



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.



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We have had a very busy week in school this week, with lots of learning taking place. In Early Years, the children have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have seen dragon dances, cleaning, dressing and exploration of stories associated with the festival. Just look at those smiling faces in the pictures below!

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of the publicised parents' evening slots due to one of our staff members having some unforeseen circumstances on the original date. The parents' evenings will be moved to Tuesday 12th March and Wednesday 13th March for all year groups across the school. We apologise for any inconvenience this change of date may cause.

Whilst we encourage strong attendance at school, and appreciate that parents support this, please can we remind you that children should not be sent into school if they have a temperature, have been sick or if they have diarrhoea. Children should not return to school until they no longer have a temperature, or until it has been at least 48 hours since the last instance of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to prevent illness spreading through children and members of staff, along with the wider community. The NHS provides a [useful guide](#) to support parents when deciding if their child is too ill to attend school. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

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)	Robin	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Emma	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Matilda
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Reeva	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Noah	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Esme

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Vinnie	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Erin	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Aadhya
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Jessica	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Eliza	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Milo

Lunchtime Stars

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Vincent	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Theo	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Aadhya
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Selene	Tawny Owls: (Mrs Preston)	Ada	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Jia

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner : Jasper Lunchtime: Myla	Spotty	Learner : Vinnie Lunchtime: Jessica	Stripy	Learner: Liana Lunchtime: Izhaan
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Achievements from home:

Reception: Amelia-Faith Year 1: Charlotte & Dylan
Year 2: Marcus, William, Nathan, Tiara, Darcy A & Stanley.

Spotlight on

Safer schools APP



The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times, but it is important that we understand what our children are doing online so that we can keep them safe. The Safer Schools App aims to help with this.

We invite you to download our Safer Schools App, provided through the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust.



About the App

The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering families with regards to E-Safety. Through your log-in, you will have access to information that is relevant to the age of your child, and receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.

Download and login instructions:

1. Search 'Safer Schools' and download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play
2. When you open the Safer Schools App, you will be presented with the login screen. You can use one of the following two options to log in:

Via a QR code:

- ◇ Tap the option of 'scan QR code'.
- ◇ Scan the QR code above (you may need to give permission for the app to use the camera)
- ◇ You will automatically be logged in.

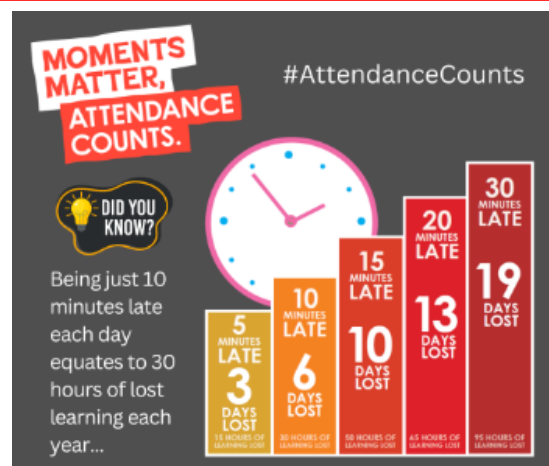
Using a numeric code:

- ◇ Use the drop-down list to select the school's name and click continue.
- ◇ Enter the four-digit access code of 7440 as shown above.

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 94.86% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
85.86%	97.67%	98.33%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
93.67%	98.67%	94.67%



PE Days

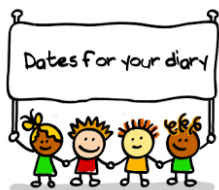
Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal uniform should be worn.



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 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:

Thursday 30/01/2025	Library books returned to school All school library books from children in every year group to be returned to school by this date.
W/C 3/02/2025	Children's mental health week This will be a focus within school this week. If you are able to, please bring a soft toy or teddy to donate on Monday. If you have more than one, we are happy to take donations. All will be revealed on the day!
Tuesday 11/02/2025	Safer Internet Day Children will be learning about Safer Internet Day within school
Tuesday 11/02/2025	Parent's evening booking system opens You are able to book your parent's evening slot from 7pm today, using the information sent home from the school office. If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.
Wednesday 12/02/2025	Early Help / Family Support drop in Drop in to see Mrs Maguire about Early Help or family support between 9am and 10:30am No appointment needed.
Wednesday 12/02/2025	Passport to world views afternoon Children will be learning about the festival of Losar
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.
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.
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Monday 17/03/2025	City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) school trip More information will be communicated nearer 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.
Wednesday 2.04.2025	Passport to world views afternoon Holi
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.

