



# DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

26th September 2025



This week elections have been held to choose our head pupils for this academic year. Over twenty Year 6's put themselves forward for these roles; they all gave confident speeches to the rest of the school. Voting and counting then followed. I was delighted this morning to be able to award head pupil badges to Felicia and Alistair from Year 6 – congratulations to you both!



Yesterday our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils attended a tag rugby event along with other local schools. They all had a great morning developing their sports and teamwork skills.

Next week, we are looking forward to two members of the Studio 77 team joining us in school. They are going to be filming and taking photos for our new website and digital prospectus. You might spot a drone up in the air above school at lunchtime on Wednesday!

As a school, we have signed up to support from a company called Knowsley City Learning Centres. They offer support and guidance to schools and parents about all aspects of online safety. They have a workshop for parents on Wednesday 1st October 4-4.45pm which you can access by clicking [here](#).



**Attachments** [Lunch Menu link \(w/c 29th September is week 1\)](#), Tips for Wellness : 'Persistence', Community Events and Services newsletter

## Notices/ reminders

### Automated gates

Please be aware that the school staff car park and pedestrian gates are now automated during school hours. This is to improve site security and safeguarding. Please use the intercoms to request access. If you are given access with a vehicle to the staff car park, when exiting you will need to stop on the speed bump before the gates where the yellow lines are - the gates will then open to let your car out. If you are exiting on foot you will need to press the intercom to be let out.

### Lost property

There are a number of unnamed items of school uniform around school. Please ensure you name all items so that we can reunite them with your child if they mislay them.

### PTA Crazy Hair Day - Friday 3rd October

A reminder that Friday is PTA crazy hair day. For a donation of £1 children may come to school with crazy hair. Dye it (this will need to be washed out before Monday), spike it, frizz it, curl it, back-comb, front-comb, comb-over, sparkles, sprinkles, ribbon and bows - the crazier the better!

### Open morning for prospective parents (September 2026 starters)

We are holding an open morning for prospective parents on Friday 17th October. Please note that this is a change of date from the one originally published. Please contact the school office via [office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org) if you would like to attend so that we can confirm a tour time slot.

## Harvest Festival (3rd October) - Foodbank Collection

For Harvest Festival we would welcome donations for Rugby Foodbank, please bring these into school on **Wednesday 3rd October**.

*Urgently needed items (at time of writing):*

Tinned Snack Meals

Tinned Sweetcorn

Rice (500g)

Good Strong Carrier Bags

*They are running low on:*

Cuppa Soup

Washing Up Liquid

Laundry Powder/Capsules



The Foodbank currently has excess stock of Baked Beans, Pasta and Soup, so please do not donate any more of these items just now.

Visit Rugby Foodbank website for the most up to date list of items most needed:

[Donate food | Rugby Foodbank](#)

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

Thank you to everyone who has bought an item from the pastoral Amazon wishlist. It is very much appreciated.

It was brought to my attention that there was an issue with the link included in last week's newsletter. The correct link is below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/h8EuGmbFnWd0ySgittOWgYL9XKBdAf8vQX9Cnpp8mvCRP6jSOM-w2ZZibLvo0U5jk54fKFTHIVNhaRjFN-w5ysS8oC7xZUkbpTL\\_kCI?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/h8EuGmbFnWd0ySgittOWgYL9XKBdAf8vQX9Cnpp8mvCRP6jSOM-w2ZZibLvo0U5jk54fKFTHIVNhaRjFN-w5ysS8oC7xZUkbpTL_kCI?ref_=wl_share)

As always if you have any concerns or need a chat please email the pastoral email address [pastoralDUJ@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:pastoralDUJ@dunchurch.covmat.org)

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....



You were chosen as our TWAS award winner this week for all of the fantastic choices you make. You really do demonstrate our rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. You have been an excellent talk partner, working effectively to discuss and share your combined ideas. We were also very impressed with your sentences on the Enormous Crocodile this week. They were imaginative and excellently structured - a pleasure to read. Well Done!

