Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery
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Date: 03.07.2026

We had a great start to the week with our annual sports morning for our children in reception to year two. The children all did an amazing job, taking part with great enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork. We are so proud of their effort and positive attitudes throughout the morning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the children. Your encouragement and cheering made the event even more special, and we really appreciate your support. Thank you also to the PTA for putting up the gazebos and to the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm which enabled the morning to run smoothly. A huge thank you to Mrs Rawes for the organising and running of the morning.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed spending time with their new class teachers. This gave them the opportunity to explore their new classroom, take part in fun activities, and begin getting to know the staff and, in some year groups, other children that they will be with next year.

As we start to move closer to the end of the academic year, it will soon be time for our year two children to move onto their next school. As part of their end of year celebrations, the children enjoyed a disco followed by a barn dance after school on Thursday. The children's dancing was amazing; thank you to Miss Goodwin, Mrs Menzies and the wider year two staffing team for all their hard work in preparing the children.

We will be organising our library and reading books over the summer. From today, there will be no more books sent home. Please send any books you have at home into school so they can be included in our checks.

On Monday, we will be launching our new approach to spirituality with the children. On the June training day, the staff worked hard to help shape further work on our school vision and Christian distinctiveness. Further information regarding this approach can be found in this week's Spotlight.

The children's end of year reports for all year groups will also be sent home on Monday. The report will be sent via email and will be password protected. To access the report, you will need to enter your child's date of birth. Thank you to all the staff involved in writing the reports for all their hard work.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Suzanne Marson
Headteacher

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Pupil achievements this week

Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Owlets:	**Zoe**	Spotty Owls:	**Grace**	Stripy Owls:	**Rowan**
Little Owls:	**Ashley**	Barn Owls:	**Posy**	Spectacled Owls:	**Isla B**
Elf Owls:	**Diasy**	Tawny Owls:	**Greyson**	Snowy Owls:	**Penelope**

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	**Henry**	Spotty Owls:	**Noah**	Stripy Owls:	**Hugo**
Little Owls:	**Inaaya**	Barn Owls:	**Emma**	Spectacled Owls:	**Judah**
Elf Owls:	**Daisy**	Tawny Owls:	**Greyson**	Snowy Owls:	**Charlotte**

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	**Jesleen**	Barn Owls:	**Ida**	Spectacled Owls:	**Arthur**
Elf Owls:	**Alex**	Tawny Owls:	**Rory**	Snowy Owls:	**Misty-Jo**

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Year 1: Caiden, Addison Year 2: Noah, Minahill

Achievements from home

Reception: Jessica, Henry

Year 1: Noah, Emma, Jessica Year 2: Effie, Eliza, Ida, Charlotte

Spotlight on .....

Spirituality

Spirituality is a journey of questioning, wondering, reflecting and responding. It is what makes me, me and you, you.

As a Church of England school, we are inspected as part of the SIAMS framework (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). A part of this inspection framework is spirituality.

We believe that spirituality is about helping every child to reflect on who they are, their place in the world and their relationships with others. Through collective worship, the curriculum, time for reflection and everyday experiences, we encourage children to explore awe and wonder, ask big questions, develop their own world views and values, and grow in understanding of themselves and others. Rooted in our Christian vision, spirituality is inclusive of all faiths and world views, and helps children to flourish, recognising and celebrating the unique gifts, talents and potential of each person.

