



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



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Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a good break and was able to spend some time with family and friends over the Christmas and new year period. The children have been keen to share stories about their Christmas, presents and time spent together as a family. The children (and staff) have all returned to school with enthusiasm and have quickly got stuck into their new topics for the year. Reception have made the most of the wintery weather this week, experimenting with ice as part of their science work. Keep an eye on the Dojo class pages for more information over the coming weeks.

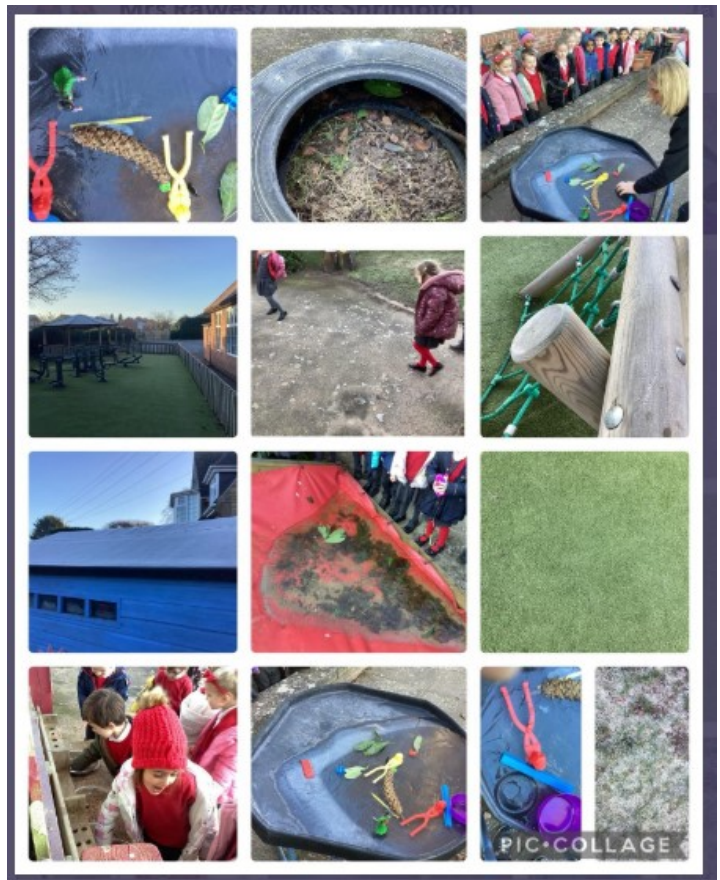
We are delighted to share with you that we have another new addition to the Dunchurch family. Miss Ansell had a baby boy as we broke up for the Christmas holiday. Both mum and baby are doing well; we can't wait to meet baby very soon.

Recently, we have had some parents wanting to bring their children into Owls club when their children have not been booked in via Magic Booking. If you would like your child to attend Owls either before or after school, please ensure that they have been booked in using the Magic Booking process. Staff cannot accept children at the Owls door who have not been booking into the club, as this could mean that they would be over the planned staffing ratio. If you need your child to attend the club after school at short notice, you can ring the office to see if there is a space, but please do not rely on this as a space may not always be available. If you have booked a space and no longer need it, please do cancel it so that it may be used by another family. Thank you for your understanding.

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:<br>(Mrs Rawes &<br>Miss Shrimpton) | Ida   | Barn Owls:<br>(Miss Lodge)   | Arthur    | Spectacled Owls:<br>(Miss Cowlen) | Demi-Leigh |
| Elf Owls:<br>(Mrs Carrington)                   | Ellin | Tawny Owls:<br>(Mrs Preston) | Charlotte | Snowy Owls:<br>(Mrs Menzies)      | Jacob      |

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

|                                                 |       |                              |       |                                   |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Little Owls:<br>(Mrs Rawes &<br>Miss Shrimpton) | Noah  | Barn Owls:<br>(Miss Lodge)   | India | Spectacled Owls:<br>(Miss Cowlen) | Mahika |
| Elf Owls:<br>(Mrs Carrington)                   | Tudor | Tawny Owls:<br>(Mrs Preston) | Asees | Snowy Owls:<br>(Mrs Menzies)      | Ryan   |

