

Wow, what an exciting week we've had! The children were all amazing in their Christmas plays and carol services, we've had a visit from Father Christmas, and we have finished the week with a Christingle service. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in putting these events together, and to the family members who have helped in recent weeks with visits out of school, donations and costumes. We are very grateful as we couldn't provide the experiences for the children without your support. We would also like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for the Christmas parties that they provided for the children last week. We are so thankful that we have such an amazing PTA who work very hard to provide exciting events and raise money for the school.

Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work, commitment, teamwork and support over this term. The staff work exceptionally hard to provide the best for the children in their care, and we are truly thankful for each of them. Whilst it is in no way expected, thank you for the tokens of appreciation in the way of kind words, cards and gifts that have been sent into school this week, showing how much you appreciate the work that the staff do.

Wishing all our families a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. We hope that you all have a good break, and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 5th January 2026!

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOR – TEAM Crocodile

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Everyone!	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Everyone!	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell and Miss Goodwin)	Everyone!
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Everyone!	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Everyone!	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Everyone!

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Panra	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Rufaro	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Emma
Elf Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Ella	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Thea	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Asees

Lunchtime stars

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)		Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)		Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)		Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)		Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner: Everyone!	Spotty	Learner: Everyone!	Stripy	Learner: Everyone!
	Lunchtime:		Lunchtime:		Lunchtime:

Achievements from home:

Reception: Paige, Sephora, Maeve, Aphra, Bartholomew.

Year 1: Greyson, Vedhika, Amelia-Faith, Isabella, Sienna, Callie, Luca, Selene, Pola, Albie

Year 2: Kezzie, Charlotte, Leo, Shay, India, Asees, Dylan, Liberty, Finley

GOLD BOOK:

Reception: Lilly, Ella, Vinnie Year 1: Wren, Avaya, Reeve Year 2: Brooklyn, Eliza, Sophia, Emma

Spotlight on

Online safety at Christmas

As some children may be receiving new technology or related games at Christmas, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls and how to access guidance should you need it.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you should also check to see if it has any communication elements.
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits. Even at Infant School age, we have been aware in the past of children running up large bills without realising what they are clicking on!
- Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for popular devices here:

⇒ [Xbox](#)

⇒ [Playstation](#)

⇒ [Nintendo Switch](#)



Tablets/Smart phones

- Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age.
- Follow the links below to find out more:

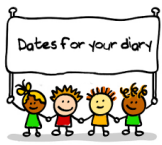
⇒ [iPhones/iPad](#)

⇒ [Android devices](#)



[Internet Matters](#) provides further information and support for parents, as does our Internet Safety [page](#) on the school website.





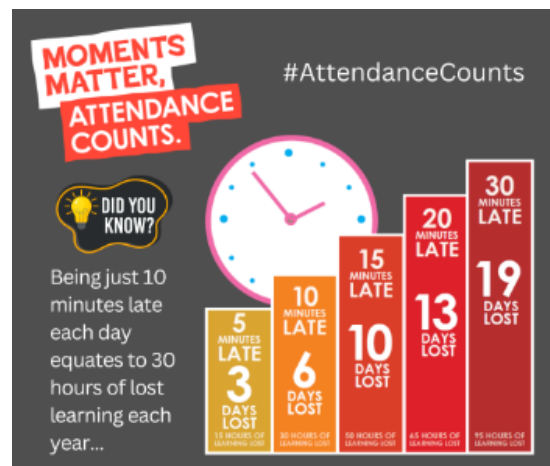
Any new dates will
be added in red

Upcoming Dates:	
Monday 5th January 2026	Term Starts Children return to school Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 9th January	Warwickshire Fire and Rescue workshop—Year 1 Barn Owls Warwickshire fire and rescue return for missed workshop in November.

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 92.9%(Target 98%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
88.2%	94.5%	90.8%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
97.1%	89.8%	98.3%



PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal 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: Spring Term 1

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	Musical Theatre Rec—Y2 3:20—4:20pm
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	

New Clubs Starting in January 2026!



