



Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.

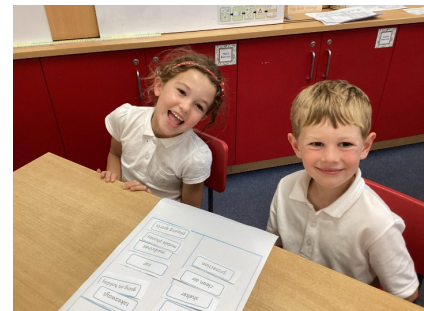


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It has been another busy week in school this week. The children in reception have been making the most of the sunshine as you can see by the pictures below! The staff are really impressed that the children are working hard to demonstrate the value of friendship, even though they are only in their second full week of reception.



Some key learning from other year groups across the week has included nursery children taking part in core strength activities, year one applying their number knowledge to find one more and less than a given number, and year two working as scientists to find out what humans need to survive



This week, we have held curriculum sessions for our parents in nursery, reception and year one. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. If you were not able to attend, the slides will be shared on Dojo so that you are aware of what your children will be learning this academic year. The year two session will take place on Tuesday next week.

If you hear the children talking about making Christmas cards then don't worry, we haven't started all things Christmassy in September! Over the course of the next week, the children will design Christmas cards that will be made and sold as part of the PTA fundraising efforts. Look out for the designs making their way home in book bags in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support, 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)	Lilian	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Ida	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Aadhya
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Thora	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Niyah	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Wilf

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	To start soon	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Lucia	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Ava
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	To start soon	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Edison	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Magnus

LUNCHTIME STAR

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Emma	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Henry	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Henry
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Rory	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Brooklyn	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Wilfred

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

Year 1 India and Kezzie Year 2: Spencer

Achievements from home:

Year 1: Eliza

Year 2: Hattie, Arthur, Jacob, Rowan and Alexie

Spotlight on

Learning Behaviours

At Dunchurch Infants, we have a set of six learning behaviours which can be seen below. These learning behaviours reflect the key learning dispositions that we feel the children need to develop at an infant level, supporting the children to become successful lifelong learners. We have one focus learning behaviour each half term, which is shown within the newsletter, and is promoted as part of collective worship sessions and around school.

To make the learning behaviours appealing to the children, they are paired with an animal and broken down into child friendly statements that demonstrate what this may look like in practice.

The learning behaviours are woven throughout our rewards systems. Children can earn stickers,

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.

Effort Elephant



- * I put effort into completing my work.
- ** I select tasks that challenge me.
- *** I make sure that I always complete my work to the best of my ability.

Tough Tortoise



- *I am brave and have a go at different things.
- **I can persevere and keep going even when it is difficult.
- ***I can show resilience. I bounce back and try again to learn from my mistakes.

Recap Rabbit



- * I can read through my work with an adult and correct a mistake.
- ** I can read through my work independently to make corrections.
- *** I can make additions to my work to make improvements.

Wise Owl



- * I can use the resources on my table and in the classroom to help me.
- ** I can use the working wall, phonics mats and knowledge organisers to find information to help me.
- *** I use things I already know to make links and help me learn new information.

Concentrating Crocodile



- *I carefully listen to others.
- ** I can carefully practise tasks to help me get better.
- *** I can manage my distractions and concentrate on my learning.



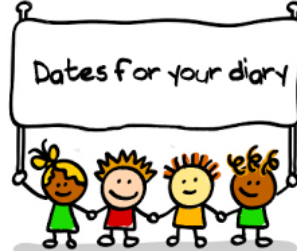
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Upcoming dates next week:

Tuesday 24th September	Curriculum information session, year two Staff would like to trial running curriculum sessions for parents just before collection time to see if there is more uptake. Year two parents are invited to come into school to find out about what their children will be taught this academic year. Please come into school via the school office for a 2:40pm start. Slides will be uploaded to Dojo after the session.
Friday 27th September	World Heart Day We will be holding a fundraising day with proceeds to be split between Birmingham Children's Hospital who have supported several of our children in school, and Our Jay Foundation. Children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform, including something red, for a voluntary donation.

Future dates:

Monday 30th September	Parents' evening booking opens Slots are available to book via the information sent home from the school office from 7pm.
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.
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.
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.



