



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



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Christmas has well and truly arrived at Dunchurch Infants! The children are starting to rehearse their Christmas plays, we have taken part in a Posada with St Nicholas' Church from Willoughby (see the collective worship section) and the children are invited to sing at Peter's Church in Dunchurch as part of the open air nativity this weekend. If you are attending, the order of service can be accessed using the QR code on the right hand side. Mrs Owen will be present at the service to support the children when they sing Away in a Manger.



On Monday, we will say goodbye to Miss Ansell as she starts her maternity leave (delayed by 1 day). We wish Miss Ansell the very best of luck as she starts this next exciting phase in her life—we can't wait to meet baby! Mrs Alice Preston will join us as part of the year one team on Monday, and I am sure that everyone will welcome her into the school community.



On Monday evening, a group of children from Dunchurch Infants and Leamington Hastings performed 'This Little Light Of Mine' as part of a Multi Academy Trust wide concert at Coventry Cathedral. The children performed beautifully, and were excellent ambassadors for the school throughout the afternoon and evening. Fifteen schools took part, and it was remarked upon that the infant children stole the show! We are very proud of everyone involved. If you would like to hear the children sing their song, an audio recording can be found on the school website [here](#).



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)	Isabelle	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Ellie	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Jiyansh
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Amelia	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Sienna	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Lawrence

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Gurraj	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Leo	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Eddie
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Freddie	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Finley	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Jia

Lunchtime Stars

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Robin	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Charlotte	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Tiara
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Amelia	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Qiaoan	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Allison

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner : Otilie Lunchtime: Maahi	Spotty	Learner : Isabella-Rose Lunchtime: Sephora	Stripy	Learner: Lily Lunchtime: Roman
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ACHIEVEMENT CHILDREN IN THE GOLD BOOK THIS WEEK (based on the half termly value):

Year 1: Henry & Erin Year 2: Alexie & Stanley

Achievements from home: Reception : Callie & Dylan Year 1: Ida, Asees and Finley
Year 2 Lawrence, Joshua and Aadhya

Spotlight on

Maths – concrete objects

At Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery, we use the maths mastery approach to teach maths. As part of our maths teaching, we ensure that there are concrete objects (actual objects) available for children to use throughout their learning. These are also referred to as manipulatives. Concrete objects can range from the actual objects, for example if nursery or reception children are solving a problem about apples they may use apples to solve the problem, to mathematical equipment. Some of the mathematical equipment we use in school can be seen below. Examples of how we use these are:

- A dice face to subitise (instantly recognise) arrangements to 6
- Cubes to measure, count and represent calculations
- Counters to count, add, subtract and represent numbers, including in fives and tens frames, and in part whole models
- Place value counters, straws and base ten equipment to represent the number of tens and ones in a number, or to support with calculations
- Bead strings and rekenreks to count and solve problems involving number bonds
- Numicon to recognise numbers and to represent the number of tens and ones in a number
- Part whole and bar models, using concrete equipment to represent calculations within them



We might use the same equipment to represent numbers in different ways. For example, the number 29 could be represented in different ways as per the image below:

Base 10

Base 10 blocks representing 29: two tens rods and nine ones units.

Place value counters

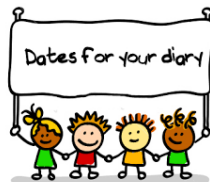
Place value counters representing 29: two tens counters and nine ones counters.

Place value chart

Tens	Ones

Place value chart representing 29: Two red counters in the Tens column and nine red counters in the Ones column.

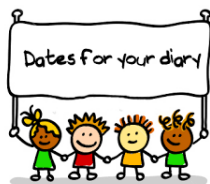
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Any new dates will be added in red

Upcoming dates:

