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Academy and Nursery
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We have had a great week, including some transition work in preparation for next academic year. Year two have spent a day at the Juniors, year one have had a special transition afternoon, and reception and pre-school have been to visit the rooms in the next year group. The children are well prepared for transition day on Wednesday next week, and I am sure that they will all have a good day with their new class teachers. We are currently recruiting for Teaching Assistants to join the team as additional staff, and once recruitment is completed we will be able to share their year groups with you.

We know we have lots of football fans among both our children and staff, so we've decided to make Monday a special Sports Day, in conjunction with our already planned sports morning for reception to year two. For children who would like to watch it, we will be showing the England football match on Monday afternoon. There will also be a range of alternative sporting activities available for those who would prefer not to watch the match, so everyone can enjoy the day in a way that suits them. We kindly ask for your help in keeping the result of the match a secret until the children have had the chance to watch it. Please avoid sharing any spoilers on Monday morning! Thank you for helping us make the experience as exciting as possible for our young football fans.

Reception enjoyed a special treat this afternoon with a visit from a theatre group. The children listened to a selection of traditional tales, which linked beautifully with their current topic. They had a wonderful time joining in and bringing the stories to life! Thank you to Miss Shrimpton for arranging this for the children.

Thank you for your ongoing support, have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher

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Pupil achievements this week – w/e 26.06.26

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

Owlets:	**Ozzie**	Spotty Owls:	**Stanley**	Stripy Owls:	**Katerina**
Little Owls:	**Levi**	Barn Owls:	**Darnika**	Spectacled Owls:	**Ella**
Elf Owls:	**Avyaan**	Tawny Owls:	**Isla**	Snowy Owls:	**Issac**

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	**Henry**	Spotty Owls:	**Grace**	Stripy Owls:	**Caleb**
Little Owls:	**Aphra**	Barn Owls:	**Narula**	Spectacled Owls:	**Ayla**
Elf Owls:	**Hugo**	Tawny Owls:	**Saisiddharth**	Snowy Owls:	**JoJo**

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	**Bert**	Barn Owls:	**Pola**	Spectacled Owls:	**India**
Elf Owls:	**Champion**	Tawny Owls:	**Bhuvi**	Snowy Owls:	**Ada**

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Reception: Inaya, Kanish

Year 1: Jack, Freddie, Bhuvi, Thora, Jasper, Vedhika Year 2:

Achievements from home

Reception: Arlo, Henry, Florence, Lily, Isla, Sephy, Zeena, Mashal, Avyaan, Inaya

Year 1: Addison, Tatonga, Amelia-Faith Year 2: India, Henry, Erin, Effie, Karam-Alia, Florence, Issac, Minahil

Pupil achievements this week

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

Owlets:	**Isla**	Spotty Owls:	**Fides**	Stripy Owls:	**Myla**
Little Owls:	**Leo**	Barn Owls:	**Robin**	Spectacled Owls:	**Alfie**
Elf Owls:	**Zeena**	Tawny Owls:	**Jessica**	Snowy Owls:	**Oscar**

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	**Kaitlyn**	Spotty Owls:	**Emme**	Stripy Owls:	**Tanaka**
Little Owls:	**Arlo**	Barn Owls:	**Arshan**	Spectacled Owls:	**Kezzie**
Elf Owls:	**Nidhaan**	Tawny Owls:	**Iris**	Snowy Owls:	**Asees**

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	**William J**	Barn Owls:	**Robin**	Spectacled Owls:	**Liberty**
Elf Owls:	**Holly**	Tawny Owls:	**Matty**	Snowy Owls:	**Charlotte**

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Reception: Jesleen

Year 1: Theo, Iris, Wren, Rory, Rufaro, Piper Year 2: Misty-Jo, Lucia, Asees, Liberty, Sofia, Niyah

Achievements from home

Reception: Florence, Kirshank, Nihira

Year 1: Piper, Robin Year 2: Sofia, Niyah, Charlotte, Eliza, Satvika

Spotlight on .....

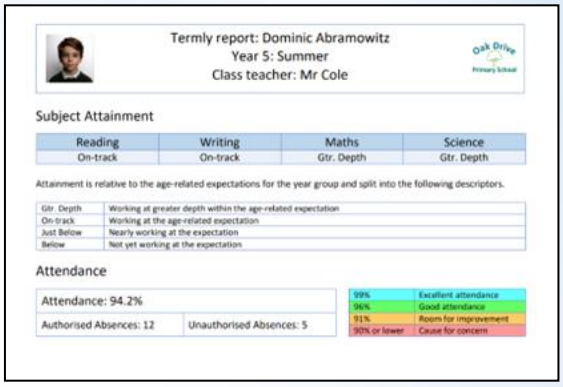
End of year reports

On Monday 13th July, you will receive your child's end of academic year report. All teachers and key workers in all year groups have carefully written the reports, providing you with information about your child's effort and achievements over the course of the academic year.