### Lunchtime Stars

|                                                 |        |                              |           |                                   |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Little Owls:<br>(Mrs Rawes &<br>Miss Shrimpton) | Rufaro | Barn Owls:<br>(Miss Lodge)   | Samuel    | Spectacled Owls:<br>(Miss Cowlen) | Marcus   |
| Elf Owls:<br>(Mrs Carrington)                   | Cleo   | Tawny Owls:<br>(Miss Ansell) | Christina | Snowy Owls:<br>(Mrs Menzies)      | Shashana |

### Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

|        |                                   |        |                                         |        |                                      |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Owlets | Learner : Rosa<br>Lunchtime: Neve | Spotty | Learner : Eleni<br>Lunchtime: William J | Stripy | Learner: Florence<br>Lunchtime: Lily |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|

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

Year 1: Kezzie Year 2: Alexie

**Achievements from home:** Reception : Noah & Wren Year 1: Charlotte H  
Year 2 : Tiara

# Spotlight on .....

## Attendance

At Dunchurch Infants, we aim to develop the gifts and talents of all our pupils. To help children to reach their full potential, a good level of attendance and punctuality is crucial.

| ATTENDANCE MATTERS |   |                                                                        | WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?<br><br>BE SMART BE THERE!<br><small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small> |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 95%                | = | 40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days    |                                                                                                                                   |
| 90%                | = | 80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day   |                                                                                                                                   |
| 85%                | = | 120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days |                                                                                                                                   |
| 80%                | = | 160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days |                                                                                                                                   |

We take school attendance seriously, and are bound by the statutory document 'Working together to improve school attendance' published by the Department for Education. We monitor attendance for all children on a half termly basis. A good level of attendance is at least 96% over an academic year. Once an absence level of 90% is reached, this meets the threshold for persistent absenteeism.

We will be in close contact with any family whose child's attendance drops into the persistent absenteeism range. Unless there have been exceptional circumstances, where attendance is not improving we will invite you into school to discuss how we can provide support to help your child's attendance improve. It is important that parents/carers and school work together to support the children to access their entitlement to a full time education.

We understand that sometimes there are genuine reasons for attendance difficulties such as persistent illness or a medical condition, and there are times where it is inevitable that small children become ill. The NHS webpage '[Is my child too ill for school](#)' provides useful guidance with regards to illness. Please always inform the school office if your child is too ill to attend school.

## **Punctuality**

Arriving at school on time is important as late arrivals can be unsettling for children when they walk into a classroom that has already started their learning for the day. Children also miss important information provided in registration time, where they find out what the plans are for the day ahead.

## **Holidays and absence during term time**

Absence will not be authorised during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances, and we will be unable to authorise these type of absence requests.

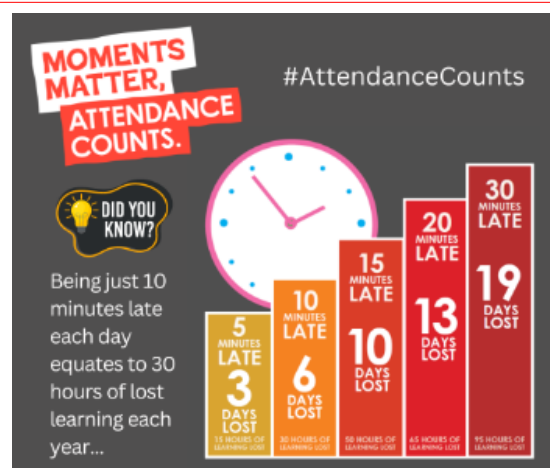


For our full attendance policy, please see the [policies page](#) on the school website.

