Photography and Art exhibition – open to local community
19th Sept: Well-being group meeting (pm)
19th Sept: **Charity Event** - Jeans for Genes (School Council to lead - Children wear jeans with school jumpers and bring £1 to support charity)

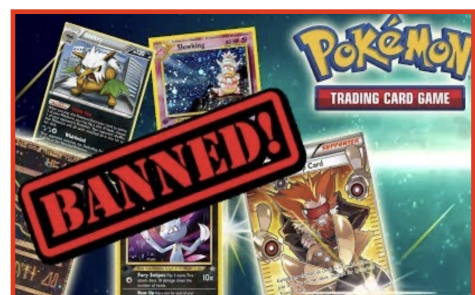
Polite Payment Reminder

If your child attends the Breakfast or Tea Time club can you please always ensure your MCAS account has a minimum of two weeks credit.

Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons, this will start next week and the payment item is on MCAS

Pokémon cards



Please do not bring Pokémon cards into school. We do not want them to get lost or damaged.

Caught Being Kind

Please find below the names of the children in each year group who are recognised for their kindness this week. **Congratulations**

Class	Star of the Week	Caught being kind
2YO Nursery	Louis	Elias
3YO Nursery	Wyatt	Leon
R-Apple	Rosa	Cillian
R-Sycamore	Eden	Lila
R-Ash	Ayub	Maria
R-Magnolia	Norah	Averie
Y1- Fir	Ibrahim	Noah
Y1- Rowan	Arla	Arthur
Y1- Larch	Evelyn	Naila
Y1- Redwood	Teddy	Sindy
Y2- Pine	David	Zeenat
Y2 - Lime	Benjamin	Matthew
Y2 - Poplar	Rumeysa	Austin
Y2 - Oak	Wiktorja	Veronika
Y3 - Teak	Raphael	Whole Class
Y3 -Chestnut	Reina	Maddison-Rose
Y3 -Elder	Rahma	Katie
Y3 -Willow	Grace	Amira
Y4 -Spruce	Layla	Jesse
Y4 - Palm	Samuel	Marley
Y4- Holly	Jayson	Chloe
Y4- Olive	Marlowe	Whole Class
Y5-Hornbeam	Fikir	Emma
Y5 -Walnut	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y5 -Cypress	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y5 - Mulberry	Alice	Vlad
Y6 - Hawthorn	Eesa	Whole Class
Y6 - Beech	Ibrahim	Ethan
Y6 - Cedar	Maeve	Artem
Y6 - Eucalyptus	Maryam S	Maryam S

LITTER ,LITTER

Please do ensure that any litter is put in a bin or taken home with you. The gardens and bins in the surrounding houses should not be subjected to picking up the school communities litter. Let's create good citizens for the future and remind our children to use the bins provided.

A Friendly Reminder: Healthy Packed Lunches, Please!

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that packed lunches brought to school are healthy and nutritious. A balanced lunch helps students stay energized and focused throughout the day.

Here are some great ideas for healthy packed lunches:

- **Sandwiches or Wraps:** Whole-grain bread or wraps with lean proteins like turkey, chicken, or hummus.
- **Fruits and Vegetables:** Apple slices, grapes, carrot sticks, cucumber slices, or cherry tomatoes.
- **Dairy or Dairy Alternatives:** Low-fat yogurt, cheese cubes, or plant-based alternatives.
- **Healthy Snacks:** rice cakes, or a small handful of popcorn.

Drinks: Water or unsweetened milk instead of sugary drinks.

Please remember that we are a nut free school.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting healthy eating habits!



<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3f004e4>

Reminder

Please remember that children should not be bringing toys, money, trading cards or other items to school. If these are lost it can cause a lot of upset.