Within the reports, you will find:

- Attainment and effort for reading, writing and maths, along with a written statement in each area.
- Wider curriculum attainment, effort and a written statement.
- A teachers comment and a headteachers comment.
- Year one parents will find their child's end of year one phonics score.
- Reception parents will find their child's assessments against the Early Learning Goals.
- Your child's attendance to date.

A generic example can be seen to the right.



Termly report: Dominic Abramowitz
Year 5: Summer
Class teacher: Mr Cole

Subject Attainment

Reading	Writing	Maths	Science
On-track	On-track	Gtr. Depth	Gtr. Depth

Attainment is relative to the age-related expectations for the year group and split into the following descriptors.

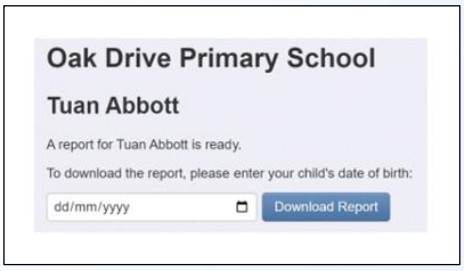
Gtr. Depth	Working at greater depth within the age-related expectation
On-track	Working at the age-related expectation
Just Below	Nearly working at the expectation
Below	Not yet working at the expectation

Attendance

Attendance: 94.2%	
Authorised Absences: 12	Unauthorised Absences: 5

99%	Excellent attendance
96%	Good attendance
91%	Room for improvement
90% or lower	Cause for concern

Our assessment and reporting system is called Insight. You will receive an email from the email address system@insighttracking.com with your child's report. When you click on the link in the email, you will be taken to a menu like the picture on the right. You will be asked to enter your child's date of birth which then allows you to view and download your child's report as a PDF. For parents in years reception to year two, this is the same as when you view the attendance letters sent home from Mrs Owen.



Oak Drive Primary School

Tuan Abbott

A report for Tuan Abbott is ready.

To download the report, please enter your child's date of birth:

dd/mm/yyyy Download Report

If any parents need any help viewing their child's report, please let us know. If you would like the opportunity to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, then please come along to our open evening on Wednesday 15th July.

Diary Dates

All events include Nursery unless stated otherwise.

Monday 6th July	**Sports Morning (reception to year two)** Children from reception to year two will be taking part in a sports morning on the Junior School field. Parents are invited to join us and should make their way over to the Junior School after dropping off their children. We will start at 9:15am and we expect the morning to last around two hours. Children will be sat on one side of the track and parents sat on the other side. A letter has been sent home regarding team colours.
Wednesday 8th July	**Country Transfer Day** Children will spend time in their new classes during this day. If your child is in year two and moving into Dunchurch Juniors, they will spend the day there. Please drop off and collect the children from the junior school. (If your year two child is not going to Dunchurch Juniors and does not have a transfer day, please let us know.) If your child is in reception or year one, they should arrive and be collected from their usual classroom doors. The children will then go into their new classrooms and spend most of the day with their new classroom staff. Owlets and pre-school children should attend nursery as usual. Pre-school children will be invited into school to spend some time in their new classroom (please see separate letter sent home)
Thursday 9th July	**Little Owls trip to Pizza Express** We are taking Little Owls to Pizza express in Rugby for the morning by coach and returning before lunchtime. The children will enjoy a fun workshop of pizza making.
Thursday 9th July	**Year 2 leavers event** An event for our year 2 leaver's children after school. A school disco after school followed by a Barn Dance. See the information sent home.
Friday 10th July	**National Teddy Bear's Picnic Day** Children are invited to bring a named teddy bear into school for a picnic lunch, along with a donation towards Birmingham Children's Hospital. We have families in school who have been supported by Birmingham Children's Hospital and would like to raise as much money as we can for this worthy cause.
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 will follow.

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 will follow.
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 will follow.
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 3:30—5. 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 will follow.
Friday 25th September	**Reception Heights and Weights Assessments** Warwickshire Child and Family Wellbeing Service have organized for us to have Receptions heights and weights taken on the afternoon of the 25th September 2026. More information will follow in the new academic year.

