



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.

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Welcome back to our final term of this academic year. We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Easter break. The summer term is always an exciting and busy one at Dunchurch Infants, and we have lots of events and opportunities planned for the children over the coming weeks. From curriculum enrichment to sports events, celebrations and services, there is much to look forward to.

An absolute highlight of my week this week has been seeing some amazing writing in reception and year one. These year groups have had new writing curriculums this year, focussing on the firm foundations of letter formation, handwriting, spelling and writing cohesive sentences, and the impact of this hard work is clear to see in the writing outcomes of the children. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved.

This week, parents and carers of children in year two will have received their junior school place offers for September, and families with children in pre school will also have received confirmation of their reception school place. Both year groups will receive communication from the respective schools over the course of the coming weeks. These milestones mark an important step in each child's learning journey, and we appreciate that this can be an emotional time for families as children prepare for the next stage of their education. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to support the children through this period of transition, helping them feel confident and prepared for what lies ahead. If you have any questions or would like support during this transition time, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or contact the school office.

As many of you will know, we have been rolling out the My Child At School APP to parents. We still have a number of parents who have not yet been able to sign up for MCAS. Mrs Pilbeam will be in touch with you early next week if this is the case. It is important that we get all our families signed up for MCAS as this will be the way that school trips, parent's evenings and performance tickets are arranged in the future.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. Please keep an eye on the diary dates in this newsletter and on further communications so you don't miss any important information.

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:	Oliver	Spotty Owls:	Esmai	Stripy Owls:	Oscar
Little Owls:	Kanishkrudev	Barn Owls:	Posy	Spectacled Owls:	Thea
Elf Owls:	Mirabelle	Tawny Owls:	Matty	Snowy Owls:	Niyah

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	Isla	Spotty Owls:	Noah	Stripy Owls:	Caleb
Little Owls:	Paige	Barn Owls:	Reeva	Spectacled Owls:	Liberty
Elf Owls:	Mashal	Tawny Owls:	Wren	Snowy Owls:	Isaac

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	Paige	Barn Owls:	Abubakr	Spectacled Owls:	Ida
Elf Owls:	Nidhaan	Tawny Owls:	Siddhu	Snowy Owls:	Minahill

Gold Book (based on the half termly Christian value)

Reception: Zeena, Bert, Leo, Evelyn

Year 1: Posy, Luca, Bhuvi, Arthur, Nilan, Jasper Year 2: Ridhan, Christina

Achievements from home

Reception: Nova, Isla O, Florence, Paige, Holly

Year 1: Cleo, Addison, Thea, Noah, Isabelle, Piper, Selene Year 2: Liberty, Effie, India, Sofia, Erin, Isaac

Spotlight on

At Dunchurch Infants, we use the Jigsaw PSHE programme across the school. PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) supports children to understand themselves, build positive relationships and consider how to make healthy and safe choices.

Jigsaw is a whole-school approach to PSHE that brings together:

- emotional literacy
- social skills
- mental wellbeing
- spiritual and moral development



Learning is delivered in a calm, safe and structured way, helping children to feel confident, valued and ready to learn.

Jigsaw lessons are carefully linked to our Christian values, including:

- **Courage** – trying new things and speaking up when something doesn't feel right
- **Generosity** – showing kindness and care for others
- **Truthfulness** – understanding honesty and trust
- **Friendship** – building respectful, positive relationships
- **Forgiveness** – learning to resolve conflicts and move forward
- **Thankfulness** – recognising what we are grateful for

Through stories, discussion, reflection and practical activities, children are encouraged to live out these values in their daily school life.

Across the year, children explore six key areas in an age-appropriate way:

- **Being Me in My World** – belonging, feelings and classroom expectations
- **Celebrating Difference** – respect, diversity and kindness
- **Dreams and Goals** – perseverance and resilience
- **Healthy Me** – physical and emotional wellbeing
- **Relationships** – friendships, family and caring for others
- **Changing Me** – understanding change and keeping safe

Children are never asked to share personal information and are always supported to participate at a level they feel comfortable with.

Jigsaw is also used at Dunchurch Juniors, meaning that children have a seamless approach to PSHE and that all statutory content is covered across the primary age range.

If you would like to know more about the Jigsaw programme, more information can be found on our website [here](#).

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 nd April	Earth Day Children will be learning about taking care of the Earth and sustainability.
Thursday 23 rd April	Art Exhibition An exhibition will be put together to showcase the children's work created on World Art Day. Parents are invited into the hall to come and view the display between 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Friday 1 st May	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about the festival of Purim during the afternoon
11 th – 15 th May	Mental Health Week During collective worship, children will be learning how to keep themselves mentally healthy.
15 th May	Reception – Zoolab Workshop More details to follow.
18 th May	Year one trip to Kenilworth Castle More details to follow.
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. A spotlight will follow in a future newsletter with more information about the phonics check.
8 th – 19 th June	Year Two Assessments Year two assessments will be taking place over the course of these two weeks. A spotlight will follow in a future newsletter with more information about these assessments.
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.
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. 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.
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.
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. More information to follow
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)
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



feeding the imagination

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
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	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special Lower Carbon Footprint
	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	
	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	
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	
	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	
	AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