## Attendance Weekly Summary

### Whole school: 94.06% (Target 97%)

|                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                   |                                                                                   |  |
| Little Owls                                                                       | Elf Owls                                                                          | Snowy Owls                                                                        |
| 84.05%                                                                            | 95.83%                                                                            | 97.92%                                                                            |
|  |  |                                                                                   |
| Barn Owls                                                                         | Tawny Owls                                                                        | Spectacled Owls                                                                   |
| 96.25%                                                                            | 96.67%                                                                            | 93.33%                                                                            |



## PE Days

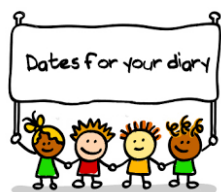
Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal uniform should be worn.



| Monday      | Tuesday    | Wednesday       | Thursday | Friday          |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Tawny Owls  | Tawny Owls | Snowy Owls      |          | Snowy Owls      |
| Barn Owls   | Barn Owls  | Spectacled Owls |          | Spectacled Owls |
| Little Owls |            |                 |          |                 |
| Elf Owls    |            |                 |          |                 |

## After School Clubs: Spring Term 1

| Monday                            | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday                                                   | Thursday                         | Friday                                                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Martial Arts<br>Y1—Y2<br>3:20-4pm | Spanish<br>Y1-Y2<br>3:20—4:20pm          | Football<br>Y1-Y2<br>3:20– 4:45pm                           | Football<br>Y1-Y2<br>3:20-4:45pm | <b>Musical Theatre</b><br><b>Rec—Y2</b><br><b>3:20—4:20pm</b> |
|                                   | Bounce and Beat<br>Rec—Y2<br>3:20-4:20pm | <b>Ukelele Club</b><br><b>Yr 1 and 2</b><br><b>3.20-4pm</b> |                                  |                                                               |



Any new dates will be added in red

| Upcoming dates:         |                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Future dates:           |                                                                                                                                                          |
| Tuesday<br>21/01/2025   | Vision Screening Reception only . Opt-out letters have been sent home. Please contact the school office if you need another opt-out letter sending home. |
| Thursday<br>6/03/2025   | World Book Day                                                                                                                                           |
| Monday<br>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<br>21/03/2025    | Comic Relief                                                                                                                                             |
| Tuesday<br>25/03/2025   | Parents' Evening                                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday<br>26/03/2025 | Parents' Evening                                                                                                                                         |

**Panto maniacs**

# Beauty and the BEAST

an original pantomime  
written by Sue Protheroe  
directed by Paul le Poidevin

**Dunchurch Village Hall**

Special Performances

**Fish & Chip supper - £15**  
Friday 17 January 7.30pm

**Gala Night - £18**  
Wednesday 22 January 7.30pm

Standard Performances

**Saturday 18 January**  
Matinee - 2.30pm  
Evening - 7.30pm

**Sunday 19 January**  
Matinee - 2.30pm

**Thursday 23 January**  
Evening - 7.30pm

**Friday 24 January**  
Evening - 7.30pm

**Saturday 25 January**  
Evening - 8.00pm

Standard prices:

**Adult - £8.00**  
**Child - £5.00**  
**Senior - £7.00**

Tickets on sale at Wanda Fashions  
alternatively, visit  
[dunchurchpantomaniacs.com](http://dunchurchpantomaniacs.com)  
or scan the QR code to purchase

SCAN ME

If your child is in pre-school or year two, don't forget that you need to apply for a reception or year three place for next academic year via [Warwickshire admissions](#). If you need any support with applying for a school place, please contact the school office and we will arrange for someone to support you.

15 January

Closing date for applications

1 February

Extended closing date for house moves

## BOOK OF THE WEEK

**Title:** There is no Big Bad Wolf in This Story

**Author:** Lou Carter and Deborah Allwright

**Recommended by:** Ms Hessey



The Big Bad Wolf is late AGAIN!

The Three Little Pigs and Red Riding Hood's Grandma are fed up of having to wait because Wolf is in two stories at the same time.

He has had enough of being moaned at, so he takes some time off! But who can take his place?

*There is no Big Bad Wolf in this Story* is a funny, fairytale adventure that promotes working as a team and helping others. Even the Big Bad Wolf needs help sometimes!

