



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger



19th September 2025

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school for our 'New to year group' meetings. These gave you the opportunity to meet the staff, to find out more about the curriculum and to ask any questions you had. If you weren't able to attend, the presentations have been emailed out.

On Monday afternoon from 2.30-3.30pm, we have our second drop-in session about our newly launched behaviour policy. I will be joined by Remi from Beacon Schools. If you plan to attend, please can I ask you to book using this [link](#).

We have now confirmed the dates and times of our Christmas performances - we appreciate that advance notice of these events is extremely helpful. This year we plan to have a year 3 and year 5 joint carol service, a year 4 nativity and a year 6 Christmas church service.

- Year 3 and Year 5 carol concert (in school) - Wednesday 10th December at 2pm and Thursday 11th December at 2pm
- Year 6 Christmas service (in church) - Wednesday 17th December at 2pm
- Year 4 Christmas nativity (in school) - Thursday 18th December at 2pm

I just wanted to remind you who are Designated Safeguarding Leaders are in school - they are myself, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Jenks and Mrs Clusker.

Emma Darragh
Headteacher



Attachments Lunch Menu (w/c 22nd September is week 3), PTA wreath making workshop poster, PTA World Teacher Day poetry competition poster, Health & Wellbeing Newsletter (Connect for Health).

Notices/ reminders

Play equipment

In the interests of health and safety please do not allow pupils or their siblings to use our play equipment before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tag Rugby Festival (Year 3 and Year 6) - Thursday 25th September

A reminder that the Year 3 and 6 children are taking part in the Tag Rugby Festival at St Andrews Rugby Ground on Thursday. They will need outdoor PE kit (no studded boots) and warm/ waterproof layers. No jewellery and long hair should be tied back. Children will eat lunch in school but please send them with a named water bottle. Please complete and return the consent slip if you have not already done so.

Lost property

A pupil in year 3 has lost a named school fleece and sweatshirt. We would be grateful if you could please check your child has the correct belongings.

ParentPay

Children in Year 3 were sent home with ParentPay activation letters earlier this week. This will be used to pay for school meals, trips and activities until MCAS is fully up and running. Can all parents and carers please ensure that school meal accounts are up to date. School meals should be paid for in advance.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals you can find out more information and apply through the link below. New year 3 pupils will need to apply as entitlement does not automatically continue when children transition from infant to junior school. [Apply for free school meals](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton CofE Junior Academy

We welcomed the therapy dogs back into school this week! It was lovely to see them again after a busy summer. Children from year 6 spent some time with them this week. Over the next few weeks, the other year groups will also get the opportunity to visit them.

We have had a great week in The Hive, looking over the Zones of Regulation - looking at what Zone we are in and how we can get ourselves back into the Green Zone. We have also began our new Hamish and Milo intervention, exploring 'big feelings' - this started with the group making sock puppets!



The children have been working hard and it's been lovely to see the work they are doing.

We have a pastoral Amazon wish list and we appreciate anything that is bought from the list as it helps us to continue our work with the children, including offering them a range of ways to talk about any problems they may be having. I often use stories to help me explore areas with them.

This is the link below

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/kHNlyZ67b16GqeDgM8ZsP5LTVWYtcl71WFe4EMaob-ZdU5lmOdlafzLiHMzHMWQVs9wpD8qQw_xfDIxVSUXvRVmRqxX8MkovlHuPvXmo?ref=wl_share

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Clusker

Pastoral Mentor

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Awards this week

The Together we are Stronger
award for 3AE goes to....



Ife you have made a fantastic start to your learning at DBJA. We are very impressed with your readiness to learn and your impeccable behaviour. You are proactive in the classroom, helping collect reading diaries, and making sure your drawer and equipment is always organized. You take responsibility for your learning, for example asking extra questions and clarifying your understanding in science. You are an all-round great learner, and you should be proud of your achievements, just like we are!

The Together We Are Stronger
award for 3L goes to....



Esme, you have settled into Year 3 wonderfully! You're a fantastic role model for your classmates and consistently put your best effort into every lesson. You're a kind and caring friend to everyone and help create a calm, positive environment. You are always polite and respectful to everyone around you. Keep up the amazing work! You should be so proud of yourself you're doing brilliantly.

The Together we are Stronger
award for 4B goes to....



Chloe has been working so hard in all her lessons. Over the first few weeks, I have seen such a big improvement in her effort and the quality of her work and it's been wonderful to watch her grow in confidence. Chloe has been doing especially well in Maths, where she is really pushing herself and showing determination to succeed. I am so proud of Chloe for her positive attitude, her progress, and her dedication. Keep it up, Chloe you are doing amazing!

