



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.



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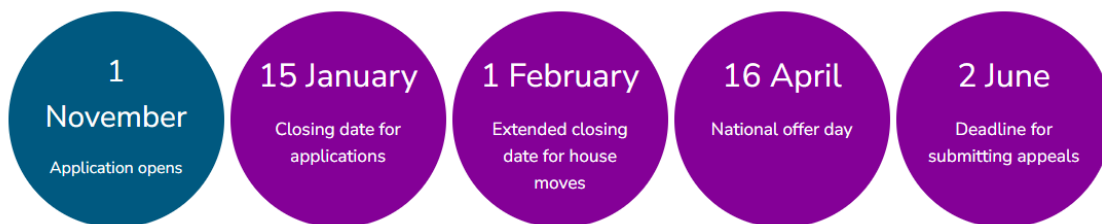
It has certainly been a cold week this week! The children have really enjoyed exploring the snow and ice that we have seen over the past few days. Thank you for sending the children into school well wrapped up in their coats, gloves and scarves. Please do name these items of clothing so that we can return them to the children if they misplace them. The weather this week does prompt us to consider what would happen in the event of a heavy snowfall. Whilst we would always aim to keep the school open where possible during the wintery weather, the procedure for informing parents if we did have to close the school due to a heavy snowfall can be seen below.



- A post would be made on Class Dojo
- A text would be sent to all first contact mobile numbers
- We would report the closure to the Warwickshire school closures email address, which should then appear on the webpage: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Please be reassured that closing the school will always be a last resort and we will only occur if the school site and surrounding roads prove to be too dangerous.

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](#). The deadline for each stage in the process can be seen below. 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.



As you know, Miss Ansell is pregnant. She has needed to bring her maternity leave forward, so her last day in school will be Friday 29th November. I know that many of you will want to wish her well before she starts her maternity leave. We all wish Miss Ansell the very best of luck and can't wait to meet baby once they arrive!

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)	Emma	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Effie	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Riley
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Dua	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Florence	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Anaya

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Piper	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Ellie	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Grace
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Albie	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Penelope	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Stanley

Lunchtime Stars

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Narula	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Frankie	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Amelie
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Matthaios	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Eliza	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Jacob

Nursery Learner and Lunchtime Star of the Week

Owlets	Learner : Noah	Spotty	Learner : Amber	Stripy	Learner: Catharyn
	Lunchtime:Otilie		Lunchtime: Hugo		Lunchtime: Mashal

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

Reception: Luca and Ida . Year 2: Demi-Leigh

Achievements from home: Reception : Vedhika and Noah . Year 1: Effie

Spotlight on

Reading for pleasure

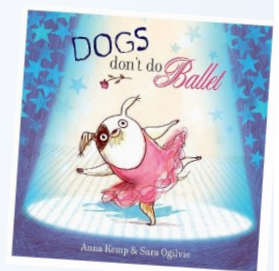
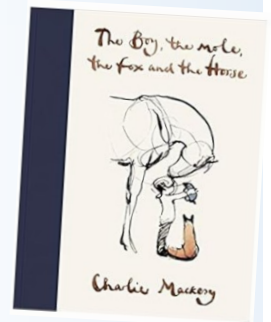
At Dunchurch Infants, reading is at the heart of our curriculum. We aim to support children to develop a love of reading and promote reading for pleasure. We promote reading through:

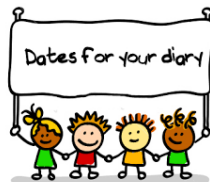
- A dedicated daily story time, with carefully selected high quality children's texts
- High quality texts used within lessons
- Each child having the opportunity to visit the school library on a weekly basis
- Access to high quality texts within the library
- Sponsored read and reading challenges
- A reading scheme that promotes familiarity with a text, building fluency and confidence with reading before the book is sent home
- Events such as world book day, Pyjamarama and vocabulary day
- A dedicated reading area in each classroom
- Author and illustrator visits, either in person or online
- The book bus visit

Research demonstrates that reading for pleasure is one of the most important indicators of a child's success in school, both in terms of academic progress and mental wellbeing. Reading for pleasure gives children the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. It helps children to understand their own identity and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.

