



**Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery**
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
Newsletter number: 06 Date: 10.10.2025



We have had a great week this week. As part of our 'Passport to world views afternoon', the children learnt about the Jewish festival of Sukkot, including the story when Moses led the Jewish people across the desert. Some of the children built a Sukkah (shelter) and thought about what they were thankful for, along with exploring how many people with a Jewish worldview celebrate today. This week we have also thought about how we can be mentally healthy, focussing on this in collective worship yesterday and as part of 'hello yellow' today.

We wanted to make you aware that we have a number of children absent across nursery and school, mainly with chickenpox. If your child has a high temperature, or any signs of chickenpox, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Further on in the newsletter is a poster that details common childhood illnesses and how long to keep your child at home for. Thank you for your support.

It is the time of year where it is time to start applying for school places if your child is in pre-school or year two. If you are a year two parent, don't forget that Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy have their open morning next week, please see the diary dates for more information. If you are a pre-school parent, you are welcome to attend our open evening on Wednesday 19th November at 5pm. Alternatively, both schools offer tours during the school day, which can be booked via the school offices.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Spotlight on

Learning Behaviours

At Dunchurch Infants, we have a set of six learning behaviours which can be seen below. These learning behaviours reflect the key learning dispositions that we feel the children need to develop at an infant level, supporting the children to become successful lifelong learners. We have one focus learning behaviour each half term, which is shown within the newsletter, and is promoted as part of collective worship sessions and around school.

To make the learning behaviours appealing to the children, they are paired with an animal and broken down into child friendly statements that demonstrate what this may look like in practice.

The learning behaviours are woven throughout our rewards systems. Children can earn stickers

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.

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.

Tough Tortoise



- * I am brave and have a go at different things.
- ** I can persevere and keep going even when it is difficult.
- *** I can show resilience. I bounce back and try again to learn from my mistakes.

Recap Rabbit



- * I can read through my work with an adult and correct a mistake.
- ** I can read through my work independently to make corrections.
- *** I can make additions to my work to make improvements.

Wise Owl



- * I can use the resources on my table and in the classroom to help me.
- ** I can use the working wall, phonics mats and knowledge organisers to find information to help me.
- *** I use things I already know to make links and help me learn new information.

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.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOR – TEAM MEERKAT

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Lily	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Sophia	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell and Miss Goodwin)	Erin
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Daisy	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Isla	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Issac

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Florence	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Sienna	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Charvika
Elf Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Mirabelle	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Vienna	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Shay

Lunchtime stars

Little Owls: (Miss Robers)	Lily	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Vinnie	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Sam
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Alex	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Harvey	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Cora

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner: Kaitlyn Lunchtime: Mila	Spotty	Learner: Fides Lunchtime: Maahi	Stripy	Learner: Jasper Lunchtime: Siya
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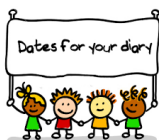
Achievements from home:
Reception: Harrison, Florence, Avyaan

Year 1: Addison

Year 2: Charlotte H

GOLD BOOK:

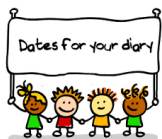
Year 1: Sophia Year 2: Erin



Any new dates will be added in red

Upcoming dates:

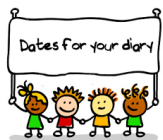
Wednesday 14th October	National Child Measurement All reception children will have heights and weights measured 1pm—3pm
Thursday 16th October	Reception and Year 1 Road Safety Session Children will hear from a Road Safety officer and learn about road safety.
Friday 17th October AM	Dunchurch Junior Open Morning Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy are running an open morning for anyone whose child is due to start year three in September 2026. Individual tours can also be provided - please contact the school office at office.junior@dunchurch.covmat.org to book an individual tour.
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.



Upcoming dates:

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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 Novem- ber	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 Novem- ber	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.



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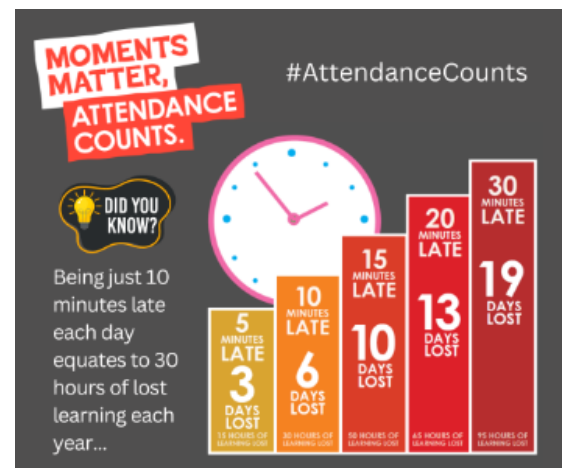
Upcoming dates:

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 Decem- ber	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 wel- come.
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
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 in- formation from the school office.
Wednesday 17th Decem- ber	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 in- formation 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.

Attendance Weekly Summary

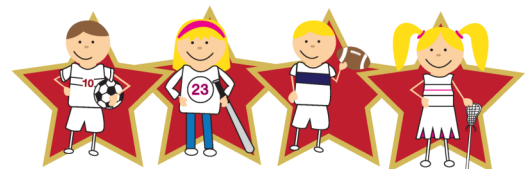
Whole school: 93.5% (Target 98%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
88.1%	92.2%	95.3%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
96.3%	94.7%	99.2%



PE

Days



Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following

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			

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



Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Do I need to keep my child off school?

