



**Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery**
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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Welcome back to school, with a warm welcome extended to those families who have joined us across school and nursery this academic year. The children have had a great first few days back, settling into their new year groups and building new relationships. It has been a joy to hear the sound of learning and happy children around school. The children look very smart in their uniforms and are full of energy, ready to take part in their new learning this half term.

A huge welcome to Miss Roberts and Miss Goodwin who join us as teachers, and Miss Glass who joins us as a Teaching Assistant. We are delighted to share that over the summer, Miss Lodge has become Mrs Jones, and Miss Madeley has become Mrs Binzick.

Thank you to the new families who have signed up to Class Dojo either at the end of last academic year or during this week. This will continue to be our main way of communicating with you, including the distribution of the newsletter and the half termly letter regarding after school clubs. If you have not yet signed up yet signed up to Dojo, please do so. If you need any help or support with setting up your Dojo account, we are very happy to support you with this. If you do not want to sign up to Class Dojo, paper copies of letters sent home will be available to collect from the school office upon request. The newsletter will also be uploaded onto the school website.



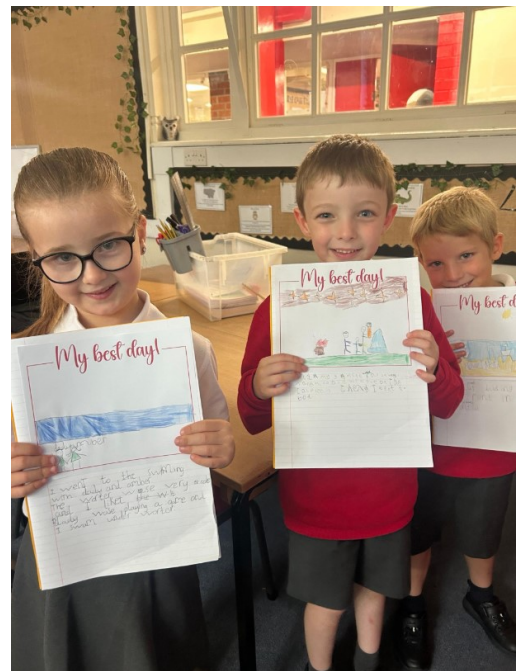
We have started to put together the dates for across this academic year, and have included the September dates within this newsletter. Keep an eye on the diary dates page of the newsletter each week to find out what is coming up next!

We are currently looking to expand our lunch time staff and are advertising for a Midday Supervisor, along with a member of staff to work in our before school club. If you would be interested in either of these roles, please let us know!

Have a lovely weekend everyone, thank you for your support.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



The Key Stage One children had a great time watching the cycling race this morning!



Spotlight on

Safeguarding

At Dunchurch Infants, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority.

Everyone who comes in to contact with children and their families has a role to play. The children's wellbeing, safety, achievement and happiness underpins every decision we

make. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection –when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of issues. At Dunchurch Infants, we ensure that our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. The members of the school safeguarding team can be seen below:



Mrs. Suzanne Marson,
Headteacher

Mrs. Marson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school and leads on safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Marson will take the lead where a child has a Child in Need or a Child Protection plan.



Mrs Hannah Owen, Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Owen is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Owen will lead on safeguarding and child protection when Mrs Marson is off site, and may attend meetings in Mrs Marson's absence. Mrs Owen is also the Designated Teacher for Looked After Children across the school, and the Early Support (Early Help) lead for school aged children.



Mrs Lauren Binzick, Nursery Manager

Miss Madely is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and is the key safeguarding and child protection link between nursery and school. Mrs Binzick is also the Early Support (Early Help) lead for nursery aged children.



Mrs Katie Menzies, Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Menzies is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Menzies will take the lead for safeguarding if both Mrs Marson and Mrs Owen are off site.



