



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

7th November 2025



We hope you had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It's lovely to see everyone back and ready for the exciting weeks ahead!

Our focus on positive behaviour continues, and there's a real buzz around house points at the moment! Starting this week, we'll be sharing the latest house point totals every Friday during TWAS assembly and right here in the newsletter - scroll down to see which house is currently in the lead! The house with the most points by the end of term will enjoy a festive movie afternoon complete with popcorn and hot chocolate. A big thank you to the PTA for helping to make this special treat possible!



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we've got lots of meaningful activities planned, including a special assembly on Monday. To mark the occasion, children and staff are invited to wear odd socks to school on **Friday 14th November** - a fun way to celebrate our differences and stand together against bullying.

We're also gearing up for Children in Need! On **Thursday 13th November**, class 6CM will lead an introductory assembly for the whole school. The following week, each class will be running their own fundraising activity to support this important cause. Keep an eye on Dojo for updates and details about what each class is planning.

Before the break, I had the pleasure of attending a special service at St Peter's Church to welcome the new vicar. Here's a message from Rev Ian Sweeney:

Hello! I wanted to introduce myself — my name is Rev Ian, and I've recently been appointed as the Vicar of St Peter's, Dunchurch, which my family and I are hugely excited about! This new role means I'll have the pleasure of being involved with both schools, supporting you, and helping to strengthen the relationship between the church and the school community.

As you might guess, I love Jesus - but I also love my wife, Stacey, and our three daughters, Erinn, Niamh, and Quinn... as well as our two very mischievous cats! And when I'm not at church or with my family, you'll probably find me cheering on Coventry City Football Club!

I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all, in school, in church, and around the village, and to praying for you as a school community.

*With every blessing,
Rev Ian*

Rev Ian visited school on Wednesday to meet with me and talk about how we can continue to build strong links between the church and our school. He'll be coming in next week to meet the children - we're really looking forward to welcoming him!

Emma Darragh
Headteacher

Attachments [Lunch menu link](#) (w/c 10th November is week 1), Online safety November newsletter, MHST Tips: 'online safety', Tips for Wellness: 'Be Helpful', Community Events and Services newsletter, SEND newsletter.

Children In Need



We will be supporting Children in Need in school again this year.

On the week commencing 17th November, each class will be running their own fundraising activity to support this important cause.

Teachers will be posting updates and details about what each class is planning on Class Dojo, so please look out for these.

Notices/ reminders

A reminder that we are a **NUT FREE 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.

Shoebox appeal

Leaflets for this year's Teams4U Christmas shoebox appeal were given out before half term. 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

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies and other items for the Poppy Appeal. Once we know the total raised we will let you know.

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 message on the school office telephone (01788 811028) or by emailing office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org.

Year 6 Residential - Rock UK

The deadline for completing the sign-up form for the residential to Rock UK (which takes place in June) was Tuesday this week. However, there are still spaces left so we have extended the deadline until next week. If your child would like to participate please complete the form (link below) by **Tuesday 11th November**. If you have signed up and have not yet paid your deposit on ParentPay, please do so in order to secure their place on the trip.

[Year 6 Residential Trip - Summer 2026 – Consent form](#)

Brass instruments - 4B

If your child has a brass instrument on loan from Warwickshire Music, please ensure it is brought into school each Thursday morning for their Upbeat! lesson.

Lost property

We have an increasing number of unnamed lost property items in school, especially uniform. Please ensure all items are named so that we can reunite them with your child if found.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st November, and open to parents/ carers from 15.40-16.00.

Every book purchased helps us earn free books for our school.

If you would like to come to the fair please collect your child in the usual place then report to the main entrance to sign in.

Books can be purchased either with cash or using the QR code provided at the fair for online payment. However, please be aware that some mobile phone networks have little or no reception in school.

The book fair will also be open at lunchtimes for the children only. If you are sending them with cash into school for this, please send in a named purse or envelope and ask your child to hand it in to their teacher at the start of the day for safekeeping.



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS
for your school
when you buy at
the Book Fair!

Come to our
BOOK FAIR

A pop-up book-store
with hundreds of
books from
JUST £2.99

What are you waiting for?

Come find us
at your
Book Fair!

TIME:
15.40-16.00

DATE:
Tues 18/11—Fri 21/11

LOCATION:
Dunchurch Junior
Sign in at main entrance

WOOSH – Game On (important information)

A letter regarding WOOSH before and after school club was sent out via email and shared on Class Dojo before the half term holiday. The Game On booking system (Pebble) is now live. Existing bookings have been transferred over but **please ensure you have contacted Game On if you have an existing booking so that you can pass on important details such as contacts, collector and medical details. Game On cannot add children to registers unless they have these details from parents.**

Please create an account on Pebble even if you do not have any existing bookings but think you may need to use WOOSH at some point. This will save time in the future, as there will be various questions including contact details and medical, dietary needs for your child. School will not be providing these details due to GDPR.

