Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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We have had a great week in school, with the highlight being our first nursery sports day! We are so proud of all the children for taking part with such enthusiasm. Every child gave each race a go and tried their best. A huge thank you to all the nursery staff for preparing the children and thank you to all the parents who were able to come and cheer the children on! We are sorry that we had to postpone our sports day for the older children; following the heavy rain overnight and the continued rain in the morning, the field was far too slippery for the children to use safely. We are looking forward to holding the event on our reserve date on Monday 6th July.

We know that, at this time of year, many parents are keen to find out who their child's class teacher will be for the next academic year. You can find this information in the table below. If you read across each row, you will see your child's current class alongside their new class and teacher for September. Teaching Assistant allocations are still being finalised, so these are not yet included. We will share this information with you as soon as it has been confirmed. We know that moving to a new class is an exciting milestone, and we look forward to supporting all of our children with a smooth and positive transition into the new school year.

Current class teacher and class	**New class teacher and class**
Owlets Mis Brennan, Mrs Binczik and Mrs Maddock	The children will be sorted into new pre-school classes, Spotty Owls and Stripy Owls. Mrs Binczik will send individual letters home to you early next week.
Stripy Owls	Please see the letter sent home in your child's welcome to reception pack to find out who their class teacher is for reception. The classes will be: Elf Owls Mrs Rawes and Mrs Taplin Little Owls Mrs King
Spotty Owls	
Elf Owls Miss Shrimpton and Mrs Rawes	Tawny Owls Miss Goodwin
Little Owls Miss Roberts	Barn Owls Mrs Menzies
Barn Owls Mrs Jones	Please see the letter sent home with your child today to find out who their class teacher is for year two. The classes will be:

Tawny Owls Mrs Carrington	Snowy Owls Miss Speller and Miss Ansell Spectacled Owls Miss Roberts
Spectacled Owls Miss Goodwin	Please see the information sent home from the Juniors
Snowy Owls Mrs Menzies	Please see the information sent home from the Juniors

You may notice that a few teacher names are missing from the table above, while some new names have been added. To help clarify these changes, please see the information below.

At the end of this academic year, Mrs Carrington will be leaving us to take early retirement from teaching. Mrs Carrington has worked at the school for 14 years, and we would like to thank her for all her hard work, commitment and dedication to the school. We would like to wish her every happiness and success in her new role and thank her for the positive contribution she has made to our school community over the years.

For anyone not already aware, Mrs Jones is expecting her first baby! Mrs Jones will return to school for a few days at the start of September before then beginning her maternity leave. We are delighted for Mrs Jones and would like to wish her and her family our very best wishes at this exciting time.

Miss Shrimpton is getting married! We are delighted to share that Miss Shrimpton will be getting married over the summer holidays. We would like to wish her every happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter. When she returns to school in September, she will be known as Mrs Taplin.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs King, who will be joining the school as a permanent class teacher in September. Mrs King has over seven years of experience working within Early Years, including serving in a SENDCo role. She is excited to become part of the Dunchurch family and is looking forward to getting to know our children, families and staff.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Speller, who will be joining us to cover Mrs Jones's maternity leave as part of a job-share arrangement with Miss Ansell. Miss Speller is a familiar face to many, having spent a term at the school working alongside Mrs Jones several years ago. She is delighted to be returning to Dunchurch and is looking forward to working with Miss Ansell and getting to know the children and families once again.

Unfortunately, the PTA have needed to postpone the planned school summer fete this year. However, they will still run a staff at the Dunchurch fete, so would like to keep the non-uniform day in the diary. Please see the diary dates for more information. Please do come along to the Dunchurch fete and join the procession if you can! There is a poster with full information later on in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine. Thank you for all your support.

