



**Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery**
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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It may have been a shorter week due to the bank holiday, but it has certainly been a busy one in school! The children have been fully engaged in their learning, showing great enthusiasm and making great progress! We are very proud of the effort and positive attitudes we have seen from the children.



At the time of writing last week's newsletter, the children were yet to take part in their Passport to World Views afternoon, where they enjoyed learning about the festival of Purim – a joyful Jewish celebration that marks bravery, kindness and helping others. Our Passport to World Views afternoons give children valuable opportunities to explore and understand a wide range of faiths and cultures, helping to build respect, curiosity and a sense of belonging in our diverse world.



We are seeing an increasing number of requests for term-time holidays. As a school, we are unable to authorise these, except in very exceptional circumstances, as they can have a significant impact on children's attendance and learning. Even a short period of absence can disrupt progress, friendships and confidence in school routines. We kindly ask families to plan holidays outside of term time wherever possible and to refer to this week's attendance spotlight for further information.



Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

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

Owlets:	Maisie	Spotty Owls:	Daisy L	Stripy Owls:	Neve
Little Owls:	Aphra	Barn Owls:	Arshan	Spectacled Owls:	Zara
Elf Owls:	Hugo	Tawny Owls:	Jasper	Snowy Owls:	Penelope

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	Auden	Spotty Owls:	Markus	Stripy Owls:	Katerina
Little Owls:	Albert	Barn Owls:	Isabelle	Spectacled Owls:	Isla B
Elf Owls:	Mashal	Tawny Owls:	Dua	Snowy Owls:	Minahil

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	Joel	Barn Owls:	Reeva	Spectacled Owls:	Theo
Elf Owls:	Khalid	Tawny Owls:	Steanoshaan	Snowy Owls:	Sofia

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Reception: Lily, Ella

Year 1: Posy, Sienna, Vienna, Dua, Isal, Oris, Rosie, Wren Year 2: Ricky

Achievements from home

Reception: Zeena, Maeve, Roman, Jesleen

Year 1: Posy, Sienna, Nilan, Selene, Ru, Piper, Robin Year 2: Alfie, Sofia

Spotlight on



Dunchurch Boughton C of E

— Infant Academy & Nursery —

— Attendance Matters —

Supporting your child to succeed

Every Day Counts!

- Good attendance is vital for learning & friendships
- Regular attendance builds confidence
- Missed days impact progress
- Good habits start early



100% Excellent

96% Good

91% Room for Improvement

90% or Less Cause for Concern

Our Expectation



— Attend every day, on time —

Unless genuinely unwell (96% Target)

We expect all children to be in school every day to give them the very best opportunity to succeed.

When Your Child is Unwell

- Contact the school office every day of absence
- Follow NHS guidance (48-hour rule for sickness & diarrhoea)
- We will support your child's return to school

Being On Time

- Arrive on time for the start of the day
- Being punctual is important
- Frequent lateness is monitored

Holidays During Term Time

We cannot authorise family holidays in term time.

- Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances
- Holiday absence will be unauthorised
- This may lead to a penalty notice

Please plan holidays during school breaks.

Working Together

- Talk to us if you need support
- We're here to help
- Our attendance lead is **Hannah Owen**, who is always happy to help

Thank you for your support!
Every school day counts!

Diary Dates

11 th – 15 th May	Mental Health Week During collective worship, children will be learning how to keep themselves mentally healthy.
Friday 15 th May	Reception – Zoolab Workshop Zoolab will be visiting our Reception children with an interactive 'African Explorer' workshop.
Monday 18 th May	Year one trip to Kenilworth Castle Year 1 will visit Kenilworth castle as part of their 'Dungeons and Dragon's topic exploring the grounds and taking part in a fun workshop.
Thursday 21 st May	Break the rules day Children are able to break set rules for a 'fine' of 50p for the day. Break as many of the rules as you like on the list! More information will follow from the PTA.
Friday 22 nd May	Year 2 – Trip to Rugby Library Details to follow.
Wednesday 3 rd June	Parent's meeting at the Junior School (year 2 parents only) If your child is due to start Juniors in September 2026, there is a meeting for parents in the Junior Hall at 5pm. Please see the letter sent home from Mrs Darragh.
8 th – 12 th 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 24 th April for more information.
8 th – 19 th 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 1 st May for more information.
Friday 12 th 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.
15 th – 21 st 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)

