



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.



Newsletter number: 22 Date: 28.02.2025

Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a great half term and was able to spend some time together as a family at some point within the week. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm, ready to start learning about their new topics.

Thank you to those who have sent well wishes, messages and emails since I have been physically absent from school due to having an accident. They are very much appreciated and I will be back in school in person as soon as I possibly can. In the meantime, I know that the school is in the very safe hands of Mrs Owen and the wider staffing team, and I remain in contact with school throughout each day.

I have been working with contractors to create a new library space for the children. Over the course of half term, this work has been carried out, and we are delighted with the transform of the room from an old ICT suite into a library. There are still some bits of furniture to arrive that are on back order, but I'm sure that you will agree that the space is already looking amazing! The children have enjoyed starting to visit the new library this week. A huge thank you to the Boughton Trust for their very significant monetary donation towards this project, and to the PTA for purchasing iPads for us which has enabled us to remove the ICT suite. We hope to continue the fundraising efforts, enabling us to purchase the next set of iPads by the end of the academic year, along with some new books to put within the library.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a lovely 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)	Pola	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Sienna	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Hattie
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Cleo	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Nivaan	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Magus

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Sophia	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Ralfs	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	William
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Dua	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Finley	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Lawrence

Lunchtime Stars

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Erina	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Christian	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Man Sing
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Saisiddharth	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Rory	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Amelie

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner: Daisy M	Spotty	Learner : Barty	Stripy	Learner: Isla
	Lunchtime: Daisy L		Lunchtime: Albert R		Lunchtime: Heidi S

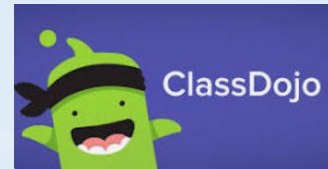
ACHIEVEMENT CHILDREN IN THE GOLD BOOK THIS WEEK (based on the half termly value):

India, Liberty, Oscar, Ricky, Finlay & Kezzie

Achievements from home:

Reception: Amelia-Faith, Tudor & Selene **Year 1:** Niyah, Eliza, Liberty, Erin & Asees **Year 2 :** Rowen, Alex W, Grace, Henrich, Eddie & Arthur.

Spotlight on



As you know, we use Class Dojo as our method of communication with parents. As we are now half way through the year, it is a good time to remind ourselves of all the things that Dojo has to offer and how we use Dojo as a school.



It is possible for messages to be sent directly to your child's class teacher or members of the leadership team within Dojo. These are private messages that are between the sender and recipient. The leadership team cannot see any messages that you send to teachers, and we expect that any messages that you receive from school staff are kept private. Please note that staff have 48 hours to reply to any messages. Any urgent messages, or messages about appointments and illnesses, should continue to be sent via the school office.

Class Dojo is an APP that is **free of charge** for parents. We do not recommend that you sign up to pay for the additional features, as we will not use these features as a school.



Parents sign up to Dojo through an invitation that is sent home. This invitation only extends to the parents of the child; we do not allow anyone who is not a parent onto Dojo unless there are family situations which have already been discussed with us in advance.

The 'school story' is where you will find information about what is taking place across the whole school, including nursery. This includes the publication of the weekly newsletter. This area can be viewed by all parents across the school. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

The 'class story' is where you will find information about what is going on within your child's class. Only the parents of children in that class can see this page; it is not open to the whole school. Teachers are asked to share learning with you two to three times per week. Feel free to 'like' or comment on posts—we love to hear your feedback.

Within both the school story and class story you can see 'events'. This acts as a calendar to show you what events are due to take place in the future. We endeavour to place all events from the newsletter onto Dojo to serve as a helpful reminder.



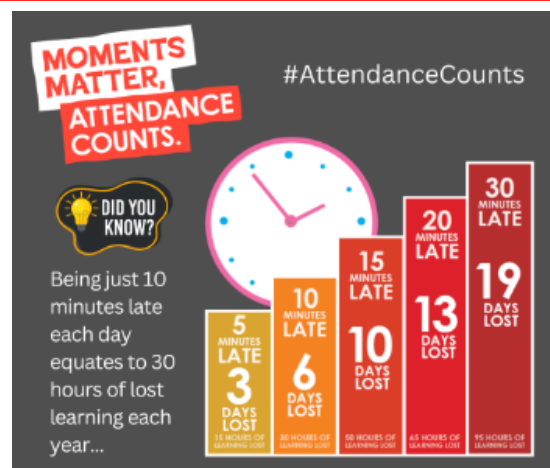
One feature within Dojo is 'Dojo points'. This is not something we currently use as a school. Instead, we use the rewards listed within our behaviour policy.



Attendance Weekly Summary

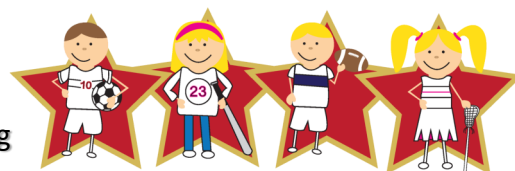
Whole school: 95.58% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
90.62%	94.58%	95%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
97.08%	97.92%	97.92%



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: Spring 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		



Upcoming dates:

Any new dates will be added in red

Monday 3/03/2025	Reception Balance Bikes Training Elf Owls to wear their PE kits all week.
Tuesday 4/03/2025	Shrove Tuesday Year two children will be making and eating pancakes in school as part of Shrove Tuesday.
Thursday 6/03/2025	World Book Day Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Competition for those who would like to take part—As we love reading at Dunchurch Infants we have decided to run a 'potato' competition to showcase our favourite books. Children are invited to think about how their favourite book or character could be represented as a potato, for example, by decorating as a character or providing clues about a story. If your child would like to take part in the competition, please send the potatoes into school on book day.
Monday 10/03/2025	Reception Balance Bikes Training Little Owls to wear their PE kits all week.
Tuesday 11/03/2025	Science week Children will take part in an afternoon of science, linked to science week.
Tuesday 11/03/2025	Parents' Evening 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 from 7pm on Tuesday 12th February. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6:30pm.
Wednesday 12/03/2025	Parents' Evening 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 from 7pm on Tuesday 12th February. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6:30pm.
Friday 14/03/2025	Break the rules day Pay 50p per rule broken from the list—see the PTA Dojo post for more information.
Monday 17/03/2025	City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) school trip More information will be communicated neared the date. Years Reception/Year 1/Year 2.
Friday 21/03/2025	Red Nose Day Children are invited to come into school wearing non—uniform, including something red if they have it, for a voluntary donation. Children are also invited to bring their favourite joke into school to share with their class.
Friday 28/03/2025	Year 2 Mother's Day Service We would like to invite the year 2 Mums, or a female representative, to join us at 2:40pm for a mother's day service in the school hall. Only one adult per child to attend please.
Wednesday 2/04/2025	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about the festival of Holi



Any new dates will be added in red

Tuesday 10/04/2025	World Art Day We will be combining world art day and recycling day together. The children will be creating a collaborative piece of art work. We would be grateful for any donations of bottle tops between now and the 10th of April.
Thursday 10/04/2025	Easter Egg Hunt Wear non-uniform and carry out an Easter egg hunt after school. More details to follow.

Driving and parking

There was a near miss in the local area this week where a car ran a red light whilst children were crossing. Whilst we do not know if the driver was a parent, please can we remind everyone to drive and park carefully around the school site and village. Thank you.

SOLSTICE

Mother's Day Craft Market

Sunday, 23rd March
10am - 3pm

Solstice, Coventry Road, Thurlaston, Rugby
CV225PN

SOLSTICE
COFFEE SHOP & BAKERY

Week one

Warwickshire, Coventry: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3
Oxfordshire: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3

Choose a main meal...

MONDAY

Pork Meatballs with Pasta (G.E)
Vegetarian Only
(vg) Plantballs with Pasta

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G.D)
or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

TUESDAY

(v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge with Potato Wedges (G.D)
Vegetarian Only
(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (D)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) (h) Chocolate Cracknel (G)
or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D.E.G)
Vegetarian Only
(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D.E.G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v)(h) Syrup Sponge with Custard (D.G.E)
or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

THURSDAY

(vg) Veggie Nuggets with Pasta (G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...
(v) Toffee Apple Donut (G.D.E.SB)
or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(msc) Battered Fish Fillet (G.F) with Chipped Potatoes
Vegetarian Only
(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers with Chipped Potatoes (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...
(vg) Jelly with Fruit
or Fresh Fruit

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Somebody Swallowed Stanley

Author: Sarah Roberts

Recommended by: Mrs Menzies



Everybody has a taste for Stanley - and the other ocean creatures just *keep* mistaking him for a delicious treat - but this is no ordinary jellyfish.

Most jellyfish have dangly-gangly tentacles, but Stanley has two handles...

Other jellyfish have a magical glow, but Stanley has stripes...

Because Stanley (**spoiler alert**) is a plastic bag!

A beautifully illustrated picture book with a powerful message about plastic pollution

Anybody who knows me knows I'm either throwing myself down a mountain on a board or catching waves on a board. We need to look after our planet so that people can continue to have wonderful adventures! Mrs Menzies.

TERM DATES 2025

Spring Term

Term Starts Tuesday 25th Feb

Term Ends Thursday 10th April

Teacher Training Day Friday 11th April

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

Recap rabbit



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we explored random acts of kindness day. We linked this with our values of friendship and generosity, and discussed how we can show kindness to one another to make a difference in one another's lives.

We also learnt about St David's Day, and how St David believed you should 'do the little things' which then add up to make a big difference in the world. We also linked this to our values of friendship and generosity.



Relaxation

Relaxation is when our mind and body is free from stress and tension. Research has found that this can help us to think clearly, concentrate, sleep well, feel more confident and even boost our immune system!

Relaxation can look different for everyone, and it can be helpful to try a few different relaxation techniques to see what works best to make you feel happy and rested.

Our Tips for Relaxation:

1- Try some **breathing exercises**, such as finger breathing or square breathing. Breathing exercises are great as you can do them in any place, at any time. Follow the QR code to try rainbow breathing!



2- **Drawing or colouring** can help you to express your feelings and focus on something peaceful. This is a great way to relax your mind!

3- Practice **mindfulness** by taking a break away from any screens and devices. This could be going on a walk or being outside in nature. Try to use as many of your senses as possible, think about what you can see, hear, smell, touch and even taste! You could even try cloud watching to calm your mind.



4- **Stretch** it out, practice yoga to stretch out your muscles to relax and reduce tension. Try following the QR code for a yoga video!

5- A warm **bath or shower** can be a soothing experience that helps to relax muscles and calm your mind. You could make it extra relaxing with quiet music and bubbles!

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 :



The UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child.

Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>



Click on [Family Information Service](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families) 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 news-letter can be found here. [Click link](#)



UK Health
Security
Agency

Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO



Wash 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



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)



HUNT'S BOOKSHOP IS COMING TO DUNCHURCH LIBRARY



World Book Day
Thurs 6th March 3-4.30pm
Bring your tokens!

A COLLABORATION WITH



**DUNCHURCH
COMMUNITY HUB
& LIBRARY**