Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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Welcome back to school after the half-term break! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back, and the children have settled quickly into their familiar routines. We have a busy and exciting half term ahead, with lots of opportunities for learning, new experiences and, of course, the build-up to Christmas! We look forward to sharing all the wonderful things happening across school and nursery as the term progresses.

As part of their history learning about the Gunpowder Plot, our Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting and interactive workshop delivered by the Big Bubble Theatre Company this week. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of engaging activities that helped bring this significant historical event to life. The children have also explored the local links to Dunchurch, helping the children make connections between their learning and the history of their own community. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen their historical knowledge and understanding through a memorable, hands-on experience!

As you will be aware, we welcomed Ofsted into school during the final few days of last half term. I have now received the draft inspection report and look forward to being able to share the findings with you as soon as the report has completed Ofsted's quality assurance process and is officially published. We can confirm the rearranged dates for our parents' evenings, which will now take place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November, between 3:30pm and 6:30pm**,** as usual. Appointments can be booked in the usual way, with booking slots opening at 8pm on Monday evening**.** Thank you for your patience and understanding while we rearranged these important opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing the progress your child has made so far this academic year.

If your child is in pre-school or year two, it is now time to apply for their school place for September 2027. Applications are made through Warwickshire County Council's school admissions process. Even if your child already attends our preschool, you must still submit an application for their reception place. We encourage all families to complete their applications in good time to avoid missing the deadline. Please do let us know if you need any support with this.



Thank you for your ongoing support, have a lovely weekend.
Suzanne Marson, Headteacher



Pupil achievements this week

Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Owlets:	**Clark**	Spotty Owls:	**Hugo**	Stripy Owls:	**Beatrice**
Little Owls:	**Eliza**	Barn Owls:	**Aphra**	Spectacled Owls:	**Sayed**
Elf Owls:	**Roman**	Tawny Owls:	**Hugo**	Snowy Owls:	**Tudor**

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	**Helena**	Spotty Owls:	**Lakshana**	Stripy Owls:	**Cassie**
Little Owls:	**Daisy**	Barn Owls:	**Adam**	Spectacled Owls:	**Freddie**
Elf Owls:	**Esmai**	Tawny Owls:	**Holly**	Snowy Owls:	**Nilan**

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	**Isabella**	Barn Owls:	**Inaaya**	Spectacled Owls:	**Ida**
Elf Owls:	**Freddie**	Tawny Owls:	**Eleni**	Snowy Owls:	**Greyson**

DoJo Champions

Nursery: Reception: Charley, Rosa.

Year one: Paige, Nidhaan. Year two: Elijah, Matty.

Achievements from home

Reception: Maahi. Year 1: Margot, Hugo, Izabel. Year 2: Piper, Rosalind, Vinnie, Arthur

Diary Dates

All events include Nursery unless stated otherwise.

Monday 9th November	**Parents evening booking opens** Slots for the newly arranged parents evening will go live on School cloud at 8pm tonight.
Wednesday 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.
Friday 13th November	**World Kindness Day** We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week.
Friday 13th 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.
WC 16th November	**Antibullying week** Children will be taught about antibullying throughout the week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.
Monday 16th November	**Information session with Mrs Darragh for Year Two parents** Mrs Darragh, Headteacher of Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy, will be available in the Dunchurch Infant school hall at 9:00am to talk to parents of children who are currently in year two at either Dunchurch Infants or Leamington Hastings. This is a chance to talk to Mrs Darragh and find out more about the Juniors, with information tailored to the two feeder schools.
Monday 16th November	**PTA Event - Christmas Jumper Sale** Own a Christmas jumper that no longer fits your children? We are looking for donations to resell on Zeffy (our online shop). Donations between 2nd - 12th November 2026.
Wednesday 18th November	**Open evening for prospective parents** Is your child due to start reception in September 2027? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please arrive via the school office for a 5pm start.
Monday 23rd November	**PTA Event – Wreath making workshop** Come along and create your very own Christmas wreath. Tickets on sale from early October!
Tuesday 24th November	**Passport to world views – Hannukah** The children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah during the afternoon.
Tuesday 24th November	**Parent's evening night 1** 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. Appointments are available from3:30pm – 6:30pm. Please enter and leave the school via the school office entrance.

