



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.

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We have almost come to the end of the first half term of this academic year! After such a busy half term with lots of learning, the children (and staff!) are now ready for a rest. Thank you to the staff for all the opportunities that they have provided for the children so far this academic year. We have staff who go above and beyond for the children every day, and we are very grateful for them all.

Thank you to all the parents who came to parent's evenings this week. We hope that you found the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher informative.

We have ended the half term with an exciting vocabulary day. Thank you for all your support in preparing the children for this and enabling them to share their ambitious word with everyone. As you can see from a selection of photos below, the children looked amazing.

The school is closed to all children in school and nursey tomorrow as staff will be taking part in training all day. Have a lovely half term everyone, we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOR – TEAM MEERKAT HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Henry	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Pola	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell and Miss Goodwin)	Levi
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Eleni	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Bhuvi	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Asees

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	William J	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Pola	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Henry
Elf Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Hugo	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Amelia	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Penelope

Lunchtime stars

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

Owlets	Learner: Asrith	Spotty	Learner: Emme	Stripy	Learner: Taoheed
	Lunchtime:		Lunchtime:		Lunchtime:

Achievements from home:

Reception:

Year 1: Rosalind, Matty, Robin

Year 2: India, Ellie, Eliza

GOLD BOOK:

Reception: Roma, Isla Year 1: Jessica Year 2: Asees

We're teaching every child to read with



Spotlight on

Phonics

At Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery, we use the Little Wandle approach to teach phonics throughout nursery (phase 1), reception (phase 2, 3 & 4) and year 1 (phase 5). This systematic, structured approach features on the DfE's list of validated phonics schemes and takes cognitive science research into account.

All phonics teaching throughout school is well paced to ensure that children quickly learn to read by learning sounds and tricky

words in a systematic and consistent

way. This means that children are able to start reading words and sentences quickly – even as soon as

learning their first four sounds. Children learn that sounds can be represented by graphemes (written representation of sounds) and how to

blend sounds together to read words. You may hear your children refer to digraphs and trigraphs. Digraphs are two letters that make one

sound e.g. the ck in clock or brick. Trigraphs are three letters that make one sound e.g. the igh in sigh or night. The graphemes taught in school, including digraphs and trigraphs, can be seen to the right.

Grow the code grapheme mat Phase 2, 3 and 5									
s	t	p	n	m	d	g	c	r	h
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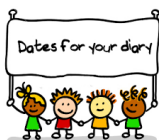
Grow the code grapheme mat Phase 2, 3 and 5									
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a-e	e-e	i-e	ou	ew	u-e				
eigh	y	y	oe	ou	ew				
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In year 2, children revisit some of the year 1 graphemes during their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lessons, focusing on using their phonetic knowledge for spelling and learning spelling rules.

To reinforce the children's phonics learning, children in reception and year one will bring home a homework sheet each week, providing them with words and sentences to practise reading and writing.

Children's phonics knowledge across the school is assessed half termly in order to inform teachers planning and to check that all children are making progress; those children who need support to keep up with their peers will receive interventions that may involve them working in a small group or individually with a designated adult in addition to their phonics lessons.

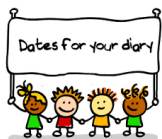




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Upcoming dates:

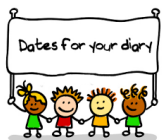
Tuesday 4th November	Individual and Sibling Photos Photographs will be taken during the morning. If your child attends nursery and is not in on this day, please come via the school office at 8:45 am if you would like your child's photograph taken.
Wednesday 5th November	Year 1 Bonfire Night workshop The children will be taking part in a drama workshop about Bonfire night and its links to the local area.
Thursday 6th November	Year 1—Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service visit WFRS are visiting year 1 to talk about Fire safety.
Friday 7th November	Sponsored Welly Walk The children will be completing a sponsored welly walk to raise money for the PTA. Reception, year one and year two children will walk around the Junior School field, and nursery will walk around the Infant School playground. Please send your child into school with some wellies, trainers, or walking shoes to change into on this day. More information to follow from the PTA.
W/C Monday 10th November	Antibullying Week Children will be taught about antibullying throughout the week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.
W/C Monday 10th November	Interfaith Week Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.
Thursday 13th November	World Kindness Day We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week
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.
Friday 21st November	Children in need Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.



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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.
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.
Friday 12th December	Christmas craft day Children will take part in a Christmas craft day on this day.
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



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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.
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.



UK Health Security Agency

Diarrhoea and vomiting

Don't spread it. Stay home for **48 hours** after your symptoms clear.

