

What a busy week we've had! Anti-bullying week was launched on Monday by us all wearing odd socks. We discussed how we are all unique and celebrated our differences. We also talked to the children about how bullying is more than one unkind act, and is more than something accidental. We discussed how bullying is a purposeful act and happens more than once. We used the image above to help the children understand this.



It is also inter-faith week this week, which we have explored in collective worship. We thought about how there are far more similarities between religions than differences, such as festivals involving light and food, prayers, and feelings of hope, love and joy. On Tuesday we took part in a collective worship as part of Remembrance Day—the children were very respectful. On Thursday, we thought about how we could be kind to one another on world kindness day. This week has really focused on how we can live well together to help one another grow, so that we are ready to spread our wings and fly. We have also had all our classroom learning too, along with raising money for Children in Need today!



As we shared last week, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest so far. Please do see the information contained within the poster later on in the newsletter, or the information on Class Dojo if this is something that interests you.

Thank you for
your ongoing
support. Have a
lovely weekend.
Suzanne Marson
Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOR – TEAM MEERKAT HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Evelyn	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Ida	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell and Miss Goodwin)	Satvika
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Izhaan	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Cleo	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Noah

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Krishank	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Isabelle	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Judah
Elf Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Avyaan	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Luca	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Edith

Lunchtime stars

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Krishank	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Joana	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Henry
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Michael	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Wren	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Misty-Jo

Owlets	Learner: Hugo Lunchtime: Fae	Spotty	Learner: Ottile Lunchtime: Fides	Stripy	Learner: Rowan Lunchtime: Tanaka
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Achievements from home:

Reception: Evelyn, Maeve, Eleni

Year 1: Cleo, Luca, Nilan, Wren

Year 2: Asees, Dylan, Ridhan

GOLD BOOK

Reception: Year 1: Arthur Year 2: Penelope, Charlotte

Spotlight on

Across the school, we have a focus on six values. These underpin our school vision of 'Roots to grow. Wings to fly.' which is based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. We consider the values and how we can live these out in our everyday lives, exploring them in collective worship, through stories and across the curriculum. The values also feature within our rewards system, with children being able to earn stickers for demonstrating the values around school. Within each newsletter, there is a section that details the focus value for that half term. If a child is spotted displaying the focus value by an adult, their name will be put into the Gold Book and they will be awarded a sticker as part of collective worship on a Friday. Children can also earn a 'doing the right thing' raffle ticket at lunchtime by displaying the school values.





Dunchurch
Schools' Federation

Show you care, get involved



Become a Parent* Academy Governance Committee member ('school governor')

Provide
support, monitoring
& challenge
around educational
experience &
performance

Recieve
reports, attend
meetings &
carry out
monitoring visits
to school

Support
Church, community
& stakeholder
engagement &
Trust strategy,
approach, ethos
& values

Experience
strategic
leadership for
great personal
development &
work within a code
of conduct

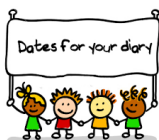


Contact
samantha.jannaway@covmat.org or scan the
QR code to register
your interest

Training is an
ongoing &
essential part of
the role & is
provided free of
charge



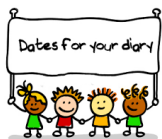
*representative parents rather than
representatives of parents – it's not about
gathering views but being able to present a
balanced and impartial view from a parental
perspective.



Any new dates will be added in red

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 19th November	Open evening for prospective parents Is your child due to start reception in September 2026? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please arrive via the school office for a 5pm start. Nursery staff will also be available as part of the evening.
Thursday 20th November 9:30am	Information session with Mrs Darragh for year two parents Mrs Darragh, Headteacher of Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy, will be available in the Dunchurch Infant school hall at 9:30am to talk to parents of children who are currently in year two at either Dunchurch Infants or Leamington Hastings. This is a chance to talk to Mrs Darragh and find out more about the Juniors, with information tailored to the two feeder schools.
Monday 24th November	Booking for Christmas Plays / Carol concert opens Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information sent home from the school office from 8pm today.
Wednesday 26th November	Reception Vision screening All reception children will have their vision tested.
Friday 28th November	Non uniform day Children are invited to come to school dressed in autumnal colours in exchange for a donation towards the PTA Christmas hampers. More information from the PTA to follow.
Monday 1st December	Whole school theatre trip The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Tiger Who Came To Tea as a theatre performance. More details to follow.
Wednesday 3rd December (AM)	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visit to St Peter's Church We will be taking the children to take part in a Christmas service at St Peter's Church on the morning of 3rd December. We would be grateful for as many adult volunteers (with no younger siblings) as possible to accompany the children walking to and from the Church. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite other parents to attend due to space in the church. Exact time to be confirmed once final details are arranged with the church.
Tuesday 9th December	Passport to world views afternoon—Christmas around the world Children will be learning about Christmas around the world during the afternoon.
Thursday 11th December	Christmas jumper day Children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform, including a Christmas jumper, for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Any voluntary donations are welcome.