Wednesday 25th November	**Parent's evening night 2** 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. Appointments are available from3:30pm – 6:30pm. Please enter and leave the school via the school office entrance.
Thursday 26th November	**Bookings open for Christmas plays/Carol Concert** Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information sent home from the school office from 8pm today.
Tuesday 1st December	**Group tours for prospective Reception parents** Is your child due to start reception in September 2027? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 2pm.
Monday 7th December	**Group tours for prospective Reception parents** Is your child due to start reception in September 2027? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 9:30am.
Thursday 10th December	**Christmas Jumper and 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 also take part in a Christmas craft day on this day.
Thursday 10th December	**School Christmas Lunch** Menu details to follow.
Friday 11th December	**PTA Christmas party day and Santa visit** Children in each year group will have a special visitor into their classroom and have an opportunity to take part in a Christmas party in their year group. Children are welcome to wear party clothes to school on this day (sensible shoes please).
14th, 15th and 17th December	**PTA Event – Festive coffee** Grab a hot drink ready to watch your children in the Christmas performances. A 10% donation to the PTA will be made with every purchase.
Monday 14th December	**Christmas performances** 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. Reception – 9:15am, Nursery – 10:00am Year 1- 10:45am, Year 2 – 1:40pm
Tuesday 15th December	**Christmas performances** 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. Reception – 10:30am, Nursery (all classes) – 1:40pm Year 1 – 2:30pm
Wednesday 16th December	**Whole school theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre** The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Gruffalo's Child as a theatre performance. More details to follow.

Wednesday 16th December	**PTA Event – Christmas raffle** Some fantastic prizes are already lined up for this year's raffle.
Thursday 17th December	**Year 2 carol concert** Year 2 parents are invited to take part in a carol service performed by the children at 9:15am. Two tickets per child (across the two performances) can be booked via the information from the school office.
Friday 18th 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.

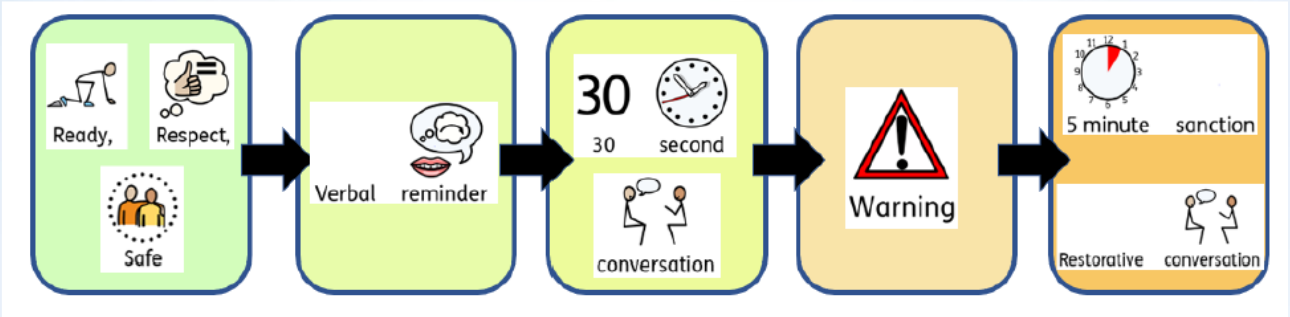
Spotlight on .....

At Dunchurch Infants, we have a restorative approach to behaviour, based upon research carried our by Paul Dix.

We have three school rules that encompass everything that we do.
• **Ready** (to learn) • **Safe** (behaviours) • **Respect** (for ourselves, for others, for property and the world in which we live)

These rules are underpinned by the routines of:
• Fantastic walking (walking around school with a quiet or silent voice)
• Amazing line ups (standing sensibly and facing the right way in silence)
• Clean corridors and classrooms (items away and on pegs / in drawers)
• Superb sitting (sat cross legged, lips closed, facing the teacher / board and hands in lap, folded or by the side of the child)

We have a range of rewards on offer for the children, as can be seen on the rewards page in each newsletter. This is in addition to lots of positive praise taking place throughout each day. The graphic below details the sanctions within our behaviour policy.



During a 30 second conversation, which always takes place in private with the child concerned, the child is helped to recognise the behaviour that needs to change and reminded of the school expectations.

During a restorative conversation, children will be asked the following questions, asking all children involved the same questions. Children are supported through the use of visual aids where this is needed.

• What happened?
• What were you thinking or feeling?
• How are you feeling now?
• Who has been affected by what has happened? In what way have they been affected?
• What can you do differently next time?
• What can you do to make things right?

The aim of a restorative conversation is that the child learns how to change their behaviour in future situations. This is then followed by a five minute sanction, referred to as reflection time, which always takes place on the same day.

Every day is a new day and a chance for a fresh start—consequences do not carry on into the next day.

Our full Relationships and Behaviour policy can be found on the policies page of the school website.