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher

Pupil achievements this week

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

Owlets:	**Tristan**	Spotty Owls:	**Noah**	Stripy Owls:	**Oreoluwa**
Little Owls:	**Arlo**	Barn Owls:	**Emma**	Spectacled Owls:	**Satvika**
Elf Owls:	**Champion**	Tawny Owls:	**Iris**	Snowy Owls:	**Brooklyn**

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	**Arthur**	Spotty Owls:	**Lily**	Stripy Owls:	**Siya**
Little Owls:	**Bella**	Barn Owls:	**Rosalind**	Spectacled Owls:	**Christian**
Elf Owls:	**Karthikeya Reddy**	Tawny Owls:	**Jasper**	Snowy Owls:	**Rory**

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	**Adam**	Barn Owls:	**Addison**	Spectacled Owls:	**Dylan**
Elf Owls:	**Azlan**	Tawny Owls:	**Rosie**	Snowy Owls:	**JoJo**

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Reception: Hollie, Florence

Year 1: Lilian, Thea, Freddie, Amelia Year 2: Theo, Minahill, Niyah

Achievements from home

Reception: Hugo, Lily, Sephy, Isla M, Jessica, Holly, Heidi, Nova, Inaaya

Year 1: Piper, Reeva, Callie, Noah, Posy Year 2: Petru, Ellie, Theo, Liberty, Effie, Kezzie, Karam, Asses, JoJo, Finley

Spotlight on .....

SEP

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

All children from households receiving Universal Credit may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM)

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TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

TARGETED FSM

Universal Credit + Household Earnings £7,400 or Less

- Free school meal every school day
- Access to the HAF Programme during school holidays
- School receives Pupil Premium funding for additional educational support

EXPANDED FSM

Universal Credit households above the £7,400 earnings threshold

- Free school meal every school day
- Access to the HAF Programme during school holidays
- No Pupil Premium funding

TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION IS ENDING

From 31 July 2026, previous FSM protection arrangements will end

- Eligibility will be checked annually
- Some families may become eligible for the first time
- Some families currently receiving FSM may no longer qualify

ACTION REQUIRED

All families must check their eligibility from:

JULY 1

to receive Free School Meals from SEPTEMBER 2026

Apply or re-check eligibility as soon as possible

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

The Univeral Infant Free School Meal Scheme is NOT changing

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year2 will continue to receive free school meals as usual and low-income families can still apply for additional support through Key Stage 1 Pupil Premium

APPLY NOW

Applications and re-checks of eligibility can be made now via Warwickshire County Council website

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

We recommend applying as soon as possible. This will give more time for applications to be processed and ensure those eligible receive free school meals from the start of September.

Diary Dates

All events include Nursery unless stated otherwise.

Monday 22nd June	**World Music Day** Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite rock star or musician as part of promoting a love of music.
Monday 22nd June	**Booking for end of term plays opens** Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information sent home from the school office from 8pm today. Pre-school and year two children only.
Friday 26th June	**Non uniform day** Children are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for chocolates and sweets to be used in a tombola at the Dunchurch Festival fete.
Sunday 28th June	**Dunchurch Festival** The Dunchurch Festival will take place at the Village Hall / on the Sports Field from 12pm. Children and families are invited to join in with a procession to mark the opening of the fete, with the option to dress up to match the theme of '50 years of the Dunchurch Fete'. There will be prizes awarded across a range of categories. If you would like to join the procession, please gather on Rugby Road on the strip of pavement opposite the Dun Cow for 11:45am.
Wednesday 1st July	**Transition visit for new to reception children** Transition visit from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for children who are due to start reception in September 2026 and are not at Dunchurch nursery. If your child attends Dunchurch nursery and you feel they would benefit from this additional session, you are more than welcome to attend.
Thursday 2nd July	**Elf Owls trip to Pizza Express** We are taking Elf 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 2nd July	**Year one – Great Fire of London Workshop** Year one as part of their history topic will enjoy this interactive workshop.
Thursday 2nd July	**Year 2 to spend the day at the Juniors** Children will be taken by their class teachers to spend a day at the Juniors as part of transition. This will include a teddy bear's picnic and a sports afternoon - school will provide a picnic lunch. Children are invited to bring a named teddy bear into school with them. All children to wear PE kits on this day please. Children should be dropped off and picked up at the Infants as usual.
Thursday 2nd July	**Additional transition session for year one children** Children will spend the afternoon in their new classes.

