



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery *Roots to grow. Wings to fly.*



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Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a good Easter break and that you were all able to spend time together as a family at some point across the two week period. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and have had a great week in school, enjoying the glorious weather that we have had this week. The children have loved having the opportunity to choose their lunch for the first time this week. The Educaterers menu runs on a three week rolling menu, which will always be included within the newsletter. Next week is week 1.



This week, a new Headteacher has started at Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy. I have met with Mrs Emma Darragh this week, and we are committed to working together to ensure the best for our children as they move through the two schools. I am really looking forward to working with Mrs Darragh to strengthen the relationships between the schools for the benefit of the Dunchurch community.

This week, we have met to confirm diary dates for the summer term. Dates for this half term are included within this newsletter—please do note the VE day celebration next week. Look out for a bumper set of dates being added next week to cover most dates until the end of the academic year!

I would like to say a very big thank you for all the messages of love and support that have been sent into school whilst I have been off following surgery, and whilst Mrs Owen has also been off. The staff in school have done an amazing job of keeping the school going, with particular thanks to Mrs Madeley for spending a period of time in charge of the school with the support of the wider leadership team, and to Mrs Menzies for completing the school newsletters each week. We truly have a fabulous staffing team and I am so proud of how everyone has pulled together. Mrs Owen is back to her usual working hours, and I am phasing back into work with a mixture of onsite and at home working over the next few weeks.

I hope that everyone has a lovely long weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

(these children will also sit on the Golden Table)

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Darnika	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Chrisha	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Ibtihaaj
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Jasper	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Isaac	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Madeline

LEARNING BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK (children will share a piece of work they are proud of)

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Pola	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Sam	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Tiara
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Luca	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Ridhan	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Spencer

Lunchtime Stars

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Noah M	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Ayla	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Emilia
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Reeva	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Noah	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Dyhaan

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner: Noah	Spotty	Learner: Avyaan	Stripy	Learner: Geehan
	Lunchtime:		Lunchtime:		Lunchtime:

Achievement children in the Gold Book (based on the half termly value):

Reception: Henry

Achievements from home:

Year 1: Charlotte, Liberty and Erin

Spotlight on

Year 1 and 2 phonics screening check

In June, all year 1 children will take part in a national phonics screening check. The purpose of this is to ensure that the children have learnt to decode words to an age appropriate standard. The phonics check involves reading 40 phonetically decodable words to a class teacher on an individual basis. The words consist of 20 real words and 20 nonsense words—the nonsense words have an alien picture next to them to show the children that those words are not real. The check is not stressful for the children and takes around 5 minutes per child to complete. The children usually love the opportunity to spend some one to one time with their class teacher.



Since the phonics check was introduced, the expectation nationally has been that children have reached the age appropriate standard if they read 32 out of 40 words correctly. The standard is set yearly by the Department for Education after the phonics results have been submitted.

If a child does not reach the standard of scoring 32 out of 40, or if they were absent during the time period of the phonics check, they will take part in the check the following year when they are in year 2. They will then take part in the check in June in year 2 during the same time period as the year 1 children.

If you would like to view screening checks from previous years so that you can see the type of words that the children are asked to read, examples of these can be found on the school website: <https://www.dunchurchinfant.covmat.org/key-stage-one-phonics-check/> A parental leaflet regarding the phonics check from the Department for Education will also be shared on the year 1 and 2 Dojo page next week.

This academic year, the time period for the phonics check to take place is the week commencing the 9th of June. If a child is absent during this week, there is a further opportunity to take the check the following week.

The children's phonics check score will be shared with you in your child's end of year report.

