



# DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

24th April 2026



As we look ahead to the next academic year, I'm pleased to share that term dates have now been confirmed. You'll find them included within this newsletter and they are also available on our school website.

One of the things that makes DBJA such a vibrant place to learn is the fantastic range of wider opportunities our children enjoy. This term alone, pupils have been able to take part in an impressive variety of lunchtime and after school clubs: sporting activities, computing, art and crafts, cookery, Spanish, Cross Teach Bible Club, music ambassadors, calm club, and many more. We are proud to offer such breadth, ensuring every child can discover something that excites and inspires them.



Beyond clubs, our children continue to represent the school brilliantly across a whole range of sports. Whether it's tournaments, festivals, or friendly fixtures, they consistently show teamwork, resilience and pride in wearing the DBJA badge.

Yesterday brought a real highlight: a Shakespearean themed day across the school. Each year group explored a different play and immersed themselves in creative, dramatic and thought provoking activities. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA, who supported the day by selling books and Wonka bars, adding even more excitement to the occasion. To see what each year group got up to, please head over to Class Dojo, where photos and updates have been shared.

Kind regards

**Mrs Emma Darragh**  
Headteacher

## Attachments

- [Lunch menu link \(w/c 27th April is week 3 of the new Summer menu\)](#)
- Community Events and Services newsletter
- Online Safety Information Session poster (6th May)

## Notices/ reminders

### Term dates 2026-2027

The finalised term dates (including Teacher Training Days not previously published) for next academic year are now on the final page of the newsletter and can also be found on our website [Dunchurch Boughton CofE Junior Academy - Term and Holiday Dates](#).

### After School Clubs - Kits Academy

Unfortunately, due to insufficient numbers, Kits Academy have cancelled both the Literature and Drama club and Streetdance clubs for this term.

## **Notices/ reminders continued...**

A reminder that we are a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**. Please do not send your child into school with nuts or food containing nuts. Your cooperation in this matter is vital in order to keep children with allergies safe.

### **Pupil absence**

If your child is absent, please make contact on **each day of their absence** by 9.20am, either by speaking to us, leaving a message on the school office telephone (01788 811028) or by emailing [office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org). **Please let us know in the message the nature of their illness.**

### **Class Dojo**

A reminder we do not use the direct message function on Class Dojo. Please do not contact teachers on Class Dojo - please do so via the office email address.

### **School meals**

Please ensure school meals are paid for in advance on ParentPay. The cost is £2.85 per day.

### **MCAS**

Thank you to those parents/ carers who have activated their MCAS accounts so far. We will be resending activation emails to those who have not yet activated their accounts- if you have not received any of these emails that have sent so far (first priority contacts), or have experienced an issue with activating your account, please let us know. We will soon be rolling out various functions on MCAS such as email communications, paying for school meals and trips and booking parents evenings and performances, so it is important that parents and carers have access to their accounts.

### **Year 6 PE/ Games**

During the Summer Term, Year 6 pupils can wear their PE Kit to school on Wednesdays and Fridays (days they have PE/Games). A reminder that the academy PE uniform is: navy/black shorts or joggers, a white (unbranded) t shirt and a school jumper/fleece or a navy/black tracksuit jacket with white or black trainers. Long hair should be tied back for PE/Games so please remind children to have a hairband available on PE days if needed. As per the uniform policy, the only jewellery that is acceptable is stud earrings but these should be removed prior to PE.

## **WOOSH - Game On (important information)**

WOOSH before and after school club is now run by Game On Coaching. Please use the Pebble Booking system to book your child into WOOSH (link below). Bookings must be made directly with Game On and cannot be made through school.

If you have not used the system before you will need to register on the system. If you have registered with the Pebble booking system or are planning to do, [please ensure that you give full and accurate information with regard to medical, dietary and SEND information.](#) School do not share this information with Game On due to GDPR, so please make sure your details are updated and shared so that your child's safety and wellbeing can be fully catered for.

If you have any queries regarding WOOSH please contact Game On directly.

