Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant
Academy and Nursery
Roots to grow. Wings to fly.
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We have had a busy week in school, with lots of learning taking place. On Wednesday, the children learnt about Remembrance Day and why it is important to take time to remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives during times of conflict. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, the children explored the importance of remembrance, peace and gratitude. As part of this, the children and adults across the school respectfully observed a silence to remember and reflect on those who have lost their lives or been affected by war and conflict.



We would like to let parents know that Mrs Binczik has started her maternity leave a little earlier than originally planned. Although she is doing well, she needs some time to rest ahead of the arrival of her baby, so we will not be seeing her back in school before then. We are sure you will join us in sending Mrs Binczik and her husband our very best wishes as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. We look forward to meeting the little one when they arrive!

We are delighted to share with you that we have made a new senior leadership appointment. Following a successful interview process, Mrs Taplin has been promoted to the role of Early Years Lead, meaning that alongside her teaching role she will lead the Early Years phase incorporating nursery and reception. We are delighted that she will be taking on this new responsibility and look forward to seeing her continue to develop our Early Years provision.



We are also pleased to announce that Mr Simon Wellard has been appointed to cover Mrs Binczik's maternity leave. He will be working in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1st December. In the meantime, please continue to direct any nursery queries to the school office or your child's key worker. They will be happy to help with your enquiry or ensure that your message is passed on to the appropriate member of staff.

A big thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today. The children looked fantastic in their spots, and it was lovely to see everyone coming together to support such a worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson
Headteacher

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Pupil achievements this week

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

Owlets:	**Emily**	Spotty Owls:	**Auden**	Stripy Owls:	**Ashrith**
Little Owls:	**Oaklee-Rose**	Barn Owls:	**Isla**	Spectacled Owls:	**Lilian**
Elf Owls:	**Bahar**	Tawny Owls:	**Zeena**	Snowy Owls:	**Amelia-Faith**

Lunchtime stars

Owlets:	**Diana**	Spotty Owls:	**Freya**	Stripy Owls:	**Zain**
Little Owls:	**Vinnie**	Barn Owls:	**Inaaya**	Spectacled Owls:	**Kit**
Elf Owls:	**Tanaka**	Tawny Owls:	**Avyaan**	Snowy Owls:	**Narula**

Hot Chocolate Friday

Little Owls:	**Clover**	Barn Owls:	**William C**	Spectacled Owls:	**Callie**
Elf Owls:	**Fides**	Tawny Owls:	**Eliott**	Snowy Owls:	**Tatonga**

DoJo Champions

Reception: Vinnie, Hanaya.

Year one: Levi, Maeve. Year two: Vedhika, Tatonga

Achievements from home

Reception: Emmy, Esmai, Bahar, Ottilie, Cian, Hanaya. Year 1: Barty,esleen, Mashal, Roman, Nihira, Eleni, Abhanya, Michael, Avyaan, Izabel, Daisy, Jessica. Year 2: Posy, Rosalind, Arthur, Sienna, Sophia, Pola, Emma, Rosie, Tatonga

Diary Dates

All events include Nursery unless stated otherwise.

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	**Bookings open for Christmas plays/Carol Concert**

November	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	**Whole school theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre**

December	The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Gruffalo's Child as a theatre performance.
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.
Thursday 17th December	**Reception Christmas Pyjama Day!** Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school (festive ones if you like) to have a cosy Christmas day with a film and hot chocolate.
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.
Friday 18th December	**Last day of term**
Tuesday 5th January	**First day of term** We would like to welcome back all children today.





Spotlight on .....

Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infant Academy and Nursery Christian vision

As part of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust, we have a shared vision of 'Together, living life in all its fullness' (John 10.10). Linked to this, we have an individual school vision of:

Roots to grow. Wings to fly.

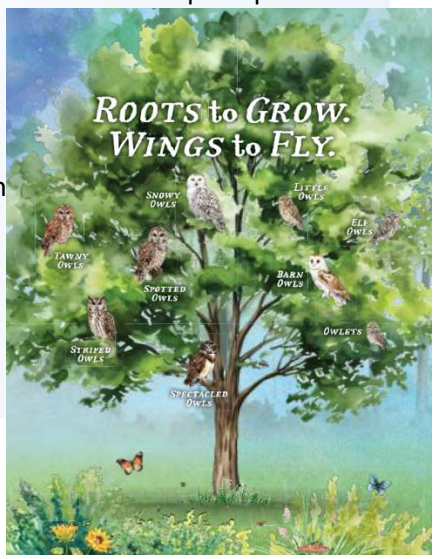
Our theologically rooted school vision is based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed, taken from the Gospel of Matthew, reflecting our rural village community and the young age of our children.