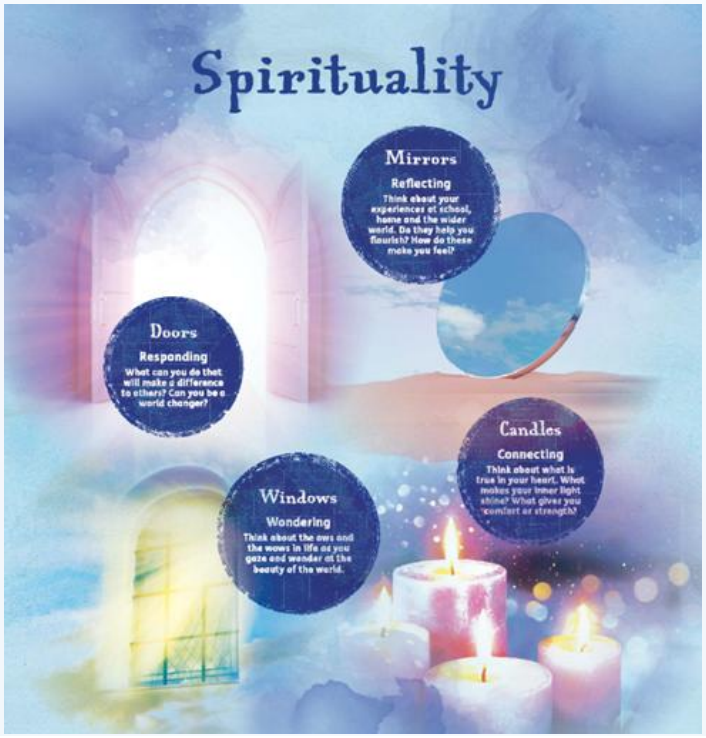
As a school we use the windows, mirrors, doors and candles approach to spirituality, which is explained below.

Windows – Wondering – To consider the beauty of the world around us. Thinking about the 'ows, wows and nows' of life.

Mirrors – Reflecting – Thinking about personal experiences at home, school and the wider world, how they make you feel and how experiences help you to flourish.

Doors – Responding – Making a difference in the world. What can you do to make a difference to others? How can you be a world changer?

Candles – Connecting – Thinking about personal values and what is important to you. Thinking about what gives you comfort, joy and strength in your life.



Diary Dates

All events include Nursery unless stated otherwise.

Monday 13th July	**Pre-school end of year performance 1** Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 2:30pm. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances. Please enter and leave via the School Office. Booking information has been sent home from the school office.
Monday 13th July	**Reports out to parents** An end of year report for each child will be emailed home by the end of the day today.
Wednesday 15th July	**Pre-school end of year performance 2** Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 1:45pm. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances. Please enter and leave via the School Office. Booking information has been sent home from the school office.
Wednesday 15th July	**End of year 2 leaver's performance 1** Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 2:15pm. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances. Please enter and leave via the School Office. Booking information has been sent home from the school office.
Wednesday 15th July	**Open evening** Parents are invited to come into school with their children to view their children's work and to visit new and existing classrooms from 3:30pm —5pm. Class teachers will be available to speak to about reports if you would like to. Mrs Owen will be available for SEND drop ins. (Nursery parents – nursery staff will be available in the Owlets room)
Wednesday 15th July	**Open evening at the Juniors (Year 2 only)** If you child is due to move to the Juniors in September 2026, the year 3 classrooms will be open for you to visit with your child from 3:30pm – 3:40pm.
Thursday 16th July	**End of year 2 leaver's performance 2** Parents are invited to come into school to see the children take part in a leaver's performance in the school hall at 9:15am. Two tickets will be available per child across the two performances. Please enter and leave via the School Office. Booking information has been sent home from the school office.
Thursday 3rd September	**Term Starts** We are excited to welcome back all children to start the new academic year.
Friday 25th	**Reception Heights and Weights Assessments**

September	Warwickshire Child and Family Wellbeing Service have organised Receptions heights and weights to be taken on the afternoon of the 25th September 2026. More information will follow in the new academic year.
Tuesday 20th October	**Flu Vaccinations** Flu vaccinations will be available to all children from reception to year two, more details will follow.
Tuesday 20th October	**Year Two – Moon Landing Workshop** The Big Bubble Theatre company is visiting year two in the morning to perform a moon landing workshop
Tuesday 3rd November	**Individual School Photos** All children will have an individual photo taken in full school uniform. No PE kits on this day please.
Thursday 5th November	**Year One – Gunpowder Plot Workshop** The Big Bubble Theatre company is visiting year one to perform a workshop based around the events of the Gunpowder Plot.