Dunchurch Infant School

SPRING TERM CLUBS



**£5.00
PW**

Arts & Craft
MONDAY - 3:20PM - 4:15PM
12th January - 23rd March - 10 Weeks

Construction
WEDNESDAY - 3:20PM - 4:15PM
14th January - 25th March - 10 Weeks



**£4
PW**



**£5
PW**

Cooking
Thursday - 3:20PM - 4:15PM
15th January - 26th March - 10 Weeks

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TERM DATES

Autumn term 2025

End of term: Friday 19th December

Spring term 2026

Start of term: Monday 5th January

Half term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Teacher training day: Monday 23rd February

End of term: Friday 27th March

Summer term 2026

Start of term: Monday 13th April

Half term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Teacher Training Day: Monday 1st June

End of term: Friday 17th July

Disaggregated Teacher Training Day: Monday 20th July

For Warwickshire school term dates please [click here.](#)

CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS HALF TERM

Concentrating Crocodile



*I carefully listen to others.

**I can carefully practise tasks to help me get better.

*** I can manage my distractions and concentrate on my learning.

spaces available, pay for remaining sessions only!

Musical Theatre

Friday

3:20 pm - 4:20 pm

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info@funstareducation.co.uk

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Lunches Spring Half Term (New Menu)

Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 03.11.25 24.11.25 15.12.25 05.01.26 26.01.26 16.02.26 09.03.26	Option One	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (Salamon Fish Fingers Available)
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Syrup Sponge with Custard
WEEK TWO 10.11.25 01.12.25 22.12.25 12.01.26 02.02.26 23.02.26 16.03.26	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 17.11.25 08.12.25 29.12.25 19.01.26 09.02.26 02.03.26 23.03.26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	ALLERGY INFORMATION: 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.
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of filling - Fresh Bread - Daily salad selection - Fruit						

We need your help....

Nursery are asking for donations of spare clothes for their unit, please could we ask for donations of the following:

Ages 3yrs—5yrs

Boys and girls: Pants and socks

Boys: Trousers

Girls: Light tops (t-shirts/long sleeved t-shirts)



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Snow Thief

Author: Alice Hemming

Recommended by: Little Owls

This week in Little Owls we read *The Snow Thief* by Alice Hemming. It is a lovely winter story about a squirrel who thinks someone is stealing the snow.

The squirrel feels worried and a little bit cross when the snow keeps disappearing. As the story goes on, we learn that the snow is not being stolen at all – it is melting because the weather is getting warmer. The children enjoyed spotting the changes in the pictures and talking about the seasons.

We liked this book because it is funny, gentle and helps us learn about winter and change. The illustrations are bright and cheerful, and they helped us understand the story even without lots of words.

We would recommend *The Snow Thief* to other classes because it made us smile and helped us learn something new.



Allsorts Nov-Jan Christmas Edition

Here is the link to the Nov/Jan digital edition of Allsorts magazine

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_NOVJAN

You can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your family. You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page.

Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).



Setting Future Goals

Setting goals helps you stay focused, motivated, and positive. They give you something to look forward to and remind you that you're in charge of your own journey. It's normal to feel a bit nervous when you think about the future, but looking forward can actually help your mental health. Looking to the future helps to build confidence, can give you direction and encourages optimism. Thinking about what's ahead reminds you that good things can still happen — even when times feel tough.

Our Top Tips For Setting Goals:

1. Start Small

Big dreams start with small steps. Pick one thing you'd like to improve—like sleeping better or spending more time outdoors.

2. Make It Realistic

Choose goals that feel possible, not perfect. For example, "I'll talk to a friend once a week" is easier than "I'll never feel lonely again."

3. Be Kind to Yourself

Progress takes time! Celebrate small wins and don't be hard on yourself if things don't go perfectly.

