



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



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We have come to the end of the first half term of this academic year! After such a busy half term with lots of learning, the children are now ready for a rest. Thank you to the staff for all the opportunities that they have provided for the children this academic year.

This week, we held our first Passport to World Views days of the academic year. The children enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, exploring the story of Rama and Sita and celebration of light. Across the school, children in different year groups had opportunities to explore and make diya lamps and rangoli patterns, and to explore different types of music and clothing.

Today is Mrs Macaulay's last day of work as she starts her maternity leave after half term. We would all like to wish Mrs Macaulay and the best of luck, and we look forward to meeting the new baby once he or she arrives.

You will see from the diary dates that we have arranged to have a digital prospectus produced which will be hosted on the school website. On the day, we will have photographs and videos taken of the school. We will use the photograph and video permissions that we currently hold for your children. If you have given permission for your child to be on the website but you would prefer that they were not in any photographs or videos that may be used in the prospectus, please let the school office know.

Thank you to everyone for engaging with vocabulary day this week. The vocabulary used across the school on Thursday was astounding! There were so many creative costumes throughout the school—some of the photos taken can be seen on the next two pages. Thank you to you to all our parents for your support with the children's costumes and the book bus. If you follow our Facebook page, you will have seen that the bus sold over £1000 of books within the two hours that it was parked at school, with a percentage of this used to purchase books for the school classrooms.

Have a lovely half term everyone, we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4th November.

Suzanne Marson







Can you match the words to the different members of staff?

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| Fluorescent | Affectionate |
| Blossom | Spotty |
| Contagious | Checked |
| Mythical | Skeleton |
| Imposter | Magical |
| Fragile | Celestial |
| Spooky | Influenza |
| Perplexed | Supportive |



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

(these children will also sit on the golden table)

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Liliana	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Alfie	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Mahika
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Rosie-Mae	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Misty-Jo	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Stanley

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Rufaro	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Theo	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Esme
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Ellin	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Asees	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Julius

LUNCHTIME STAR

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Narula	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Satvika	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	William
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Jessica	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Isaac	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Esme

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

Reception: Lilian Year 1: Satvika & Niyah Year 2: Emilia

Achievements from home:

Reception: Isabelle

Year 1: Cora, India & Isaac

Year 2: Alex, Hattie & Arthur

We're teaching every child to read with



Spotlight on

Phonics

At Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery, we use the Little Wandle approach to teach phonics throughout nursery (phase 1), reception (phase 2, 3 & 4) and year 1 (phase 5). This systematic, structured approach features on the DfE's list of validated phonics schemes and takes cognitive science research into account.

All phonics teaching throughout school is well paced to ensure that children quickly learn to read by learning sounds and tricky

words in a systematic and consistent

way. This means that children are able to start reading words and sentences quickly – even as soon as learning their first four sounds. Children learn that sounds can be represented by graphemes (written representation of sounds) and how to blend sounds together to read

words. You may hear your children refer to digraphs and trigraphs. Digraphs are two letters that make one

sound e.g. the ck in clock or brick. Trigraphs are three letters that make one sound e.g. the igh in sigh or night.

The graphemes taught in school, including digraphs and trigraphs, can be seen above.

In year 2, children revisit some of the year 1 graphemes during their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling lessons, focusing on using their phonetic knowledge for spelling and learning spelling rules.

To reinforce the children's phonics learning, children in reception and year one will bring home a homework sheet each week, providing them with words and sentences to practise reading and writing.

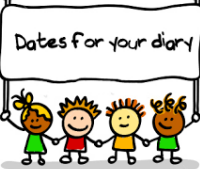
Children's phonics knowledge across the school is assessed half termly in order to inform teachers planning and to check that all children are making progress; those children who need support to keep up with their peers will receive interventions that may involve them working in a small group or individually with a designated adult in addition to their phonics lessons.

It is very important that letter sounds are pronounced correctly by the children, so that they don't encounter problems when blending to read words. You can find out how to pronounce the phones correctly by viewing videos on our [school website](#), or by viewing the [Little Wandle parents page](#). You will also find a wide range of resources on both pages.