Current vacancies at Dunchurch Boughton CofE Infant and Nursery School

We currently have vacancies for before school playworkers and midday supervisors for September 2026. If you are interested in any of the posts, please apply on My New Term. Details can be found on the school website on the following link:

Vacancies | Dunchurch Boughton CofE Infant Academy and Nursery

Current Lunch Menu – please note this menu will continue into September and a new menu will be available from October 2026

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 13/04/26 04/05/26 25/05/26 15/06/26 06/07/26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	**NEW** Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins
WEEK TWO 20/04/26 11/05/26 01/06/26 22/06/26 13/07/26	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	**NEW** Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie
WEEK THREE 27/04/26 18/05/26 08/06/26 29/06/26 20/07/26	Option One	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	**NEW** Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crackers	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread

MENU KEY:
- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- Chef's Special
- Lower Carbon Footprint

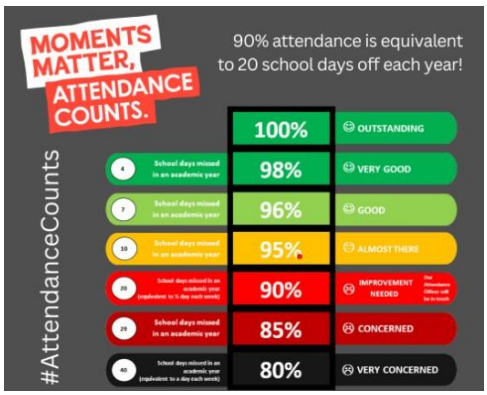
AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

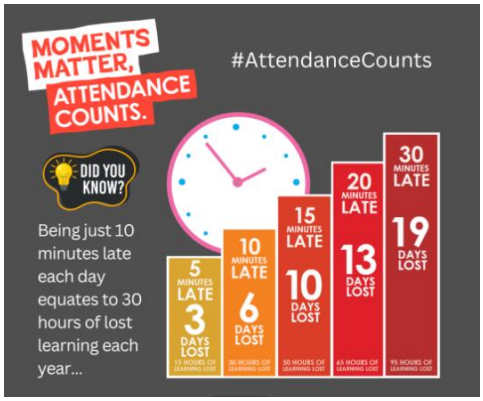
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 96.1 % (Target 87%)

Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
91.2%	92.8%	99.3%
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
96.1%	100%	96.7%





PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal school uniform should be worn.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Barn Owls Tawny Owls	Elf Owls Little Owls	Snowy Owls Spectacled Owls	Snowy Owls Spectacled Owls	Barn Owls Tawny Owls

After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martial Arts Rec—Y2 3:20-4pm	Spanish Y1-Y2 3:20—4:20pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20– 4:45pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20-4:45pm	Tennis Rec-Y2 3:20 – 4:15pm
Arts and Crafts Rec-Y2 3:20-4:15pm	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Construction Rec-Y2 3:20-4:15pm	Cooking Rec-Y2 3:20-4:15pm	
		Gardening Rec – Y2 3:20 – 4:15pm		

Term Dates

Academic Year 2025/2026

Spring term 2026

Summer term 2026

End of term: Friday 17th July

Training Day (Disaggregated): Monday 20th July

Summer holiday: Tuesday 21st July to Monday 31st August

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

Training days: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September

Term starts for children: Thursday 3rd September

Training day: Friday 23rd October

Half term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

End of term: Friday 18th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

Spring term 2027

Training day: Monday 4th January

Start of term for children: Tuesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Training day: Monday 22nd February

End of term: Thursday 25th March

Easter holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

Summer term 2027

Start of term: Monday 12th April

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Training day: Monday 7th June

End of term: Wednesday 21st July

Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

For Warwickshire school term dates please click here.

* School and nursery are closed to all children during bank holidays, training days and holiday periods.

