



As we reach the end of this busy half term, we want to celebrate the fantastic behaviour and positive attitude shown by our pupils. It has been a packed few weeks full of learning and activities, and the children have risen to the challenge brilliantly.

Today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Stockwell, who has been a valued member of our school community for many years. We would like to thank her for her hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout her time with us - she has made a lasting difference to so many children and colleagues. This morning, we held a special assembly to celebrate her contributions and share our best wishes for the future. Mrs Stockwell will be greatly missed by us all, and we wish her every success in the next chapter of her journey.



A reminder that school closes today for the half-term break, as tomorrow is a staff training day. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 3rd November** for another exciting term ahead.

**Attachments** [Lunch menu link](#) (w/c 3rd November is week 3), Tips for Wellness : 'Digital Detox', Community Events and Services newsletter, PTA pre-loved teddy donation poster.

## Notices/ reminders

### Shoebbox appeal

Leaflets for this year's Teams4U Christmas shoebbox appeal have been given out today. If you would like to participate, please bring filled shoeboxes and completed forms into school before **19th November**. For more information go to the [Teams4u website](#).

### Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in school from Monday 3rd November. If your child would like to buy a poppy, please send them with a donation in a named envelope so they can purchase one when they are brought round to the classroom.

### Pupil absence

A reminder that if your child is absent, please make contact on **each day of their absence** by 9.30am, either by speaking to or leaving message on the school office telephone (01788 811028) or by emailing [office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org).

### WOOSH

A letter regarding WOOSH bookings for after the half term holiday was sent out via email and shared on Class Dojo yesterday. The Game On booking system is now live. **If you have an existing booking that is being transferred over please ensure you have contacted Game On before the return to school** so that you can pass on important details such as contacts, collector and medical details (see letter for Game On's contact information).

## Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

What a wonderful first half term we have had in school.

This week I wanted to highlight a service that you may or may not be aware of, but is available to everyone - Connect for Health. Connect for Health are the Warwickshire school nursing service, and they support children and their families in a variety of ways. This could be through individual 1-1 sessions or group work, either in person or over the phone. I have listed all things below that the service deals with:

- Healthy eating
- Dental health
- Friendships and relationships
- Body image
- Bullying
- School anxiety
- Fussy eating
- Sleep
- Continence
- Mental health
- Sexual health
- Long-term health conditions
- Gender and sexuality
- Parenting
- Behaviour
- Referral onto additional services

Parents can make referrals directly, or as a school we can put in referrals for you. As you can see, there is a vast range of areas they deal with, and if they cannot provide the support needed, they will signpost to services where the right support can be given.

If anyone would like to discuss this further, please feel free to email the pastoral email address (below).

This week In The Hive we have been looking at the brain, in particular the Amygdala, which is our body's alarm system, which when activated causes our fight, flight and freeze response. I have talked about this part of the brain being like a meerkat, but I thought it was really important for the children to identify their own animals to associate with it. Some of the animals they have chosen are sharks and guard dogs. We will continue to look at this after half term, and look at how the other parts of the brain work and are affected when the Amygdala kicks in. I will share some of our finished art around this as well.

As always, I will monitor the pastoral address over the half term.






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

Have a lovely half term  
Mrs Clusker

# Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.54% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
99.57%	89.78%	94.83%	95.67%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
96.43%	92.67%	95.38%	97.77%

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PACKED WITH  
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## DBJA Music Stars and Commended Musicians (Autumn 1 2025)

Together we are stronger



### **Year 3 - Rhythm Has Your Two Hips Moving**

Stars: *Leela-Rose, Willow, Freddie & Anaya*

Commended musicians: *Ife, Harley, Nathan & Aadhya*



### **4B - Kije's March and 4CG - Upbeat! Brass**

Stars: *Ellie, Ava, Evelyn & Kush*

Commended musicians: *Mia, Leo, Ema & Iris*



### **Year 5 - Indian Music**

Stars: *Pihu, Sia, Vinson & Daya*

Commended musicians: *Eddie, Sam W, Anaya & Sky*



### **Year 6 - Popular Music Part I**

Stars: *Clara, Max, Seth Mn & Alex*

Commended musicians: *Jocelyn, Alastair, Theon H & Molly*



## Diary Dates - next week

Monday 3rd November	Tuesday 4th November	Wednesday 5th November	Thursday 6th November	Friday 7th November
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<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>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>
TBC	TBC	TBC	Cross Teach Bible Club	Music ambassadors Year 4-6
<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>
IMS piano and flute Guitar lessons	IMS drums  IMS Piano / keyboard	IMS Violin and Keyboard	Upbeat! Brass 4B  Individual brass lessons (Warwickshire Music)	IMS Singing lessons
<b>After School Clubs</b>	<b>After School Clubs</b>	<b>After School Clubs</b>	<b>After School Clubs</b>	<b>After School Clubs</b>
Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	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	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)	Musical Theatre - <b>FULL</b> Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	Cheerleading Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Dodgeball - <b>FULL</b> Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

## Future dates for your diary

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 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.***