Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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Welcome back to school after the half-term break! It has been great to see everyone back and hear all about your holidays. We hope everyone was able to make the most of the lovely sunshine last week and enjoyed some quality time together. We are looking forward to another exciting and busy half term ahead! The children have made a great start this week, settling quickly back into school and getting stuck in with their learning.

On Monday, as part of our training day, staff spent time working together on our school vision and taking part in professional training. These opportunities allow us to reflect on our values, strengthen our practice, and continue to ensure we provide the very best experiences and opportunities for all of our children. As a reminder, our vision our spotlight this week.

We are launching a parental survey to gather your opinions about the school; please see information about this below.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to invite you to take part in our Parental Engagement survey. At Dunchurch Boughton CofE Infant Academy and Nursery, we aim to work closely with families to ensure every child feels safe, happy and inspired to learn. We want to promote two-way communication ensuring feedback is effectively monitored and acted upon and empower our parental voice to support with school improvement and ensure our students continue to sit at the heart of everything we do.

The survey will be open from **5th June 2026** to **21 June 2026**.

Please complete the survey through the following link Parent/Carer Survey - Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy & Nursery – Fill in form

We look forward to hearing from you.

Suzanne Marson	Mike Nokes
Headteacher	Chair of the AGC (Academy Governance Committee)

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Pupil achievements this week

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

Owlets:	**Hugo**	Spotty Owls:	**Suki**	Stripy Owls:	**Jasper**
Little Owls:	**Bella**	Barn Owls:	**Rufaro**	Spectacled Owls:	**Leo**
Elf Owls:	**Khalid**	Tawny Owls:	**Arthur**	Snowy Owls:	**Arundeep**

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	**Amelia**	Spotty Owls:	**Lily**	Stripy Owls:	**Jannah**
Little Owls:	**Evelyn**	Barn Owls:	**Callie**	Spectacled Owls:	**Isla B**
Elf Owls:	**Isla**	Tawny Owls:	**Bhuvi**	Snowy Owls:	**Eliza**

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	**Ashley**	Barn Owls:	**Lilian**	Spectacled Owls:	**Emma**
Elf Owls:	**Nova**	Tawny Owls:	**Iris**	Snowy Owls:	**Karam**

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Reception: Nova, Jessica, Arlo, Heidi

Year 1: Thea, Cleo, Matty, Vedhika Year 2: Charlotte, Isaac, Effie, Sophia

Achievements from home

Reception: Isla O, Aphra, Lily, Jesslyn, Bartie, India, Sephy, Mashal, Heidi, Alex, Maddie

Year 1: Noah, Addison, Pola, Callie Year 2: Minahill

Spotlight on .....

Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery Christian vision

As part of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust, we have a shared vision of 'Together, living life in all its fullness' (John 10.10). Linked to this, we have an individual school vision of:

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.

Our theologically rooted school vision is based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, reflecting our local rural community and the young age of our children.

Jesus told his followers the Parable of the Mustard Seed:

- A farmer went to plant some seeds in his field.
- He looked at the mustard seeds – they looked very small and not at all important.
- The famer planted the seeds in good soil and took great care to ensure they had everything that they needed.
- Slowly, the little seeds grew into small plants.
- Each day the farmer tended to the plants, and they continued to grow taller and taller still.
- The plants grew into the biggest of all plants, into the size of a tree! The birds came and nested in the branches of the trees.
- The parable teaches us that the smallest things we do can grow into something bigger than we could ever imagine.