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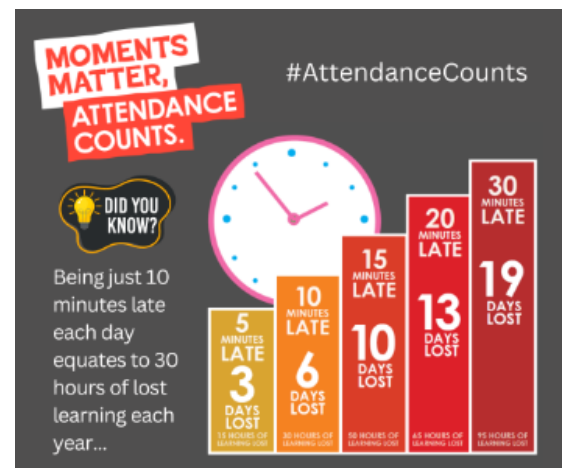
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Friday 12th December	Christmas craft day Children will take part in a Christmas craft day on this day.
Friday 12th December	School Christmas Lunch Details of the menu to follow.
Monday 15th December	Christmas performances Parents are invited to see their child perform their Christmas play in the school hall. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office. Nursery (all classes) – 9:15 Reception – 10:15 Year 1- 2:30
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas performances Parents are invited to see their child perform their Christmas play in the school hall. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office. Year 1 – 9:15 Reception – 10:15 Nursery (all classes) – 1:30
Tuesday 16th December	Year two carol concert Year 2 parents are invited to take part in a carol service performed by the children at 2:30pm. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office.
Wednesday 17th December	Year two carol concert Year 2 parents are invited to take part in a carol service performed by the children at 9:15am. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office.
Thursday 18th December	Reception Christmas PJ Day! Children are invited to wear their PJ's to school (festive ones if you like) to have a cosy Christmas day with a film and hot chocolate.
Friday 19th December	Christingle The whole school will take part in a Christingle service in the school hall. Please be aware that your child will bring home a Christingle at the end of the school day.
Friday 19th December	Last day of term!

Attendance Weekly Summary

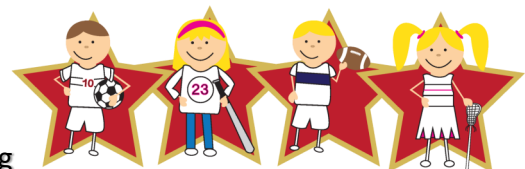
Whole school: 90.9% (Target 98%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
95.4%	74.7%	95.9%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled
88.14%	87.4%	95.2%



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: Autumn Term 2

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
	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm			

TERM DATES

Autumn term 2025

Teacher training days: Monday 1st September & Tuesday 2nd September

Children return to school Wednesday 3rd September

Teacher training day: Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

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.

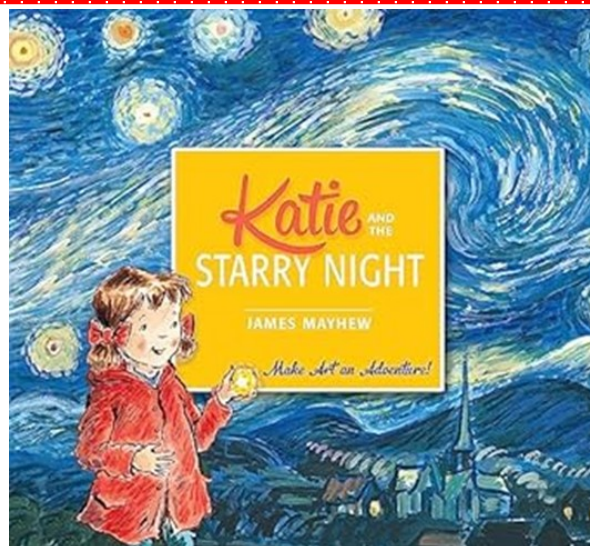


BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Katie and the Starry Night

Author: James Mayhew

Recommended by: Tawny Owls



It is about a girl called Katie who goes to an art gallery with her Grandma. Whilst her Grandma is having 40 winks Katie goes to look at the paintings. She looks at a painting called The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh. When Katie looks closely, the stars start to swirl and shine! She climbs into the painting and goes on a magical adventure in the night sky.