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
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.
Tuesday 3rd December	Nasal Flu Spray in School. Reception, Year 1 and Year2.
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.

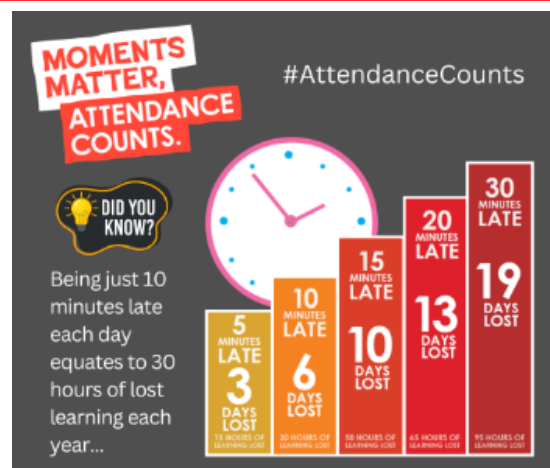


Wednesday 11th December	Christmas plays Parents are invited to see their child perform their Christmas play in the school hall. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office from Monday 25th November. Reception at 9:30am Nursery at 10:30am 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

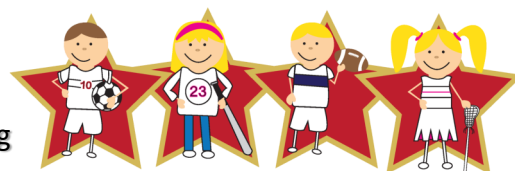
Whole school: 95% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
91.8%	95.9%	98%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
89.7%	98%	96.2%



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

After School Clubs: Autumn term 1

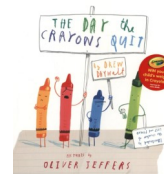
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martial Arts Y1—Y2 3:20-4pm	Spanish Y1-Y2 3:20—4:20pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20– 4:45pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20-4:45pm	
	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Musical Theatre R—Y2 3:20—4:20pm		

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: The Day the Crayons Quit

Author: Oliver Jeffers

Recommended by: Mrs Owen



Poor Duncan just wants to colour. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: We quit!

Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown. Blue needs a break from colouring all that water, while Pink just wants to be used for something other than princesses! Green has no complaints, but Black wants to be used for more than just outlining. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true colour of the sun!

What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?!

This is a wonderful story to read with your children to make them (and you!) giggle!

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



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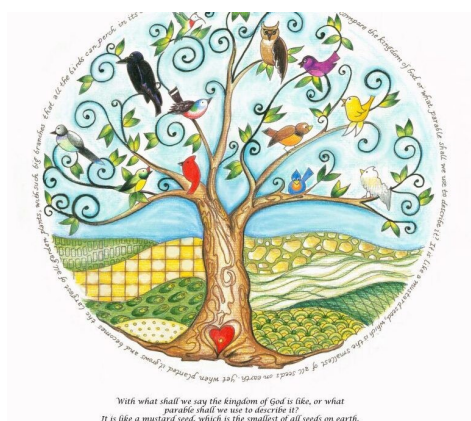
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*** I can explain tasks to other people.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship we have continued to focus on our value of friendship. We have considered how this links in with the school rule of respect, and discussed treating others in the same way that we would want to be treated ourselves. We linked this with the parable of The Good Samaritan.

We have also considered our school vision of 'Roots to grow. Wings to fly.' We thought about how we could be like the good soil that enables others to grow and flourish, and how just like the mustard tree, all are welcome within school.



MHST Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness Friendship

Friends can be there for you and be an important source of mental health support and wellbeing. The 5 steps to wellbeing highlight the importance of connecting with others, whether that be friends, family or key important people in your life, it is important to stay connected!

Connecting with others can help us feel close to people and feel valued for who we are. Being social means different things for different people; you might prefer being in quieter situations with one other person, or you might like being in big groups. You might like to connect with people face-to-face, online, by sending letters, or talking on the phone!

Our tips for building friendships:

- If you feel comfortable, you could try speaking to someone new.
- Ask how someone's weekend was and really listen when they tell you.
- Walk to school with a friend or ask someone to play with you at breaktime.