Friday 3rd July	**Reception – FairlyTales workshop** Reception will enjoy a fun workshop supporting their 'Traditional Tales' topic. Children are invited to come dressed as their favorite fairy tale character.
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

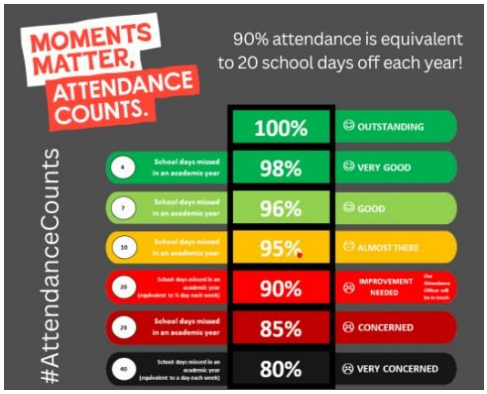
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We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

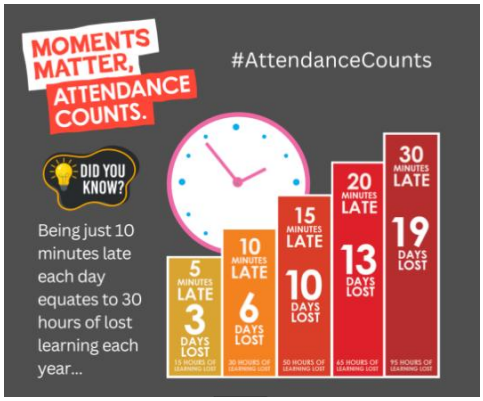
Attendance

Weekly Summary

Whole School: 96.8% (Target 87%)

Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
96.7%	96.9%	96.7%
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
96.6%	95.1%	95.6%





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 used Picture News to explore how technology is used by children. We discussed the changes of technology over time e.g. what technology the adults had when they were younger, and how the children felt about their use of technology today.

We also explored stories linked to Refugee Week, and discussed how we can welcome people into the school community.

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

Transition

Transitioning into a new class or school can feel exciting and scary at the same time. It is important to remember, you are not alone in this situation or alone with experiencing these feelings. If you are worried, it can be helpful to talk about how you are feeling about the transition with others as they may help you get prepared or give you a different perspective to consider, which can help you to feel better about it. Below are some tips to help you manage your transition into a new class or school.

Our tips for coping with transitions:

1 – What will be the same?

When moving to a new class or school, it can feel overwhelming because we feel that everything will change but there may be some similarities. For example, you may still have some people you know in your new class and you may still be learning subjects that you love.

2 – Think about what you can control

You may be worrying about the things that will be different in your new class. Think about the things you have control over and can think of practical solutions for. For example, can you visit your new classroom or complete your new journey to school, ahead of the first day? Can you ask a sibling or a friend to walk into class with you? You can ask for ideas from friends and family members too!

Scan this QR code to see how these children solved some of their worries!

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: **Hugless Douglas**

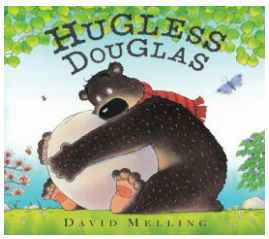
Author: **David Melling**

Recommended by: **Mrs Pilbeam**

I enjoyed reading this book to my little boy when he was younger because it is funny and sweet.

Douglas is a big bear who just wants a hug. He tries hugging lots of different animals, but their hugs do not feel right. At the end of the book with some help from a friend he finds the perfect hug – with his mum

A lovely read with a very sweet ending. Nothing beats a hug from mum!



E-Safety tip of the week

Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child's development.

Find out more here:
Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life

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.