The meaning of the parable can be interpreted as below:

- Just like the mustard seeds who appeared small in the beginning, children start their journey at the academy at a young age.
- Dunchurch is the good soil for the children, providing them with the teachings of academic learning, values, learning behaviours, extra-curricular trip and visitors, character and personal development and the word of God.
- Provided with high quality teaching, learning experiences, and a development of character the children begin to develop their roots.
- Through the development of values and learning behaviours, children persevere and become resilient, and begin to learn how they can begin to make a difference in the world. The roots become stronger still, supporting the children to grow.
- As farmers, the adults continuously tend to the children with love, supporting them to develop deep roots that enable them to grow and flourish into all that they can be.
- Just like the branches of the mustard tree that are safe spaces for the birds, our school is a welcoming safe space for all, regardless of background or ability.
- Having developed strong roots to grow, just like the birds in the parable, our children are ready to grow their wings and fly onto their next stage of education, be that their next class or next school.
- Great things come from small beginnings – just like our small children who have grown and flourished in their time at school.

Diary Dates

8th – 12th June	**Phonics Screening Check Week** Children in year one and some children in year two will be taking part in the national phonics screening check. Please see the spotlight shared on 24th April for more information.
8th – 19th June	**Year Two Assessments** Year two assessments will be taking place over the course of these two weeks. Please see the spotlight shared on the 1st May for more information.
Friday 12th June	**Pyjamarama** A day to promote a love of reading and bedtime stories with the children. Children are invited to come into school wearing pyjamas or comfy clothing for the day. Children are invited to bring their favourite bedtime story to school to share with a friend, and a voluntary donation of £1 to support the work of the Booktrust who provide books for disadvantaged children is welcome, should you wish to do so.
15th – 21st June	**Sports Week** All children from reception to year two will take part in a daily mile this week. (Usual arrangements for school uniform / PE kit days please). A letter will come home about coloured teams today.
Monday 15th June	**Nursery Sports Afternoon** Nursery children will be taking part in a sports afternoon from 2:15pm. Nursery parents are invited to join us on the main school playground. Please enter via the Sandford Way entrance. Refreshments will be available on the playground sold by the PTA – cash only please.
Tuesday 16th June	**Class Photographs – all year groups** Photographs will be taken during the morning session.
Wednesday 17th June	**Sports Morning** 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. Refreshments will be available on the field sold by the PTA – cash only please. More information will follow.
Wednesday 17th June	**Information Evening – New Reception Parents** If your child is due to start reception in September 2026, you are invited to join us for an information session from 5pm to see the classroom and find out about starting school. A talk will take place in the hall at 5pm.

Friday 19th June	**Father's Day Service – Year 1 only** We would like to invite Dad's, or a male representative, to come into school to join in with a Father's Day assembly. Only one representative per family please. Please arrive for a 2:45pm start via the School Office entrance.
Friday 19th June	**Father's Day sock shop** The PTA will be running a Father's Day event. Please see information sent home from the PTA nearer the time.
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.
Wednesday 24th June	**Reserve Sports Afternoon – Nursery** A reserve slot in case we have to postpone sports afternoon on the 15th June due to the weather.
Friday 26th June	**Non uniform day** Children are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for bottles to be used in a tombola at the school fair.
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	**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	**School Fair** More information to follow. A school fair after school. Save the date!
Monday 6th July	**Reserve Sports Morning (reception to year two)** A reserve slot in case we have to postpone sports morning on the 17th June due to the weather. All arrangements from the 17th June will be in place.
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	**Year 2 leavers event – Save the date!** An event for our year 2 leaver's children after school. More information to follow once final details are put into place.
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.

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

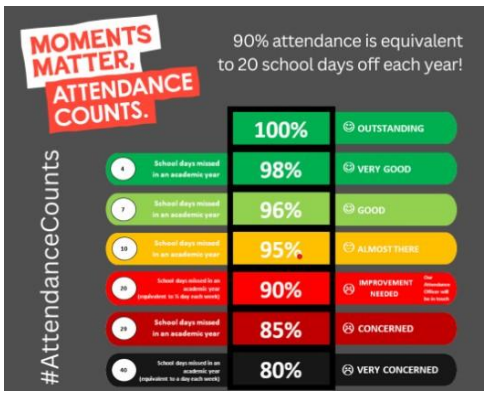
AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