Mrs Tina Carrington, Class Teacher

Mrs Carrington is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age- appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum within school. Some examples include:

- Promotion of our school rules and values
- Promotion of British Values
- Themes and values in collective worships
- Internet Safety days and lessons, with age appropriate activities
- A half termly online safety program for all age groups within school
- Online safety discussions within computing and other relevant lessons
- Involvement in World Mental Health Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Children's Mental Health Week
- Our PSHE curriculum, including a class charter at the start of each academic year
- Lessons exploring keeping healthy, including topics such as diet, exercise, hygiene and sleep
- The Protective Behaviours curriculum



Warwickshire
Safeguarding



**THIS ORGANISATION
IS COMMITTED TO
SAFEGUARDING AND
PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND
EXPECTS ALL STAFF,
VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS TO
SHARE THIS COMMITMENT**



**CHILDREN
& FAMILY
SUPPORT**



Information, advice and one to one support for families with children and young people aged 0-25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- Family relationships
- Special educational needs and disabilities
- Health and wellbeing
- Parenting worries or concerns
- Behaviour management
- Money and debt
- Housing
- Childcare
- Legal advice
- Sleep advice

For more information on available support visit
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door immediately by calling
01926 414144

**Lines are open Monday to Thursday
8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm**

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately by calling
01926 886922

If you think a child is at immediate risk contact the Police on
999



Any new dates will be added in red

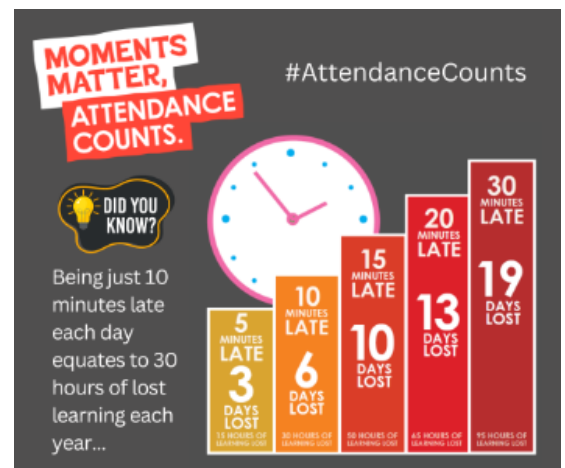
Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 14th September	National Child Measurement All reception children will have heights and weights measured 1pm—3pm
Monday 15th September	Flu Vaccinations Children from reception to year two will be having their flu vaccines in school where parental consent has been provided.
WC 22nd September	Recycling week Across the week we will be considering how we can recycle more of our waste.
Wednesday 24 th September	Curriculum evenings Parents are invited to come into school to find out what their children will be taught over the course of this academic year, including how we teach reading, writing and maths. Please enter and leave the school via the school office and make your way to the year group classrooms. There will be two sessions to accommodate those who would like to attend more than one year group, they will be duplicate sessions so you only need to attend one. Slides will be uploaded to Dojo after the session. Please arrive for a 4:30pm or 5:15pm start.
Friday 26 th September	Language Day To celebrate the rich diversity of our school community, we challenge the children to come into school ready to answer the register with a greeting in any language of their choice.
Monday 29th September	World Heart Day We will be holding a fundraising day with proceeds to be split between Birmingham Children's Hospital who have supported several of our children in school, and Our Jay Foundation. Children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform, including something red, for a voluntary donation.
Monday 29th September	Harvest Festival Donations Children throughout the school are welcome to bring any donations of non-perishable goods into school before the end of this week as part of Harvest Festival. All donations will be delivered to Hope 4, Rugby Foodbank.
Monday 29th September	Parent's evening booking opens You will receive information from the school office explaining how to book your child's parent's evening appointment. Slots are live from 8pm today.
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.

Attendance Weekly Summary

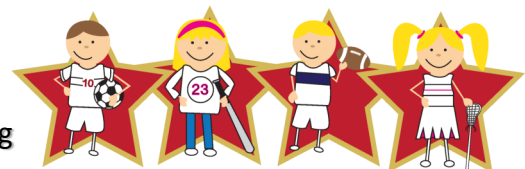
Whole school: 94.8% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
To start	next week	100%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
98.8%	93.7%	96.7%



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: Summer Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martial Arts Y1—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	Ukelele Club Yr 1 and 2 3.20-4pm		

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday: 26th May
Half Term: Monday 26th May to
Friday 30th May
End of Term Friday 18th July
Disaggregated Teacher Training Day:
Monday 21st July

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.