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Any new dates will be added in red

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 5th November	Individual Class Photos in School If parents would like to bring their children into school to have sibling photos taken before school starts (siblings that are not yet in our school or are at the Juniors) then parents are welcome to come into school with their children from 8:15am. Please enter and exit via the hall door. Where we have siblings within school, they will have a sibling photo taken during the school day.
Future dates:	
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance service St Peter's invite the local community to attend their Remembrance service at 10:45am by the war memorial outside St Peter's.
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.
Wednesday 20th November	Prospectus visit There will be photographs and videos taken for the new school prospectus in school and nursery today.
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. Nursery 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.



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 Year2 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 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) Christmas Lunch
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.



BE BRIGHT BE SEEN THIS HALLOWEEN

If you're planning on trick or treating, or just going out and about this Halloween, please consider taking a torch or glow sticks, or adding something reflective to your outfits; anything to make it easier for others to see you.

When out and about, please be aware of your surroundings. If you can, stay on well-lit paths, and if there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, cross the road near a streetlight so that traffic can see you more easily.



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.

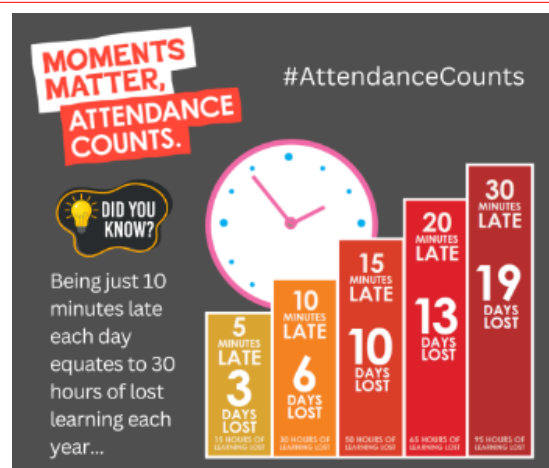
[Click here for the link to Warwickshire County Council's website to apply direct.](#)



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 94.5% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
93.2%	95%	92%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
94%	95.9%	96.7%



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

After School Clubs: Autumn term 1

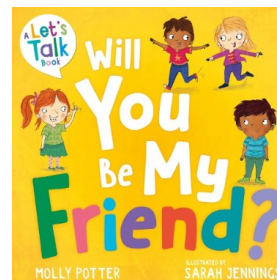
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martial Arts Y1—Y2 3:20-4pm	Spanish Y1-Y2 3:20—4:20pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20– 4:45pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20-4:45pm	
	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Musical Theatre R—Y2 3:20—4:20pm		

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Will you be my friend?

Author: by Molly Potter

Recommended by: Reception, Y1 and Y2



Mrs Owen read the book 'Will you be my friend?' in collective worship this week. We talked about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to others. We loved this book because it encouraged us to think, reflect and talk about our feelings and experiences.

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Half Term: Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov

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

Team Meerkat



*I can listen to a partner carefully.

**I can share my ideas with a small group.

*** I can explain tasks to other people.

 Weekly menu	
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 Diced Potatoes (G.SU.SB) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (vg) Vegetarian Sausage with Diced Potatoes	MONDAY On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Vegetables of the Day For dessert... (vg)(h) Flapjack (G) Fresh Fruit
Choose a main meal... (h) British Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread (G/ cheese D) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (h)(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> (vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy (G) Crispy 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... (h) Italian Chicken Pasta (chicken and pasta in a tomato sauce) with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (G) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (v)(h) Veggie Fingers, Pasta Bake with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (G)	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 (msc) Salmon Fish Cake with Chipped Potatoes (G.F) <u>Vegetarian Only</u> (h)(vg) Quorn Dippers, Chipped Potatoes (G)	FRIDAY On the side... Fresh Salad Bar Peas or Baked Beans For dessert... (v)(h) Ginger Cookie (G) or Fresh Fruit

COME AND SING DAY

WEDNESDAY
30TH OCTOBER
2024

10.00AM -
4.00PM

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DIFFERENT ABILITIES.

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ARE INVITED JOIN US AT
THE END OF THE DAY TO
HEAR ALL THE HARD
WORK!

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/EVENT-DETAILS/COME-AND-SING-DAY](https://www.standrewrugby.org.uk/event-details/come-and-sing-day)

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you've loads of
experience.






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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week we have focussed on what a good friend looks like and how we can be a good friend to others by reading the book 'Will you be my friend?' We also read the book 'The curious garden' where a small action eventually leads to a big impact. We considered actions that we can take that can have a positive impact on others such as being kind, treating people as we would want to be treated ourselves, looking after our local area and sharing toys with others.