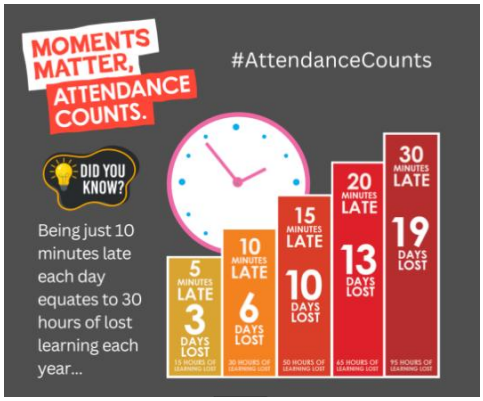
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We 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:97.8 % (Target 87%)

Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
97.7%	98.3%	99.2%
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
97.9%	96.9%	98.2%





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

End of term: Friday 27th March

Easter holiday: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer term 2026

Start of term: Monday 13th April

Bank holiday: Monday 4th May

Half term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Training Day: Monday 1st June

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 used Picture News to explore events in the wider world, particularly thinking about Eid this week. We have also introduced our learning behaviour this half term, considering how we can demonstrate these skills in our lessons.

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

Empathy

Empathy means *feeling with* someone, not just *feeling sorry for* them. It is one of the best ways to be a kind friend and a good person. Empathy is not just noticing that someone is happy, sad, or hurt—you're trying to understand their feelings **from their point of view** and responding with kindness.

Examples of when you could be empathetic:

A friend is nervous before a test.
You might say: *"I get nervous too. We've got this!"*

Someone is sitting alone at lunch.
You might think: *"I would feel sad if I were alone."*
So, you could invite them to sit with you.

Our tips for empathy:

1. **Pay attention** to how people look and sound. Are they happy, sad, or upset? Look for clues in their body language to find out how they might be feeling.
2. Read a book or watch a TV show. Pick a character in the book or show and imagine how that character might feel. Do you think all the characters feel the same? **Put yourself in their shoes!**
3. **Empathy drawing** – if you like to get creative, you could try drawing a picture of how someone else might feel in a certain situation (e.g., "a child who has lost their favourite toy", "a child who is starting a new school").
4. **Be kind with actions** - even little things help - like sharing, listening, or giving a hug.
5. **Include everyone** - invite others to play, join in, or sit with you. Notice if someone is standing alone, sitting on a bench, or watching others play.
6. **Kindness cards** – consider making cards or notes for family, friends or classmates who might need a boost!

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

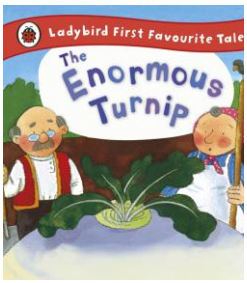
Title: **The Enormous Turnip**

Author: **Irene Yates**

Recommended by: **Mrs Pilbeam**

The Enormous Turnip is a fun children's story about a farmer who grows a giant turnip. He tries to pull it up but needs help from his family and animals. Together, they finally succeed.

This is a favourite book of mine as it is full of colourful illustrations, is fun to read with its rhythm and rhyming, and it also shows the importance of teamwork.



E-Safety tip of the week

Digital Footprints

When we go online, we create a digital footprint, which is a record of what we do online. This can be by visiting websites, sharing photos, liking or commenting on other people's posts or playing games. It is important that children are aware of the digital footprint that they are creating and the lasting effect it can have. Childline provides further information about digital footprints, including advice on how to protect our privacy online:

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/

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

DUNCHURCH FETE

Sunday 28nd June

50 Golden Years of the Fete

Procession 11:45 opposite Dun Cow car park

Gates open 12:00 at the Village Hall

Dunchurchevents.org

Father's Day Special!
at
Rainsbrook Valley Railway
Sunday 21st June
Join us for relaxing family fun!
Free Hot Drinks
for Dads & Grandads!
Bring the whole family along!
www.rainsbrookvalleyrailway.co.uk