4. Write It Down

Keep a journal or use your phone to track how you're doing. Seeing your progress boosts confidence!

5. Ask for Support

You don't have to do it alone. Talk to someone you trust — a friend, teacher or family member— about your goals.

6. Balance Is Key

Make time for fun, rest, and creativity. Mental health goals should make life feel better, not busier.



More information
about goal-setting!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the Children and Young People's Mental Health Crisis support 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.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have continued to focus on what Christians believe is the true meaning of Christmas—celebrating the birth of Jesus.



E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK :

This week there is a short video to remind you of things you can do to keep your Under 5, safe online:

<https://youtu.be/ySbDYUmPasU>



Click on [Family Information Service](#) for a wide range of information to support families, or to request support.
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families



Connect for Health

Find lots of useful links click [here](#).



Warwickshire Local Authority SEND newsletter can be found here. [Click link](#)



Parish of Dunchurch and Thurlaston
at St. Peter's Church

Crib Service

You are invited to join us for our
short interactive
exploration of the Christmas Story
for all the family.



4pm

24th December

Christmas Eve



Everyone is invited to come dressed as
an angel, shepherd or wise man

Festive Fun

RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

Geeky Greetings Cards

Saturday 15th November
10.00am - 11.00am - Ages 6+
11.30am - 12.30pm - Ages 10+
1.00pm - 2.00pm - Ages 14+

Create unique holiday cards with a geeky twist in these sessions with STEM goes Wild. Add electric circuits and UV effects for a festive glow.
Tickets are £10 per person - booking essential.

Macrame Santa and Angel Workshops (16+)

Saturday 29 November
10.00am - 11.00am - Santa
1.30pm - 3.30pm - Angel

Step by step instructions from Sally of 'Knot so Simple' to create what is needed to make a Santa or an Angel decoration. Each person will be given a kit with everything they need.
£25 per workshop - booking essential.

Festive Meet and Greet with Waffle the Wonder Dog!

Friday 2nd January 2026
5 minute time slots between 1.45 - 3.45

FREE but booking essential.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Relaxed Hour

Monday 22nd December
10.30 - 11.30

FREE session for neurodivergent children, where young visitors who would benefit from a more relaxed environment can enjoy and explore our space. With a festive craft.

Get festive at our regular family and community sessions.

All of our activities over December will be filled with festive fun. Including Mini Explorers and Mini Makers for children aged 2-5, Express Art Group, and The Good Times Craft for adults with dementia and their carers.

... and enjoy our FREE festive hunt

Children will enjoy exploring the art gallery and museum searching out festive clues, with a chance to win a prize!

Scan the QR code to find out more or visit
www.ragm.co.uk/festive-fun



Family Information Service
Providing information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children & young people aged 0-25.
New Free Tel: 0800 408 1558
Tel: 01926 742274
Email: fi@warwickshire.gov.uk
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Warwickshire's Child and Family Well-being Service
Tel 0300 247 0072
or email:
wcfw.contact@hcrgragroup.com

Warwickshire Health Visiting Drop in Clinic
Tuesdays: 9:30am to 11:00am
Claremont Children & Family Centre

Breastfeeding Support Drop-in Group for Babies and Toddlers
Wednesdays: 10:00am to 11:30am
Claremont Children & Family Centre

Citizens Advice Bureau
Tel: 0800 250 5715
Boughton Leigh Children and Family Centre
Drop In: **Monday 22nd December**
9:00am - 1:00pm

ROSA Drop in Clinic for those impacted by sexual violence
Contact Claremont Children & Family Centre for more details.
Tel: 01788579488

Warwickshire Family Connect
For concerns about a child's wellbeing
Tel: 01926 414144

Early Support Drop ins at the CFCs
Long Lawford Tues - 2.00-4.00pm
Claremont Weds - 2.15-4.15pm
Family Support Help Line
Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 4.00pm
Tel: 01926 412412
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

