



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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We are very excited this week. Mrs Baxter, Mr Hughes and myself have been communicating closely with the contractors who have enabled enough of the hall to be finished to allow us back in! There is still work to be done in the hall, with a lot of this taking place over the half term, but it is great to be able to get the children back into the hall and say goodbye to the marquee on the playground! Mrs Owen had the pleasure of surprising the children with this news and leading the very first collective worship in the new hall on Thursday, and multiple staff have commented on how nice it is to hear the children singing in the hall again. Work continues with the kitchen refurbishment, with new appliances having now been fitted. Hopefully it will not be too much longer before we can start serving a full lunch menu again.

Just a reminder that next week is parent's evening. We hope that you are able to make the most of the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, finding out about how they have settled into their new year group and their progress to date. Please enter and leave via the school office entrance to the school when attending your appointment. Next week, Mrs Owen will also be sending out whole school attendance letters, keeping you informed about your child's attendance to date. Please keep an eye out for this via email.

As you may know, we had some photographs and filming for an electronic prospectus take place before we had the fire. We will be having some further filming and photographs taking place the week after the half term, reflecting the school as it now looks. We will use your child's current photograph permissions to support this. Please contact the school office if you would like to change these.

We have one more week left to go of this half term, which is the longest half term over the course of the academic year. A reminder that the children are not in school next Friday as it is a training day. It is hard to believe that some of the reception and nursery children have only been with us since September—it feels like they have always been here! A huge thank you to all the staff for everything that they do for the children, and to the parents for their ongoing support.

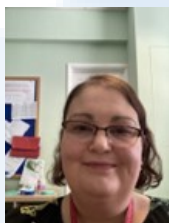
Have a lovely weekend, Suzanne Marson.



Spotlight on

Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery Senior Leadership Team.

So that you are all aware of who is who, and who to contact regarding different areas, the Senior Leadership Team of the school is shown below.



Mrs. Suzanne Marson,
Headteacher

Mrs. Marson works across Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Leamington Hastings C of E Academy, and has strategic responsibility for all areas of the school. She is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead, and leads on the school curriculum, teaching and learning and Christian Distinctiveness. Mrs Marson will always be in school on a Friday and other days through the week.



Mrs Hannah Owen, Deputy
Headteacher

Mrs Owen has responsibility for leading the school when Mrs, Marson is off site. Mrs Owen leads on attendance and behaviour, and is also the school Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo). Mrs Owen is also a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, leads on Pupil Premium and is the designated teacher for Looked After Children. Mrs Owen is usually in school Monday to Thursday.



Mrs Clare Baxter, Academy
Business Partner

Mrs Baxter works across the two Dunchurch schools and Leamington Hastings. Mrs Baxter is responsible for areas such as finance, health and safety and HR within school. Mrs Baxter is usually in school from Tuesday to Thursday every other week.



Mrs Tina Carrington

Mrs Carrington is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, and leads on the science curriculum within school.



Mrs Katie Menzies, Assistant
Headteacher

Mrs Menzies supports the leadership of the curriculum, and has the responsibility of leading Key Stage One and personal development. She is also the maths and phonics lead, and a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs Lauren Binczik, Nursery
Manager

Mrs Binczik has the responsibility of leading the three nursery rooms. She is also a Designated Safeguarding Lead and supports the leadership of safeguarding and Special Educational Needs in nursery age children.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOR – TEAM MEERKAT HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Danvir	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Vinnie	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell and Miss Goodwin)	India
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Izhann	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Vedhika	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Florence

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Jesleen	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Joana	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Arthur
Elf Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Sephy	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Freddie	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Sienna

Lunchtime stars

Little Owls: (Miss Robers)	William J	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Tatonga	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Liberty
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Zeena	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Thora	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Niyah

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner: Mila Lunchtime: Hugo	Spotty	Learner: Ethan Lunchtime: Suki	Stripy	Learner: Oreoluwa Lunchtime: Neve
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Achievements from home:

Reception: Heidi, Jessica

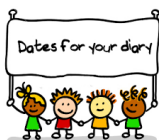
Year 1: Rufaro

Year 2: Zara, Sienna

GOLD BOOK:

Reception: Aphra, Mashal Year 1: Jack, Vedhika, Vienna Year 2: Effie, Ada

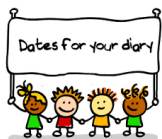
All of Barn Owls!



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Upcoming dates:

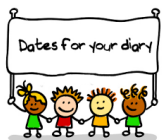
Tuesday 21st October	Parent's evening session 1 You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via the information received from the school office. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6:30pm. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.
Wednesday 22nd October	Parent's evening session 2 You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via the information received from the school office. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6:30pm. Please enter and leave the school via the School Office entrance.
Thursday 23rd October	Vocabulary Day As part of our promotion of adventurous vocabulary, we will be holding a vocabulary day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an adventurous word. Previous examples have included illuminated, festive, floral, glamorous and athletic.
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



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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.
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.