Current Lunch Menu

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

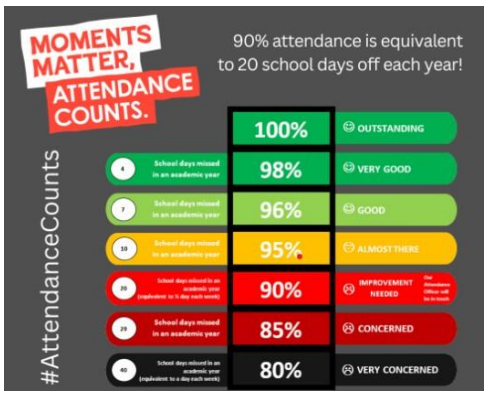
AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

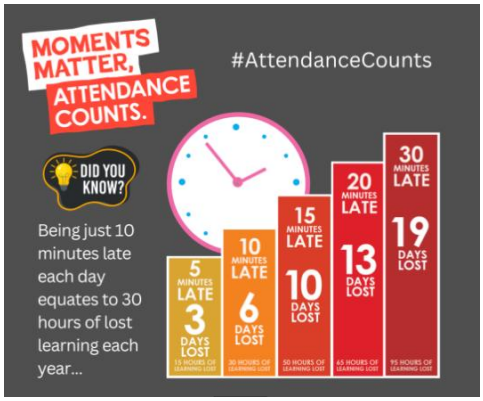
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We 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: 96.8 % (Target 87%)

Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
93.8%	98.9%	98.3%
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
100%	97.8%	88.7%





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 have considered both our school values and British values and have considered which are important to us.

Christian Value this half term

Learning Behaviour this half term

Wise Owl

* I can use the resources on my table and in the classroom to help me.

** I can use the working wall, phonics mats and knowledge organisers to find information to help me.

*** I use things I already know to make links and help me learn new information.

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

Persistence

Persistence is all about keeping going, even when times are challenging. It is normal to want to give up when you are going through something difficult, but if you can stick with it and overcome the obstacles, you will be closer to achieving your goals.

Having a **growth mindset** will help us persist, which means you believe you can learn, grow and develop your skills by putting in the hard work and practise. This can be tricky, so make sure you reach out to friends and trusted adults to support you.

Our tips for persistence:

1. **Break the goal down into smaller steps.** You can set yourself smaller goals that are more achievable, to help you reach your ultimate goal. Make sure the smaller goals are linked to your ultimate goal; this may help to encourage you to keep going, as you will be able to measure your progress.
2. **Try something new** – this could be a new hobby, sport, craft activity, or puzzle. Having a go at something new can help to develop your persistence, whilst also having fun. You might find it challenging at first, but you will receive a greater sense of reward and achievement by sticking with it!
3. **Positive self-talk** – instead of saying "I can't", add "yet" onto the end of the sentence. This tells your brain that it might be difficult, but you will get there in the end.
4. **Talk to yourself like a friend** – we are often kinder to our friends than we are to ourselves, when we go through challenging times. Practise talking to yourself like you would talk to a friend! What advice would you give if a friend told you they were rubbish at something? What would you say if they felt they wanted to give up?
5. **Practise mindfulness.** A good way to improve our mental wellbeing is by paying more attention to the present moment and the world around us. Think about sounds and smells around you, what can you see, and how does this make you feel. By being more aware, this can improve our mental wellbeing and enable us to improve skills such as being persistent.

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

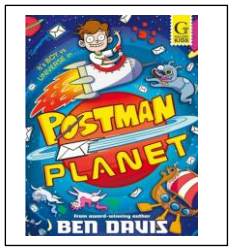
Title: **Postman Planet**

Author: **Ben Davis**

Recommended by: **Miss Bird-Slater**

Postman Planet by Ben Davis is a hilarious, high-energy space adventure. The story follows a 9-year-old boy who wears a fake moustache to trick his way into a job at the Intergalactic Post Office! Calling himself "Postman Planet," he gets sent on a wild rocket mission across the stars to deliver helium to the Planet of Fluffy Unicorns. Along the way, he must team up with a grumpy part-dog, part-robot assistant named Stamp and escape from silly Space Vikings.

This book reflects the importance of teamwork and compromise, demonstrating how characters must use creative thinking and overcome their differences to save the day.



E-Safety tip of the week

The Safety-First Smartphone

The Other phone is a new smartphone, which includes "SafetyMode" software. The software automatically blocks nudity, profanity, and bullying language in real time.