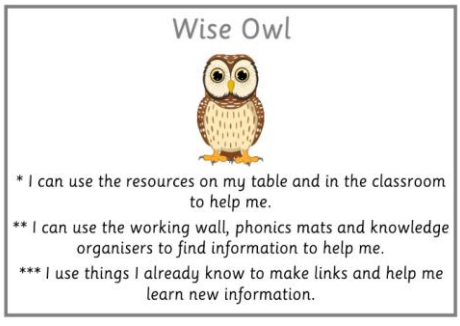
In Collective Worship this week …

In collective worship this week, we looked at popular toys, and considered if the best things in life were those things we can buy from the shop, or those things that we can give and receive without costing any money such as kindness, friendship and love.

We also read the story of 'The Little Cracked Pot' and considered how we can have different outlooks when things feel hard or go wrong, linked to the trust vision of 'life in all its fullness'.

Christian Value this half term

Learning Behaviour this half term



Mental Health Support

MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team

Tips For Wellness

Dimensions tool

Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Rest

It is important to work hard, stay motivated and set goals to achieve in life. It is also important to not overwork yourself and get enough rest to help manage your stress and unwind so you can stay motivated and prevent burnout in the long run.

Rest is vital for your mental health as it can improve your concentration, memory, critical thinking, planning for the future, problem-solving, mood, immune system, reduce stress, and helps your body's metabolism and physical recovery.

Rest can be difficult to define because it can look different for everyone. It can be anything physical or mentally stimulating that improves wellbeing such as going for a walk, singing, drawing, cycling, playing games, watching TV/streaming, exercising, playing sports, reading, dancing, listening or creating music, writing, crafting, relaxing or anything else you enjoy!

Our Top Tips for Rest:

- After you have done something important like studying, chores or homework, reward yourself by doing something enjoyable that helps you recharge.
- Set aside enough time each day for hygiene. This can be showering, brushing teeth, washing hair. These regular activities can help you to relax.
- Create a healthy sleep routine by avoiding caffeine or sugary drinks near bedtime, ensure you are warm and comfortable in bed and limit screentime.
- Engage in some mindfulness or restful activity, such as meditation, reading, listening to calming music, podcasts or bedtime stories.

Use the QR code to download the Calm App, which has lots of meditations, soundscapes and stories.

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Book of the week

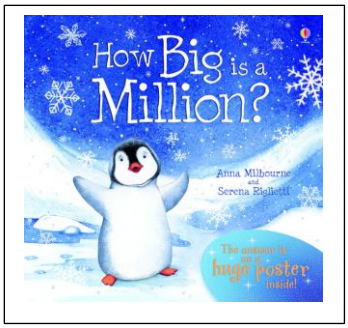
Title: **How Big is a Million?**

Author: **Anna Milbourne and Serena Riglietti**

Recommended by: **Mrs Pilbeam**

I really enjoyed reading *How Big Is a Million?* because it is fun and easy to read. The pictures are bright and colourful, and they help explain big numbers. My favourite part was learning how huge a million really is and looking at the big poster at the end of the book.

This book made me smile and I think other children will enjoy reading it too.



E-Safety tip of the week

Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X. Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-givekids-their-childhood-back

In addition, you can find some FAQs

here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The Warwickshire Local Authority monthly SEND newsletter can be found here. Click link

The Warwickshire SEND local offer can be found here. Click link

Families can request free advice and support through Warwickshire SENDIASS Click link

Family Support

Families can access free parenting courses through Eventbrite here.

Click on Family Information Service for a wide range of information to support families, or to request support.

Summer Tennis Camps - Fun, Active Days for Children Aged 5+

Rugby Lawn Tennis Club is running Summer Tennis Camps throughout the school holidays, open to children aged 5 and above. Each day includes coaching, games, team challenges and plenty of fresh-air activity in a friendly, welcoming environment.

Families can choose from flexible booking options to suit their schedule:

- Morning sessions (9am-12pm)
- Full-day camps (9am-3pm)
- Early drop-off and late pick-up available to help busy parents

Parents can find full details and book a place using the link below:

👉 https://inspire2coach.co.uk/summer-camps/

If you have any questions, the coaching team will be happy to help. Simply email info@inspire2coach.co.uk for more information.

For HAF bookings:

Book directly with Jacob on info@gameoncoaching.co.uk or 07776322590. These are booked in on a first come first serve basis.