Parking around Done Cerce Close

Please do not use the scout hut car park or block the gates on Done Cerce Close. Access is required throughout the day and early evening. Thank you.

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)	On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day
Vegetarian Only (vg) Plantballs with Pasta	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)	On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day
Vegetarian Only (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (D)	For dessert... (v) (h) Chocolate Cracknel (G) or Fresh Fruit
Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST	WEDNESDAY
British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D.E.G)	On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day
Vegetarian Only (vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D.E.G) Crispy Roast Potatoes	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)	On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day
Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans	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	FRIDAY
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

Junior School outdoor equipment.

The Junior School has asked us to remind parents not to let any children play on their outdoor equipment during the school drop off or pick up. This includes the tyres, trim trail etc.

Here is the link to the Jan/March (half-term) digital version of Allsorts magazine

https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_JANMARCH

There are lots of attractions to visit, services and articles to help your family. You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Rumble in the Jungle

Author: Giles Andreae &

David Wojtowycz

Recommended by: by Mrs Hatfield

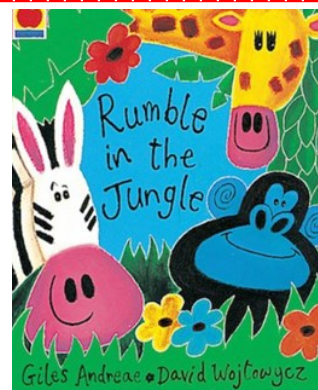
There's a rumble in the jungle.

There's a whisper in the trees.

The animals are waking up.

And rustling the leaves.

It's a Jungle In here!



The children in Pre-school have loved reading this story, as we have been learning all about the animals that live in the desert, savannah, and rainforest. It is also great in helping the children to recognise and understand rhyming.

TERM DATES 2025

Spring Term

Half Term: Monday 17th Feb to

Friday 21st Feb

Teacher Training Day Monday 24th

February

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

CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS HALF TERM



LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS HALF TERM

Tough tortoise



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have continued to learn our new school prayer. At the start of the week, we explored the story 'Space Tortoise', discussing how he had the courage to follow his dreams, and showed resilience and perseverance in the face of difficulties. We have also learnt about the Christian festival of Candlemas, considering how we can be the light in someone's day to make a positive difference.



Mood Boosters

Our mood can change, and this is completely normal. You may notice that sometimes you are feeling more tired than usual, maybe stressed or experiencing difficulties with schoolwork or friendships. Situations like these may cause you to feel a bit low, it can be really helpful to talk about these things with an adult, or someone you trust.

Whilst it is normal to feel this way at times, there are things we can do to **boost** our mood and help us to feel happier. By doing more of the things we love and value, or 'doing more of what matters', we can boost our mood. This helps us to feel less tired, have an increased sense of achievement, feel better about ourselves and have some fun!

Our tips for boosting your mood:

1. Have a look at the **BBC Moodboosters** video resources by scanning the QR code. There are a selection of videos to try, you could do these with a friend/ family member, with your class, or by yourself. But most importantly, have fun!



2. The **five ways to wellbeing** - can you challenge yourself to try one of these for each day over the next week! Watch the video on the QR code for more information.

- o **Connect** - Reach out to a friend/family member, listen to music that reminds you of happy memories, look at old photographs, or arrange activities with friends.
- o **Be Active** - Try different ways to get your body moving. You could dance, walk, skip, or hula hoop!
- o **Take Notice** - Spend time outside appreciating nature, maybe on your way to school or practise mindfulness.
- o **Keep Learning** - Read a new book, watch a documentary, follow a new recipe, or learn a new language.
- o **Give** - Give someone you love a hug, hold the door open for the person behind you, or give your time to help others.



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 :



This week there is a short video to remind you of things you can do to keep your Under 5, safe online:

<https://youtu.be/ySbDYUmPasU>



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 newsletter can be found here. [Click link](#)

RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

February Half -Term Fun

Create • Learn • Enjoy • Discover

at our holiday printing workshops and find the arty
animals in our FREE half-term hunt!

15th - 22nd February



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