- [Link to Pebble Booking System for WOOSH](#)

Email - [info@gameoncoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@gameoncoaching.co.uk)

Phone - 07776 322590

**If you make a last minute booking with Game On and your child is not expecting to go to WOOSH, please still contact school as well as Game On so that we can pass the message on to your child.**

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy**

This week, we have been reading *Gorgeously Me*, a lovely story about self-acceptance and the importance of celebrating the uniqueness that makes us, 'us'. After listening to the story, the children created self-portraits and added bubble writing around the outside to celebrate all the wonderful qualities that make them unique. It can be hard to start thinking about ourselves in this way; however, once discussions began, the ideas flowed. Every opportunity to celebrate the children for all that makes them 'them' is so important. It helps to promote positive self-esteem and supports their well-being. Once they are finished, I will share them - I think they will look beautiful and we can proudly display them around school.

Two of our wonderful Year 6 pupils have decided that this year we will do the Mini Marathon once again! This will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 12.30pm. The 'marathon' will involve two laps of our school field (approximately one mile). There is an entry fee of £1, which can be paid on the day. All classes have been given a sign-up sheet, and every participant will receive a certificate. As a school community, we are excited to see how many mini marathons we can complete between us. Staff are also very welcome to join in!

Pupils were keen to combine the marathon with celebrating David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday (which is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May). All money raised from the marathon will be donated to an animal or conservation charity of the children's choice. If they would like to, children may wear an animal mask or ears whilst taking part in the marathon.

This is a fantastic opportunity to promote well-being in our school through physical activity. It also provides a wonderful chance for the children to connect and support one another. At the same time, we will be raising money for a truly wonderful man who has done so much for our world. The event poster is attached.

As always, if you need to contact me, the pastoral address is below:

[pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org)




Kind regards

**Mrs S Clusker**

Pastoral and Inclusion Mentor/ Senior Mental Health Lead

# Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.89% (Target 97%)

			
<b>3AE</b>	<b>3L</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>4CG</b>
94.61%	95.67%	95.02%	99.33%
			
<b>5A</b>	<b>5HT</b>	<b>6CM</b>	<b>6F</b>
97.32%	96.99%	97.71%	98.32%



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS



<b>This week's total:</b> <b>111</b>	<b>This week's total:</b> <b>119</b>	<b>This week's total:</b> <b>140</b>	<b>This week's total:</b> <b>126</b>
<b>Cumulative total:</b> <b>451</b>	<b>Cumulative total:</b> <b>470</b>	<b>Cumulative total:</b> <b>445</b>	<b>Cumulative total:</b> <b>465</b>

This week's winning House is: **Emerald**

# Awards this week

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



Demi-Leigh you are our TWAS award winner this week for many reasons. We see a real maturity in your attitude to your learning, to your peers, and to the school environment as a whole. You can be relied upon to be ready, respectful and safe. On our special William Shakespeare day you were effective in your support of others around you, helping them to compose poems, alongside writing your own too. In the hall I saw you clearing up extra rubbish that was not your own, a wonderful way to show respect. I have also enjoyed your ideas in English this week, and it has been a pleasure to mark your book. Well done, you should be proud of yourself!

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



This TWAS award is presented to Grace who consistently shows kindness and helpfulness towards others. They are always willing to lend a hand, show care for their classmates, and help create a positive and welcoming classroom environment. In addition to all those amazing things, Grace is also a fantastic artist who takes extraordinary pride in their work, showing creativity, attention to detail, and enthusiasm in every piece they produce. Well done for being such a kind friend and a wonderful artist. It is such a pleasure to have you in our class!

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



Lyra is this week's TWAS award for consistently demonstrating excellent manners every day and showing she is always ready, respectful, and safe. Lyra is consistently kind and caring towards her peers and sets a wonderful example to others. Lyra regularly shows our school value of kindness through her positive attitude, thoughtful actions, and willingness to help those around her. Lyra never fails to make me and her peers laugh. Well done, Lyra - we are immensely proud of you!

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



She is a fantastic and expressive writer. Her work is always full of ideas and creativity, making it a joy to read. Alex is also such a kind and gentle person, always showing generosity and a willingness to help others. She has a wonderful personality that brings positivity to our classroom every day. As a learner, Alex is always involved and engaged, eager to participate and give her best in every lesson. She sets a brilliant example with her attitude and effort. Well done, Alex, we are so proud of you! Keep up the great effort and resilience.