Jesus told his followers the Parable of the Mustard Seed:

- A farmer went to plant some seeds in his field.
- He looked at the mustard seeds – they looked very small and not at all important.
- The famer planted the seeds in good soil and took great care to ensure they had everything that they needed.
- Slowly, the little seeds grew into small plants.
- Each day the farmer tended to the plants, and they continued to grow taller and taller still.
- The plants grew into the biggest of all plants, into the size of a tree! The birds came and nested in the branches of the trees.
- The parable teaches us that the smallest things we do can grow into something bigger than we could ever imagine.

The meaning of the parable can be interpreted as below:

- Just like the mustard seeds who appeared small in the beginning, children start their journey at the academy at a young age.
- Dunchurch is the good soil for the children, providing them with the teachings of academic learning, values, learning behaviours, extra-curricular trip and visitors, character and personal development and the word of God.
- Provided with high quality teaching, learning experiences, and a development of character the children begin to develop their roots.
- Through the development of values and learning behaviours, children persevere and become resilient, and begin to learn how they can begin to make a difference in the world. The roots become stronger still, supporting the children to grow.
- As farmers, the adults continuously tend to the children with love, supporting them to develop deep roots that enable them to grow and flourish into all that they can be.
- Just like the branches of the mustard tree that are safe spaces for the birds, our school is a welcoming safe space for all, regardless of background or ability.
- Having developed strong roots to grow, just like the birds in the parable, our children are ready to grow their wings and fly onto their next stage of education be that their next class or next school.



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).

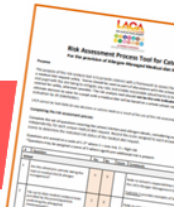
Please ensure that when you enter the school name that the unit number and postcode listed are correct for your school.

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'.

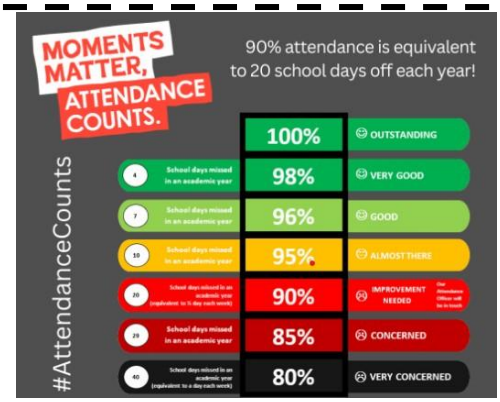
If your child has become allergic or intolerant to additional foods, please ring the school immediately and request a safe meal.

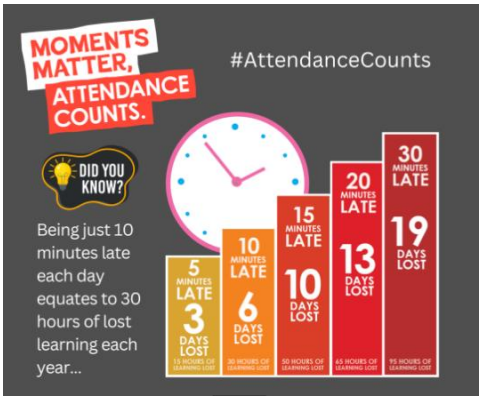


Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School:97.9 % (Target 87%)

Little Owls	Elf Owls	Snowy Owls
97.9%	97.3%	100%
Barn Owls	Tawny Owls	Spectacled Owls
97.6%	99.6%	95.6%





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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

Academic Year 2027/2028

Autumn term 2027

Start of term: Wednesday 2nd September

Half term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

End of term: Friday 17th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 20th December to Tuesday 4th December

Spring term 2027

Training day: Wednesday 5th January

Start of term for children: Wednesday 6th January

(Additional teacher training days to be confirmed)

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 …

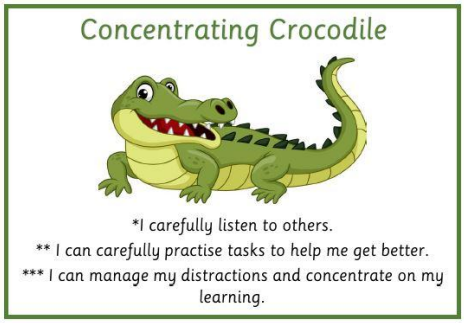
During collective worship this week, we have explored the themes that many faiths share, such as light, a sacred book, friendship and prayer, as part of Inter Faith week. We also explored the theme of traditions in our Picture News session.