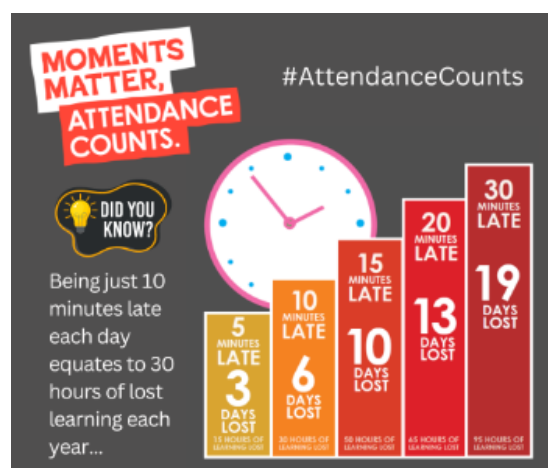
If you have any questions about the phonics check, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Marson.



Attendance Weekly Summary

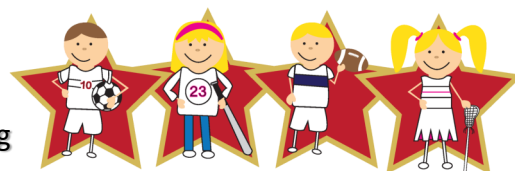
Whole school: 94.91% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
96.93%	88.89%	96.28%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
97.04%	96.67%	93.70%



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
Tawny Owls Barn Owls Little Owls Elf Owls	Tawny Owls Barn Owls	Snowy Owls Spectacled Owls		Snowy Owls Spectacled Owls

After School Clubs: Summer Term 1

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		



Any new dates will be added in red

Upcoming dates:

8th May	Evaluation Day We will be taking part in our annual evaluation day with the Multi-Academy Trust. You may see some new faces around school on this day!
8th May	VE Day Children will begin learning about the 80th anniversary of VE day today.
9th May	VE Day celebration Children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue, or party clothes if they wish to. Hair decorations, face paint and hats are welcome if the children wish to wear them. The children will be learning about VE day, along with having a celebratory picnic lunch.
12th—18th May	Mental Health week Collective worships this week will focus on how we can promote our mental health and stay mentally healthy.
12th May	Year one visit to Kenilworth Castle Please see the letter sent home.
16th May	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about the festival of Vaisakhi.
22nd May	Pyjamarama A day to promote a love of reading and bedtime stories with the children. Children are invited to come into school wearing pyjamas or comfy clothing for the day. Children are invited to take part in a book swap on this day. Bring a book to school that you no longer read, and exchange it for a different book that you would like to read at bedtime.



Educaterers Lunch Menu Week 1

Warwickshire, Coventry: 05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 08/09, 29/09, 20/10
Oxfordshire: 05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 08/09, 29/09, 20/10

Monday



Pork Meatball Pasta Bake G.D.

or



(v) Vegetable Enchilada G.D.

or



(v) Cheese/Beans D.

Jacket Potatoes Every Day

Tuesday



Chicken Curry with Rice D.

or



(v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge G.D.



Tuna Mayonnaise F.E.

Wednesday



Roast Beef in Gravy, York Pud D.E.G.

or



(vg) Quorn Roast G.
(v) Yorkshire Pudding D.E.G.



(v) Cheese/Beans D.

Thursday



(vg) Quorn Dippers in a Wrap G.

or



(v) Cheese and Egg Flan (D.G.E.)



Tuna Mayonnaise F.E.

Friday



Battered Fish Fillet F.G.

or



(v) Texan Sausage & Bean Bake G.D.



(v) Cheese/Beans D.

Week 1 Dessert Menu

Monday

(v) Homemade 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G.E.)

Tuesday

(v) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel (G)

Wednesday

(v) Homemade Raspberry & Apple Sponge with Custard (D.G.E.)

Thursday

(vg) Homemade Melting Moment Biscuit (G.SU)

Friday

(vg) Jelly with Fruit

Every day we offer:

(v) Yoghurt, (D.SB) or Fresh fruit as alternative dessert options

All our meals include a carbohydrate accompaniment, seasonal vegetables and/or salad. We offer a choice of fruit juice cordial, semi skimmed milk or water to drink. Some schools offer a Hydration Station instead, comprising of unlimited chilled water flavoured with fresh fruit.

Accompaniments may vary to those shown.

