



17th October 2025

There's been a real buzz around school this week with the exciting launch of our new school houses! A huge congratulations to Ryan in Year 5, who won the competition to name them. He chose **Ruby, Topaz, Emerald and Sapphire** because, in his words, "all kids are gems" - and we couldn't agree more!

Children are now earning house point tokens for showing positive learning behaviours and living out our school values. These tokens contribute to a weekly house total, which we'll be sharing right here in the newsletter. At the end of each half term, the winning house will enjoy a special treat - so let the friendly competition begin!



This morning, we were delighted to welcome so many

parents into school for our Open Morning. Our fabulous Year 6 tour guides, including our Head Pupils, did a brilliant job showing visitors around and sharing what makes our school so special. If you know anyone looking for a Year 3 place for September 2026, please encourage them to get in touch - we may offer another Open Morning next half term.

Just a reminder that school closes at 3.30pm on Thursday 23rd October for the half-term break. We reopen on Monday 3rd November. Next Friday is a staff training day, where our focus will be on behaviour - helping us continue to create a calm, purposeful and happy learning environment for all.

Attachments [Lunch Menu link \(w/c 20th October is week 1\)](#), Tips for Wellness : 'Thoughtfulness', De-escalation parent & carer workshop poster, Community Events and Services newsletter PTA Dare to be Different Day poster.

Notices/ reminders

Dare to be different day - Monday 20th October

A reminder that 'dare to be different day' is on Monday next week - see the attached poster.

Learner review meetings - Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October

The appointment booking system has now closed. The teachers are looking forward to meeting those parents and carers who have booked in on Tuesday or Thursday next week. Please report to reception to sign in when you arrive for your appointment. Your child's books will also be available for you to look at.

New lunch menu starting 3rd November

There will be a new menu starting after the October half term, the link to this is [here](#). Week commencing 3rd November is week 3.

Menu change for next week

On Tuesday 20th October, RED choice will be sweet and sour chicken and rice instead of chicken curry and rice.

Break time snacks

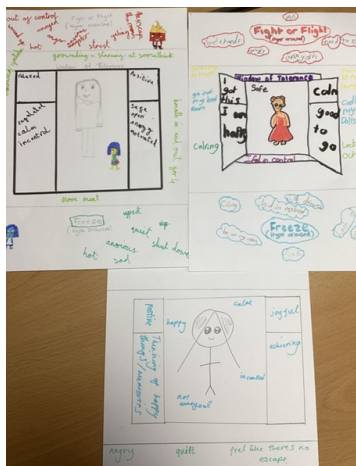
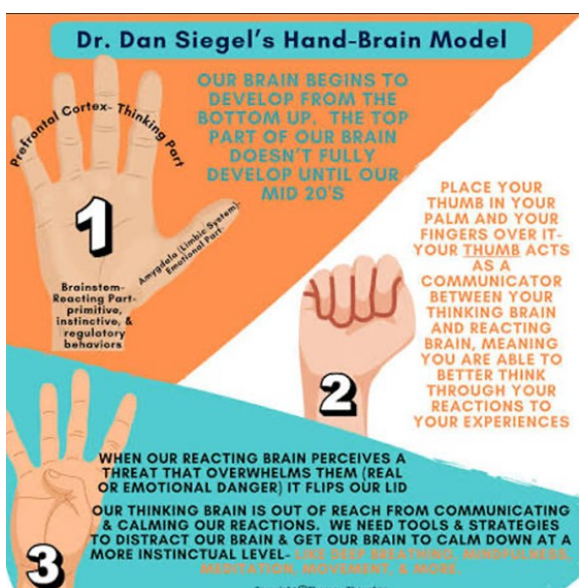
A reminder that children should bring a healthy, nut-free snack at breaktime - preferably fruit.

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

It has been a wonderful week in The Hive - we have got our 'Bee-longing' display up and ready to add more too. This was created to help form a sense of belonging and safe environment in which we can celebrate our strengths as individuals but also see that when we come together like bees in a Hive, 'together we are stronger'.

We have also been finishing off our 'windows of tolerance' and looking into Dan Siegel's hand brain model. This is a great way to show the children what happens when we are in are 'upstairs brain' and can think clearly, have fun and be ready for learning etc, as well as what happens when we flip our lid into our 'downstairs brain' and we can no longer connect the two. It is very visual, and something you can talk about at home to help explain big strong feelings and emotions and the effect these have on the brain, and how we get back into the 'upstairs brain' by self or co-regulation.