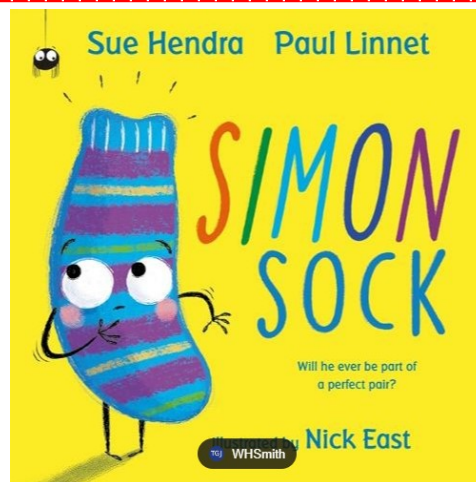


BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Simon Sock

Author: Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet

Recommended by: Mrs Owen



Over the Summer holidays I read a book called *Simon Sock* to my little boy and I really liked it! It's about a sock named Simon who lives in a drawer with lots of other socks. But Simon is sad because he doesn't have a matching partner like the other socks do.

He goes on a little adventure with his best friend to find someone who matches him... but guess what? He finds out that being the same isn't the most important thing. What matters most is being kind and having fun together!

The pictures are really colourful and funny (there's even a banana sock!), and it made me smile. I think it's a great book if you've ever felt a bit left out or if you're learning how to be a good friend.

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



Mental Health in Schools Team

Tips For Wellness

Going back to school

Going back to school can be stressful, so check in with your young person and keep the conversation open about how they're feeling. Help them find and keep a good routine (regular wake-up, meal and bedtime schedules) and try to keep these on the weekend to help them adjust quickly to the school day rhythm. Remember to celebrate small wins, offer praise and try to stay patient if your child struggles with the new routine.

Activities to Support Your Young Person's First Weeks of School

The transition back to school is a great time to use activities that boost your young person's confidence, reduce anxiety, and build strong routines. Here are some ideas to try during those first few weeks:

1. Morning Check-In Ritual:

Start each school day with a simple ritual—like a hug, a positive affirmation, or a quick chat about what they're looking forward to. This helps set a calm, positive tone.

2. After-School Decompression Time:

Plan 20–30 minutes of quiet time after school for your young person to unwind. Reading, drawing, or light play can help them process the day and relax before homework or chores.

3. Homework Kickoff Activity:

Create a fun "homework kickoff" routine like a special snack, background music, or a 5-minute movement break before starting homework. It helps shift their mindset into focus mode.

4. Organisational Games:

Turn organising school supplies or packing the backpack into a quick game or challenge—who can find and pack items the fastest? Making organisation fun encourages responsibility.

5. Weekend Family Planning Session:

Spend time on the weekend planning the upcoming week together. Discuss after-school activities, school projects, and family events. This builds anticipation and helps your young people feel involved.

6. Gratitude or Highlight Jar:

Keep a jar where your child can drop notes about something good that happened at school each day. Review them together weekly to focus on positives and build resilience.

Tips for
going
back to
school



Webinar about the
transition to
secondary school



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.

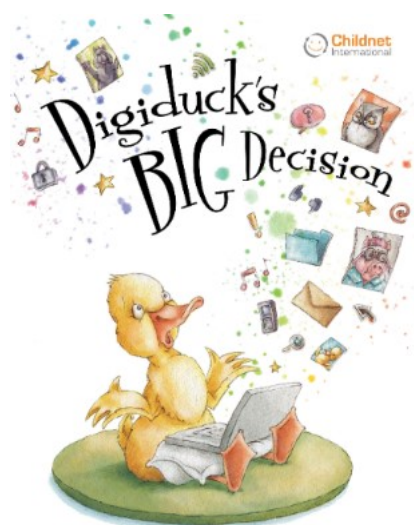
E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK :

Our E-Safety internet page has lots of advice for parents on how to keep their children safe. [Click here](#) to access the page. We also have a range of stories to support the teaching of E-Safety on the website [here](#).



