DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a pleasure to welcome all our pupils back to school this week. The start to the half term has been incredibly positive, and it has been wonderful to see so many eager to learn. I have been particularly impressed with the noticeable improvement in uniform standards—thank you for your support in helping our pupils present themselves smartly and with pride.

As we settle into the new term, I would like to gently remind families of some key expectations that help our school community thrive. Pupils should wear correct footwear, avoid makeup, and refrain from using flairs, as these ensure that everyone maintains a focused and respectful learning environment. Punctuality is equally important—not just arriving on time to school each morning, but also being ready and on time for every lesson. Being prompt helps our pupils make the most of every learning opportunity and supports a positive routine for all.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to invite you to our upcoming school production of Oliver Jr. This wonderful performance will take place on Wednesday 20th November and Thursday 21st November at 5:30pm. It promises to be an entertaining showcase of our pupils' talents, and we would love to see as many families there as possible to celebrate their hard work and creativity. For more information, please see the main body of the newsletter

Thank you once again for your continued support. It makes a real difference in helping us create a positive, engaging, and inspiring environment where every pupil can thrive. I look forward to a successful half term ahead.

Kind Regards
Mr S Worthington
Head of School

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Diary Dates

Oliver Jr Performance - Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th November
Pupil Flu Vaccinations - Monday 24th November
Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 4th December

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Assembly Theme of the Week - Ready to Realign

This week's assembly theme was Ready to Realign. Success is built through daily effort, consistent choices, and pride in everything we do.

As we begin this new half term, every pupil is encouraged to:

✅ **Arrive on time and ready to learn** – maximise every second of lesson time.
👂 **Be ready to listen** – strong attention habits help you understand new and complex ideas.
🧠 **Be ready to work** – make every moment of every lesson count.
✍️ **Complete all work with pride** – show excellence and clear understanding in everything you produce.
🎁 **See feedback as a gift** – listen, act, and use it to improve.
🗣️ **Develop your oracy** – use *because*, *but*, and *so* to expand explanations and strengthen thinking.
🚶 **Be ready to leave** – transition calmly to keep corridors safe and orderly.
👕 **Wear immaculate uniform** – show pride in yourself and in our school.

Let's begin this half term with purpose, positivity, and a commitment to being **our best selves in every lesson, every day**.

Staff Member of the Week…

Mr McCabe

Manchester United Foundation Hub Officer

A huge well-done to **Mr McCabe** for his fantastic work supporting our vulnerable pupils through meaningful interventions and for organising brilliant trips that have enriched their school experience. Your dedication and care are truly appreciated — thank you for making such a positive impact! 👏

Book of the Week

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton follows Ponyboy Curtis, a Greaser caught in a conflict with the richer Socs. As tensions rise, he learns that everyone, no matter their background, faces struggles and deserves understanding.

Message from Ms Vernon: Head of Year 7

Welcome Back, Year 7!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break! It's been wonderful to see your smiles, energy, and enthusiasm as we return to school. I hope you had a chance to relax, spend time with family and friends, and recharge for the exciting weeks ahead.

This half-term is full of opportunities to learn, grow, and challenge yourselves. I've been really impressed with how well you've settled into secondary school life so far. Your positive attitudes, kindness, and the DTA way make our Year 7 community such a welcoming and supportive place. Keep looking out for one another, celebrate each other's achievements, and don't be afraid to try new things—even if they feel a little challenging at first.

Remember that every lesson, activity, and challenge is a chance to develop your skills and show what you can do. Take pride in your efforts, keep a positive mindset, and continue making the choices that help you and those around you thrive.

Let's make this half-term our best one yet—full of learning and memories we can all be proud of!

Year 7	97%
Year 8	95%
Year 9	93%
Year 10	94%
Year 11	93%

WELL DONE YEAR 7s!

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Safeguarding Message of the Week

We have seen an increase in pupils gathering around the school, in Wonderland Park and nearby streets after the school day. While it's natural for pupils to want to socialise, this raises some important safety and behaviour concerns.

Why This Matters

- **Safety risks:** Roads are busy after school and pupils are more vulnerable once off-site.
- **Community impact:** Large groups can sometimes lead to noise, antisocial behaviour, or negative perceptions of pupils.

