



**Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery**
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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We've had a great week, and have enjoyed making the most of the outdoors when weather allows! With the weather being a little unpredictable at the moment, please could we ask that children come to school each day with a waterproof coat, just in case of rain or showers. As the weather continues to get warmer over the coming weeks and we start to hopefully experience more sunnier weather, please also send your child into school with a named sun hat.

If you had read the diary dates in the newsletter last week, you will have seen that a 'break the rules' day had been planned for. Unfortunately, we have needed to change this date slightly. Year two have been given the opportunity to attend a trip that will enhance their curriculum topic, however the only date on offer clashes with break the rules day. Therefore, we have moved the day to a slightly earlier date than planned. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Children and families have been invited to join in with the Dunchurch Village Fete on Sunday 28th June. This includes a procession led by a marching band from 11:45am starting from Rugby Road along the pavement opposite the Dun Cow. Children joining the procession are invited to dress up linked to the theme of '50 years of Dunchurch Village Fete' with a number of prizes available. Details are in the diary dates as a reminder nearer the time.

We are delighted to share that Miss Morgan, one of our Teaching Assistants, has reached an incredible milestone of 25 years of service at our school. Over the years, Miss Morgan has supported countless children and colleagues with unwavering dedication, care and commitment. We would like to thank her for the lasting contribution she has made to our school community and congratulate her on this very special achievement.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

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

Owlets:	Tristan	Spotty Owls:	Eliza	Stripy Owls:	Thomas
Little Owls:	Florence	Barn Owls:	Lilian	Spectacled Owls:	Ida
Elf Owls:	Abhanya	Tawny Owls:	Wren	Snowy Owls:	Misty-Jo

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	Ollie	Spotty Owls:	Eva	Stripy Owls:	Vinnie
Little Owls:	Florence	Barn Owls:	Liliana	Spectacled Owls:	Ellie
Elf Owls:	Nova	Tawny Owls:	Vienna	Snowy Owls:	Sienna

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	Nisian	Barn Owls:	Robin	Spectacled Owls:	Ralfs
Elf Owls:	Jessica	Tawny Owls:	Harvey	Snowy Owls:	Finley

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Reception: Nova, Margot, Sephy

Year 1: Wren, Isla, Jessica, Arthur, Bhuvi, Luca Year 2: Lucia, Sienna, Ricky

Achievements from home

Reception: Evelyn, Isla O, Sephy, Maddie, Jessica, Aphra

Year 1: Addison, Sophia, Tatonga, Cleo, Nilan Year 2: Kezzie, Erin, Florence, Ellie

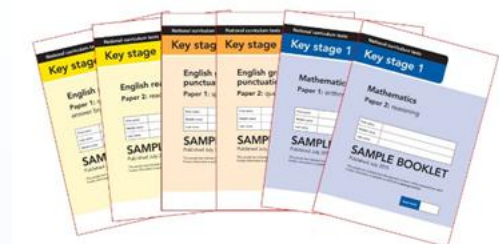
Spotlight on

End of Key Stage One Assessments

In the past, across the country, year two have taken part in statutory end of key stage tests within the month of May. These tests are now optional and can be used to inform the end of key stage assessments.

As a school, we have decided to use the end of key stage tests as informal assessments to inform the teachers' end of year assessments. We will be introducing these as a 'special booklet' to be completed as part of the children's everyday learning and not putting any expectations on the children beyond those that would usually be in place when children complete their work. The children will complete the following booklets within June:

1. Spelling – filling in 20 spellings within a sentence
2. Grammar, punctuation and spelling – applying the knowledge taught over year 1 and year 2 in this area
3. Maths paper 1 – answering arithmetic questions covering addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions
4. Maths paper 2 – reasoning and problems solving questions applying knowledge taught over year 1 and year 2
5. Reading paper 1 – reading short paragraphs and answering written comprehension questions
6. Reading paper 2 – reading a booklet and answering written comprehension questions



If you would like to find out more, including the type of questions that the children will be answering, further information and past papers are available on the school website:

<https://www.dunchurchinfant.covmat.org/end-of-key-stage-1-assessments/>

These papers will be used to help inform your child's end of year teacher assessments, which will be shared with you in their end of year report.

If you have any questions about the end of key stage booklets, please get in touch.

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 More details to follow.
Monday 18 th May	Year one trip to Kenilworth Castle More details to follow.
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 in this week's newsletter 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 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	National Teddy Bear's Picnic Day

July	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 your 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	
25/05/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Whole grain
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	
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	Plant based
01/06/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Added plant protein
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	
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	Chef's Special
08/06/26	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Lower Carbon Footprint
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.