### 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



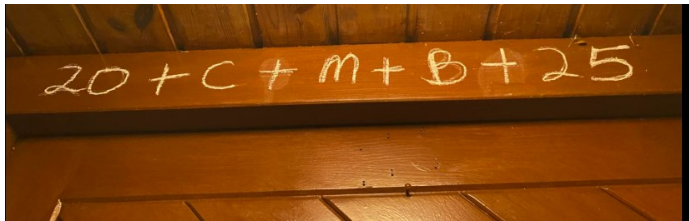
### LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS HALF TERM

*Tough tortoise*



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have considered the Christian festival of Epiphany. We thought about the long journey of the Wise Men and the significance of the 'twelve days of Christmas'. On Thursday, we explored chalking the door, and how some Christians may choose to do this as a new year's blessing. Can the children tell you what the numbers and symbols mean?



## MHST Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness Happy New Year

As we welcome the New Year, many of us will focus on resolutions, which may include to become healthier, more active, or learn a new skill. New Year's resolutions are generally seen as promises we make to ourselves to achieve or improve an aspect of our life. Some people can stick to their goals easily, while others may find it more of a challenge. Setting goals can make us feel motivated and inspired, but if everything does not go to plan, it can leave us feeling disheartened. This can happen if we are unsure about how to get started on our goals, or if they feel too big to achieve.

For that reason, this year, take a moment to create **SMART goals** that focus on small steps. SMART goals are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time based.

### Our top tips:

1. Focus on your **strengths and interests**, perhaps there is something you are already doing that you want to do more of. Setting small, strength-based goals will create hope and build your self-confidence, empowering you to accomplish new things that make you feel happy and healthy.
2. Think about setting a **mentally healthy goal** this year:
  - Find new ways to get active. Maybe you could join a new club or after-school activity.
  - Make time for self-care and relaxation, such as participating in some mindfulness activities.
  - Learn more about something you are interested in. Perhaps you could put more time into a particular skill or hobby you are already doing.
  - Practice being kind to yourself. Positive self-talk is a simple way to achieve this – try saying positive statements such as "I am kind" or "I am on the right track".
  - Establish a good sleep routine. Try going to bed and waking up at the same time every day, even at the weekend!
  - Limit your screen time. By setting boundaries for your usage, you may have more time for other activities.
3. Remember, **goals can change!** Especially if they are not giving us or teaching us what we need, so be kind to yourself.

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 :

With lots of children receiving various pieces of technology from Santa over the Christmas break it's worth reminding ourselves that we are role models to our children.

### 'Lets inspire change by modelling how to be safe online'

Just like in their offline lives, children need role models online too. Set clear and fair expectations about how the whole family should use the internet and technology, and demonstrate these yourself. A Family Agreement is a great way to start conversations and put your ideas down on paper, to refer back to later and adapt as your child and your family's internet use changes.



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](https://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](#)

## 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

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| <p><b>Choose a main meal...</b></p> <p>Pork Meatballs with Pasta (G.E)</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Only</b><br/>(vg) Plantballs with Pasta</p>                                                                                                                   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>On the side...</b><br/>Fresh Salad Bar<br/>Vegetables of the Day</p> <p><b>For dessert...</b><br/>(v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G.D)<br/>or Fresh Fruit</p>   |
| <p><b>Choose a main meal...</b></p> <p>(v) Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza Wedge with Potato Wedges (G.D)</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Only</b><br/>(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (D)</p>                                                                               | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>On the side...</b><br/>Fresh Salad Bar<br/>Vegetables of the Day</p> <p><b>For dessert...</b><br/>(v) (h) Chocolate Cracknel (G)<br/>or Fresh Fruit</p>             |
| <p><b>Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST</b><br/>British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D.E.G)</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Only</b><br/>(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D.E.G)<br/>Crispy Roast Potatoes</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>On the side...</b><br/>Fresh Salad Bar<br/>Vegetables of the Day</p> <p><b>For dessert...</b><br/>(v)(h) Syrup Sponge with Custard (D.G.E)<br/>or Fresh Fruit</p> |
| <p><b>Choose a main meal...</b></p> <p>(vg) Veggie Nuggets with Pasta (G)</p> <p>Jacket Potato – (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans</p>                                                                                                        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>On the side...</b><br/>Fresh Salad Bar<br/>Vegetables of the Day</p> <p><b>For dessert...</b><br/>(v) Toffee Apple Donut (G.D.E.SB)<br/>or Fresh Fruit</p>         |
| <p><b>Choose a main meal... FRIDAY</b><br/>(msc) Battered Fish Fillet (G.F) with Chipped Potatoes</p> <p><b>Vegetarian Only</b><br/>(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers with Chipped Potatoes (G)</p>                                                          | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>On the side...</b><br/>Fresh Salad Bar<br/>Peas or Baked Beans</p> <p><b>For dessert...</b><br/>(vg) Jelly with Fruit<br/>or Fresh Fruit</p>                         |