Expectations for Pupils

- Leave the school site promptly unless attending a supervised club or activity.
- Travel straight home or to an arranged destination.
- Be respectful of residents and the wider community.

How Parents/Carers Can Support

- Encourage your child to come straight home after school.
- Make sure you know **where they are**, **who they are with**, and **what time they will be home**.
- Ensure clear arrangements if they are attending an activity.

Thank you for helping us keep pupils safe and maintain positive relationships within our community.

MCAS - 'My Child at School'

MCAS is the main communication between home and school. MCAS stands for 'My Child at School'. It is a app downloadable for Apple or Android. We want all parents to download this app to ensure you get key updates about your child at Dean Trust Ardwick.

The information you can see on the app is:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Positive points
- Detentions
- Payments
- Reports

When your child is enrolled at Dean Trust Ardwick:

1) Download the MCAS app
2) You will receive an email with a link to set up your account (the same email you provided to school)
3) Click the link on the email and follow the steps
4) Once set up and signed in through the webpage, you can then log in through the app.
5) You will not be able to use the app if you have not signed up through the web page first.

If you have any questions or issues, please contact our main reception who will be happy to assist you.

10 Year Anniversary: Manchester United Foundation Rewards Trip

As part of our 10 Year Anniversary celebrations and Next Level November, Dean Trust Ardwick is delighted to offer a select group of Senior Prefects and pupil historians an extraordinary opportunity: a trip to Old Trafford with the Manchester United Foundation!

This special experience, “Learning from Legacy: Building Our Own History at Dean Trust Ardwick,” allows pupils to explore how Manchester United’s history, culture, and values are preserved, celebrated, and passed down through generations. They will reflect on what makes a legacy truly powerful and learn how to apply these lessons to building and celebrating Dean Trust Ardwick’s own story. The trip is designed to inspire pupils to think deeply about identity, community, and the role of heritage in shaping success.

In addition to discovering the power of history, pupils will have the chance to develop their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Through guided activities and reflective sessions, they will explore how to inspire others, make decisions collaboratively, and contribute meaningfully to their school community. The experience will help them see how the values and traditions of a successful organisation like Manchester United can be translated into their own lives and the life of the school.

Back at Dean Trust Ardwick, pupils will continue the work they started at Old Trafford. They will take a leading role in the Heritage Working Group, helping to create a History Wall, mini school museum, or digital archive, and produce a ‘DTA Way’ Legacy Booklet to capture the school’s evolving story, values, and achievements.

How Pupils Qualify:
Places on this exclusive trip are awarded to pupils who demonstrate excellent behaviour and consistently embody The DTA Way, recognising those who live the school’s values every day.

This is a once-in-a-decade opportunity to connect history, leadership, and personal development—an unforgettable experience that will inspire pupils for years to come.

School Production

It is almost time for our annual production at Dean Trust Ardwick.. This year we present 'Oliver Jr' and it promises to be a fantastic event.

The cast have worked incredibly hard in rehearsals since February to ensure that this is our best production to date. Performances will take place on Weds 19th & Thurs 20th November, starting at 17.30pm. Tickets are a bargain at only £1, which should be paid upon entry. We would be grateful if you could bring the correct change, where possible and arrive from 17.15pm. See you there!

Year 9 University of Manchester trip

This week thirty Year 9 pupils attended the University of Manchester for the Chemistry Flashbang Lecture. We saw and heard lots of exciting reactions and also learnt about the chemicals in fireworks as it was Bonfire night. Well done to these students who were impeccably behaved.

School Street

We are excited to inform you that, in collaboration with the local council, we have been working towards transforming Dean Trust Ardwick into a School Street. A School Street, is a designated area where the road will be closed to traffic at specific times during the school day, helping to reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, and minimise the risk of accidents around our school.

However, those who require access will be able to use the facility.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be trailing this initiative on 20th November, with a ‘Play Street’ road closure from 1pm to 4:00 PM. During this time, there will be various activities organised to celebrate and raise awareness of this exciting change.

To give you more information and answer any questions you may have about what a School Street entails, how it will work, and the positive impact we hope to achieve, we would like to invite you to a coffee morning. This event will be held on 11th November at 9.30am and parents from both Dean Trust Ardwick and St Luke’s Schools are welcome to attend. It will be a great opportunity to engage with us, share your thoughts, and ask any questions you may have.