Current Lunch Menu

AUTUMN WINTER MENU 2026 / 2027

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27	Option One	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges **(VE)**	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Soya Mince Lasagne **(V)**	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice **(VE)**	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy **(VE)**	Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers **(V)**	Apple Cake with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Medley **(VE)**	Jelly with Mandarins **(VE)**	Syrup Sponge with Custard **(V)**
WEEK TWO 09/11/26 30/11/26 21/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges **(V)**	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Five Bean Chilli with Rice **(VE)**	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti **(VE)**	Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa **(VE)**	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Gingerbread Cookie **(VE)**	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Vanilla Shortbread **(VE)**
WEEK THREE 16/11/26 07/12/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 15/02/27	Option One	Macaroni Cheese **(V)**	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes **(VE)**	Tomato Pasta **(VE)**	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy **(VE)**	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice **(VE)**	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie **(VE)**	Pear Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard **(V)**	Iced Sponge **(V)**

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- **(VE)** Vegan
- **(V)** Veggie

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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ONLINE FOOD ALLERGEN & INTOLERANCE FORM

At Caterlink the safety of our pupils is our number one priority, and we take catering for customers with food allergies and intolerances very seriously.

The below information details how to complete our online form for pupils who require a special diet menu due to allergens, intolerances or medical conditions.

STEP 1 You can request a special diet menu by completing our online Allergy & Intolerance Form – CTL – Food Allergy & Intolerance Form V2

This needs to be submitted with supporting medical evidence from an NHS professional (a GP/consultant or registered dietitian). This can be a letter, copy of medical notes, an Allergy Action Plan signed by a medical professional or a screenshot from the NHS app. Medical evidence is an industry-wide requirement, recommended by the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA).

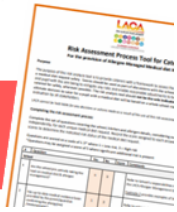
Please ensure that when you enter the school name that the unit number and postcode listed are correct for your school.

STEP 2 Whilst waiting to see if a special diet menu has been approved any children with food allergies or intolerances can be provided with a 'safe meal' – jacket potato with baked beans, vegetables and fresh fruit salad (if suitable for the pupil's allergies).

If you would like your child to have a 'safe meal' please let your school know.

STEP 3 The Caterlink team will review the request and check that it is safe to cater for using the LACA Special Diet Risk Analysis Process for Caterers where required. The risk analysis looks at the pupil's requirements, the medical evidence, the capability of the kitchen facilities and the school environment to determine if the request is low, medium or high risk.

STEP 4 If deemed safe to cater for by our Caterlink nutrition team will then develop the special diet menu, with at least one suitable meal option daily. This can take up to four weeks from receiving all of the information required.



Should your child's allergies or intolerances change, you should request the link from the school and choose 'Updated Request'.

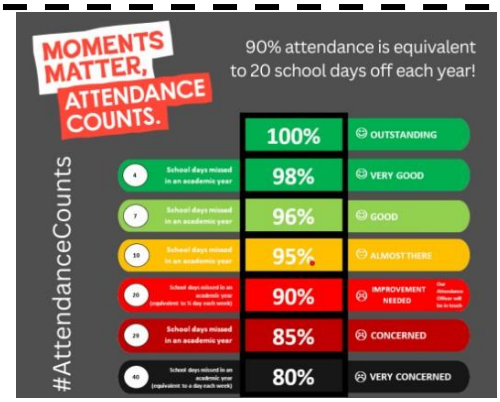
If your child has become allergic or intolerant to additional foods, please ring the school immediately and request a safe meal.

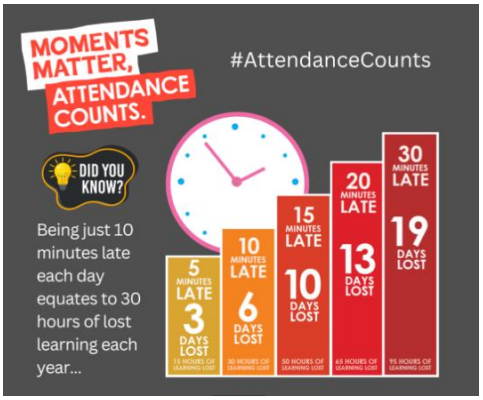


Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 98.4% (Target 87%)

Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
96.6%	100%	100%
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
98.2%	95.7%	98.9%





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PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal school uniform should be worn.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Little Owls Elf Owls	Tawny Owls Spectacled Owls	Spectacled Owls Snowy Owls	Tawny Owls Barn Owls	Barn Owls Snowy owls

After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Martial Arts Rec—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	Tennis Rec-Y2 3:20 – 4:15pm
Arts and Crafts Rec-Y2 3:20-4:15pm	Bounce and Beat Rec—Y2 3:20-4:20pm	Construction Rec-Y2 3:20-4:15pm	Cooking Rec-Y2 3:20-4:15pm	
	Gardening Rec – Y2 3:20 – 4:15pm			

Term Dates

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

End of term: Friday 18th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

Spring term 2027

Training day: Monday 4th January

Start of term for children: Tuesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Training day: Monday 22nd February

End of term: Thursday 25th March

Easter holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

Summer term 2027

Start of term: Monday 12th April

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Training day: Monday 7th June

End of term: Wednesday 21st July

Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

For Warwickshire school term dates please click here.