DO

- Wash soiled clothes and bedding at 60°C
- Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



DON'T

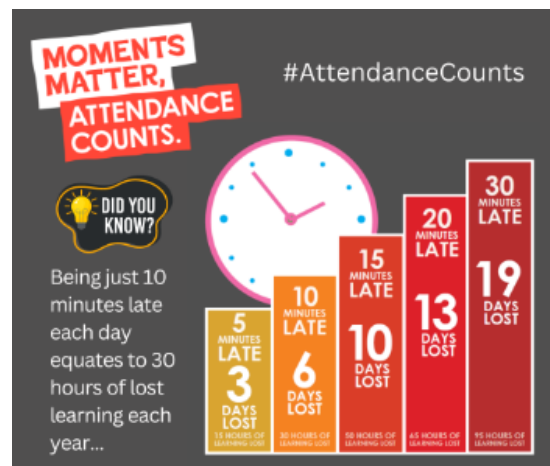
- Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals
- Prepare food for others



Attendance Weekly Summary

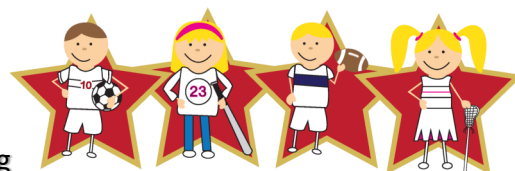
Whole school: 90.2% (Target 98%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
76.3%	87.5%	93.9%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
92.4%	92.3%	93.9%



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 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
	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

Team Meerkat



*I can listen to a partner carefully.

**I can share my ideas with a small group.

*** I can explain tasks to other people.

Absence reporting

Please could we ask that all absence reporting be communicated via the school office, either by email or voicemail. You can contact the office on office.infant@dunchurch.covmat.org or 01788 810292.

All requests for authorised absences must be made in advance, unless in the case of emergency circumstances. Please request a form from the office.

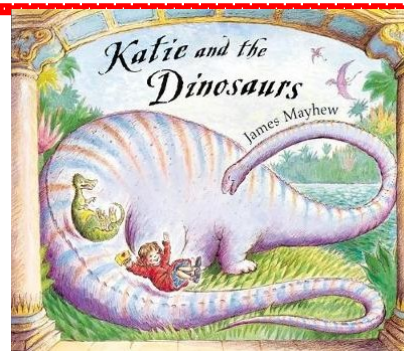
Please do not report your child absence via Class Dojo or via the class teachers. Thank you for your support.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Katie and the Dinosaurs

Author: James Mayhew

Recommended by: Mrs Jones



"Katie and the Dinosaurs" is an exciting, beautifully illustrated children's book that takes young readers on a thrilling adventure through time, where they meet incredible dinosaurs! The story is a part of the *Katie* series by James Mayhew, and it's perfect for kids aged 4 to 7 who love dinosaurs or enjoy imaginative storytelling.

Katie, the curious and adventurous girl, is visiting a museum when she gets magically whisked away into the world of dinosaurs. With the help of her new dino friends, she learns all about these amazing creatures. The story is full of fun, friendship, and, of course, some very cool dinosaurs.

Katie's journey starts when she touches a painting of dinosaurs in the museum, and suddenly, she's transported into their world! She meets friendly dinos, from gentle ones like the long-necked Brachiosaurus to the mighty T. rex.

Lunches Autumn Half Term

Our caterers are pleased to be able to offer children a variety of hot and cold lunches for the Autumn Half Term. Please see the attached menu below:

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese (D,G), Ham (G) or Tuna (F,G) Sandwich	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot (G,D) WITH	Pizza Finger (G,D) or Ham Salad Roll (G)	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot (G,D) WITH Mini Pork (G) or	Chicken (G), Cheese (G,D) Tuna Mayo (F,G,E) Wrap
Tortilla Chips (G)	(vg) Quorn Dippers (G)	Tortilla Chips (G)	(vg) Veggie Sausage	Tortilla Chips (G)
Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks
DESSERT OF THE DAY	DESSERT OF THE DAY	DESSERT OF THE DAY	DESSERT OF THE DAY	DESSERT OF THE DAY
Shortbread (G)	Fruit Wedges	Ginger Cookie (G)	Fruit Wedges	Iced Sponge (G,E)
Special diets for Allergen, Religious or Life Style Preferences will be catered for in the normal way.			KEY C = Celery D = Dairy E = Egg F = Fish G = Gluten	M = Mustard S = Sesame SB = Soya Bean SU = Sulphites V = Vegetarian vg = vegan



Digital Detox

Taking a digital detox is important to give our minds and bodies a break from screens and technology. Too much screen time can lead to tired eyes, difficulty sleeping, and feeling stressed or distracted. Stepping away from devices helps us to recharge, focus better, improve our mood, and spend more quality time with family and friends. It also encourages healthier habits like playing outside, reading, and being creative, all of which support overall wellbeing!