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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.
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



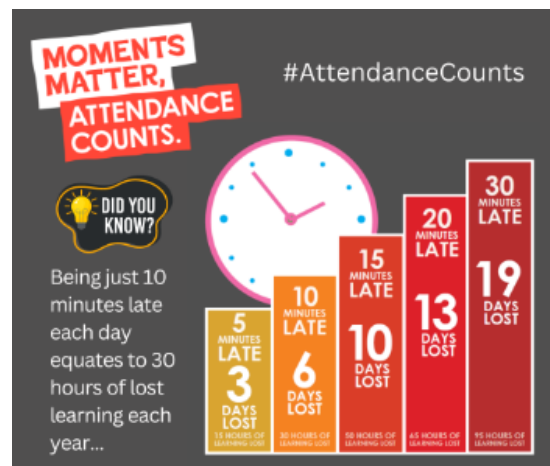
Owls - Morning Session

Please could we ask parents and carers to drop off at the school office if you arrive at 8:30am or later for the Morning Owls session.

Attendance Weekly Summary

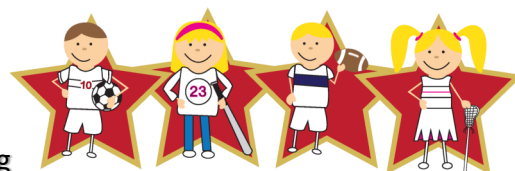
Whole school: 94.8% (Target 98%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
89.8%	96.1%	98.5%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled
95.7%	94.3%	93.8%



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.

Parking—Sandford Way

Please could we remind all parents and carers at morning and afternoon drop off to please be considerate when parking on Sandford Way and other residential streets around the school, and to be mindful around peoples driveways.

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: The Kindness Tree

Author: Aimee Neaverson

Recommended by: Mrs Chauhan

Embark on a heartwarming journey through the enchanting pages of "The Kindness Tree," where the magical power of kindness brings a garden to life. In this vibrant and lush landscape, children will meet Benny the Bunny, Sammy the Squirrel, Primrose the Parrot, and a host of other delightful animal friends who reside under the radiant branches of a very special tree.

Children will discover how the Kindness Tree's leaves shimmer with golden light and its fruits sparkle like precious gems, all nurtured by the simple acts of kindness shared among the animals. But when the tree's light begins to dim, it's up to the garden's inhabitants to rekindle its radiance with gestures of generosity and care.

Through the charming and beautiful illustrations together with gentle rhymes, "The Kindness Tree" is not just a story; it's an experience that teaches the value of compassion, sharing, and friendship. Each act of kindness, no matter how small, is shown to have a ripple effect, illuminating the tree and warming hearts.

"The Kindness Tree" is a tale that encourages us all to shine bright with the light of kind-



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	Chicken (G), Cheese (G,D) Tuna Mayo (F,G,E) Wrap
Tortilla Chips (G)	(vg) Quorn Dippers (G)	Tortilla Chips (G)	Mini Pork (G) or (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

MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness
Thoughtfulness

Being thoughtful is when you consider, or think about, how your actions and words will affect other people's feelings. Taking the time to make ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others and then taking action to help them is great for our mental health; it helps reduce stress, improve friendships and creates a sense of belonging.

When we think about how others feel and show kindness, it makes us feel good inside and boosts our confidence!

Our tips for Thoughtfulness:

You can be thoughtful through small acts of kindness; it doesn't have to be a grand gesture! Here are some examples below:

- Smile at someone.
- Listen carefully when someone is talking—it shows you care about what they're saying.
- Give someone a nice compliment.
- Help out without being asked, like sharing your things or tidying up.
- Think about how others might feel before you act or say something.
- Hug someone you care about (e.g., parents/carers, family members or a friend).
- Hold the door open for the person behind you.
- Say kind things to others and try to cheer someone up if they're feeling sad.
- Say "thank you" and "please"—small words can make a big difference.
- Tell someone that they are important to you.

Scan the QR code for more information about the benefits of being kind and thoughtful to ourselves and others:



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

This week, we have used children's stories to explore our value of 'friendship'. We have used a book called 'On Sudden Hill' to help us think about what it would be like if we only had one best friend, and how this can limit us in our choices. We also used 'Kindness Grows' to help us think about how we can treat each other and display friendship.



E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK :



Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console

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 games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? 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 games console 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/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](#)



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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ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk

 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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FOR 4 YEAR OLDS ONLY:
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HALF DAY FULL WEEK: £70.00

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

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Cawston Community Hall

Friday 31st Oct
10.30 - 11.45am

Perfect for 0-8 years, older siblings welcome

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https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_SEPTNOV

- 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).



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