You can promote reading for pleasure at home by:

- Accessing books from different genres and authors. The school and local libraries can support with this.
- Setting aside special time for reading within the day or week
- Model reading yourself as an adult
- Reading to and alongside your child, even once they are able to read texts themselves
- Providing opportunities for children to read to others, such as to their younger siblings or even their teddies
- Listening to audiobooks
- Setting challenges such as can you read 20 books in the month of August (or 10 for older children who are starting to read early chapter books!) Dunchurch library regular holds a summer reading challenge.

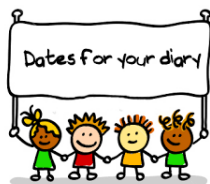




Any new dates will be added in red

Upcoming dates:

Monday 25th November	Christmas play / carol concert bookings open Two tickets per family (across the two performances) can be booked via the information sent home from the school office from 7pm today.
Monday 25th November	Year 2 Coventry Cathedral visit Some children from year 2 will take part in a choir concert at Coventry Cathedral.
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.
Future dates:	
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.
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.

Reminder to Apply for Reception and Year 3 places for September 2025
DEADLINE 15 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/>

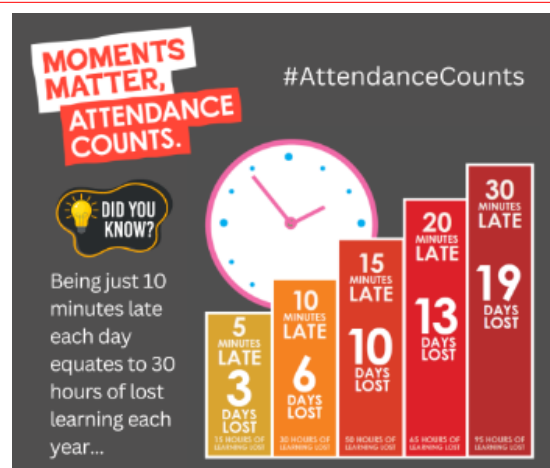
The booking system is the same as that used for our parents' evening system. To log in you will need your first and surname, plus your child's date of birth. Please contact the school office if you experience any difficulties with the booking system, which will "go live" on **Monday 25th November**. 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: 96.6% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
97.89%	91.79%	98.67%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
98.67%	94%	98.33%



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: Autumn Term 2

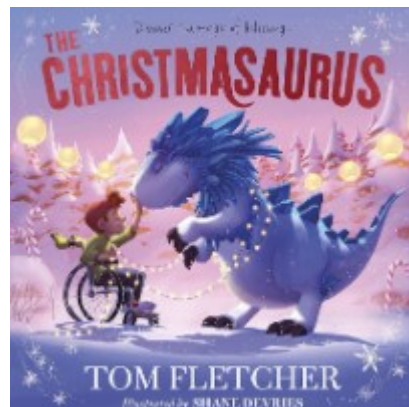
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martial Arts Y1—Y2 3:20-4pm	Spanish Y1-Y2 3:20—4:20pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20– 4:45pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20-4:45pm	
	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Musical Theatre Rec—Y2 3:20—4:20pm Until January 2025		Musical Theatre From January 2025

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Christmasaurus

Author: Tom Fletcher

Recommended by: Mrs Oliver



The Christmasaurus is a charming and fun story about a boy named William Trundle, and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus. It's about friendship and family, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer, music and magic.

The Christmasaurus wants more than anything to be able to fly and help pull Santa's sleigh across the sky on Christmas Eve. But flying turns out to be much harder than he thought, even with Santa's help. One special Christmas, he falls down a chimney and meets a dinosaur-obsessed little boy, William, who teaches him the magic of believing....