LOST PROPERTY

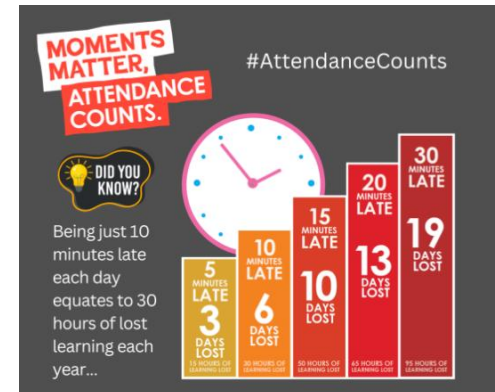
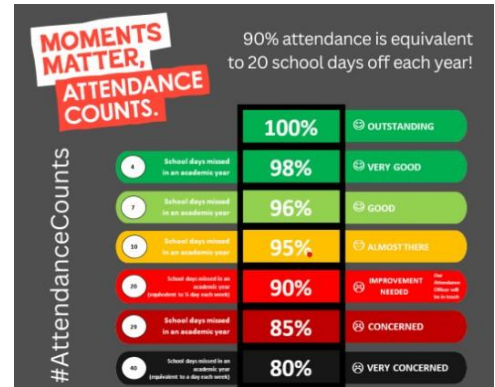
We have accumulated a lot of lost property over the last half term or so and would like to reunite as much of it as possible with its owners. Please feel free to drop into the office and come and have a look at the rail if you believe your child has lost anything. We have jumpers, cardigans, coats, hats, gloves and water bottles as well as other little trinkets.



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 95.8% (Target 87%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
90.6%	96.9%	97.1%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
98.5%	93.1%	97%



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](#).

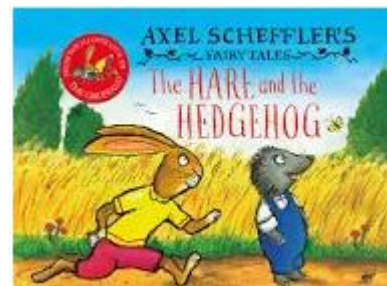
* School and nursery are closed to all children during bank holidays, training days and holiday periods.

In Collective Worship

this week ...

In collective worship this week we have used picture books to consider our half termly value of truthfulness and learning behaviour of effort. The children particularly enjoyed the story of The Hare and the Hedgehog.

We also enjoyed a visit from Rev. Ian who led the school in worship on Thursday morning.



Christian Value this **half term**



Learning Behaviour this **half term**



Mental Health Support



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Get Outdoors

Spending time outdoors is great for your body and mind! It can improve your mood, reduce feelings of stress, improve your confidence, helps you to be more active and can reduce loneliness.

How to get outside more:

- 1. Take a Nature Walk**
Find a park, trail, or even your garden and take a walk. Look around for birds, trees, and flowers that you can spot. You could try taking photographs and share them with a friend.
- 2. Play a Sport or Game**
Whether it's football, netball or running, outdoor sports are a great way to get moving. They also help us develop our communication skills when we play as part of a team!
- 3. Do a Scavenger Hunt**
Make a list of things to find outside—like a particular leaf or a butterfly—and go on a hunt to find them!
- 4. Bring Your Hobby Outside**
Do you like drawing, reading, or listening to music? Try doing it outside! Find a comfy spot on the grass and enjoy your favourite activities in the fresh air.
- 5. Have a snack outside**
Try taking a snack outside and eating it while focusing on the food and what is going on around you.
- 6. Watch the Stars**
On a clear night, lie on a blanket and look up at the stars. You might even see a shooting star or spot constellations.
- 7. Meet up with a friend outside**

It can be helpful to get outdoors every day, even if only for a short time. You could try walking to a friend's house or to the shop instead of travelling by car or getting public transport. You could try to make getting outside part of your daily routine, whether it is riding a bike or sitting in a garden or park while you listen to music.

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.

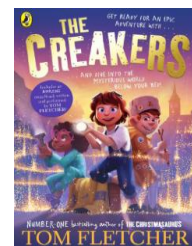
MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Book of the week

Title: The Creakers

Author: Tom Fletcher

Recommended by: Snowy Owls



In Year 2 we are reading *The Creakers* by Tom Fletcher. It is a funny and a bit spooky story.

The book is about strange creatures called Creakers who come at night. They steal grown-ups and make lots of mess. Lucy and her friends try to save the adults and stop the Creakers.

We liked this book because it is exciting and makes us laugh. Our favourite part was when the children were brave and worked together. The pictures were great and helped us understand the story, and the catchy songs are a huge bonus!

We would recommend this book because it is fun, silly and full of adventure.

E-Safety tip of the week

Online Privacy, continued...

Children learn from us: Think about what you are sharing online – do you share photos of your child in their school uniform or their current location?

Set strong/complex passwords: Teach your child to create strong/complex passwords and to never share them with others.

Search their name – search their name in a search engine to see what information can be seen about your child. Remind your child that they can delete any information that they no longer want others to see

Further Information:

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>
- <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/child-care/online-privacy>

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.



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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