



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



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What a wonderful week it has been in school. In nursery, the children have created their own large owl to represent the owlets room, in reception the children have learnt their first tricky word and are continuing to develop their core strength, in year one the children have been partitioning numbers using the part whole model and in year two we have some budding engineers who have been learning about a variety of joints ready for creating a moon buggy.

We have received an invitation to join in with the open air nativity service at St Peter's church in Dunchurch, to be held on the 1st of December at 4pm. If any children and parents would like to join Mrs Owen and I as part of the service, we would love to see you there.

On Wednesday, the reception children are leading a harvest festival assembly. The children have been busy rehearsing their songs and are sounding amazing! Please note that the hall space is limited, and the assembly is for parents only (wider family members are welcome if parents are unable to make it). If you need to bring a younger sibling with you, please note that they will need to sit on your lap. We do not have enough room in the hall for additional chairs for siblings / pushchairs. If your child is in year one or two, they will hold their own year group assemblies later on this academic year.

We welcome any Harvest Festival donations of food from across the school over the next week. These donations will then be passed onto Rugby Foodbank to distribute to those who need this vital service.

Thank you to those parents who have purchased a quiz night ticket for next week. The staff are starting to feel the pressure when it comes to beating the parents on the night!

Wishing you all 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)	Vinnie	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Kezzie	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Ibtihaaj
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Isla	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Penelope	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Darcy H

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Isabelle	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Frankie	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Zainat
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Greyson	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Ricky	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Amelie

LUNCHTIME STAR

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Jack	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Petru	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Jiyansh
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Thora	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Nivaan	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Freddie

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

Year 1: Oscar, Erin G & Niyah Year 2: Darcy H, Flynn & Magus

Achievements from home:

Reception: Robin Year 1: Issac, Alfie & Niyah

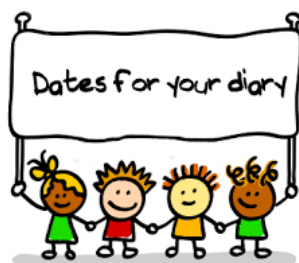
Year 2: Ava T, Hattie, Grace B & Stanley

Spotlight on

Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery school values

Across the school, we have a focus on six values. These underpin our school vision of 'Roots to grow. Wings to fly.' which is based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. We consider the values and how we can live these out in our everyday lives, exploring them in collective worship, through stories and across the curriculum. The values also feature within our rewards system, with children being able to earn stickers for demonstrating the values around school. Within each newsletter, there is a section that details the focus value for that half term. If a child is spotted displaying the focus value by an adult, their name will be put into the Gold Book and they will be awarded a sticker as part of collective worship on a Friday.





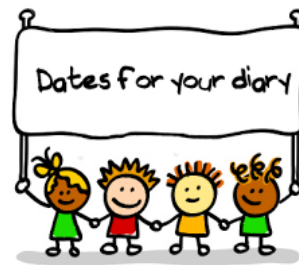
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Upcoming dates next week:

Wednesday 9th October	Harvest Festival (reception / whole school) Reception parents are welcome to join their children for a Harvest Festival year group assembly. Please enter school via the school office for a 9:15am start in the school hall. Children throughout the school are welcome to bring any donations into school before the end of this week, to be donated to Hope 4, Rugby Foodbank.
Wednesday 9th October	PTA Quiz Night—Dunchurch Village Hall 7.15pm-9.15pm. See page 12 for more details.
Thursday 10th October	World mental health day Children are invited to wear non-uniform / yellow clothing on this day. A voluntary donation towards Young Minds can be made should parents wish to. During the school day, we will be teaching children about the Zones of Regulation, focusing on recognising and understanding feelings.

Future dates:

Thursday 22nd October	Passport to world views afternoon The school will spend an afternoon learning about a religious festival each half term. This half term's festival will be Diwali.
Tuesday 22nd October Wednesday 23rd October	Parents' evenings You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via the information received from the school office from 7pm on Monday 30th September. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6:30pm. The online appointment booking system went live on Monday 30 th September and will remain open until 4pm on Thursday 17 th October. Once you have booked your appointment, you will receive an email confirmation. The online booking system is available here: https://dunchurchinfants.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Thursday 24th October	Reading for pleasure / vocabulary day As part of our promotion of adventurous vocabulary, we will be holding a vocabulary day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an adventurous word. Previous examples have included illuminated, festive, floral, glamorous and athletic. We will also be holding a 'book bus' event on this day. Mrs Owen will add more information about this via Classa Dojo.