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



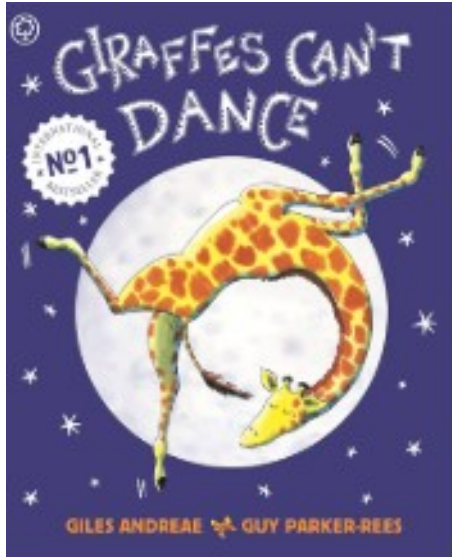
LEARNING BEHAVIOUR THIS HALF TERM

*Concentrating
crocodile*



Collective worship

In collective worship this week, we discussed world kindness day. We discussed how an act of kindness can go a long way, and impact the day of others in a positive way. We also considered how we can demonstrate kindness and understanding towards those who are different to ourselves, including using the story Giraffes Can't Dance. We linked the theme of kindness to the Good Samaritan.



Tips For Wellness

Appreciation

Appreciation is a feeling of **thankfulness** or an act of recognising something that is important or meaningful to you.

We can appreciate or recognise another person through complementing them and sharing what you like about them. We can say 'thank you' to others when someone is helpful or supportive. This has benefits for both our mental health and for the people around us. We can also appreciate ourselves – you are important and unique! Remember to celebrate when you achieve big and small things and stop to appreciate what you have done.

Learning to appreciate others and ourselves can improve our self-esteem, improve our mood and improve our relationships with others.

Our tips for appreciation:

1. **Give a compliment** - think about a person who is important to you and tell them 3 things that you like about them. You could write a letter or a small note to let them know how much you appreciate them. Use these sentence starters to help you:

- I like how you...
- You are...
- Thank you for...

2. **Say 'thank you'** – remember to thank other people throughout the day, to show them you appreciate what they do for you. If you have a friend who speaks another language, you could learn to say 'thank you' in the language that they speak. You could also learn to say 'thank you' in Makaton (sign language) too! Have a look at the video here to help you:



3. **Self-appreciation** - think of something small that you have achieved this week. Pause and take a minute to appreciate what you have done. Which of your positive qualities did you use? Kindness, thoughtfulness, curiosity, creativity?

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: Games consoles!



Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console

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 games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? 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 games console 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 news-letter can be found here. [Click link](#)

Whole School Visit to Warwick Arts Centre, University of

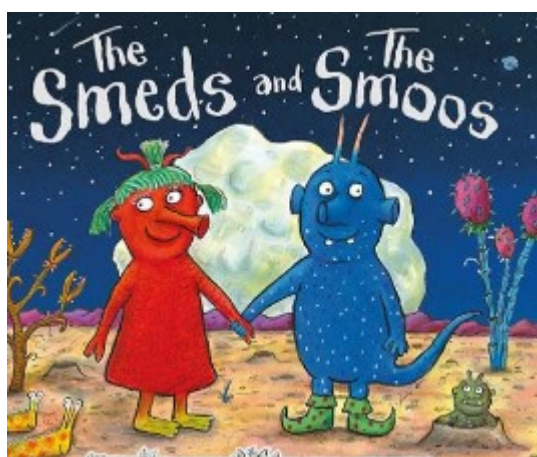
Warwick,

Coventry Tuesday 17th December 2024

The Smeds and The Smoos

We are all very exciting about our upcoming visits to watch The Smeds and The Smoos on 17th December at Warwick Arts Centre.

Payment and parental consent should be made via ParentPay. [Click here](#) for the ParentPay website link.