Our tips for taking a digital detox:

1. **Set yourself clear limits for screen time** - Set specific time limits for screen time, such as an hour after school or 30 minutes of games or social media. Try setting limits on your device, or a visual reminder.
2. **Create Scree-Free Zones** - When you are eating meals with your family or friends, leave your phone or devices in a different room. This allows you to talk and enjoy your food without distractions and improves your quality of connections with others.
3. **Avoid screens at night** - Try to avoid using devices in your bedroom, most importantly for at least 30 minutes before bed. Keeping your bedroom a peaceful space can help you to fall asleep more easily.
4. **Do fun activities without screens** - Try drawing, playing a game with your family, playing a musical instrument or reading instead of your usual device. Spend time outdoors if you can!
5. **Take small breaks from screens** - After playing video games or watching TV for a while, get up and move around. Try to take short breaks where you move between rooms, stretch or walk around.
6. **Turn off notifications** - This can reduce the number of distractions and help you focus on what is important to you. You might even discover a new activity you enjoy!
7. **Find mindful alternatives** - Try meditating or doing breathing exercises to reduce feelings of stress, rather than screen use.

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

In collective worship this week, we have continued to think about friendship, and treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves. We used the story Green Lizards, Red Rectangles and the Blue Ball to support this.

We also explored the British Value of individual liberty, discussing how we all have the freedom to make our own choices.



E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK :



Talk with your child about responsible use of their tablet

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the tablet

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Where will the tablet charge overnight? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the tablet 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](#)



AUTUMN TERM VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Sleep and Routines	10th October 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	15th October 10:00 – 12:00	Virtual
Routines	16th October 12:45-14:45	Virtual
Keeping your child in mind	16th October 17:30 – 19: 30	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	23rd October 12:45 – 14:45	virtual
Parenting Together	28th October 10:00- 12:00	virtual
Sleep and Routines	6th November 09:30 – 11:30	virtual
Boundaries and Rules	6th November 12:30 -14:30	virtual
Routines	12th November 12:30 – 14:30	virtual
Understanding your teenager	14th November 09:30 – 11:30	Virtual



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 TJ SPORTS ACADEMY 

 AUTUMN HOLIDAY FUN 

 MULTI-SPORTS CLUB 

 TJ SPORTS ACADEMY is back in the holidays for **4 DAYS** of action-packed sporting **FUN** ! We are running Multi-sport days on Monday 27th Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th and **FOOTBALL DAY** Thursday 30th. 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 **SUPER EXCITED** for this one with all our usual sports (plus more) and brand-new **PRIZES** !

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE DONT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

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HALF DAY: £17.50
HALF DAY FULL WEEK: £70.00

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LATE PICK UP - 3:15PM TO 4:30PM

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Friday 31st Oct
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Family Support Worker Consultations



Would you like the opportunity to chat with a Family Support Worker?

We can support with:

- Developing routines and boundaries
- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Supporting your child's emotional and mental health
- Family and Relationship support
- Signposting and referrals

Phone 01926 414144 option 1 then option 2 Monday to Friday 9am-4pm (except bank holidays) or scan the QR code to find out where you can attend a face-to-face drop in.



Information on Early Support can be found by scanning the QR code below

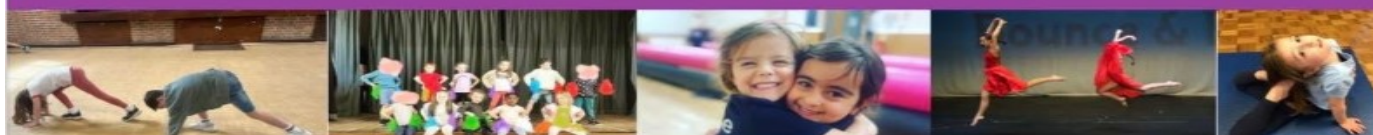


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Dance! Drama! Acrobatics! Gymnastics! Musical Theatre!
Singing!

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Apple Day

at Dunchurch Allotments
Coventry Road

Apple juicing

Apple tasting

Kids
trail

Apple
food

Apple
crafts

Apple
games



Celebrate all things apple
Sunday 26th October

Join us at 1pm for an afternoon of fun
Free event