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

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World Mental Health Day

We are pleased announce that with your generous donations on World Mental Health day this week, we have raised a fantastic £130.80! This fantastic amount will be sent to the charity Young Minds which supports all young people with their mental Health.

YOUNGMINDS

BOOK OF THE WEEK

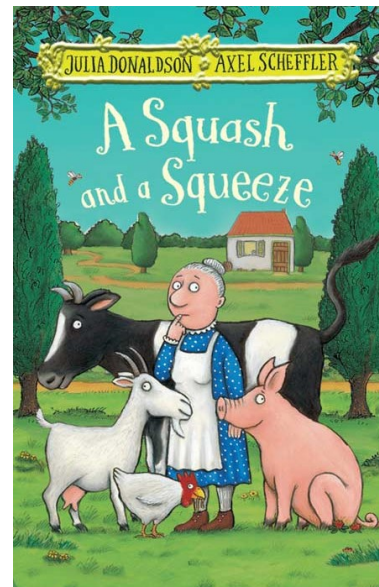
Title: A squash and a squeeze

Author: Julia Donaldson

Recommended by: Miss Morgan

One of my favourite books is a squash and a squeeze by Julia Donaldson

A little old lady feels that her house is too small and asks a wise old man for help. He tells her to keep adding different animals into her already small house. Then he tells her to take them out again one by one. By the time all of the animals are back out the old lady realises that actually her house is perfect for her and that she doesn't need 'grumble or grouse'



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:

the
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Helping children learn about food

Week 1

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**Cheese (D,G),
Ham (G) or Tuna
(F,G) Sandwich**

**Cheese & Tomato
Pasta Pot (G,D)**

WITH

Tortilla Chips (G)

**(vg) Quorn
Dippers (G)**

Veggie Sticks

**DESSERT OF
THE DAY**

Shortbread (G)

**Pizza Finger (G,D)
or
Ham Salad Roll (G)**

Tortilla Chips (G)

Veggie Sticks

**DESSERT OF
THE DAY**

Ginger Cookie (G)

**Cheese & Tomato
Pasta Pot (G,D)**

WITH

Mini Pork (G) or

**(vg) Veggie
Sausage**

Veggie Sticks

**DESSERT OF
THE DAY**

Fruit Wedges

**Chicken (G),
Cheese (G,D)
Tuna Mayo (F,G,E)
Wrap**

Tortilla Chips (G)

Veggie Sticks

**DESSERT OF
THE DAY**

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

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Menu may change to meet customer preferences.

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educaterers  **A FOOD STORY**

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

Tips for helping your child with sleep

A healthy sleep routine is essential for children's growth, development, concentration, emotion regulation, immune system, memory and problem-solving abilities. Consistent, quality sleep can also reduce the risk of behavioural issues, anxiety and depression. The recommended hours of sleep per night are:

School age children
(6-12 years)
9-12 hours

Adolescents
(13-18 years)
8-10 hours

Our top tips:

- 1. Establish a consistent sleep schedule:** Encourage going to bed and waking up at the same time every day, even on weekends, to regulate your child's internal clock.
- 2. Create a calming bedtime routine:** Activities like reading, a warm bath, or quiet music can help signal that it's time to wind down.
- 3. Limit screen time before bed:** Turn off TVs, phones, and tablets at least an hour before bedtime, as blue light interferes with melatonin production and sleep quality.
- 4. Make the bedroom sleep-friendly:** Keep it cool, dark, and quiet. Consider blackout curtains or white noise if needed.
- 5. Encourage physical activity during the day:** Regular exercise can help children fall asleep faster but avoid vigorous activity close to bedtime.
- 6. Watch what they eat and drink:** Avoid caffeine, energy drinks and chocolate in the afternoon and evening, and try not to eat a big meal close to bedtime.
- 7. Model healthy sleep habits:** Children often mimic their parents, so prioritise your own sleep and show that it's an important part of a healthy lifestyle.
- 8. Talk about stress or worries:** Create a safe space to discuss anything that might be keeping them up at night.

Top tips for improving
your child's sleep:



Sleep guide for
parents:



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.

E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK :

If your child has access to apps like videos, either on your phone or tablets, make sure there are filters in place, to stop them seeing anything inappropriate that can give them their Early Warning Signs. Hackers have been known to adapt popular TV characters, to create unkind content which can cause upset amongst children.

To do this follow these steps

Safari: Settings, General, Safari (then set it up in a way which is appropriate for your child)

Youtube: Settings, tick safe search filtering, tick strict



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have used children's stories to support our understanding of the British Values of mutual respect and tolerance.

We have also focussed on how we can be mentally healthy, ready for mental health day today.

We are going to be learning about
British values

• Mutual Respect

We might not always agree with other people, but we try to show respect for their thoughts and feelings.

We can give respect to others and we can expect other people to show us respect.

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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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CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK'25

13 - 17 October

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Family Support Worker Consultations



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

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

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