Monday 15 th 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 16 th June	Class Photographs – all year groups Photographs will be taken during the morning session.
Wednesday 17 th 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 17 th 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 19 th 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 19 th 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 22 nd 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 22 nd 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 24 th 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 26 th 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 28 th 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 1 st 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 2 nd 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 2 nd July	School Fair More information to follow. A school fair after school. Save the date!
Monday 6 th 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 8 th 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 9 th 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 10 th 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 13 th 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 13 th 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 15 th 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 15 th 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 15 th 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 15 th 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 16 th 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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE						
13/04/26	Option One Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
04/05/26	Option Two Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain
25/05/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
15/06/26	Dessert NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
06/07/26						
WEEK TWO						
20/04/26	Option One Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chili 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	Plant based
11/05/26	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	Added plant protein
01/06/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
22/06/26	Dessert Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie	
13/07/26						
WEEK THREE						
27/04/26	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	Chef's Special
18/05/26	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	Lower Carbon Footprint
08/06/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
29/06/26	Dessert Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crackers	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
20/07/26						

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.

TJ SPORTS ACADEMY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY FUN MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

TJ SPORTS ACADEMY is back in the holidays for **3 DAYS** of action-packed sporting fun ! **Tuesday 26th May, Wednesday 27th May, and Thursday 28th May** . Letters have been handed out at the Junior and Infant schools. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already ! There are still spaces remaining on all of the days, letters are available from either school office or myself (Mr James). We are looking forward to welcoming you all back, after an amazing holiday club last time out. See you all soon for lots of sports and brand-new **PRIZES** !

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE DONT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

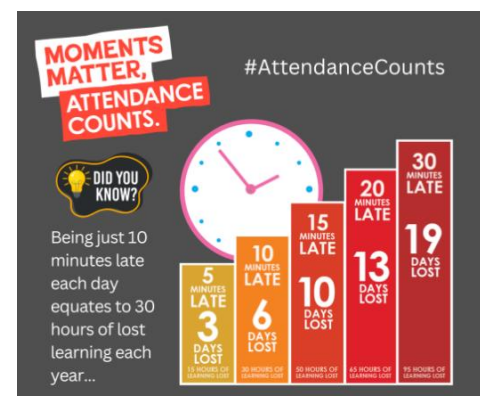
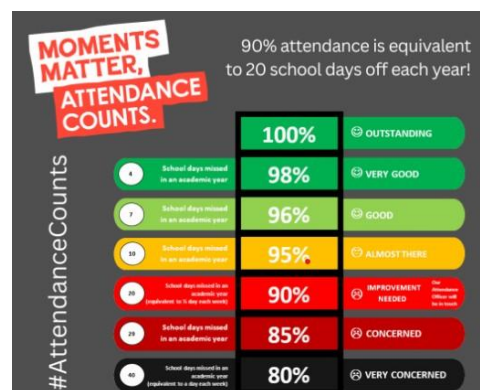
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Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 96.3 % (Target 87%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
97.8%	93.2%	97.6%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
95.2%	92.2%	97.2%



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 books to explore the value of truthfulness. We have considered how it can be difficult to tell the truth at times, but how it is the right thing to do.

We also learnt about the 100th birthday of David Attenborough, considering how we can be courageous advocates and make a difference in the world. We discussed how one small act / many small acts can add up to make a big difference!

Christian Value this half term



Learning Behaviour this half term

Effort Elephant



* I put effort into completing my work.

** I select tasks that challenge me.

*** I make sure that I always complete my work to the best of my ability.

Mental Health Support



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.

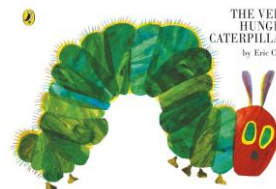
Book of the week

Title: The Very Hungry

Caterpillar

Author: Eric Carle

Recommended by: Owlets



This week in Owlets we have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and the children have absolutely loved it.

The story is about a tiny caterpillar who hatches from an egg and is very, very hungry. Each day, he eats different foods—starting with fruit and then moving on to lots of tasty treats! As he eats more and more, he grows bigger and bigger and eventually turns into something very exciting and colourful!

Owlets have loved looking at the bright, colourful pictures and seeing all the different foods the caterpillar eats. They were especially excited by the holes in the pages, which show where the caterpillar has been nibbling! It is a fun and engaging story that hopefully you will enjoy reading as much as Owlets have!

E-Safety tip of the week

According to Ofcom's latest Children's Media Use and Attitudes report "funny videos or those showing pranks or challenges continue to be the most popular type of VSP (video-sharing platforms) content for children, watched by 68% of 3-17-year-olds who watch videos."

[source - <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/media-habits-children/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2025>]

If your child is watching this type of content, then you need to chat to them regularly, particularly about online challenges and the risks that they can pose. There are challenges online that are risky/dangerous. Children may not yet have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse that what they see online is not always safe for them to replicate.



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

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

£5
parking



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