The Together we are Stronger
award for 4CG goes to....



Alfie has had an amazing start to this year. We have had a few changes to seating plans in 4CG so far and Alfie has shown fantastic resilience with these changes. Alfie always brings the calm but is also not afraid to ask questions or to give his views on what we are learning. Well done Alfie! What a great start, keep it up!

The Together we are Stronger
award for 5A goes to....



Zach has made a great start to the year. He has been clearly living out our school vision in class when supporting his peers and encouraging others to make good choices. Zach is a reliable member of our class and can always be seen following our routines beautifully, the effort he puts into our school routines is outstanding. He is a great role model in class and we appreciate his kindness towards others. Thank you Zach, keep up the great work!

The Together we are Stronger
award for 5HT goes to....



Oliver has had a brilliant start to Year 5! He has settled into the classroom routine exceptionally well. He is completing all of his learning tasks each day, and he has shown perseverance when faced with a learning challenge. He follows our classroom rules and routines very well. Oliver is a kind and thoughtful friend. An amazing start to the new school year Oliver - we are so very proud of you. Keep up the super learning!

The Together we are Stronger
award for 6CM goes to....



Oliver, you are just incredible! You walked into Year 6 with a positive outlook and this, combined with your determination and perseverance is resulting in you being successful. Sometimes, learning can be challenging but you persevere and welcome the support of others. Unsurprisingly, you also put 100% effort into everything you do and you strive to be the best version of yourself. Oliver, we recognise that you are trying incredibly hard and can see that you are as proud of your achievements as we are of you.




The Together we are Stronger
award for 6F goes to....



Ananya has had a brilliant start to Year 6! She is such an exceptional role model for her peers - she is ALWAYS on task and ALWAYS tries her best. Ananya is keen to share her thoughts and ideas with the class, but also listens carefully to others. Well done, Ananya! Keep up the good work - we're so lucky to have you in our class!

Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.64% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
98.27%	91.81%	95.97%	98.32%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
96.79%	95.71%	100%	95.86%

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**SCHOOL DAYS ARE
PACKED WITH
MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER
AND CONNECTION.**

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 22nd September	Tuesday 23rd September	Wednesday 24th September	Thursday 25th September	Friday 26th September
Activities & Events	Activities & Events Behaviour drop-in 14.30-15.30	Activities & Events	Activities & Events Tag Rugby festival Year 3 - AM Year 6 - PM	Activities & Events
Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs Cross Teach Bible Club	Lunchtime Clubs Music ambassadors Year 4-6
Musical Instrument Lessons IMS piano and flute Guitar lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS drums, piano and keyboard	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Violin and Keyboard	Musical Instrument Lessons Upbeat! Brass 4B Individual brass lessons (Warwickshire Music)	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Singing lessons
After School Clubs Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	After School Clubs Bounce and Beat Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45 Multisports Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	After School Clubs Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Cookery Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Basketball Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15	After School Clubs Musical Theatre Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	After School Clubs Cheerleading Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

Future dates for your diary

Friday 3rd October	PTA Crazy Hair Day
Thursday 9th, AM	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 14th October	Coffee morning for parents and carers of children with SEND (more info to follow)
Wednesday 15th October	Year 6 measurements (School nursing team) and health questionnaire
Thursday 16th October	Open morning for prospective parents
Monday 20th October	'Dare to be different day'
Tuesday 21st October, 15.30-18.30	Parents' evening
Thursday 23rd October, 15.30-18.30	Parents' evening
Friday 24th October	Teacher Training Day - School closed
Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th December, 14.00	Year 3 and 5 Carol Concert - in school
Wednesday 17th December, 14.00	Year 6 Christmas service - in church
Thursday 18th December, 14.00	Year 4 Christmas Nativity - in school

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025

<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 1 September</i>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 2nd September</i>
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 24th October</i>
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 27 – Friday 31 October</i>
Term Ends	Friday 19 December

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts	Monday 5 January
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 16 – Friday 20 February</i>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 23 February</i>
Term Ends	Friday 27 March

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts	Monday 13 April
May Day	Monday 4 May
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May</i>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st June</i>
Warwickshire Induction Day	Wednesday 8 July
Term Ends	Friday 17 July
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 20 July</i>

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

Autumn Term 2026

<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 1 September</i>
Term Starts	Wednesday 2 September
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October</i>
Term Ends	Friday 18 December

Spring Term 2027

<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 4 January</i>
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 January
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 15 – Friday 19 February</i>
Term Ends	Friday 26 March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts	Monday 12 April
May Day	Monday 3 May
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June</i>
Warwickshire Induction Day	Wednesday 7 July
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 July

There will be 4 further teacher training days during 2026-2027 – to be confirmed.