



**Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery**
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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We have had a great week in school, with the highlight being our reception Harvest service yesterday. The children sang beautifully and we were very proud of them all. Thank you to the reception staff for supporting the children to prepare for the service, and to the parents who were able to attend. We know that it isn't always easy to attend events during the school day.

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards our Harvest celebrations. We are grateful for your contributions and support. The donations for the Food Bank will be collected next week, and I am sure that they will make a real difference to those that need them.

The children enjoyed listening to and performing poems on World Poetry Day. We were all impressed by the children who had learnt a rhyme or poem to share with their class.

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

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



Spotlight on

The Dunchurch Infants behaviour policy

At Dunchurch Infants, we have a restorative approach to behaviour, based upon research carried out by Paul Dix.

We have three school rules that encompass everything that we do.

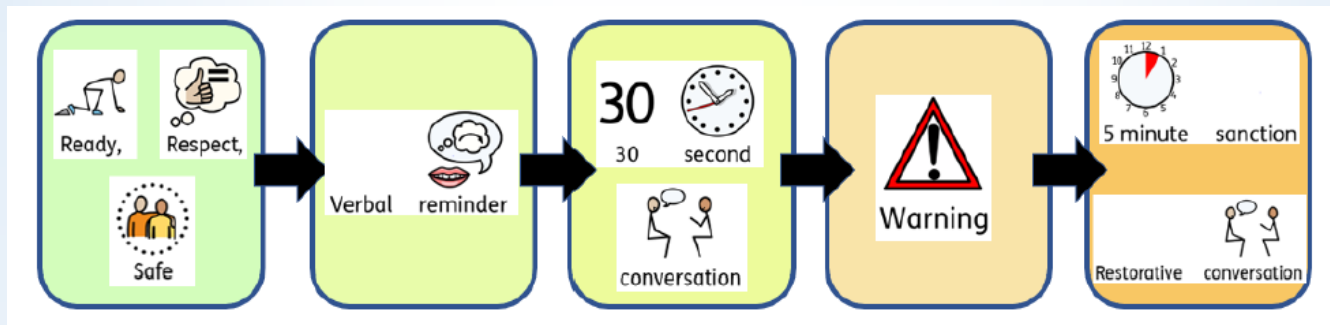
- **Ready** (to learn)
- **Safe** (behaviours)
- **Respect** (for ourselves, for others, for property and the world in which we live)

These rules are underpinned by the routines of:

- Fantastic walking (walking around school with a quiet or silent voice)
- Amazing line ups (standing sensibly and facing the right way in silence)
- Clean corridors and classrooms (items away and on pegs / in drawers)
- Superb sitting (sat cross legged, lips closed, facing the teacher / board and hands in lap, folded or by the side of the child)

Each class has a 'recognition board'. One specific learning behaviour, rule or routine will be the focus of a period of time determined by the class teacher (hour, lesson, morning, afternoon, day or week). The aim is that by the end of the period of time, all children have had their name placed on the board, focusing on teamwork and collaboration.

We have a range of rewards on offer for the children, as can be seen on the rewards page in each newsletter. This is in addition to lots of positive praise taking place throughout each day. The graphic below details the sanctions within our behaviour policy.



During a 30 second conversation, which always takes place in private with the child concerned, the child is helped to recognise the behaviour that needs to change and reminded of the school expectations.

During a restorative conversation, children will be asked the following questions, asking all children involved the same questions. Children are supported through the use of visual aids where this is needed.

- What happened?
- What were you thinking or feeling?
- How are you feeling now?
- Who has been affected by what has happened? In what way have they been affected?
- What can you do differently next time?
- What can you do to make things right?

