



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.



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Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a good half term and is feeling refreshed ready for the half term ahead. The children have been talking about days out, holidays, attending clubs and spending time together as a family — it sounds like you have all been very busy!

The children have returned to school with enthusiasm, and it has been a joy to hear the sound of learning echoing through the corridors. Each year group has started their new topic for the half term. Nursery are learning through the vehicle of traditional tales, reception are learning through the topic of 'Twinkle, Twinkle' and year two are learning about 'Victorious Victorians'. Year one started their topic of 'Home Sweet Home' this week with a visit from the Bubble Theatre, focusing on learning about Guy Fawkes.

On Thursday, we were visited by representatives from the Air Ambulance service who taught us about this vital service. We were surprised to learn that the air ambulance has around ten call outs per day, and that it costs around £300 each time the air ambulance is used. As always, the children were very engaged with the presentation from visitors and represented the school beautifully.

Next Tuesday is our prospective parents' evening, so please do share the details with anyone that you may know who is interested in a school place for September 2025. We are looking forward to showing off the school and sharing what a lovely place it is to be.

Due to a member of staff being absent from school after having surgery, we have needed to change some of the children's PE days this half term. We are sorry that we have had to do this as we know it isn't ideal for your routines. We hope that staffing will be back to full capacity soon and the PE days will then remain consistent until the end of the academic year. Thank you for your understanding.

Next week is a busy week, so please do check the diary dates. Wishing you all a lovely week-end. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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)	Jack	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Ida	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Henry
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Luca	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Oscar	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Milo

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Rosalind	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Charlotte	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Emilia
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Jasper	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Isaac	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Flynn

LUNCHTIME STAR

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Pola	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Leo	Spectacled Owls: (Miss Cowlen)	Ava
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Rosie-Mae	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Anvita	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Madeleine

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

Year 1: Edison Year 2: Alex and Louie

Achievements from home:

Reception: Isabelle

Year 1: Noah

Year 2: Darcy H, Madeleine, Esme and Larshen

Spotlight on

Rewards

At Dunchurch Infants, we recognise that children are motivated by and respond to praise and rewards. We have a range of rewards that children can achieve each week. Detailed below are the rewards we offer, with a brief outline of how the children can achieve these.



Ongoing on a daily basis

Lots of positive praise and encouragement is given to children each day by the adults within school.

We have six learning behaviours in school. The focus learning behaviour of the half term and the skills developed are included on the weekly newsletter. If children display any of the learning behaviours, they can be rewarded with a learning behaviour sticker from their class teacher.

Each class has a recognition board – The teacher outlines a focus for the hour, morning, afternoon, day or week for children to work towards as a class e.g. superb sitting displayed. Children's names are added to the board as they display the behaviour, with the target that all children have their name on the board by the end of the time period.

Values stickers—Each class in school has a stock of values stickers. If the children are spotted displaying one of the school values, they can be rewarded with a sticker.

Weekly basis

Children have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills throughout the week, which may result in a certificate or sticker being achieved as part of Friday's Celebration Worship.

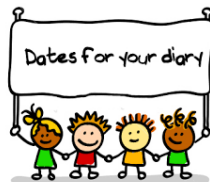


- Learner of the week – Class teachers select a child from each year group who has demonstrated the learning behaviour focus of the half term. Children are presented with a certificate and sit on the golden table at lunchtime.
- Learning behaviour of the week – Each class has a pot of named lollipop sticks. Each week, a lollipop stick from each class is chosen at random, with the named child choosing a piece of work that they are proud of to share with the school, linking this to a learning behaviour. Children are rewarded with a sticker.
- Gold book—Each half term we have a focus school value—this can be seen on the newsletter. If children are spotted displaying the value around school, an adult may put them into the gold book that week. Children are rewarded with a values sticker.
- Lunchtime star—The midday supervisors select one child from each class to be the lunchtime star for the week. This could be someone who has tried a new food, has displayed manners or has shown friendship at lunchtimes. Children are rewarded with a certificate.

Children are always welcome to bring in rewards from home, such as certificates and trophies, to share with the rest of the school on a Friday.

Our full relationships and behaviour policy can be found on the [school website](#).





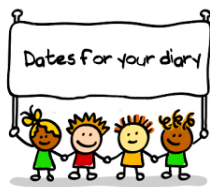
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Upcoming dates:

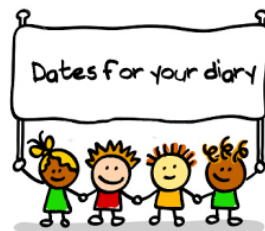
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age appropriate way, and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.
Monday 11th November	Anti-bullying week: Choose respect Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.
Tuesday 12th November	Open evening for prospective parents Is your child due to start reception in September 2025? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please arrive for a 5pm start .
Friday 15th November	Children in need Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.
Friday 15th November	Rags2Riches Bags returned to school Please see the details on Class Dojo.

Future dates:

Wednesday 20th November	Prospectus visit There will be photographs and videos taken for the new school prospectus in school and nursery today. We will use the website photo permissions we hold for the children as this is where the prospectus will be hosted. If you would like to change your photo permissions, please let the school office know.
Friday 22nd November	Sponsored welly walk (afternoon) 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. Nursey children will walk around the grassy area within school, reception to year 2 will walk around the Junior field.
Monday 25th November	Christmas play / carol concert bookings open Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information sent home from the school office from 7pm today.
Monday 25th No- vember	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 Marson, Mrs Owen and other staff members 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 will be sent home via the year 2 Class Dojo pages.
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. More details to follow.
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.

School Car Park: School Street

We would like to remind parents not to use the staff car park at anytime. We have had a number of incidents recently where staff members who work as part of the early morning team have been blocked in the car park by parents and have not been able to leave work on time. Thank you for your support.