We are confident that this initiative will greatly benefit our school community by making the area safer and more pedestrian-friendly. We hope to have your support as we continue working towards improving our school environment for everyone.

Padlet Healthy Schools

Dean Trust Ardwick are actively engaged with Manchester Healthy Schools and have three focus areas this year:

1. Food for healthy lifestyles

2. Family mental health

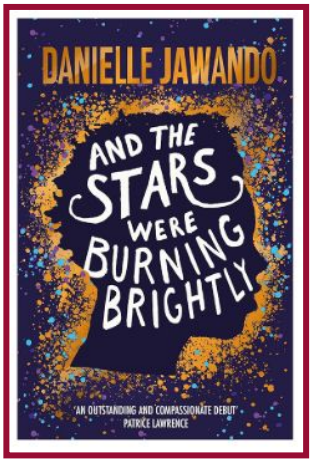
3. Being an Asthma Friendly School

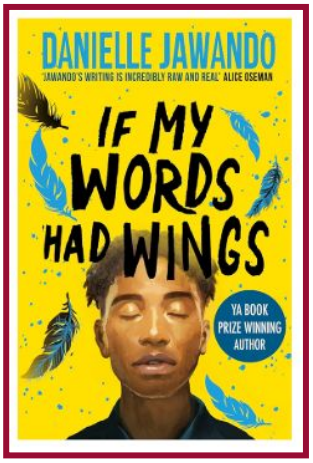
We will be asking parents and carers to get involved in achieving success in these areas through Coffee Mornings in the new year, online workshop sessions and school events. We would love for as many families as possible to engage in our plans to make the school your child attends as healthy as possible. If you would like more information or would like to support in any way please contact Ms Bostock or Mrs Qasim via the school's reception number.

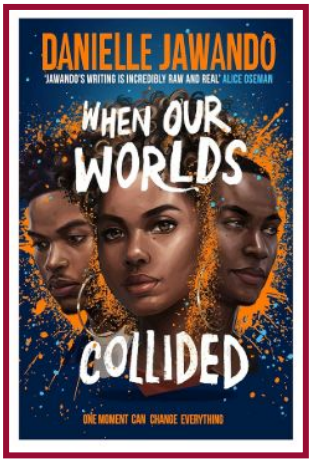
Author Visit

Yesterday, we collaborated with Manchester Libraries and had a visit from award winning author Danielle Jawando. She is a local woman who writes about Manchester, injustice and the importance of representation and equality. It was great to have her in school with us and she spoke about the path her career had taken (including writing for Coronation Street) and the things that inspired her to write her books. It was great for some of our pupils to get advice and industry insight from such an inspiring author.

Thank you to Manchester Libraries for giving us this opportunity, to Danielle for visiting, and to the pupils who took part for being respectful and asking wonderful questions. It was a really interesting afternoon.







Year 7 Football

The Year 7 boys football team had their first match on Tuesday against Trinity.

At half time we were losing 1-0, but a great comeback in the 2nd half saw us go 2-1 up..only to be denied by a last minute deflected equaliser!

Well done to the all the boys (And Miss Vernon and Miss Wallace for standing in the rain to watch!)

Manchester Term Dates
2025- 2026

Autumn Term		No of days
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	39
Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025	35
Spring Term		
Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	30
Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2nd April 2026	28
Summer Term		
Monday 20th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	24
Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026	34
	Total Days:	190

INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 20th March 2026 (Eid)
Friday 26th June 2026
2 days from twilights