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



You are our TWAS award winner today for really being the embodiment of our school motto "Together We Are Stronger. At tag rugby you were heard offering support to all around you, you worked hard and joined in no matter what team you were put in, and your enthusiasm really encouraged everyone to try their hardest. You should be so proud of the team spirit you showed, and this attitude is one we are looking forward to seeing more of as you progress through our school. Well done!

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



This week, I am so proud to recognise Toby who has made amazing progress and truly begun to shine. Toby has been stepping out of his comfort zone, showing more confidence, and allowing his wonderful personality to come through more each day. Whether it's speaking up more or trying something new. Well done Toby, you should be so proud.

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



Harlen has been absolutely amazing! He has been working so hard on his handwriting, and it's really paying off—it is looking so neat and beautiful now. He also produced a fantastic written piece on Alice in Wonderland, full of effort and creativity. It really showed just how much progress he has made. On top of that, Harlen has started his reading at home, and I am so proud of him for taking that extra step to grow as a reader. His hard work and determination re shining through in everything he does. Well done, Harlen, you should feel really proud of yourself!

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



Delilah is a delight to have in our class. Delilah is always the first to be showing that she is ready to learn, I can always rely on her to show others the right thing to do by putting her hand up to join in discussions or to ask a question. She is always smiling and always polite. Delilah is our class Gardener and carries out her plant watering duties with care and enthusiasm. Well done Delilah, keep doing the right thing by being an amazing role model to your class and the whole school.

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



Georgie is a lovely member of our class. She has made great progress with adjusting to Year 5 expectations already and is growing into a kind and responsible role model to others. Georgie, the kindness you have shown to others in our class and on the playground is incredibly admirable and we are grateful to have a friend like you in our class. You have been an encouraging talk partner, you have contribute well to lessons and generally bring a brightness into our class. You are such a lovely friend Georgie, keep up the great work.

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



Aurelia is an amazing member of Class 5HT. She has settled into Year 5 with confidence and can always be relied upon to set the best example to her friends. She ensures she follows the rules; "ready, respectful and safe" at all times. We are so impressed by her focus in lessons; she gives thoughtful and reflective contributions to our class discussions. Aurelia also shows a great deal of kindness to her friends. A super role model and a brilliant member of the class. Well done, Aurelia!




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



Molly, we are so fortunate to have you as part of our class family; you bring kindness, patience and a 'have-a-go' attitude into the classroom and are an excellent role model. You are also always willing to help and support those around you and these actions do not go unnoticed. We hope that this year you will build upon your knowledge and confidence so that you will be able to see just how truly great you are. We believe in you and know that you can do anything that you put your mind to.

# Attendance Summary

Whole School: 97.15% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
97.27%	95.02%	93.29%	99.33%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
97.85%	97.49%	99.02%	97.92%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



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

**CURIOSITY, WONDER  
AND CONNECTION.**

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ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE'  
ON THE EDUCATION HUB

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!**

## Diary Dates - next week

Monday 29th September	Tuesday 30th September	Wednesday 1st October	Thursday 2nd October	Friday 3rd October
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b> Harvest Festival	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b> PTA Crazy Hair Day
<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> Cross Teach Bible Club	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> Music ambassadors Year 4-6
<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS piano and flute Guitar lessons	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS drums, piano and keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS Violin and Keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> Upbeat! Brass 4B Individual brass lessons (Warwickshire Music)	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS Singing lessons
<b>After School Clubs</b> Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b> Bounce and Beat Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45  Multisports - <b>FULL</b> 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 <b>(FULL)</b> Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15 (SPACES)	<b>After School Clubs</b> Musical Theatre— <b>FULL</b> Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	<b>After School Clubs</b> Cheerleading Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Dodgeball - <b>FULL</b> Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

## Future dates for your diary

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
Friday 17th October (please note change of day)	Open morning for prospective parents (current Year 2)
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
Thursday 20th November, 9.30 at Dunchurch Infant Academy (hall)	Mrs Darragh talking to DBIA & LH Year 2 parents
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 2<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.***