The children enjoyed finding out about van Gogh's paintings when the stars floated into the other paintings and Katie had to catch them!

They were inspired to create their own version of The Starry Night.

Lunches Autumn Half Term

Our caterers are pleased to be able to offer children a full hot lunch menu for the Autumn Half Term. Please see the attached menu below:

ALLERGIES

Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

WINTER

Weekly Menu

All our fish is natural whole fillet and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain

Doob CHOICE/JKT

OCTOBER 2025

Warwickshire, Coventry, Oxfordshire

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

10/11/2025

01/12/2025

05/01/2026

26/01/2026

23/02/2026

16/03/2026

MAIN

(V)(h) Tomato Pasta Bake with Malted Wheat Baguette (G.D)

(vg) Plant Power Burger in a Bun with Diced Potatoes (G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

DESSERT

(V)(h) Chocolate Cracknell (G)

(V)(h) Hearty Roots Chilli with Rice

Jacket Potato – Tuna Mayonnaise (F.E)

(vg) Jelly with Fruit

(V)(h) Banana & Raisin Cookie (G)

British Roast Chicken Fillet, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy with Roast Potatoes (D.E.G)

(V)(h) Plant Power Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes (G.E.D)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

(V)(h) Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (G.D)

(v) Ice Cream (D)

British Pork Sausages & Gravy with Mashed Potato (G.SB.SU)

(V)(h) Cheese & Potato Pie served with Vegetables (D.E)

Jacket Potato – Tuna Mayonnaise (F.E)

(v) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)

(vg)(h) Flapjack (G)

(msc) Salmon Fishcake with Chipped Potatoes (F.G)

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with Chipped Potatoes (G.D)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

(v) Frosted Carrot Cake (G.E)

WEEK TWO

17/11/2025

08/12/2025

12/01/2026

02/02/2026

02/03/2026

23/03/2026

MAIN

Chicken Burger in a Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)

(V)(h) Cheese & Onion Fian with Garlic New Potatoes (D.E.G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

DESSERT

(v) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)

(vg)(h) Shortbread (G)

(V)(h) Garden Vegetable & Baked Bean Stack with Spicy Wedges (G.D)

Jacket Potato – Tuna Mayonnaise (F.E)

(V)(h) Ginger Cookie (G)

British Roast Pork Slice, Apple Sauce & Gravy with Roast Potatoes

(vg) Classic Quorn Roast with Gravy and Roast Potatoes (G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

(V)(h) Jam Sponge with Custard (G.D.E)

(v) Frozen Swirl Mousse (D)

(h) Chicken & Country Vegetable Pie with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)

(v) Crispy Quorn, Dippers in a Wrap and Tomato Salads with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)

Jacket Potato – Tuna Mayonnaise (F.E)

(V)(h) Chocolate Flapjack with Orange Wedge (G)

(msc) Battered Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes (F.G)

(V)(h) Rainbow Risotto with Crusty Bread (D.G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

(v) Waffle with Fruit (G.E.SB)

WEEK THREE

03/11/2025

24/11/2025

15/12/2025

10/01/2026

09/02/2026

09/03/2026

MAIN

(h) British Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread (G) Cheese (D)

(vg) Country Garden Vegetable Fingers with Seasoned Wedges (G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

DESSERT

(V)(h) Zesty Orange Cookie (G)

(V)(h) Rustic Pizza Wedge with Herby Diced Potatoes (G.D.SB)

(V)(h) Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Rice (D)

Jacket Potato – Tuna Mayonnaise (F.E)

(V)(h) Vanilla Cookie with Fruit Slice (G)

British Roast Chicken fillet, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes (G)

(vg)(h) "Meat" Loaf with Gravy & Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

(V)(h) Syrup Sponge with Custard (G.D.E)

(v) Frozen Swirl Mousse (D)

Pork Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce with Pasta (G)

(V)(h) Filled Pastry Crown with Potato Wedges (G.E.D)

Jacket Potato – Tuna Mayonnaise (F.E)

(V)(h) Winter Berry Muffin (G.E.D)

(vg) Jelly with Fruit

(msc) Fish Fillet Fingers with Chipped Potatoes (F.G)

(V)(h) Golden Macaroni Cheese with Malted Wheat Baguette (D.G)

Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), or (vg) Baked Beans

(V)(h) 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G.E)

Available Daily:

Fruit Cordial or Fruit Water from the Hydration Station

(v) Semi Skimmed Milk, & (vg) Homemade Fresh Bread Basket,

Daily Salad Selection, Vegetables of the Day, (v)Yoghurt (D-SB) and Fresh Fruit

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Planet Friendly

Hidden Vegetables

ALLERGEN KEY

VG-Vegan, V-Vegetarian, H-Homemade,

G-Gluten/Wheat, C-Celery, S-Sesame,

F-Fish, M-Mustard, SU-Sulphites, D-Dairy,

E-Eggs, SB-Soyabean.

