



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



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This week has been a very busy week in school! The children are now fully settled into their new year groups and have been busy carrying out their learning. We are all really impressed with how the new Early Years children have settled into school, learning new routines and making new friends. The children across school are immersed in their new topics of Who am I? (nursery), Marvellous me (reception), I am an artist (year 1) and To infinity and beyond (year 2). Curriculum summaries will be shared on Dojo within the next week so that you are aware of what the children will be learning this half term.

As the weather is now starting to become chillier, particularly in the mornings, please can we ask that children always have a named waterproof coat in school so that they do not get cold at playtime, lunchtime or when learning outside. If your child has pierced ears, please can all earrings be removed before school on PE days.

Unfortunately, there have been some parking difficulties around Sandford Way this week. We understand that many parents need to travel by car as they live some distance away or need to travel to work after dropping the children off. When parking, please can parents ensure that the driveways of the local residents are not blocked. If parents could also avoid parking on or near road junctions and double parking, this will ensure that the school bus can continue to get through, as could an emergency vehicle.

It was a pleasure to hand out a range of rewards in collective worship this morning and to sit on the first golden table of the academic year at lunchtime. The names of the children who have received a reward can always be found on the rewards page within the newsletter.

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)	Bhuvi	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	India	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	William
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Addison	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Edith	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Darcy A

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

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	To start next week	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Kezzie	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Hattie
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	To start next week	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Jojo	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Joshua

LUNCHTIME STAR

Little Owls: (Mrs Rawes & Miss Shrimpton)	Callie	Barn Owls: (Miss Lodge)	Ida	Spectacled Owls: (Mrs Macauley and Miss Cowlen)	Riley
Elf Owls: (Mrs Carrington)	Luca	Tawny Owls: (Miss Ansell)	Ridhima	Snowy Owls: (Mrs Menzies)	Darcy

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

Reception: Jessica W **Year 1:** India, Charlotte H **Year 2:** Alex W

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME:

Reception: Isla, Emma, Robin **Year 1:** Liberty, Henry, Niyah **Year 2:** Grace B, Henry, Tiara, Nathan, Amelie

Spotlight on

Safeguarding

At Dunchurch Infants, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and their families has a role to play. The children's wellbeing, safety, achievement and happiness underpins every decision we make. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection –when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of issues. At Dunchurch Infants, we ensure that our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. The members of the school safeguarding team can be seen below:



Mrs. Suzanne Marson,
Headteacher

Mrs. Marson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school and leads on safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Marson will take the lead where a child has a Child in Need or a Child Protection Plan.



Mrs Hannah Owen, Deputy
Headteacher

Mrs Owen is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Owen will lead on safeguarding and child protection when Mrs Marson is off site, and may attend meetings in Mrs Marson's absence. Mrs Owen is also the Designated Teacher for Looked After Children.



Michelle Maguire, Assistant SEND-
Co and Family Support Lead

Mrs Maguire leads on all aspects of Early Help and is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you need Early Help support with any of the issues outlined below, Mrs Maguire is your point of contact in school.



Miss Lauren Madeley,
Nursery Manager

Miss Madely is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and is a key safeguarding and child protection link between nursery



Mrs Tina
Carrington

Mrs Carrington and Mrs Menzies are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Mrs Katie
Menzies



Information, advice and one to one support for families with children and young people aged 0-25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- Family relationships
- Special educational needs and disabilities
- Health and wellbeing
- Parenting worries or concerns
- Behaviour management
- Money and debt
- Housing
- Childcare
- Legal advice
- Sleep advice

For more information on available support visit
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age- appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum within school. Some examples include:

- Promotion of our school rules and values
- Promotion of British Values
- Themes and values in collective worships
- Internet Safety days and lessons, with age appropriate activities
- A half termly online safety program for all age groups within school
- Online safety discussions within computing and other relevant lessons
- Involvement in World Mental Health Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Children's Mental Health Week
- Our PSHE curriculum, including a class charter at the start of each academic year
- Lessons exploring keeping healthy, including topics such as diet, exercise, hygiene and sleep
- The Protective Behaviours curriculum



Warwickshire
Safeguarding



**THIS ORGANISATION
IS COMMITTED TO
SAFEGUARDING AND
PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND
EXPECTS ALL STAFF,
VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS TO
SHARE THIS COMMITMENT**

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door immediately by calling
01926 414144

Lines are open Monday to Thursday
8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately by calling
01926 886922

If you think a child is at immediate risk contact the Police on
999

SAFEGUARDING

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HELP



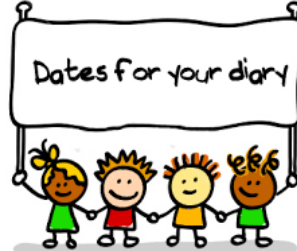


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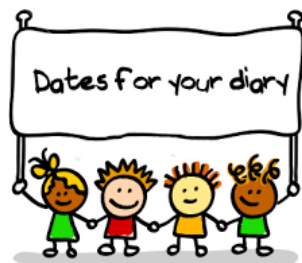
Tuesday 17th September	Curriculum information session, year one Staff would like to trial running curriculum sessions for parents just before collection time to see if there is more uptake. Year one parents are invited to come into school to find out about what their children will be taught this academic year. Please come into school via the school office for a 2:40pm start. Slides will be uploaded to Dojo after the session.
Wednesday 18th September	Curriculum information session, reception Staff would like to trial running curriculum sessions for parents just before collection time to see if there is more uptake. Reception 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.
Wednesday 18th September	Curriculum information session, nursery Nursery parents are invited to attend a curriculum session to find out how their child will be taught this academic year. Please enter from the playground into Owlets room in nursery for a 3:45pm start. Slides will be uploaded to Dojo after the session.