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNING BEHAVIOR – TEAM MEERKAT

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Paige	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Noah	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell and Miss Goodwin)	Kezzie
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Nidhaan	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Selene	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	JoJo

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Little Owls: (Miss Roberts)	Arlo	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Kit	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Ellie
Elf Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Alex	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Harvey	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Misty Jo

Lunchtime stars

Little Owls: (Miss Robers)	Margot	Barn Owls: (Mrs Jones)	Posy	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Ansell & Miss Goodwin)	Grace
Elf Owls: (Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Rawes)	Maddison	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Tudor	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Florence

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner: Ashrith Lunchtime: Kaitlyn	Spotty	Learner: Grace Lunchtime: Brody H	Stripy	Learner: Vinnie Lunchtime: Rowan B
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Achievements from home:

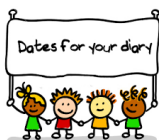
Reception: **Burt**

Year 1: **Ru, Robin, Sienna, Addison, Wren**

Year 2: **JoJo, satvika**

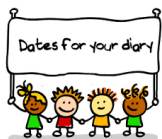
GOLD BOOK:

Reception: **Henry, William.** Year 1: **Jessica.** Year 2: **Niyah**



Any new dates will be added in red

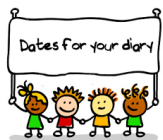
Upcoming dates:	
Monday 6th October	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about the festival of Sukkot during the afternoon.
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day Children are invited to wear non-uniform / yellow clothing on this day. A voluntary donation towards Young Minds can be made should parents wish to. During the school day, we will be teaching children about the Zones of Regulation, focusing on recognising and understanding feelings.
Wednesday 14th October	National Child Measurement All reception children will have heights and weights measured 1pm—3pm
Friday 17th 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.



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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.
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.



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Upcoming dates:

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
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.

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?

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 94.9% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
92.8%	94.5%	98.2%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
97.5%	96.6%	95.6%

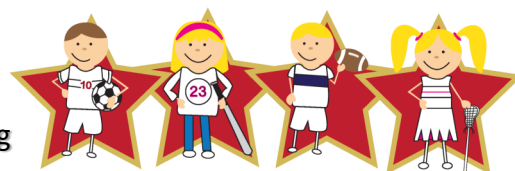
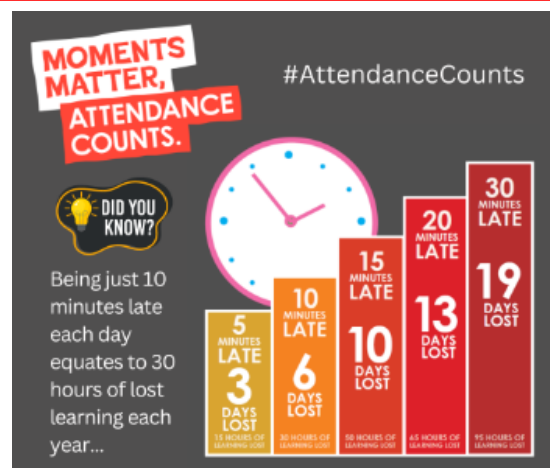
PE Days

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.

WORLD HEART DAY

We are pleased announce that with your generous donations on World Heart day this week, we have raised a fantastic £218.30! This will now be shared between Birmingham Children's Hospital who have supported several of our children in school, and Our Jay Foundation.



Current Vacancies

We have vacancies for Midday Supervisors and a Playworker.

Website link is:

<https://www.dunchurchinfant.covmat.org/vacancies-1/>

BOOK OF THE WEEK

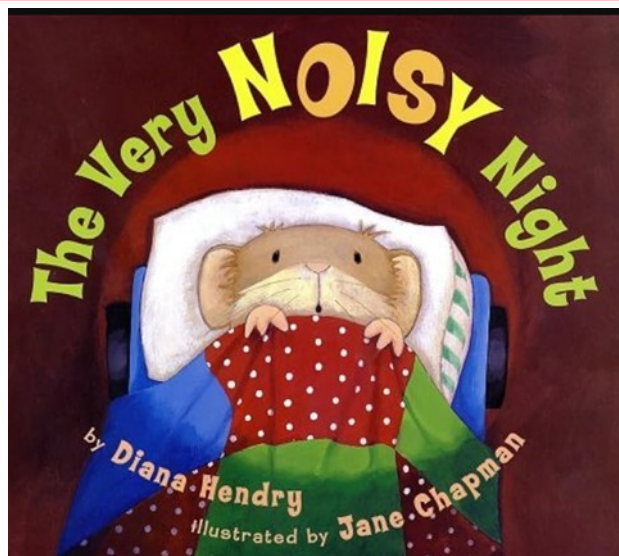
Title: The Very Noisy Night

Author: Diana Hendry

Recommended by: Spotty Owls

Little mouse can't sleep. He can hear huffing and puffing outside the house. Something is tapping on the window, and there's someone calling "Hoo-Hoo! Hoo-Hoo!" out there too! Little mouse asks big mouse if he can sleep in big mouse's bed. But big mouse is determined that little mouse should sleep in his own bed. Can big mouse help little mouse with his fears or will they both be up all night long trying to get some sleep?

The children in Spotty Owls have loved reading this story, as we have also been exploring environmental sounds during our daily phonics sessions, learning how to hear and recognise them.



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 (vg) Quorn Dippers (G)	Pizza Finger (G,D) or Ham Salad Roll (G)	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Pot (G,D) WITH Mini Pork (G) or (vg) Veggie Sausage	Chicken (G), Cheese (G,D) Tuna Mayo (F,G,E) Wrap
Tortilla Chips (G)		Tortilla Chips (G)		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

Appreciation

Appreciation is a feeling of **thankfulness** or an act of recognising something that is important or meaningful to you.

We can appreciate or recognise another person through complementing them and sharing what you like about them. We can say 'thank you' to others when someone is helpful or supportive. This has benefits for both our mental health and for the people around us. We can also appreciate ourselves – you are important and unique! Remember to celebrate when you achieve big and small things and stop to appreciate what you have done.

Learning to appreciate others and ourselves can improve our self-esteem, improve our mood and improve our relationships with others.

Our tips for appreciation:

1. Create a **"be proud"** board at home or at school where you post your drawings or good deeds.
2. Start a **gratitude journal** – write or draw things that make you feel proud or happy every day.
3. **Give a compliment** – think about a person who is important to you and tell them 3 things that you like about them. You could write a letter or a small note to let them know how much you appreciate them. Use these sentence starters to help you:

- I like how you...
- You are...
- Thank you for...
- You make me happy when you...



Makaton video

4. **Say 'thank you'** – remember to thank other people throughout the day, to show them you appreciate what they do for you. If you have a friend who speaks another language, you could learn to say 'thank you' in the language that they speak. You could also learn to say 'thank you' in Makaton (sign language) too! Have a look at the video above to help you!

5. **Self-appreciation** – think of something small that you have achieved this week. Pause and take a minute to appreciate what you have done. Which of your positive qualities did you use? Kindness, thoughtfulness, curiosity, creativity?

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 :

Do you have a SMART TV?

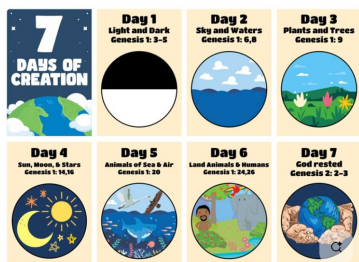
It's important to talk with your child about responsible use of your/their smart TV.

- Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their TV for. Talk about time limits and expectations of when the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the TV being used with other members of the family or only watching shows that are age appropriate.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have conserved Harvest, and how we can support those who are less fortunate through the foodbank. We have also considered the story of creation linked to Harvest, and how many Christians believe that God created the world and everything within it.



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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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St Peter's Church Dunchurch

Animal Blessing Service

5 October 2025 at 10.30 am



Bring your Pets to be Blessed!

**Not only dogs and cats but rabbits, hamsters,
ponies, stick insects, snakes and even cuddly
fur animals!**



Dunchurch Infants

CAKE Sale

a PTA fundraiser

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO TOOK PART IN OUR RECENT
SCHOOL CAKE SALE – WHETHER YOU
DONATED DELICIOUS BAKES, HELPED
SET UP, OR BOUGHT A TREAT (OR
TWO)!

WE'RE THRILLED TO SHARE THAT WE
SOLD AN AMAZING 271 CAKES AND
RAISED A FANTASTIC £135.50!

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Family Support Worker Consultations



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

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- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Supporting your child's emotional and mental health
- Family and Relationship support
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