Midwives
Maternity advice,
The Owen Building, St. Cross Hospital
Tel: 01788 663184

Adult and Community Learning
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/acl>
Tel: 01926 736392

Speech and Language Therapy Preschool Team
Tel: 01788 555107

HCRG Sexual Health & Contraception Drop-in
2nd Wednesday of the month at Claremont CFC
4th Monday of the month at Boughton Leigh CFC
9.30-11.30am

Interested in volunteering?
please contact
emma.lane@barnardos.org.uk



WHAT'S ON GUIDE

Rugby Children & Family Centres

Christmas 2025

Rugby Children & Family Centres (CFC)

Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre
Wetherell Way, Rugby,
CV21 1LT Tel: 01788 570347

Claremont Children & Family Centre
Claremont Road, Rugby,
CV21 3LU Tel: 01788 579488

Long Lawford Children & Family Centre
Holbrook Road, Long Lawford,
Rugby, CV23 9AL Tel: 01788 561313
Email: rugbycfc@barnardos.org.uk
Website

<https://coventryandwarwickshire.barnardos.org.uk/children-and-family-centres/rugby/>

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Please note the changes in times to a lot of the groups from our regular term time timetable
On the 2nd January Boughton Leigh will be closed. Please contact one of the other centres if you require any information.



Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC)

Christmas Timetable 22nd December 2025 to 2nd January 2026



Monday

Walk-in Wardrobe
Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's
9.30am to 11.30am
Toy Library
9.30am to 11.30am
Claremont CFC
22nd December only

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
10.00-11.00 am
Claremont CFC
22nd and 29th December

Toddler Time
Aimed at 0-5 years
10.00am to 11.30am
Long Lawford CFC
22nd December only

Family Time
Aimed at 0-8yrs
1.30-3.00pm
Claremont CFC
22nd and 29th December

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
1.30-2.30pm
Long Lawford CFC
22nd December only

Tuesday

Family Time
Aimed at 0-8yrs
10.00am to 11.30am
Boughton Leigh CFC
23rd and 30th December

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
10.00am to 11.00am
The Barn @ Houlton
(CV23 1AL)
23rd December Only

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
1.30pm-2.30pm
Boughton Leigh CFC
23rd and 30th December



Wednesday

Little Stars
For children with additional needs
10.00am to 11.00am
Claremont CFC
24th and 31st December

Family Time
Aimed at 0-8yrs
10-11.30 am
Long Lawford CFC
31st December only

Baby Time
Non-walkers from birth
1.30-2.30pm
Long Lawford CFC
31st December only



Thursday



BANK HOLIDAYS
ALL CENTRES CLOSED
BOTH CHRISTMAS DAY
AND NEW YEARS DAY



TO BOOK
a place on our sessions
scan the QR code or follow
the link:
<https://rugbycfc.eventbrite>



Friday

BOXING DAY
26th December
BANK HOLIDAY
ALL CENTRES
CLOSED

2nd January
Claremont and Long
Lawford CFCs open
for enquiries only.

Saturday

Saturdads
Next Saturdads is the
10th January

OUR VENUES THIS WINTER

Loughborough CofE Primary School	St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy	Henry Hinde Infant School	Outwoods Primary School	St John's CofE Primary School
LE11	LE5	CV22	CV9	WS9
8am - 5pm	8am - 5pm	8am - 5pm	8am - 4pm	8am - 5pm



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

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MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

TJ SPORTS ACADEMY is back **FOR 2 DAYS ON MONDAY 22nd AND TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER FOR CHRISTMAS SPORTING FUN !**

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, letters are available from either school office or myself (Mr James). We are **SUPER EXCITED** for this one with all our usual sports (plus more Christmas FUN) and brand-new **PRIZES !**

Thanks again for all your continued support.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact.

Mr James and the TJ SPORTS ACADEMY team

Email-tjsportsacademy1@gmail.com

Phone-07979800418

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AGE 5-11

29TH & 30TH DEC 2025

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