Week two	
Warwickshire, Coventry: 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/25, 10/2, 10/3, 31/3 Oxfordshire: 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/25, 10/2, 10/3, 31/3	
Choose a main meal... British Pork Sausages with Dicedatoes (G,S,U,SB) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> Vegetarian Sausage with Dicedatoes	MONDAY On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (vg)(h) Flapjack (G) Fresh Fruit
Choose a main meal... British Beef Bolognese with Garlicad (G/ cheese D) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (v) Cheese and Tomato Pasta (G,D)	TUESDAY 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... WEDNESDAY ROAST British Roast Chicken Fillet, and Gravy (G) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (Quorn Roast in Gravy (G) Roast Potatoes	WEDNESDAY On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v) Ice Cream (D) Fresh Fruit
Choose a main meal... Italian Chicken Pasta (chicken and in a tomato sauce) with Freshlyed Wholegrain Baguette (G) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (h) Apple Fingers, Pasta Bake with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette	THURSDAY On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (v)(h) Up Beet Chocolate Cake (G,E) or Fresh Fruit
Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY (c) Salmon Fish Cake with Chippedatoes (G,F) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (vg) Quorn Dippers, Chippedatoes (G)	FRIDAY On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans For dessert... (v)(h) Ginger Cookie (G)

TJ SPORTS ACADEMY

is back FOR 1 DAY ONLY

MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER FOR CHRISTMAS SPORTING FUN ! Letters have been

handed out at the Junior and Infant schools. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already! There are still spaces remaining, letters are available from either school office or myself (Mr James).

Thanks again for all your continued support. Mr James and the TJ SPORTS ACADEMY team

tjsportsacademy1@gmail.com Phone- 07979800418

Nasal Flu Spray in School on Monday 3rd December

The portal for consenting for the flu vaccine will be closing this Sunday 24th November.

Those parents who have already consented, DO NOT need to consent again.

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Here is the link to the Nov/Jan (Christmas) digital version of Allsorts magazine:

https://bit.ly/ALL-SORTS_NOVJAN24
www.allsortsmag.com



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

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*GEN Slots available 5.30pm-6pm

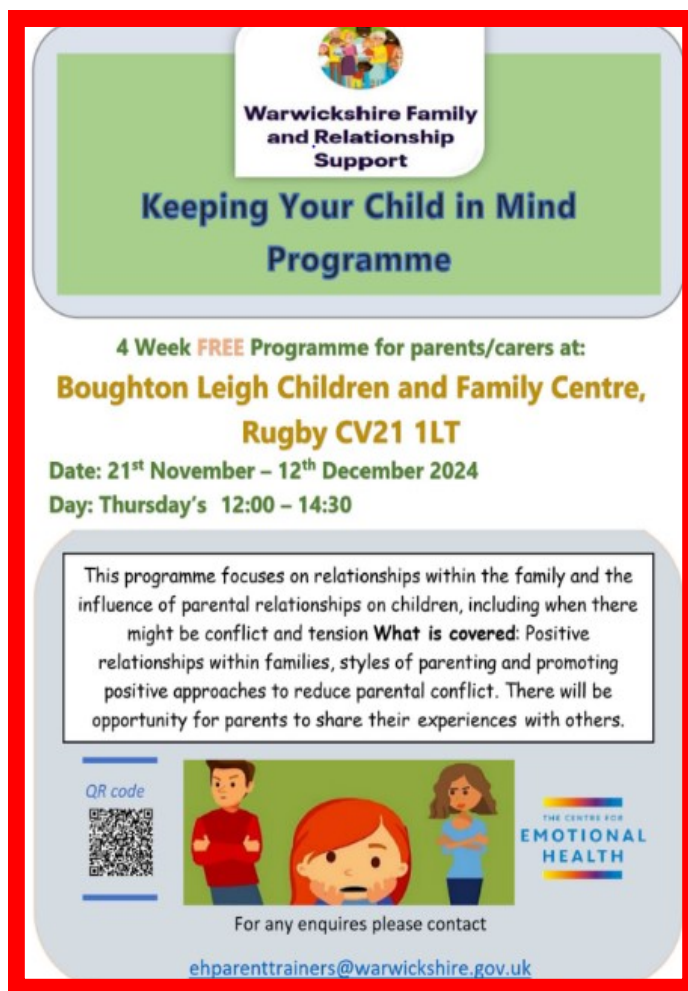


Book your slot with the QR Code or at TMCH Reception.

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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