If you need to make a booking using childcare vouchers, at the moment please email Game On with your requirements (this is a temporarily measure whilst they are setting up their system to allow voucher payments).

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

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

Email - 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.

Awards this week

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



For showing our school value of kindness. You saw a child who was feeling sad and you invited her to join you for lunch. You put forward the invitation without fuss or show - a real example of how to make those around you feel better. This positivity brightens up our class. As well as this, I would like to also mention the effort that you are putting in with your maths - using a brilliant methodical approach using equipment. This consistent approach is really paying off in the work you are producing. Well done!

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



Ava has been super resilient in math's, and it has really paid off as Ava is now completing work independently and in recognition of her remarkable improvement and dedication in Mathematics Ava has shown a wonderful determination to grow, often challenging herself to understand new ideas and strategies. Her willingness to ask questions, share her thinking, and learn from others has helped her become more confident and skilled. Ava demonstrates that success comes from teamwork, effort, and a positive attitude. Ava is a caring friend to everyone and always brightens the room. Well done AVA

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



Jayden is always so kind, thoughtful, and hard-working. He's a loving and generous boy who always knows how to make others smile! His positivity brightens up our classroom every single day. This week, Jayden has really impressed us with his diary entry. He put so much effort into his writing, and the result was truly amazing. His use of fantastic vocabulary and emotive language really shows just how amazing his writing skills are. He always gives his best and spreads kindness wherever he goes. We're all so proud of you, well done, you are a superstar!

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



Martha is a thoughtful and caring member of 4CG, she has shown her interest for the environment by expressing concern for woodland that is being removed locally and is clearly passionate about this. Martha is growing her confidence in class daily and she is a great asset to our class. Finally, Martha has had to wait 3 weeks for this award so, at last, congratulations Martha!

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



Aiza is an amazing member of Class 5HT. Aiza always puts 100% effort into her learning. She enjoys a challenge and is always quick to challenge herself in her learning. She volunteers valuable and thoughtful ideas to our class discussions. Aiza is also a very kind person. She is always quick to offer a helping hand - whether it is helping adults in the classroom or helping her friends. Her friends recognise her as a kind and helpful member of the class, often wanting her to be her partner because of her generous and caring nature. Thank you for being such a valuable and hardworking member of our class, Aiza. Well done!

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



Shrenika is great member of 5A! She puts so much thought and effort into completing her work and it is evident through her presentation - each and every page is well structured and organised to showcase her learning effectively. She is a kind member of the class and has recently shone as a generous talk partner during group learning tasks and it has been lovely to see her flourish among her peers. Keep up the great work Shrenika!

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






We are so proud of you, Alena! You always approach your learning with a positive mindset and a smile, even when things get a bit trickier. You never give up and you keep trying your best, which is exactly what great learners do! You are a calm and caring member of our class, which makes you such a wonderful talk partner and friend to everyone. Your work is always beautifully presented, and it's a real joy to read! Keep shining brightly!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.73% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
100%	95.85%	94.81%	98.99%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
95.83%	95.96%	94.81%	97.57%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total:	360
Cumulative total:	1080

This week's total:	317
Cumulative total:	889

This week's total:	296
Cumulative total:	827

This week's total:	307
Cumulative total:	979

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

The House in overall lead is: **RUBY**

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 10th November	Tuesday 11th November	Wednesday 12th November	Thursday 13th November	Friday 14th November
Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events Year 3 and 4 author visit Year 5 trip to Mary Arden's Farm	Activities & Events	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 IMS Piano / 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 - 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	After School Clubs Cheerleading Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Dodgeball - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

Future dates for your diary

Monday 17th November	Last date for ordering Christmas cards (PTA)
Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st November	Scholastic Book Fair (page above)
Thursday 20th November, 9.30 at Dunchurch Infant Academy (hall)	Mrs Darragh talking to DBIA & LH Year 2 parents
Thursday 20th November	PTA non-uniform day (wear own clothes for donations to Christmas tombola).
Wednesday 3rd December	PTA Jingle Bell Jog
Friday 5th December	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9th November	Deadline for donating hamper items for PTA Christmas raffle.
Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th December, 14.00	Year 3 and 5 Carol Concert - in school
Tuesday 16th December	School Christmas lunch
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.