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Persistence

Persistence is a fancy way of describing our ability to stick with something until we achieve what we want to do and continue even if it doesn't quite work the first time. In fact, sometimes when things don't go as planned, it can help us learn what we do need to do.

Some people say that **FAIL** is the **First Action In Learning** and that mistakes are needed to help us work out what went wrong and where we need to go next. Persistence helps us to believe in ourselves and see that we can learn and grow!

Many famous faces we know and love had to show persistence to get where they are today...did you know? The 'Harry Potter' author, J.K. Rowling, had her first book rejected 12 times before it became published!

Our tips for persistence:

1. **The power of the word 'yet'** – when we are trying to persist at something we really want to do, we may have automatic thoughts that pop into our mind and make us believe we can't do it. Next time this happens, try adding 'yet' onto the end of your thought. For example, 'I can't do this...YET!'
2. **Trying something new!** The best way of learning persistence is to try something new; it could be a new sport you are interested in, or a hobby you would like to try out. It takes time and practice to develop new skills, just like persistence, and hopefully you have some fun too!
3. **Reflect** on the journey you took when you learnt a new skill - you could try keeping a diary or a journal as your skill develops, so you can see the steps you took to get there. This can help you to see how you persisted when things were feeling a bit harder. Being able to see your improvement from the beginning is also a powerful way of encouraging you to persist in the future!
4. **Create an achievement jar** - when you have achieved something that you really wanted to do and tried hard at, write it on paper and put it in the jar. On days where you feel like things are difficult, take one of the achievements out and remind yourself of how far you have come!

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

Do you have a SMART TV?

It's important to talk with your child about responsible use of your/their smart TV.

- Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their TV for. Talk about time limits and expectations of when the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the TV being used with other members of the family or only watching shows that are age appropriate.



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](#)

The Directors of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust are currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to its academies in September 2026. As determined by the School Admissions Code, we are required to consult on these arrangements at least once every 7 years or when significant changes are made, and are inviting comments on the proposed changes.

A copy of the covering letter and proposed admissions policy is available on our website at <https://www.covmat.org/multi-academy-trust-policies/> for your information. Alternatively if you require a hard copy of the policy please email info@covmat.org to request. Whilst this is a trust wide policy, the individual school admissions arrangements are included as Appendix 1.

If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Louise Beale, either by post to the address at the bottom of this email or by email to info@covmat.org. Comments should be received by no later than 9am on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR NEEDED!

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY takes many forms and church school governance is a rewarding part of the church's mission. Candidates don't need to be Anglicans – other denominations are welcome.

Our Church of England School needs a committed Christian – are you called to serve in this way?

What is involved....

- ✚ A willingness to commit to the role;
- ✚ Reading papers and researching ahead of meetings;
- ✚ Questioning in a professional and respectful way in order to hold the school to account;
- ✚ Challenging and supporting in equal measure;
- ✚ Ensuring children within the school develop both academically and spiritually within a distinctively Christian ethos;
- ✚ Using your skills to support the school team.

For an application form and further information more please email helen.gibson@coventrydbe.org

You don't need to be an educationalist!
School Governance needs the experience of people from many walks of life. Training is available in all aspects of governance.

Coventry Diocesan Board of Education is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders are expected to share this commitment.

All appointments will be subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks which will include a satisfactory DBS check.



ST JOHN'S HAUNTED HOUSE!

Get ready for a family friendly
bone-chilling experience.

Bring your friends and family
for screams and thrills!

Monday 28th - Thursday 31st October
10am - 4.30pm

Discover the creepy story of Red Riding
Hood, explore spooky rooms in the house
and go on a trail through the woods,
watch out for the Big Bad Wolf!
Make slime, get messy making potions,
enjoy messy play and crafts.

Tickets: £12 children, £8 adults, 2 and under
free (does not include slime or craft activity).
Adult tickets include a hot drink.

Warwickshire Road Safety Code

THINK about roads

STOP at the kerb and wait

LOOK and **LISTEN** for traffic

THINK about what to do

CROSS the road safely,
looking and listening all
the time



pay for remaining sessions only

Musical Theatre

Wednesday

3:20 pm – 4:20 pm

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