Please see pictures below.



Attached with this newsletter is a flyer for a session for parents around de-escalation techniques, which takes place in Bedworth. I have contacted the organisers and am waiting to see if they will run any sessions in Rugby.

As always, if you would like to speak to a member of the pastoral team please email pastoralDUJ@dunchurch.covmat.org

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Clusker



Pastoral Mentor

Awards this week

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



Leela, you are our TWAS award winner this week for many reasons, but the one I think you should be most proud of is the effort we see you putting in ALL THE TIME. This really shone through in your English extended write, where you carefully worked through your success criteria. I also loved the impersonation of Trunky the Elephant you used in our planning to help us get into the right mind set! Well done, Leela!

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



Stanley, You are our TWAS award as from the beginning of September you showed many of our school values! You consistently show a positive attitude and a strong work ethic in all that you do. You are always focused, resilient and take lots of care and pride in your work. You're a kind friend to your peers and a pleasure to have in our class. Well done Stanley you should be so proud.

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



Edmund is a lovely member of 5A. Since the first week, Edmund has been supportive towards his peers and staff. Recently, he has taken on a classroom job and he has been fulfilling his role to the very best of his ability. Edmund is also a fantastic role model who we can always count on in class to be making the right choices. He always uses manners and shows our school values of kindness and peace with great maturity. Congratulations Edmund! Keep being you!

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



Giovanna is a wonderful member of Class 5HT. It is such a pleasure to have her as a member of the class. She is such a kind and caring friend. In particular, she enjoys helping children who may find the learning difficult. She has delightful manners and always follows our school rules - ready, respectful and safe. She tries so hard in her learning, even when it can be challenging at times and demonstrates care and perseverance, for example, when designing her abstract art. Giovanna, carefully followed her plan and created a very striking abstract art tile. Well done, Giovanna. Thank you for your kindness and hard work.

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



This certificate is proudly presented to Jocelyn in recognition of her outstanding kindness, helpfulness, and friendship in 6F. Jocelyn was nominated by one of her peers for always being such a thoughtful and friendly person, and I couldn't agree more! Jocelyn's caring nature and positive attitude make our school a better place every single day. I am also incredibly proud of the effort she gives in all that she does. Even when things get a bit more tricky, she shows amazing 'stickability' and perseverance. Keep shining brightly, Jocelyn; your kindness and determination are an inspiration to everyone around you.




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



We are really pleased to be able to present Theo with this award. He thoroughly deserves this moment of recognition as he has worked with increasing focus this half term and is applying his knowledge and understanding to his independent learning. We have also noticed that Theo looks out for other children and he is not afraid to show honesty and stand up for what is right. Theo, you are maturing into an excellent role model and it has been great to see you take responsibility for your learning. Keep working hard.

Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.31% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
98.98%	93.79%	96.31%	99.66%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
96.17%	90.51%	98.37%	96.53%

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

**CURIOSITY, WONDER
AND CONNECTION.**

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SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE'
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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 20th October	Tuesday 21st October	Wednesday 22nd October	Thursday 23rd October	Friday 24th October
Activities & Events PTA Dare to be Different Day	Activities & Events Learner review meetings 15.40-18.30	Activities & Events	Activities & Events Learner review meetings 15.40-18.30	SCHOOL CLOSED
Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs Cross Teach Bible Club	FOR TEACHER
Musical Instrument Lessons IMS piano and flute Guitar lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS drums No piano / keyboard this week	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Violin and Keyboard	Musical Instrument Lessons Upbeat! Brass 4B Individual brass lessons (Warwickshire Music)	TRAINING DAY
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 - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	After School Clubs Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Cookery Club - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Basketball Club Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 (FULL) Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15 (SPACES)	After School Clubs Musical Theatre - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	

Future dates for your diary

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October	Half term holiday
Wednesday 12th November	Year 3 and 4 author visit (details to follow)
Wednesday 12th November	Year 5 visit to Mary Arden's Farm (details to follow)
Friday 14th November	Children In Need (details to follow)
Week commencing 17th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 20th November, 9.30 at Dunchurch Infant Academy (hall)	Mrs Darragh talking to DBIA & LH Year 2 parents
Wednesday 3rd December	PTA Jingle Bell Jog
Friday 5th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
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.