Be-safety

- S - Speak to somebody if you need help
- A - Ask an adult before going online
- F - Friends are real people we know
- E - Enjoy, play, have fun and stay safe



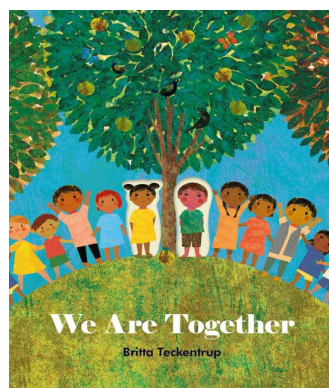
Written by Lindsay Buck, Childnet International
Illustrated by Ciara Flood



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have read the book 'We are together', focussing on how we can work and play together so that everyone is included.

We have also started to learn some well known songs within singing worship, and explored the rewards that we can earn within school on a Friday, including the new hot chocolate Friday!



Click on [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](#)



Useful Contact Information



Family Information Service

Providing information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children & young people aged 0-25.
New Free Tel: 0800 408 1008
Tel: 01926 742274
Email: family@warwickshire.gov.uk
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Breastfeeding Support Drop-In Group for Babies and Toddlers

Wednesdays: 10:00am to 11:30am
Claremont Children & Family Centre
www.breastfeedingwarwickshire.net
Tel: 01926 526526

Warwickshire Health Visiting Drop in Clinic

Tuesdays: 9:30am to 11:00am
Claremont Children & Family Centre
Please number and TEXT Chat Service
Advice & support for parents of pre-school children of Warwickshire
Text: 07520 645293
OR Tel: 01926 567643

Citizens Advice Bureau

Tel: 0800 200 5715
Boughton Leigh Children and Family Centre
Drop in: Mondays 9:00am - 1:00pm

ROSA Drop in Clinic for those impacted by sexual violence

Contact Claremont Children & Family Centre for more details.
Tel: 01926 576488

Warwickshire Family Connect

For concerns about a child's wellbeing
Tel: 01926 414044

Early Support

Drop ins at the CFCs
Long Lawford Tues - 2:00-4:00pm
Claremont Weds - 2:15-4:15pm
Boughton Leigh Thurs - 9:30-11:30am
Family Support Help Line
Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm
Tel: 07926 423412
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

Milestones

Maternity advice,
The Owen Building, St. Cross Hospital
Tel: 01788 662186

Adult and Community Learning

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adl
Tel: 01926 736292

Speech and Language Therapy Preschool Team

Tel: 01788 555207

SCS Sexual Health & Contraception Drop-in

2nd Wednesday of the month
Claremont Children & Family Centre
9:30-11:30am

Interested in volunteering?

please contact
www.barnardos.org.uk



WHAT'S ON GUIDE

Rugby Children & Family Centres

1st September 2025 - 24th October 2025

Rugby Children & Family Centres (CFC)

Boughton Leigh Children & Family Centre
Wetherall Way, Rugby,
CV21 3LT Tel: 01788 570347

Claremont Children & Family Centre
Claremont Road, Rugby,
CV21 3LU Tel: 01788 579488

Long Lawford Children & Family Centre
Hutbrook Road, Long Lawford,
Rugby, CV22 9AL Tel: 01788 561313
Email: rugbycfc@barnardos.org.uk

Family Voice Drop in 29th September 9.30-11.45am
Claremont Children & Family Centre

We want to hear from you! We're welcoming parents, carers and family members to share their thoughts and help shape the services and support we provide to families within the Rugby Borough community.
Call in for a few minutes and chat to Sara and Serena.

At the Rugby Children and Family Centres, we offer a variety of play sessions, activities and support for children from 0-18yrs (up to 25yrs with SEN) and their families. Please find our timetable enclosed or contact us to find out more.