Bank Holidays

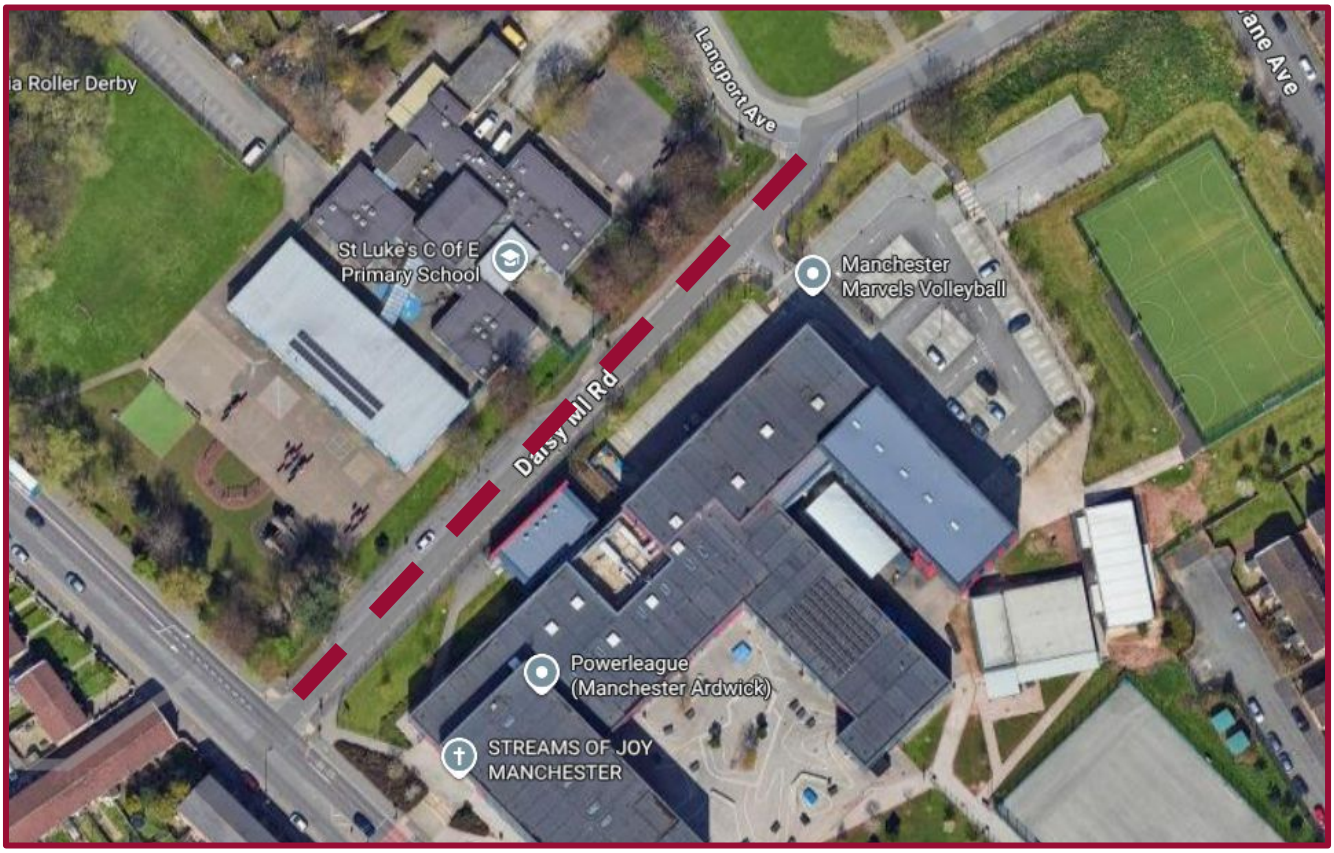
Thursday 25th December 2025
Friday 26th December 2025
Thursday 1st January 2026
Friday 3rd April 2026
Monday 6th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Monday 25th May 2026

Parking around Dean Trust Ardwick

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of car accidents and near misses on Daisy Mill Road, many of which have been linked to illegal or unsafe parking during school drop-off and collection times.

Parking on double yellow lines or blocking residential driveways not only causes disruption but also puts our pupils and families at serious risk.

We urge all parents and carers to use the designated lay-by parking areas and to park with care and consideration at all times. Our priority is the safety of every child - by working together and following parking guidelines, we can help prevent further accidents and keep our community safe. Please arrange for a safe place to collect your child away from school, if the parking bay is unavailable.



Contact Information:

Dean Trust Ardwick opened in 2015 and we are now a fully-fledged Year 7-11 school, serving over 1300 pupils. We serve the Ardwick and Longsight community and pride ourselves on being a local school for local children. Since our inception, we have become the school of choice for families.

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