Dunchurch Fete
28th June

June 28th | 11.45-4pm
Dunchurch Village Hall and Sports Field
Free entry but donations gratefully received.
Parking £5

Theme for procession:
50 Golden Years

Attractions include
-Kids book nook
-Wolly the Clown
- Dunchurch Band
- Go Karts
- Dog Show
- Alpacas
- Trade Stalls
- Bar, BBQ and Tea Rooms
and much much more

£5 parking

Fete procession will start opposite Dun Cow car park on Rugby Road at 11:45 and end at the Village Hall led by the Sambassadors of Groove

To donate to the Dunchurch Festival Group scan the QR code. This money is given back to local organisations and charities

For more info or to book a stall visit our website or Facebook page
www.dunchurchevents.org

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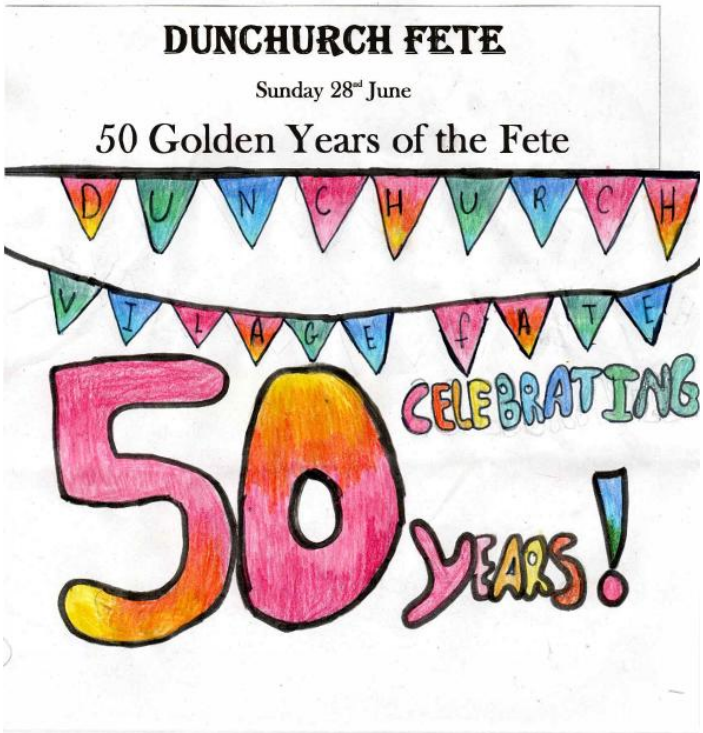
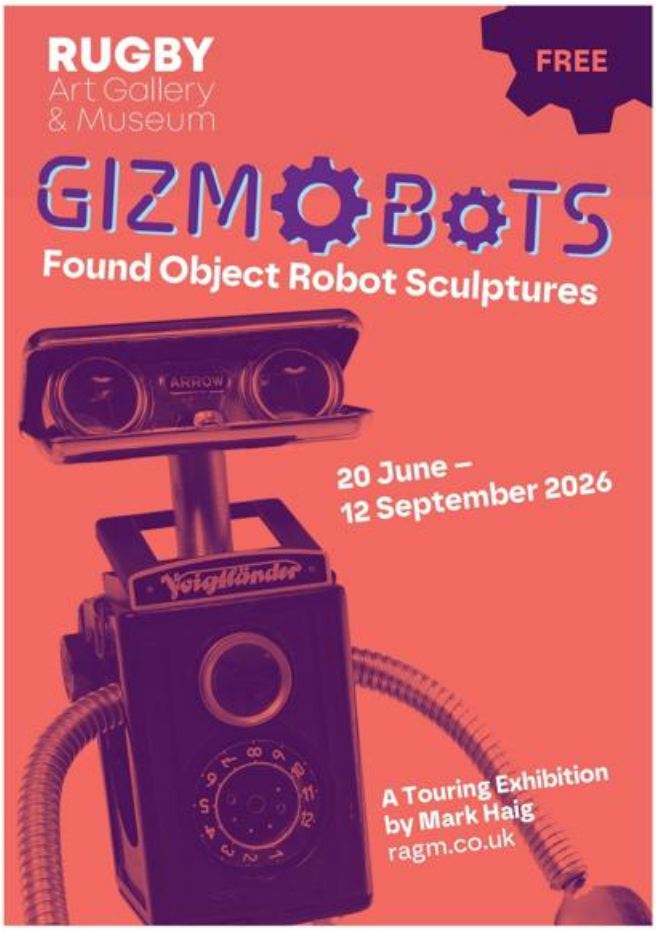
Procession 11:45 opposite Dun Cow car park
Gates open 12:00 at the Village Hall
Dunchurchevents.org