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



Candace richly deserves this award; she consistently applies the school rules and values and is an example to others. Candace is kind and during caring person who is always looking out for others, she gets on with her work without a fuss and is very conscientious. Candace, well done for all your hard work and kindness so far this year. Keep setting the example for others to follow!

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



Daya consistently demonstrates a positive attitude towards her learning and approaches every challenge with determination and resilience. No matter what problem she is faced with, she always tries her very best to find a solution, showing fantastic perseverance. Over the course of the year, Daya has grown tremendously in independence, becoming more confident in tackling tasks on her own and taking responsibility for her learning. She is always eager to contribute to class discussions and her presentation is also something to be very proud of. She has put great effort towards refining her handwriting and layout, particularly in our recent extended writing pieces, and the results have been beautiful. Keep up the amazing work Daya!

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



Sia's quiet and thoughtful nature makes her a valued member of our class, and she can always be relied on. She consistently demonstrates our school values by being ready, respectful and safe in all that she does. She is a wonderful friend—kind, helpful and always considerate of others' feelings. Throughout the year, Sia has worked hard and she always gives her best in everything she does, even when things are a bit challenging, she doesn't get put off, instead she uses advice to look at a problem again or to improve her ideas. Well done, Sia - you should be especially proud of your excellent presentation, effort and all that you have achieved this year.

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



Ishaan continues to be a fantastic member of our 6CM family and deserves this moment of recognition. In the classroom, Ishaan works hard and always tries his best in every subject so unsurprisingly he has made brilliant progress this year. Ishaan is also an excellent role model to everyone around him and to younger children in school as he shows and encourages our school values. I've enjoyed getting to know Ishaan and it is evident that Ishaan is maturing into a kind, young gentleman who always shows empathy and understanding towards others. Ishaan, keep working hard and you will be successful in anything you put your mind to.

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



This week our TWAS award goes to Akshita! She is always ready to learn, but not only that, she wants to go above and beyond and achieve even more than what she already has. Akshita takes on feedback well and asks questions to support her own advancement. She is such a committed learner, which will benefit her in the future moving up to high school. Keep up this great attitude towards your learning, Akshita - keep aiming high!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



## Diary Dates - w/c 27th April 2026

Monday 27th April	Tuesday 28th April	Wednesday 29th April	Thursday 30th April	Friday 31st April
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>  17.00-17.30 Year 6 Parent/carer meeting- residential	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>
<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>  Cross Teach Bible Club	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>  Music ambassadors Year 4-6
<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>  IMS drums IMS Piano / keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>  IMS Violin and Keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>  IMS Singing lessons
<b>After School Clubs</b>  Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Computer Xplorers Year 3/4 15.30-16.30  Craft Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b>  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45  Multisports Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b>  Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Cookery Club ( <b>FULL</b> ) Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Basketball Club Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15	<b>After School Clubs</b>  Computer Xplorers Year 5 & 6 15.30-16.30  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	<b>After School Clubs</b>  Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

## Future dates for your diary

Monday 4th May	School closed - bank holiday
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday 18th May	Year 5 PTA Bake-Off
Wednesday 20th May, 14.30	SEND Parent/ Carers coffee event
Thursday 21st May, morning	Class & group photographs - Versaprint
Friday 22nd May	PTA Dare to be Different Day
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half term holiday
Monday 1st June	School closed - teacher training Day
Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th June	Year 6 Residential visit to Frontier Centre
Friday 19th June	Father's Day Gift Shop
Tuesday 23rd June – morning	Sports Day
Thursday 25th June (times TBC)	PTA Summer disco
Monday 29th June	Year 3 PTA Bake Off
Wednesday 8th July	County transfer day
Thursday 9th July	Year 5 Athletics festival
Friday 10th July	End of year school reports sent home
Monday 13th July, 15.30-16.30	Parent/ carer drop-in to discuss reports
Tuesday 14th July	Year 4 Cricket festival
Thursday 16th July, 17.00-19.00	Year 6 Leavers BBQ and disco

## TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

### Summer Term 2026

Term Starts	Monday 13 April
<i>May Day</i>	<i>Monday 4 May</i>
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May</i>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 1 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>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Wednesday 2 September</i>
Term Starts	Thursday 3 September
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 23 October</i>
<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>
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 22 February</i>
Term Ends	Thursday 25th March

### Summer Term 2027

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