Tuesday 5th November	Individual Class Photos in School
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.
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

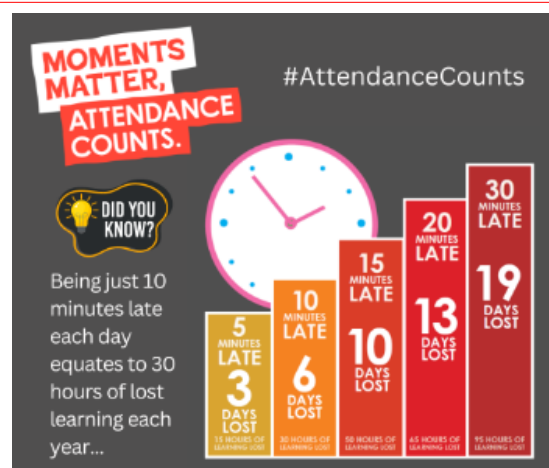


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Friday 13th December	Christmas jumper day / Christmas craft day Children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform, including a Christmas jumper, for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Any voluntary donations are welcome. Children will take part in a Christmas craft day on this day. (Please note that this is on Friday not Thursday)
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.
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.

Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole school: 95.8% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
93.7%	90.7%	98.7%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
96.3%	98.7%	96%



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		

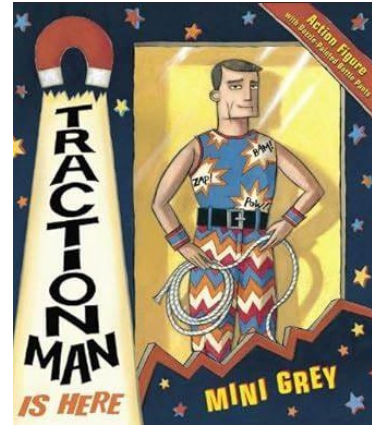
BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Traction Man is here!

Author: Mini Grey

Recommended by: Snowy Owls

If you want to read a funny book it's 'Traction Man is here!' that you want to read. If a disaster happens, you don't need to fear... because Traction Man (and his pet scrubbing brush!) is here! Whether it's saving spoons from the edge of the Kitchen cliff, or diving into the bottom of the bath, Traction man is always ready to save the day!



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

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.

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

Choose a main meal...

Pork Meatballs with Pasta (G.E)

Vegetarian Only

(vg) Plantballs with Pasta

MONDAY

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...

(v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge with
Potato Wedges (G.D)

Vegetarian Only

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (D)

TUESDAY

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v) (h) Chocolate Cracknel (G)
or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**

British Roast Beef, with Traditional
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D.E.G)

Vegetarian Only

(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy
with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D.E.G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes

WEDNESDAY

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) Syrup Sponge with
Custard (D.G.E)
or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

(vg) Veggie Nuggets with Pasta (G)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

THURSDAY

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v) Toffee Apple Donut (G.D.E.SB)
or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... **FISHY FRIDAY**

(msc) Battered Fish Fillet (G.F) with
Chipped Potatoes

Vegetarian Only

(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers
with Chipped Potatoes (G)

FRIDAY

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...

(vg) Jelly with Fruit
or Fresh Fruit

Please see an invite from St Peter's church
below:

*You are invited to join us
In a Celebration of the Animals*

At



St. Peter's Church

At

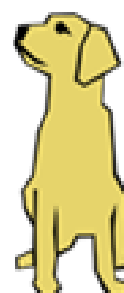
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On

Sunday 6th October.



Blessing of your pets



Bring your Pets!

Warwickshire County Council and Peopletoo

Warwickshire County Council and partners are working with Peopletoo to produce a plan for how the NHS and Council design, buy and manage SEND services together to make sure that the right services are available to the right people at the right time and for the best value. This plan will be called a Joint Commissioning Strategy.

We want to actively involve children, young people, parents and carers and key partners in identifying and setting the key priorities for this joint plan. The plan will help everyone within the Council and NHS to build on strengths and good practice.

We want to hear from people with real experiences using SEND services provided by the Council and health to understand if the right services are available at the right time for them. We want to see if everyone can agree the most important priorities for children with SEND in Warwickshire.

To get involved please share your views in [Peopletoo's survey](#) by **Friday 11 October**.

Your input will help shape the plan for SEND services in Warwickshire so we really appreciate any time you can give.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week, we have explored the story of creation, discussing how many Christians believe that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day. Christians believe that everything is created in God's image and everyone is uniquely made.

We linked the story of creation with learning about Harvest.



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



10th October –
World Mental
Health Day!