For general bookings, book via Jacob or book online through the following links.

Dunchurch Infants - https://pbbl.uk/4vVufKV

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Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Dear Parents,

Every year the Warwickshire Library Service supports the Summer Reading Challenge set annually by the Reading Agency. The aim is to help children sustain their reading skills and habits through the six week summer holiday.

At Dunchurch Community Library we have successfully hosted this challenge many times and we are enthusiastic about this year's theme: Read to the Beat.

The scheme will launch on the 4th July and continue until the start of school in September. On enrolling each child will receive a snazzy sticker booklet (see above) in which they can record their reading activities, place each sticker (one per activity) and rate the stories read. They will also receive a booklet with stories to read and puzzles to solve. The scheme will be holiday friendly: eg start before, continue after return or any combination that suits the family.

When the children have completed their six reading activities they will be awarded a medal for their efforts and, when the new term starts, a certificate of congratulation will be prepared, with their name in calligraphic script, and delivered to their schools for presentation in September.

Rugby library will be taking part too and it may be more convenient for you to enrol there; but we at Dunchurch are looking forward to meeting parents and children when the scheme starts in on 4th July.

Best Wishes,

Clive Cotton, Volunteer at Dunchurch Library

Allsorts – July-September 2026

Here is the link to the July/Sept digital edition of Allsorts magazine

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_JULYSEPT

you can **tap** straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone/tablet (please mention allsorts).

There are lots of attraction to visit, services and clubs/classes to help your family.

You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page.

Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).

RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum
Bits & Bots
Summer Holiday Activities
Create Learn Enjoy Discover
at Rugby Art Gallery and Museum this Summer!
Saturday 18 July - Tuesday 1 September
Find out more at www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun

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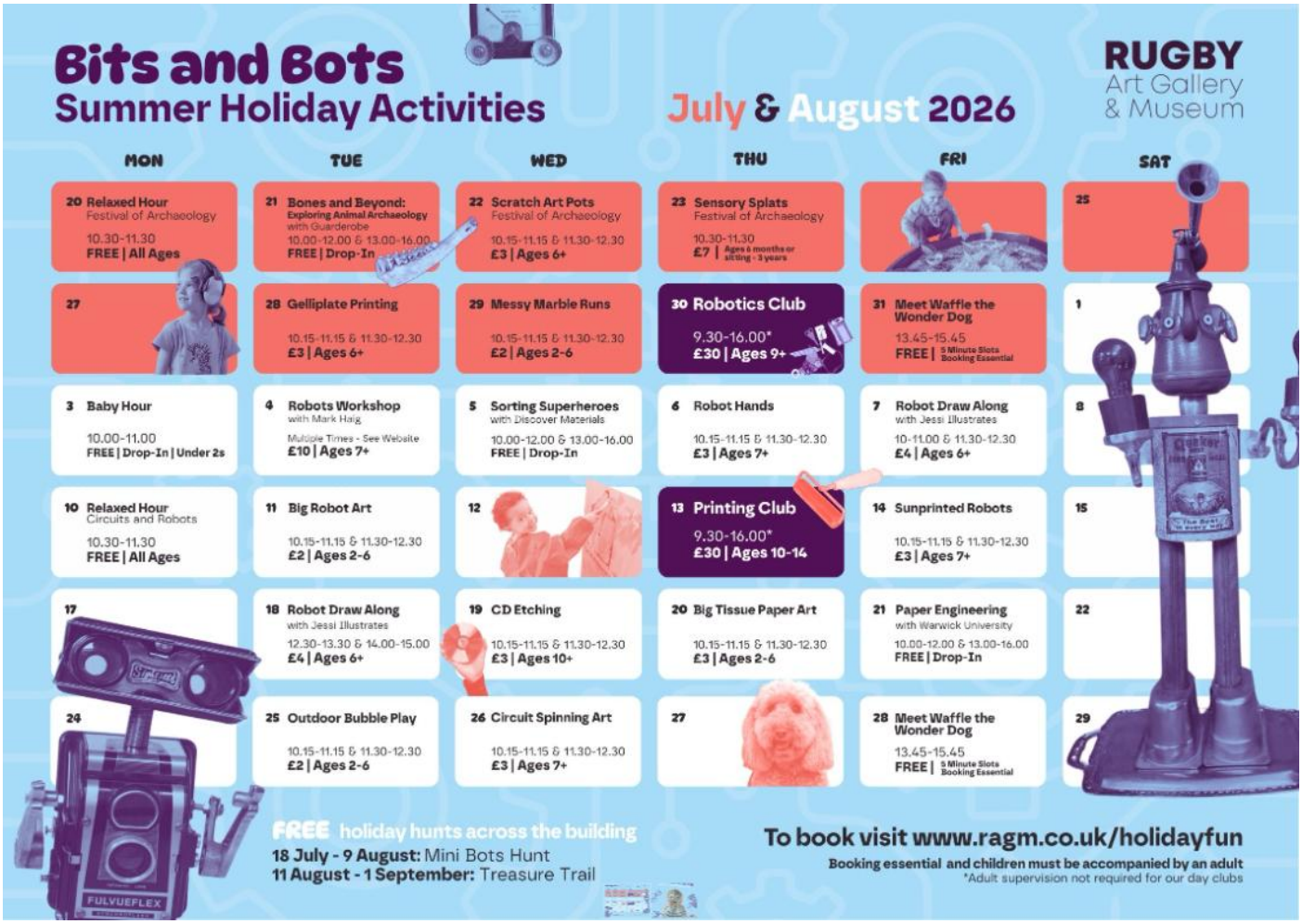
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July & August 2026
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Art Gallery
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20 Relaxed Hour
Festival of Archaeology
10.30-11.30
FREE | All Ages
21 Bones and Beyond: Exploring Animal Archaeology
with Guarderobe
10.00-12.00 & 13.00-16.00
FREE | Drop-In
22 Scratch Art Pots
Festival of Archaeology
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£3 | Ages 6+
23 Sensory Splats
Festival of Archaeology
10.30-11.30
£7 | Ages 6 months or sitting - 3 years
25
27
28 Gelliplate Printing
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£3 | Ages 6+
29 Messy Marble Runs
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£2 | Ages 2-6
30 Robotics Club
9.30-16.00*
£30 | Ages 9+
31 Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog
13.45-15.45
FREE | 5 Minute Slots Booking Essential
1
3 Baby Hour
10.00-11.00
FREE | Drop-In | Under 2s
4 Robots Workshop
with Mark Haig
Multiple Times - See Website
£10 | Ages 7+
5 Sorting Superheroes
with Discover Materials
10.00-12.00 & 13.00-16.00
FREE | Drop-In
6 Robot Hands
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£3 | Ages 7+
7 Robot Draw Along
with Jessi Illustrates
10-11.00 & 11.30-12.30
£4 | Ages 6+
8
10 Relaxed Hour
Circuits and Robots
10.30-11.30
FREE | All Ages
11 Big Robot Art
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£2 | Ages 2-6
12
13 Printing Club
9.30-16.00*
£30 | Ages 10-14
14 Sunprinted Robots
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£3 | Ages 7+
15
17
18 Robot Draw Along
with Jessi Illustrates
12.30-13.30 & 14.00-15.00
£4 | Ages 6+
19 CD Etching
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£3 | Ages 10+
20 Big Tissue Paper Art
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£3 | Ages 2-6
21 Paper Engineering
with Warwick University
10.00-12.00 & 13.00-16.00
FREE | Drop-In
22
24
25 Outdoor Bubble Play
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£2 | Ages 2-6
26 Circuit Spinning Art
10.15-11.15 & 11.30-12.30
£3 | Ages 7+
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28 Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog
13.45-15.45
FREE | 5 Minute Slots Booking Essential
29
FULVUEFLEX
FREE holiday hunts across the building
18 July - 9 August: Mini Bots Hunt
11 August - 1 September: Treasure Trail
To book visit www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun
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