Week Commencing 17th November—Lunch Menu

Educaters Lunch Menu
Week 2
17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026,
02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

Monday			Jacket Potatoes Every Day
	or		
Tuesday			
	or		
Wednesday			
	or		
Thursday			
	or		
Friday			
	or		

Week 2 Dessert Menu
Monday
(v) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)
(vg)(h) Shortbread (G)
Tuesday
(v)(h) Ginger Cookie (G)
Wednesday
(v)(h) Jam Sponge with Custard (D.G.E.)
Thursday
(v)(h) Chocolate Flapjack with Orange Wedge (G)
Friday
(v) Waffle with Fruit (G.E.SB)

All our meals include a carbohydrate accompaniment, seasonal vegetables and/or salad. We offer a choice of fruit juice cordial, semi skimmed milk or water to drink. Some schools offer a Hydration Station instead, comprising of unlimited chilled water flavoured with fresh fruit.

Accompaniments may vary to those shown.

PLEASE NOTE some schools serve the cold option in a deli bag with vegetable sticks or salad, a dessert and a drink

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www.educaterers.co.uk
Email: contactus@educaterers.co.uk

Menu may change to meet customer preferences

Allergies
Please contact your school Head of Kitchen for information regarding the content of dishes and products (01454 600100)

Up Coming Trips Reminder

This is a quick reminder that we have two trips happening across the school in early December. The Tiger Who Came to Tea at Warwick Arts Centre (1st December 2025) for the Whole School and The year 2 trip to St Johns Museum, Warwick (9th December 2025).

Payment for both trips can be paid via ParentPay (please use the link below). If you are having any issues with logging on or finding your account please contact the office.

[ParentPay - Leading Cashless Payment System for Schools](#)

Volunteers

We would also be grateful for anymore volunteers to come forward for both trips. Please send your name, your child's name and class to the office to be added to the volunteer list. We will then confirm details nearer the time.



Motivation

Motivation is what helps you start and keep going with your goals; this may be linked to school, hobbies or life stuff. It is the 'why' behind what you are doing. Motivation can help you to finish a task or practise a new skill, it can make learning and playing more fun and help you to feel proud when you have done something great.

Sometimes it can be difficult to find motivation to begin an activity. To help with this, think about what is your 'why'. Ask yourself what goal matters to you and connect with what excites or inspires you.

Our Top Tips For Motivation:

1. **Set small and clear goals:** Break big tasks into bite-sized steps. Ensure you celebrate each smaller win along the way.
2. **Create a routine that works for you:** Having a plan for your day can help to keep you on track and reduce potential stress.
3. **Remain positive:** If you are finding an activity difficult, remember to be kind to yourself. If something is hard, say, 'I am learning' instead of 'I can't do it'.
4. **Ask for help:** It is ok to ask family, friends or teachers for some help when you get stuck.
5. **Motivational matching activity:** Write some goals down on individual pieces of paper e.g., 'to finish my homework' and some motivational reasons down on another piece of paper e.g., 'to help me learn new things'. Spread the paper around upside down. Take turns flipping them over to match a goal with a motivational reason. When a pair is found, have a conversation about why that motivation may help to achieve the goal. Consider any barriers to achieving the goal and plan how you could overcome them.

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.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective worship has focussed on the special days this week—antibullying, interfaith week and kindness day. We also explored Remembrance Day and took part in a one minute silence. The children have responded really well to the idea of living well together and celebrating one another's differences with kindness. We linked all of these ideas to our school rule of respect.



E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK :



Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



Click on [Family Information Service](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families) 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](#)



T4U

**GIVE LOVE
IN A BOX
THIS YEAR**

**From your hand to theirs.
Your shoebox will be
given to a vulnerable
child or family, distributed
through schools, nurseries,
hospitals and orphanages
in Eastern Europe.**

**Please drop off your
shoebox here:**

**DUNCHURCH INFANT
ACADEMY OFFICE**

Collection dates:

from 3.11.25 until 14.11.25

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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