You can find out more here: https://otherphone.co.uk/.

Smart Phone Free Childhood also list some alternatives that you could consider here:

https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives.

Please note, that the inclusion of these models does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. While these devices may provide a 'safer' alternative to traditional smartphones, there are still potential risks associated with children using any type of phone.

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.

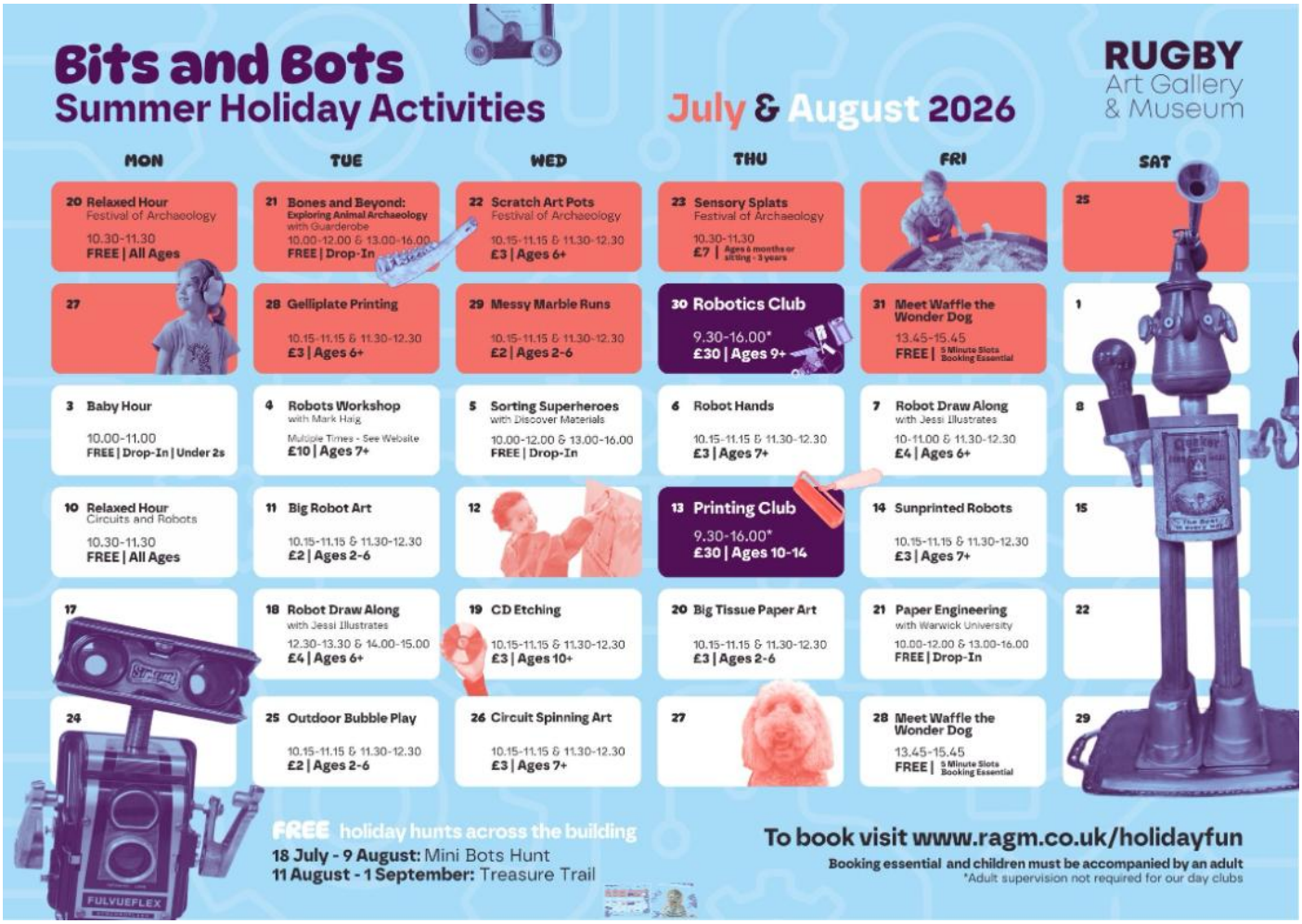
The scheme will launch on the 4th July and continue until the start of school in September. On enrolling each child will receive a snazzy sticker booklet (see above) in which they can record their reading activities, place each sticker (one per activity) and rate the stories read. They will also receive 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



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