Sunday 1st December	St Peter's open air Nativity service Join Mrs Owen in the nativity crib service outside St Peter's church at 4pm.
Tuesday 3rd December	Nasal Flu Spray in School Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive their nasal flu spray in school for those that have parental permission.
Wednesday 4th December	Year 2 trip Year 2 will be visiting St John's museum to take part in a Victorian Christmas trip. More information has been sent home via the year 2 Class Dojo pages.
Friday 6th December	Sponsored welly walk All children in nursery and school will take part in a sponsored welly walk during a slot in the afternoon. Please send your child into school with wellies / walking boots / old trainers that they can change into on this day. Nursery children will walk around the grassy area within school, reception to year 2 will walk around the Junior field.
Future dates:	
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas plays Parents are invited to see their child perform their Christmas play in the school hall. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office from Monday 25th November. Reception at 9:30am Nursery at 10:30am Year 1 at 2:30pm
Thursday 12th December	Christmas plays Parents are invited to see their child perform their Christmas play in the school hall. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office from Monday 25th November. Nursery at 9:30am Year 1 at 10:30am Reception at 2:30pm
Friday 13th December	Christmas jumper day / Christmas craft day / Christmas dinner day / Christmas lunch Children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform, including a Christmas jumper, for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Any voluntary donations are welcome. Children will take part in a Christmas craft day on this day. (Please note that this is on Friday not Thursday)
Monday 16th December	Visit to St Peter's Church All children in school will take part in a Christmas service at St Peter's church. If anyone is able to support walking the children to and from church, please let the school office know. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite other parents to attend due to space in the church. Exact time to be confirmed once final details are arranged with the church.
Monday 16th December	Passport to world views afternoon The children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah in school.



Tuesday 17th December	Warwick Arts Centre visit—The Smeds and the Smoos The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the afternoon to see The Smeds and The Smoos as a theatre performance. Please see the letter sent home. If you are interested in volunteering and supporting on this trip, please let the school office know.
Wednesday 18th December	Year 2 carol concert Year 2 parents are invited to take part in a carol service performed by the year 2 children at either 9:15am or 2:30pm. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office from Monday 25th November.
Thursday 19th December	Christmas party Thank you to the PTA for arranging a Christmas party for the children across nursery and school. Children are invited to wear party clothes to school on this day if they would like to.
Friday 20th December	Christingle Service The whole school will take part in a Christingle service in the school hall. Please be aware that your child will bring home a Christingle at the end of the school day.

Warwickshire County Council is consulting on its Admission Arrangements, Coordinated Scheme and In Year Admissions Process for 2026-2027.

For more information, please follow the below link.

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissionarrangements2026-27>

The consultation period finishes on Sunday 19 January 2025

Christmas Plays and Concerts Open for Bookings on Monday 25th November

We are very excited to invite you to this year's Christmas performances.

Each family can book two tickets in total across the two performances for your year group, and we ask that all visitors enter and exit through the school reception so that you can be signed in and out.

To book, please follow this link: <https://dunchurchinfants.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

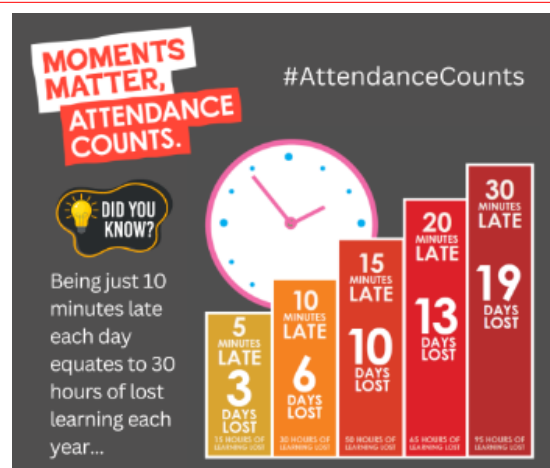
The booking system is the same as that used for our parents' evening system. To log in you will need your first and surname, plus your child's date of birth. Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties with the booking system, which will "go live" on **Monday 25th November**. You can test your log in details before this time if you wish to.

We look forward to welcoming you to our performances!

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 93.8% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
95.44%	88.28%	96%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
98.67%	96%	88.33%



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

After School Clubs: Autumn 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	
	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Musical Theatre Rec—Y2 3:20—4:20pm Until January 2025		Musical Theatre From January 2025

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Night Before Christmas

Author: Chanda A. Bell

Recommended by: Ada in Tawny Owls



The story of every young child's dream, a stolen glimpse of Santa and his reindeer. It's the Night Before Christmas and everything is perfectly prepared for Santa's arrival... or is it? Follow along with one of Santa's Scout Elves in this playful retelling of the beloved Christmas classic to discover if all will be truly merry and bright this Christmas Eve night!