Absence reporting

All absence reporting must be communicated via the school office, either by email or telephone message. You can contact the office on office.infant@dunchurch.covmat.org or 01788 810292.

All requests for authorised absences must be made in advance, unless in the case of emergency circumstances.

Please do not report your child absence via Class Dojo.

THE APPLICATIONS PROCESS FOR RECEPTION AND JUNIOR SCHOOL Year 3 placements opens on 1 November 2024 and the deadline for applying for a Reception or Junior place is **15 January 2025**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2025).

Applications made after this date will be classified as late and not considered until after **16 April 2025**, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

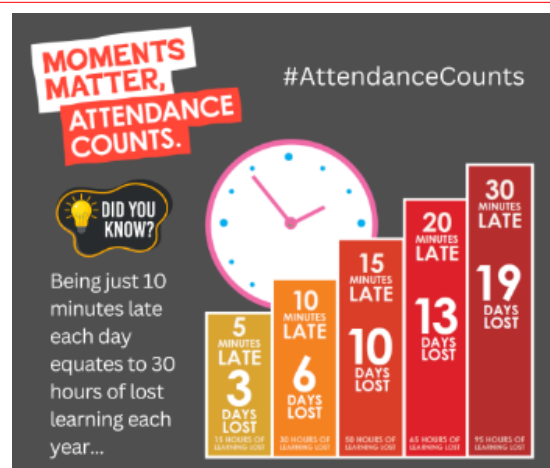
[Click here for the link to Warwickshire County Council's website to apply direct.](#)



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 94.9% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
93.9%	97.1%	92.7%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
95%	96.6%	94%



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

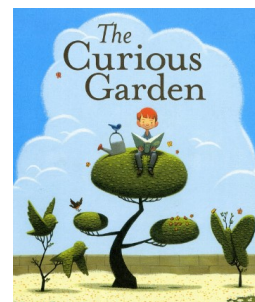
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martial Arts Y1—Y2 3:20-4pm	Spanish Y1-Y2 3:20—4:20pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20– 4:45pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20-4:45pm	
	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Musical Theatre R—Y2 3:20—4:20pm		

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Curious Garden

Author: Peter Brown

Recommended by: Recommended by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



Mrs Owen read 'The Curious Garden' in collective worship this week. It was about a little boy called Liam who lived in a dreary and miserable town. One day he went exploring and found an abandoned railway line and he decided that he was going to tend to a lone plant on the track. Over the course of the next few weeks, he continued to tend to the plant and the plants grew and grew until the entire track was beautiful and green. The neighbours began to notice what Liam was doing and were inspired to do the same. Within a year, the whole town was filled with colour and looked beautiful. Mrs Owen then asked, 'how would you change the world?' and the children came up with beautiful ideas such as planting seeds, helping others and looking after animals.

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*





**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 Sling 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.



SCAN ME

Thurlaston Meadows Care Home

1st Dunchurch Scout Group

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



AUDITIONS

We are excited to announce auditions for adults and children to perform at the VE Day celebrations in Dunchurch in 2025.

Dancing and musical theatre experience desirable, but not essential.

Auditions to take place at Dunchurch Social Club on Saturday 9 November 2024 at 09.30 (Registration at 09.00)

Please bring tap/other dance shoes (if you have them).

Performances to take place on Saturday 10 May 2025.



For further information, please email:
vedaydancers@outlook.com

RUGBY
Art Gallery & Museum

Festive Fun!

Create • Learn • Enjoy • Discover

at our FREE drop-in holiday workshops and our Lost Decorations scavenger hunt!

21st December to 4th January



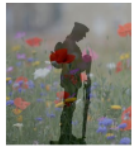

Find out more at
www.ragm.co.uk



**AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024
The War Memorial
The Square
Dunchurch
10.45am**

Come along and honour those who sacrificed so much for our freedom and give thanks for those still serving.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
By Robert Laurence Binyon



Collective worship

In collective worship this week, we have read the story of 'The Curious Garden' - please see the book review for information about this lovely book.

We also considered All Saints day and why this is important to many Christians. We made links with churches and discussed how lots of churches are named after saints like St Peter's, and how some other churches are named 'All Saints'.



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



13th November –
World Kindness
Day!

Strength

We all have a unique set of strengths and abilities that we can rely on to overcome challenges. Focusing on your strengths does not mean ignoring your weaknesses, but rather using your strengths to overcome them. This can also help you to build confidence, achieve your goals, and lead a more fulfilling life.

Kindness is a strength! **World Kindness Day** aims to acknowledge acts of kindness in the community, focusing on the positive power and influence this has. Regardless of our differences, kindness brings us together. Being kind to ourselves and others is a genuine strength that we possess, and it is important to remember how powerful it can be.

Our tips for strength:

1. **Appreciate your strength** – when you experience a difficult time, it's easy to forget how strong you are! Try and remember other times in your life when you've got through something challenging. Remember how strong you were to get through those circumstances and know you have the strength to get through other difficulties too.
2. To **practise kindness**, you could try...
 - Giving someone your time.
 - Listening to what others have to say.
 - Kindness can be choosing not to judge.
 - It can be a simple smile, or an understanding tone of voice.
 - Practise mindfulness.
 - Showing respect towards others.
2. Remind yourself **"all we can do is try our best"** and **"you are good enough"**.
3. As a class, have a go at playing **'kindness bingo'** by following the QR code:



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

As we start a new half term, take time to remind your child how to stay safe online:

- By using a nickname as their username
- Keeping their address a safe secret
- Not sharing where they go to school
- Not giving out phone numbers



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](#)