Friends can help you with your mental health in lots of different ways. They might check in with your feelings or simply make you laugh by sharing a video on TikTok. They might also help you by:

1. **Talking things through** - if you are finding things difficult, talking things through with a friend can help you understand how you feel and what support you might need. It might even be that they just sit and listen. A friend can also keep you company to remind you that you are not alone.
2. **Give practical support** - for example, if you are nervous about going to a party, friends can help you by going to the party with you, messaging you to see how you are getting on or helping you find a quiet space.
3. **Taking your mind off things** - they can distract you from what might be making you feel low or stressed and help you feel calmer through difficult times.
4. **Notice changes in your mood** - friends who know you well might recognise if you are struggling or not feeling your best and can check in to see if you need support.



Scan for the importance of friendships for our mental health



Remember, helping a friend is not all on you! (See video)

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 week's top tip for parents to protect and keep children safe online:

It is important to always remind children to tell yourselves (parents) or another adult they trust, if someone or something online is making them feel uncomfortable or worried (if they are getting their Early Warning Signs).

It can then safely be sorted and removed by a trusted adult.



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 news-letter can be found here. [Click link](#)



Owls Club Before and After School

We would like to remind parents and carers that children should not bring any food into the Owls morning and after school clubs.

The children have food provided during the after school club sessions and we have an expectation that children will have eaten breakfast before they arrive at school.

We ask that this rule is kept so that we can keep all children safe; especially children with allergies.

Thank you for your support.

We would also like to share an updated committee team, please reach out to any of us if you would like to get involved this year in whatever capacity you can.

Chair - Helen Abell (Year 2 parent)
Treasurer - Stephanie Cotterill (Year 1 parent)
Secretary - Sarah Armstong (Year 2 parent)

Sun 27 th October	9.30am	Sun 27 th October	10.15am-11.15am	Sun 27 th October	2pm - 4pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Crowne Plaza Hotel
Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch Bartie Bristle and Other Stories £8 (adults £5) Age 3+	Christopher Edge Black Hole Cinema Club £8 (adults £5) Age 8+	Halloween Craft with Becci Books £8 (adults Free) Age 4-7			
Step into the magical world of Bartie Bristle and friends in this stunning treasury written by the Teddy Bear Ladies, Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch, best known as stars of the BBC's The Repair Shop. Set in a village in the heart of the Old Woods, enter the magical world of the teddy bear shop and the heart-warming stories of Bartie and his teddy bear friends. Bring a teddy from home for a fun, interactive event.	We welcome the award-winning author of Escape Room with another edge-of-your-seat adventure. When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema - nicknamed 'The Black Hole' - they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. But as the lights go down, Lucas, Ash, Maya, Caitlin and Finn watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic and perilous adventure. Can they save the day before the end credits roll? The fate of the world might just depend on it...	It's time for spooktacular Halloween craft, with pumpkins and ghosties galore! Make flying bats and witches' hats, with pom poms, pipe cleaners and more... All materials and instructions provided. Book your slot between 2pm and 3pm, or 3pm and 4pm.			

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

You are invited...
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
From 9.30am till 12.30pm
@ Dunchurch Baptist Church

Please come and join us.
All ages welcome!
Tea, coffee and an assortment of yummy cakes available

& live music from 'After Dark' 🎵

Coventry Rd, CV22 6RF

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

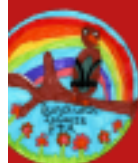
Venue: Dunchurch Village Hall

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.



Show you care, get involved



Become a Parent' Academy Governance Committee member ('school governor')

Provide
support, monitoring
& challenge
around educational
experience &
performance

Recieve
reports, attend
meetings &
carry out
monitoring visits
to school

Support
Church, community
& stakeholder
engagement &
Trust strategy,
approach, ethos
& values

Experience
strategic
leadership for
great personal
development &
work within a code
of conduct



Training is an
ongoing &
essential part of
the role & is
provided free of
charge

Contact
[samantha.jannaway@
covmat.org](mailto:samantha.jannaway@covmat.org) or scan the
QR code to register
your interest



* representative parents rather than
representatives of parents - it's not about
gathering views but being able to present a
balanced and impartial view from a parental
perspective.

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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