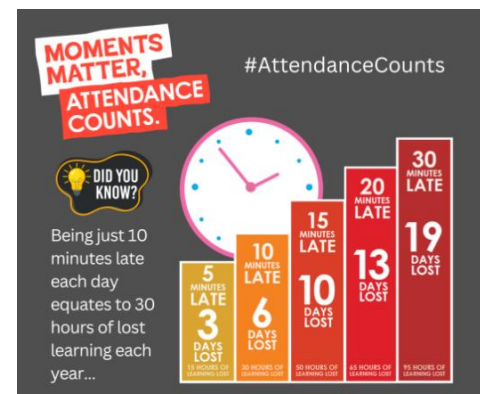
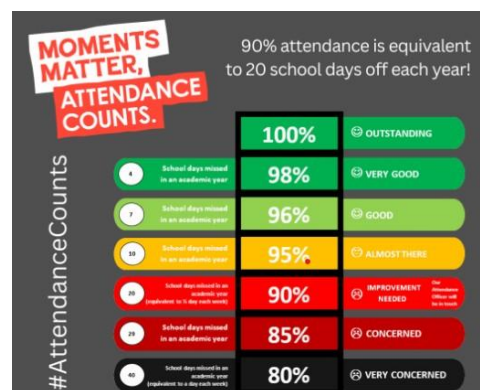
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We 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: 98.5 % (Target 87%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
99.2%	100%	98.7%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
98.3%	96.8%	98%



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	Little Dramatics 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	Tennis 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

Start of term: Tuesday 1st September

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

Start of term: Monday 4th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th 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

End of term: Wednesday 21st July

Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

(Training day dates for 2026/2027 are yet to be set)

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 introduced our new half termly value and learning behaviour, using stories to support our understanding.

We used the story of Creation to consider how it is sometimes really difficult to tell the truth, and the story The Koala Who Could to discuss how it can take courage and resilience to put a lot of effort into something.

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



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Challenge

Throughout our lives we are going to experience different challenges, both big and small. There will be times where these challenges are exciting and maybe other times where challenges could feel scary and uncertain. These different challenges will push us to try new things, build our resilience and teach us new things about ourselves and the world around us.

When taking on challenges, we learn that we can work towards goals, overcome any obstacles and be resilient even when something is difficult. A **growth mindset** can help us take on new challenges, it builds our confidence to have a go at things, increases our self-esteem and encourages us to keep trying, even if something doesn't work out the first time!

Our top tips for challenging ourselves:

1. **Set yourself some goals** you would like to reach this time next year (long term goals). Perhaps these can be things you've always wanted to do but never tried before. Break your goals down into medium-term goals and short-term goals (goals you can set to work towards the long-term goal in a few weeks or months).
2. **Ask for help** when needed. Challenging ourselves is not about getting through difficult times alone... sometimes we need a helping hand and that is okay!
3. **Push yourself out of your comfort zone** this week. You might want to try a new food, learn a new hobby, start a conversation with a different friend, or put your hand up in a lesson at school. Can you think of a **SMART goal** you would like to challenge yourself with this week? Follow the QR code to learn more about SMART goals.
4. **Read books** with characters who overcome challenges. What strategies did the characters use to push through them? Follow the QR code to a list of books that help children face challenges.



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.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Book of the week

Title: On The Way Home

Author: Jill Murphy

Recommended by: Mrs Carrington



On the Way Home by Jill Murphy is a fantastic repeating story book. I always enjoy reading this book to children and putting on silly voices.

Claire has hurt her knee, so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends and tells them how the fall happened. But just how did it happen...? Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon or a hairy gorilla?! (we find out what really happened to Claire at the end of the book, plaster and TLC also applied!)

The book is playful and encourages imagination. It also gently teaches an important lesson about honesty and storytelling in a way that feels fun rather than serious.

E-Safety tip of the week

Texting dictionary from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have created a list of text language terms to help you understand some of the text slang that your child might be using. Find out more here:

[Texting Dictionary - terms used by children online | Internet Matters](#)

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.



We would like to let you know that Warwickshire as a County Council are undergoing an SEND Area Inspection carried out by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Please note that this is not us as a school, but an inspection of Warwickshire County Council as a whole. As part of this inspection, inspectors are reviewing how well children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are supported across education, health and care services in the local area. Parents and carers are being invited to share their experiences through a short online survey. Your views are very important and will help inspectors understand what is working well and where improvements may be needed. Please see the letter from Ofsted below.

Area SEND inspection: survey information for parents and carers

Dear parent/carers

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting your area, as part of an inspection. We will be looking at arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10414225>

This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND aged 0-25.

Your views are important to us and will help inspectors understand your child's experience of the SEND arrangements within your area. The survey will close at 9am on 21 April 2026.

The survey is voluntary, and you do not have to take part. The responses will complement the evidence collected by inspectors during the inspection. We do not ask for your name.

If you complete this survey, you consent to the transfer of your information from SmartSurvey to Ofsted.

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Yours sincerely

Gareth Morgan

His Majesty's Inspector

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