"My favourite part is the elf because he is mischievous and sneaks into the house and hides from the children." Ada (Tawny Owls).

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

End of Term: 20th December

Spring Term 2025

Teacher Training Day Monday 6th January

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 2025

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

*Concentrating
crocodile*



Collective worship

In collective worship this week, we explored the Patron Saint of Scotland, St Andrew.

We also took part in a Posada, exploring the Christmas story through the eyes of the donkey who had a long journey to Bethlehem. The Posada will now continue its journey around the local families of Willoughby, before arriving at St Nicholas' Church on Christmas Eve.



Mental Health in Schools Team

Tips For Wellness

Thoughtful

Being thoughtful is when we think about not only our needs and feelings, but also the needs and feelings of other people. There are lots of ways we can brighten up someone else's day by being thoughtful. Small things, such as being kind and helpful, can really make a positive impact on those around us. Thoughtfulness can spread happiness and help to encourage positive thinking.

Try to reflect on as many times as you can when people have been thoughtful towards you over the past week. There will have been more times than you think! How did it make you feel? Is there a way you could be thoughtful towards these people over the next week?

Our tips for being thoughtful:

1. Say 'hello' to a friend or teacher.
2. Ask a friend or teacher if you can help them.
3. If somebody needs a friend, be there to listen.
4. Do something kind for somebody else.
5. Think about other people and what they would like or need.
6. Smile at others to make them feel happy and relaxed.
7. Do something considerate for others, such as offering to help.
8. Speak kind or comforting words.
9. Show the person who is speaking to you that you are really interested by asking questions and listening carefully to the answers.
10. Hold the door open for the person behind you.
11. Give someone a compliment.
12. Listen to other people's ideas and thoughts.
13. If you see someone struggling, ask if you can do anything to help them.
14. Tidy up after yourself, both at home and at 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 : This weeks focus: Tablets!



Talk with your child about responsible use of their tablet

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the tablet

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Where will the tablet charge overnight? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the tablet itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.



Click on [Family Information Service](http://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](#)

 TJ SPORTS ACADEMY
is back **FOR 1 DAY ONLY**
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
FOR CHRISTMAS SPORT-
ING FUN ! Letters have
been handed out at the Jun-
ior and Infant schools.
Thank you to everyone who
has signed up already!
There are still spaces re-
maining, letters are availa-
ble from either school office
or myself (Mr James).
Thanks again for all your
continued support. Mr
James and the TJ SPORTS
ACADEMY team



Thurlaston Meadows Care Home
&
1st Dunchurch Scout Group
CHRISTMAS MARKET AND GROTTO
Saturday 7th December 2pm-6pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of festive fun.

Stalls including:

- Tombola
- Craft stalls
- Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
- Rugby Gling Library
- S'mores and More!

Meet and greet with **Father Christmas!***
With a present for every child. **£10 per child**

*GEN Slots available 5.30pm-6pm

Book your slot with the QR Code or at TMCH Reception.

TMCH Contact:
Main St, Thurlaston
Rugby CV23 9JG
01788 522405

Thurlaston Meadows Care Home

1st Dunchurch Scout Group



Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support

Keeping Your Child in Mind Programme

4 Week FREE Programme for parents/carers at:
Boughton Leigh Children and Family Centre,
Rugby CV21 1LT

Date: 21st November – 12th December 2024
Day: Thursday's 12:00 – 14:30

This programme focuses on relationships within the family and the influence of parental relationships on children, including when there might be conflict and tension **What is covered:** Positive relationships within families, styles of parenting and promoting positive approaches to reduce parental conflict. There will be opportunity for parents to share their experiences with others.

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THE CENTRE FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

For any enquires please contact
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



VE DAY

We are looking for adults and children to perform at the VE Day celebrations in Dunchurch on **Saturday 10th May 2025**.

Dancing and musical theatre experience desirable, but not essential.

First rehearsal to take place on **Sunday 8th December 2024** at 11.00am at Dunchurch Social Club.

To register or for further information, please email
vedaydancers@outlook.com



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Aladdin

Dunchurch Baptist Church Rugby CV226RF

30/12/24
31/12/24
02/01/25 & 03/01/25

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