## DM FOOTBALL COACHING DUNCHURCH INFANTS SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

EMAIL: [danmumfordcoaching@gmail.com](mailto:danmumfordcoaching@gmail.com) TEL: 07835023939

DM football coaching is pleased to announce that we will be continuing our after-school football/multisport club for age 5 and upwards at Dunchurch Infants School on a Wednesday and Thursday 3:15pm – 4:45pm. The emphasis of the activity will be fun and enjoyment, whilst giving the chance for your child to develop their skills and give them a better understanding and knowledge of the game. The coaches will always provide feedback to help develop the skills of your child, installing them with confidence, knowledge and progression. The primary mission of DM football coaching is to ensure every player has fun and exceeds their potential!

**ALL STAFF ARE F.A QUALIFIED, FIRST AID TRAINED AND HAVE BEEN DBS CHECKED**

**PAYMENTS TO BE MADE IN ADVANCE & IN FULL PLEASE**

**CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO: - DAN MUMFORD**

**APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE, IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME MARKED CLEARLY ON THE FRONT**

**FOR FURTHER ENQUIRES OR TO MAKE A BANK TRANSFER CONTACT DAN MUMFORD**

EMAIL: [danmumfordcoaching@gmail.com](mailto:danmumfordcoaching@gmail.com) TEL: 07835 023 939

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DETACH HERE & RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO SCHOOL OFFICE PLEASE

Tick day(s) you wish to attend.

☐ **WEDNESDAY**
☐

14 sessions at £56.00: - 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> September / 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> October / 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> November / 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> December

☐ **THURSDAY**
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14 sessions at £56.00: - 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> September / 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> October / 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> November / 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> December

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Tel. No's - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the enrolment form and I am happy with staff to supervise my child and apply first aid if required YES / NO  
SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DM FOOTBALL COACHING

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[info@funstareducation.co.uk](mailto:info@funstareducation.co.uk)

[www.funstareducation.co.uk](http://www.funstareducation.co.uk)

**FREE TRIALS see below\***

**Musical Theatre 3.20pm-4.20pm, Fridays. (Please note day change)**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**  
Combine singing, acting and dancing to fantastic songs from the musicals and become an acting star!

We incorporate challenging fun games and a reward system which encourages children to be active, gain self-confidence and improve mental health with a mini performance opportunity at the end of term.

£5 per session. All dates & full information on website.

**\*FREE TRIALS are available!**  
(Please email us with the subject line **free trial** if your child is apprehensive and would like to try a session before committing to the term.)

TO REGISTER: please go to [www.funstareducation.co.uk](http://www.funstareducation.co.uk)  
Class size is limited and offered on a first come first serve basis.

**Also available:**  
[Funstar Birthday Parties](#)  
[Funstar Holiday Clubs](#) Easter, Summer & Winter (Free HAF places)  
Venue - Dunchurch Baptist Church

SUPPORTED BY:

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## Bounce & Beat

PERFORMING ARTS

**BOOK YOUR SCHOOL CLUB NOW!!!**

<https://bounce-and-beat.classforkids.io>

For more information on days, times and prices please use the link above!

**Bounce and Beat Club happening at your school NOW!!**

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