On Remembrance Day, we all observed a two-minute silence, taking time to reflect and remember those who have served and sacrificed their lives during times of conflict, as well as those who continue to serve in the Armed Forces today.

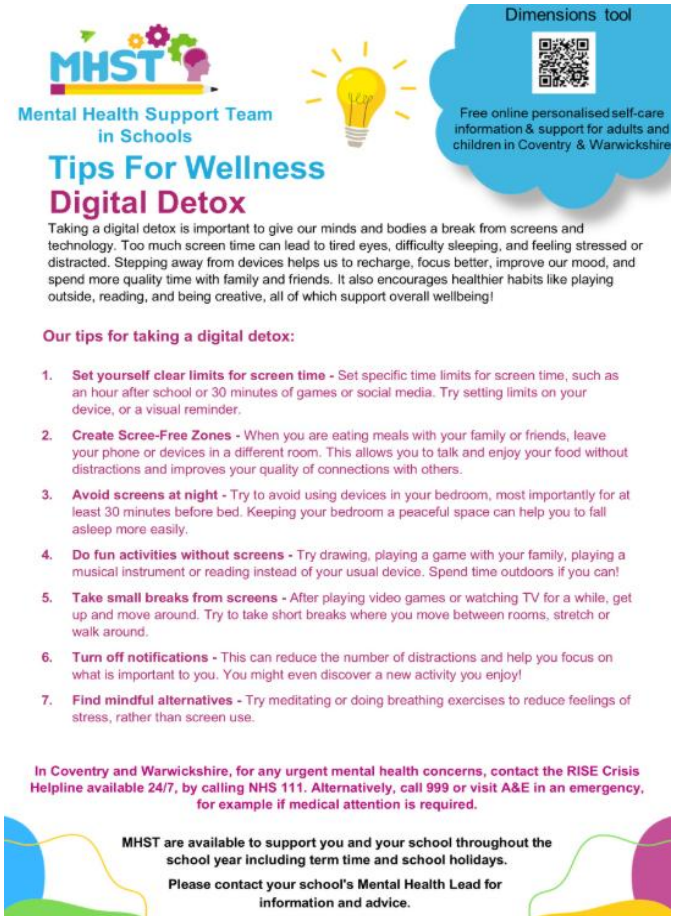
Christian Value this half term



Learning Behaviour this half term



Mental Health Support

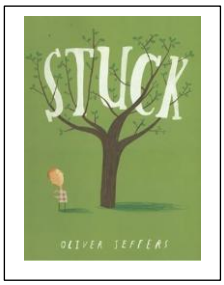


Book of the week

Title: **Stuck**

Author: **Oliver Jeffers**

Recommended by: **Tawny Owls**



Tawny Owls have really enjoyed reading Stuck by Oliver Jeffers!

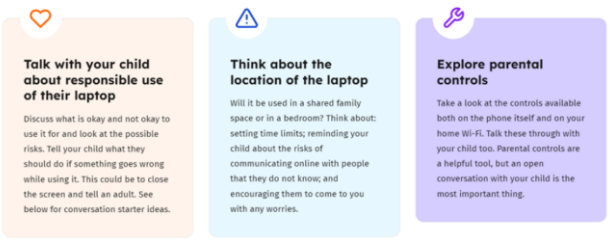
We had lots of giggles as we followed Floyd's hilarious attempts to get his kite down from the tree. The children loved seeing all the unusual objects he threw up into the branches and were excited to predict what he might try next!

There were lots of opportunities for discussion, laughter and imaginative thinking. The children particularly enjoyed how the story became sillier and sillier as more and more things got stuck in the tree!

Stuck has certainly brought lots of smiles and laughter to Tawny Owls. We hope you enjoy sharing this wonderfully funny story at home too!

E-Safety tip of the week

This week's focus: Laptops





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

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

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Wednesday 2 December

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Mrs Emma Darragh
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