Rugby Borough Children and Family Centres (CFC) Autumn Timetable 1st September 2025 - 24th October 2025



Monday

Walk-In Wardrobe
Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's
9:30am to 11:30am

Toy Library
9:30am to 11:30am
Claremont CFC

Baby Time

Non-walkers from birth
10:00-11:00am
Claremont CFC

Toddler Time

Booking essential*
Aimed at 0-5 years
10:00am to 11:30am
Long Lawford CFC
Starting 8th September

Family BOLD

Aimed at 20months to 4yrs
Booking Essential*
1:00-2:00pm
Claremont CFC
starting on the 15th September

Creative Explorers

Aimed at 20months - 4yrs
Booking essential*
1:00-2:00pm
Boughton Leigh CFC
starting on the 15th September

Baby Time

Non-walkers from birth
1:30-2:30pm
Long Lawford CFC
Starting 8th September

Tuesday

Toddler Time

Booking essential*
Aimed at 0-5 years
10:00am to 11:30am
Boughton Leigh CFC

Baby Signing

Booking essential*
10:00am - 11:00am
BBC @ Woodlands CV22 8JZ
starting 22nd September 2025

Baby Time

Non-walkers from birth
10:00am to 11:00am
The Barn @ Woodlands
(CV22 3AL)

Baby R&L

Non-Movers up to 10months
Booking essential*
1:00pm - 2:00pm
Claremont CFC
starting 16th September

Toddler Time

Aimed at 0-5 years
1:30pm - 2:30pm
Overlade Community Centre
(CV22 6AZ)

Baby Time

Non-walkers from birth
1:30pm - 2:30pm
Boughton Leigh CFC

Wednesday

Walk-In Wardrobe
Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's
12:00-2:00pm
Claremont CFC

Little Stars

For children with additional needs
10:00am to 11:00am
Claremont CFC

Baby Massage

Booking essential*
10:00am - 11:00am
Boughton Leigh CFC
starting 17th September 2025

Baby & Toddler Time

Non-walkers to 5yrs
2:00-3:00pm
Cawston Community Hall
(CV22 7GU)

Baby Chatter Matters

Booking essential*
1:30-2:30pm
Long Lawford CFC
starting 17th September 2025

AK Coaching

Booking essential*
3:45-4:45pm
5- 11yrs
Claremont CFC

Thursday

Story Explorers

Aimed at 20months to 4yrs
Booking essential*
10:00am - 11:00am
Long Lawford CFC
starting 18th September

Toddler Time

Booking essential*
Aimed at 0-5 years
10:00am to 11:30am
Claremont CFC

Toddler Chatter Matters

Booking essential*
1:30-2:30pm
Claremont CFC
starting 18th September 2025

Computer Xplorers

Tech Club
Booking essential (see flyer)*
3:45-4:45pm
5- 11yrs
Claremont CFC

TO BOOK

a place on our sessions scan the QR code or follow the links
<https://rugbycfc.eventsbliss.com>



Friday

Walk-In Wardrobe
Pre-loved clothes for 0-5's
9:30am to 11:30am
Claremont CFC

Toddler Time

Aimed at 0-5 years
10:00am to 11:00am
Rogers Hall
(CV21 4BN)

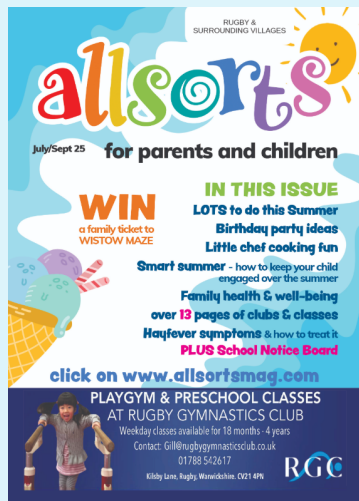
Company and Cuddles

Baby Time
Booking essential*
A baby group joining with the residents of Anya Court
PARKING AT SAINSBURY'S
Non-walkers from birth
2:00pm - 2:00pm
Anya Court Care Home
(CV22 6JA)

Saturday

Saturdays

Stay and Play session for dads and male carers
2nd Saturday of the month
10:00-11:30am
Monthly dates:
13th September & 11th October
Claremont CFC



Here is the link to the July/Sept (summer hols) digital version of Allsorts magazine:

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_JULYSEPT

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 soon.



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



The Friends of Dunchurch Society

FASHION SHOW

Thursday 25th September.
Dunchurch Village Hall.
Doors open 7pm, show starts at 7.30pm.
Tickets £8, includes a glass of prosecco and nibbles.
Raffle.
Tickets available from Wanda Fashions.
Registered Charity No 1203863

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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