* School and nursery are closed to all children during bank holidays, training days and holiday periods.

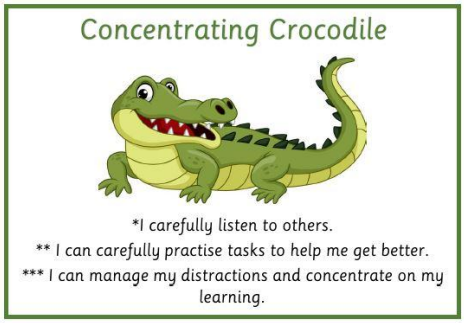
In Collective Worship this week …

During collective worship this week, we have introduced our new value and learning behaviour for this half term. We have explored our concentration skills and how these support us within our learning, along with using stories to help us understand the value of generosity.

Christian Value this half term



Learning Behaviour this half term



Mental Health Support

MHST

Mental Health Support Team in Schools

Dimensions tool

Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Tips For Wellness

Strength

Each of us has a unique set of strengths and abilities that help us face life's challenges. Focusing on your strengths doesn't mean ignoring your weaknesses — it means using what you're naturally good at to help you grow, build confidence, and work through tough times. In doing so, you move closer to living a more fulfilling and resilient life.

Our Tips for strength:

1. **Appreciate your strength** – when you experience a difficult time, it's easy to forget how strong you are! Try and remember other times in your life when you've got through something challenging. Remember how strong you were to get through those circumstances and know you have the strength to get through other difficulties too.
2. Remind yourself **"all we can do is try our best"** and **"you are good enough".**
3. Being kind to others can help build our own strength as well as others! As a class, have a go at playing **'kindness bingo'** by following the QR code:
4. **Take Time to Rest and Recharge** - your mind needs breaks just like your body. Take a few quiet minutes to breathe, read, draw, or go outside. That helps your brain feel strong and calm.
5. **Ask for Help When You Need It** - being strong doesn't mean doing everything alone. It's *smart and brave* to ask for help — that's how we grow and learn!

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.

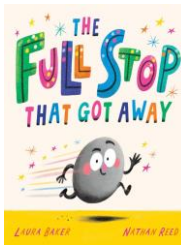
Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for

Book of the week

Title: **The Runaway Fullstop**

Author: **Ruth Heller**

Recommended by: **Miss Goodwin**



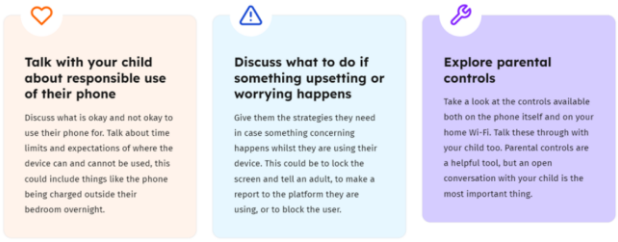
The Runaway Fullstop is a fun and imaginative story about a little full stop that decides to run away! The full stop goes on an exciting adventure, travelling through sentences and discovering how important punctuation is. Along the way, we learn how words and sentences work together to make stories.

I liked this book because it is funny, colourful and different from other storybooks. It makes learning about reading and writing fun and helps us understand why punctuation is important. The pictures are bright and interesting, making it enjoyable for little readers.

My favourite part was when the full stop runs away because it is funny to imagine a tiny punctuation mark going on its own adventure

E-Safety tip of the week

This weeks focus: Phones





Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The Warwickshire Local Authority monthly SEND newsletter can be found here. Click link

The Warwickshire SEND local offer can be found here. Click link

Families can request free advice and support through Warwickshire SENDIASS Click link

Family Support

Families can access free parenting courses through Eventbrite here.

Click on Family Information Service for a wide range of information to support families, or to request support.



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CE Junior Academy



Vision: Encourage one another and build each other up

Motto: Together we are stronger

Why Choose Dunchurch Boughton CE Junior Academy?

- Ambitious curriculum and strong outcomes
- Caring Christian ethos
- Strong pastoral support
- Sports, music and arts enrichment opportunities
- Pupil leadership opportunities
- Children known, valued and supported to flourish
- Wonderful facilities, including extensive grounds and outdoor learning spaces

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OPEN MORNINGS

Thursday 12 November
Wednesday 2 December

Pupil-led tours
Meet the Headteacher

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

To book your slot:
01788 811028
office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org

MEET THE HEADTEACHER

Mrs Emma Darragh
DBIA
Monday 16 November, 9:00am

Find out more about life at
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No booking required
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PTA Xmas Raffle – details to follow soon.

We'd like to thank Micro Scooters for their generous support and donation of safety helmets and lunch bags. Their extensive collection offers something for riders of all ages, from toddler scooters right through to adult scooters.