PLEASE NOTE some schools serve the cold option in a deli bag with vegetable sticks or salad, a dessert and a drink.

Key

vg = vegan
V = vegetarian
D = Dairy
N = Coconut/Nuts
S = Sesame
E = Egg

G = Gluten/Wheat
F = Fish
M = Mustard
SB = Soya
SU = Sulphites

Allergies

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

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Funny Bones

Author: Janet and Allen Ahlberg

Recommended by: Mrs Darcy

A laugh out loud book with brightly coloured illustrations and repetitive language which the Reception children have loved reading this week.

A big skeleton, a little skeleton and a dog skeleton (not the scary sort!) live on a dark dark street, in a dark dark house, in a dark dark cellar...

They amuse themselves by scaring each other and playing with the animals in the zoo.



Summer Term

Term Starts Monday 28th April

Spring Bank Holiday: 5th May

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

For Warwickshire school term dates please
[click here.](#)

CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS HALF TERM

Effort elephant



School Meals

As you are aware, the children now have three lunch options to choose from every day. Please familiarise yourself with the options each day, and if there is something that your child is not allowed to eat, please let them know what they are allowed to order.

If your child has a special dietary requirement, please ensure you have made the school aware of this if you haven't already done so, and inform the school if there are any changes.

On Friday 9th May to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, children having a school meal will be provided with a picnic lunch to eat outside instead of a hot meal.

Please note that on Week 3 until further notice, the RED roast dinner option will be chicken instead of pork.



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Being mindful

Being mindful is all about **taking notice** of what's around us, as well as our thoughts and how we are feeling. Mindfulness is a way to **focus on the present** moment and what is happening now, rather than thinking about the past and worrying about the future.

Learning how to be mindful can give us the tools we need to cope with stress, build confidence, and get through challenging times. The more we practise mindfulness, the more resilient we will be!

Our tips for being mindful:

1. **Tune into your senses (classroom activity)** – Teacher should choose a child (child A) to stand outside the classroom, they are the 'listener'. Choose another child (child B) in the class to be the 'speaker'. When child A comes back into the room, they should face the wall, then child B should say a pre-agreed sentence in an unusual or funny voice. Child A needs to pay attention, take notice and listen carefully, to guess who the speaker was! Children can take turns as the role of speaker/listener.
2. **Create a glitter jar** – use an old jar or bottle and add a variety of materials, such as glitter, water, different coloured beads, food colouring, oil, and rice. Shake the glitter jar and notice how the materials move. Do they all move together? Do any of the materials separate from each other? What sound does it make? You could make one with a friend and then swap jars!
3. **Cloud watching** – this activity is great for mindfulness and relaxation. Have a go by scanning the QR code: 
4. **Mindfulness video** – as a class, watch this mindfulness video from Children in Need, which includes 3 exercises to help you practise mindfulness: mindful looking, mindful listening, and mindful breathing. 

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 :

How can I help make the internet a safer environment?

- Check the age rating of each app and restrict access until they reach that age.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, for example set content restrictions and screen time limits.
- Chat to your child about what they are doing online, including who they are following and interacting with online.
- Restrict devices in their bedrooms.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools



Help for young families on low incomes to buy healthy food, milk and vitamins

The NHS Healthy Start scheme helps young families on low incomes to buy healthy food, milk and vitamins. If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have children under four and receive certain benefits, you could be eligible for NHS Healthy Start. Once on the scheme, you'll receive a prepaid card, which you can use to buy fruit, vegetables, pulses, milk and infant formula. The card will be topped up with payments every four weeks and you can use it in most places that sell healthy food and accept Mastercard® payments. You can also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

For more information, go to <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week we have started to think about our new learning behaviour - Effort elephant. We read the book 'The Magical Yet' and talked about how if we put effort into things and have a positive mindset, we can achieve great things.

We also learnt about St George as part of St George's Day, and thought about World Earth Day and taking care of the planet.



Click on [Family Information Service](#) for a wide range of information to support families, or to request support.
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families



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