Future dates:

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.
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.
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.

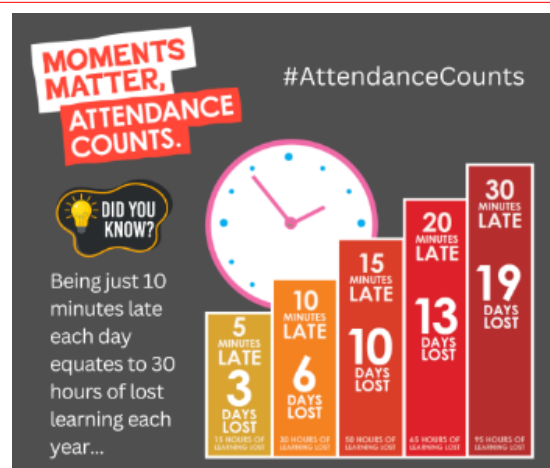


4th December	Year 2 trip Year 2 will be visiting St John's museum to take part in a Victorian Christmas trip. More information will be sent home via the year 2 Class Dojo pages.
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas plays Parents are invited to see their child perform their Christmas play in the school hall. 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)
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: 97.9% (Target 97%)

		
Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
99.2%	96.4%	99%
		
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
96.2%	97.7%	99%



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	-	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	Arts and Crafts Rec—Y2 3:20—4:20pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20-4:45pm	Multi-Sports Rec-Y2 3:20-4:20pm
	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Football Y1-Y2 3:20— 4:45pm	Construction Club Re—Y2 3:20—4:20pm	
		Musical Theatre R—Y2 3:20—4:20pm		

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Title: Lost and Found

Author: Oliver Jeffers

Recommended by: Miss Lodge



"Once there was a boy and one day he found a penguin at his door..."

A beautiful story about two characters becoming friends and showing acts of kindness.

"The penguin wasn't lost, he was just lonely".

This is one of my favourite stories about how a little boy wanted to help the penguin but was unsure how. He persevered and didn't give up. These are characteristics we are taught and encouraged at school.

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.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have considered our value of friendship and how we can demonstrate this towards each other on the playground. We also focussed on how we can become a 'Team Meerkat', thinking about what this might look like in the classroom and around school.

On Wednesday, we thought of messages to write in the first page of Mrs Marson's notebook, and how this can represent what we would like to think of at the start of every day. There were lots of thoughtful suggestions from the children such as be kind, care for others, smile, be joyful, help each other, be positive and be respectful. We discussed how sometimes this can be hard to do, but we can choose to turn the page and start fresh with those things that we have reminded ourselves to do. Mrs Marson is looking forward to seeing the positive messages every time she opens her notebook this year!



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E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

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

Remind children to keep safe online by not giving out their personal information, such as:

- Full name
- Address (home or email)
- Phone number
- Their photo
- Or which school they attend



Click on [Family Information Service](#) 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](#)

We have been asked by one of our parents to share the below QR code with our school community.



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Resilience

Resilience is our ability to cope with difficult life events and **bounce back** afterwards. Someone who is resilient faces tough situations head-on, experiencing the difficult times and emotions. They process these challenging times by working through difficult emotions, building trust in themselves and their ability to cope through hard times.

Follow the QR code to hear young people talking about what resilience means to them:



Follow the QR code to hear an Olympic athlete talk about overcoming hurdles and developing self-belief:



Our tips for building resilience:

1. When faced with a difficult situation use the idea of the **'circle of control'** to help you see what you can and cannot change. Try to focus on things that you can change and let go of the things outside your control.



Circle of control

2. When building resilience, our **connections** with others can play a key part in increasing confidence to keep going. Think about the people in your life who you could go to if things are feeling tough. Create a **'network hand'** to help you identify trusted people in your life (one person for every finger). Can you take time today to talk with someone about a problem you are facing?

3. **Self-care** means doing things to look after ourselves and prioritising our mental and physical wellbeing. Can you think of activities that make you happy or relaxed? Some ideas include exercising, listening to music or being creative. Follow the QR code for other ideas:



Self-care plan

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.

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FUN FOR FAMILIES

Sat 26 th October	10am-11.15am	Sat 26 th October	2pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel		Crowne Plaza Hotel	
The Enchanted Cinema £10 (adults £5) Age 4+		The Brothers McLeod Knight Sir Louis and the Cauldron of Chaos £8 (adults £5) Age 8+	
Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra that creates every single sound effect and the musical score! Using your voice, hands and playing a range of unusual, delightful and ingenious instruments, you'll join in to create sound effects to excerpts from the enchanting animation, <i>My Neighbour Totoro</i>. A magical experience for children and parents alike.		Get ready to laugh your socks off at the fifth Knight Sir Louis adventure! A powerful magical object has been rediscovered: the Cauldron of Chaos. A scheming witch finds the cursed pot and plans to make her fortune with it, even if it means the end of the Kingdom of Squirrel Helm. Who will rescue the land from the witch's dodgy deals? Knight Sir Louis, of course! Draw along with the BAFTA-winning Brothers McLeod, Greg and Myles.	
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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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