Caring

'Sometimes it only takes one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life' – Jackie Chan

Caring is about looking after the needs of yourself and others. It can include kindness, compassion, love, support and thoughtfulness. Taking time to care for ourselves, sometimes termed '**self-care**' can help us to increase our resilience and sense of self-worth. Allowing yourself time to engage in activities you enjoy and make you feel good, along with recognising unkind thoughts and trying to replace these with kinder thoughts can be part of caring for yourself.

Caring for others can help us feel connected, purposeful, and close to those we care for. It can therefore be very positive for our mental wellbeing. Can you think of a way you've shown care for someone this week?

Everyday millions of people in the UK give additional care to people they know through helping with everyday living tasks. **Young Carers** may also be responsible for looking after younger brothers and sisters and doing household chores. If you are, or you support a Young Carer, you can find local carers support by following the QR code:



Warwickshire Young
Carers Project

Our tips for being caring:

1. **Caring Chain** - children could write down an act of caring they can do for another person or for themselves on a strip of paper. Create a paper chain with each of these strips, by folding and linking them together. This can then be displayed in the classroom and pupils can be encouraged to give a new act of caring a go each week.
2. Try to identify 3 ways you have been caring towards yourself and 3 ways you have been caring towards others. Then, set a goal for another caring act you can carry out over the following week.
3. Take time to practise self-care! Follow the QR code for some ideas of how you could be kinder to yourself:



Self-care ideas!

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

Applicable for iPads/iPods/iPhones – it is important to make sure that your iTunes (if your child has access to this on their device/s), has the parental preference turned on, through this you can then decide which shows and ratings are appropriate for the device you are on and other devices (which may belong to children).



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](#)



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY



OPEN MORNING & EVENING



WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

9:30 - 10:30 AM

4:45 - 6:15 PM



We are holding an open morning and evening on Wednesday 16th October. Prospective parents and carers are warmly invited to drop in for a tour of our academy between 9.30-10.30 am and 4.45-6.15 pm. There is no need to pre-book.

In the evening, you will be able to see our curriculum in action, as some of our pupils will be engaged in various activities around school.



Where to find us:



**Dew Close
Dunchurch, CV22 6NE**

Please report to reception on arrival.



Website: www.dunchurchjunior.covmat.org
Email: office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org

ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER
-> & BUILD -<-
ONE ANOTHER UP
1 THEODORUS 101

QUIZ NIGHT



PTA Quiz Night

This is a fantastic opportunity to have fun and socialise outside the school gates while testing your general knowledge against the school teachers. Most importantly, it's a chance to kick-start our fundraising efforts for the 2024/25 academic year.

Wednesday 9th October

7.15pm - 9.15pm

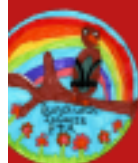
Venue: Dunchurch Village Hall

Entry £10.00 per person - includes a drink voucher & nibbles.

Licensed bar will be available throughout the evening.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Get a team of UP to 6 people together
2. Pick a name (prize for the most original)
3. Email the details of your team to disn.pta@gmail.com by 30th Sept 24 - we will then send a payment link to you.



Please bring some loose change with you, as during the rounds you will have the opportunity to 'buy' some help.

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP

Rugby Foodbank

We are seeing an ever-increasing need – but a reduction in vital donations. By donating this Harvest, you can support local people facing hardship.

- **Donate food** – in store (see our website for a location near you), or as part of your online grocery shop
- **Donate money** – via our online giving platform
- **Share our appeal** – with friends, family and colleagues.

For more information, please visit www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk

TOP FIVE ITEMS NEEDED THIS HARVEST

Tinned vegetables
Tinned meat
Tinned custard
Hot Choc drink
Sweet biscuits



Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 9th October, reception children will take part in a Harvest Festival assembly in school. Children across the school are invited to bring any donations into school before 11th October, to be donated to Hope 4, Rugby Foodbank.

During the fiscal year 2023-24, Rugby Foodbank provided over **7,000** emergency three-day food parcels in the Rugby area, with **37%** of this food going to children. The Foodbank would like to pass on their sincere gratitude for all the fund raising we do during our Harvest Festival assemblies, which directly support our local Rugby Foodbank.



HARVEST APPEAL



Could you support Rugby Foodbank and donate an item or two this Harvest?

TOP 10 ITEMS NEEDED THIS HARVEST

Squash (to drink)
Hot chocolate drink
Tinned fruit
Tinned vegetables
Tinned & packet snack meals
Tinned meat
Sweet biscuits
Tinned tomatoes
Pot noodles
Tinned custard

You can find all our donation locations and how to donate money on www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk

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