



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

14th November 2025



At our school, we believe in our vision to *encourage one another and build each other up*. This week has been a wonderful example of how our pupils live out our values through teamwork, creativity, and kindness.



On Tuesday morning, 5A led a thoughtful and moving Remembrance Day service for the whole school. The children stood confidently in front of their peers, sharing important information about the significance of the day, reading poignant poems, and showcasing beautiful artwork created by pupils across the school. It was inspiring to see the class come together and involve everyone in this special occasion. Their enthusiasm and engagement were great – well done, 5A, you are all stars!

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to Mary Arden's Farm, where they stepped back in time to experience life in Shakespeare's era. The highlight of the day was acting out extracts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and learning more about the fascinating characters in the play. The children showed great creativity and confidence – a fantastic way to bring literature to life!

Today is Odd Socks Day, marking the end of Anti-Bullying Week. It's a reminder that being different is something to celebrate! We encourage families to watch this short [kindness video](#) together at home. Let's keep spreading kindness and respect in our school community.

Yesterday 6CM led an informative assembly about Children in Need, helping us all understand the importance of supporting this wonderful cause. Please check Class Dojo for details of next week's fundraising activities – we'd love to see everyone get involved!

Yesterday I shared an update with parents and carers of children in 4CG. As you may know, Mrs Gooch has been unwell since the start of term. After much consideration, she has made the difficult decision not to return to school. We are so grateful for her hard work and dedication during her time at Dunchurch Juniors, and she will be greatly missed by the whole school family.

We are pleased to confirm that from Monday 24th November, Mrs Middleton will be joining Mr Cassells as part of the 4CG teaching team. Mrs Middleton is an experienced and highly skilled teacher who currently works in Year 5. She will teach in 4CG on Thursdays and Fridays, while continuing to teach in 5HT on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are confident that her expertise will be a fantastic addition to the Year 4 team.

Kind regards

Mrs Emma Darragh

Headteacher

Attachments [Lunch menu link](#) (w/c 17th November is week 2), Tips for Wellness: 'Motivation', Community Events and Services newsletter, PTA non uniform day poster, PTA Christmas disco poster, PTA Christmas fair poster, AGC member advert, The Incredible Years - poster.

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 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.

PTA non uniform day - Thursday 20th November

A reminder that it is non-uniform day on Thursday. Children may wear their own clothes in return for a donation for the PTA Christmas tombola.

Shoebox appeal—deadline for returning filled shoeboxes is Tuesday 18th November

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 by **18th November**. For more information go to the [Teams4u website](#).

Accessible parking

Please do not park in our accessible parking spaces unless you are a blue badge holder. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

PTA disco and Christmas Fair game tokens

Please see the attached posters regarding these PTA events. Both are now available as items to pay on ParentPay.

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 be 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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

This week in school we have been looking at anti bullying week. The anti-bullying theme has featured in assemblies as well as in the classroom. In the Hive we set up a few activities around kindness, as Thursday was also world kindness day.

We looked at a kindness paper chain, where we added acts of kindness we had completed or could complete and will continue to add to this. We looked kindness postcards to send to our friends or teachers as well as building a kindness Jenga!

We welcomed Sue from the NHS Mental Health in Schools Team this week, and she has begun training our very keen Well-being Warriors.



Attached is an information poster around the 'Incredible Years' course that the MHST are now offering parents. This is a 13-week course around emotional regulation. If this is something you would be interested in, please drop me an email (address below) and we can start the process.

The Mental Health in Schools Team have an incredible offer in school which they are always adding to. They will also be offering a four-week course to groups of up to 10 children around worry management. Again, if anyone thinks that their child could benefit from this course, please email me and I can start the referral process.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Clusker

Pastoral Mentor
pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org



Awards this week

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



Willow you are someone who can be depended upon to always make the right choices. You always follow school rules of ready respectful and safe consistently. This week you have really shone in a few ways. You put in lots of effort with your homework. You were really pragmatic when your hair got tangled in your favourite hair tie, and it had to be cut off, showing the value of courage. Your science work was well presented and detailed. (As always) an all-round excellent week - keep it up!

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



This week Ryan has blown me away with his behaviors, he has communicated clearly how he is feeling and continued to make the correct choices. Ryan has also showcased his impressive maths knowledge in class and modelled to the class how he achieved his fantastic answers. Well done Ryan, you've had an amazing week, and we are so proud of you!

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



Spencer, you have made a fantastic start to your learning at DBJA. We are very impressed with your readiness to learn and your impeccable behaviour. You are proactive in the classroom, helping collect reading diaries, and making sure your drawer and equipment is always organized. You take responsibility for your learning, for example asking extra questions and clarifying your understanding in maths. You are an all-round great learner, and you should be proud of your achievements, just like we are!

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



Maebh has been absolutely amazing. She is incredibly creative and full of energy, and she brings that spark into everything she does. One of the things that stands out about Maebh is her wonderful artistic spirit, she is always willing to give anything a go. Every page she works on is filled with colour, imagination, and life. She has a truly special talent for expressing herself with confidence, and the results are always beautiful to see. Maebh, your creativity, courage, and enthusiasm brighten up our classroom. Keep shining, you are incredible!

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



Well done, Jiya, this award is richly deserved. You are always displaying the school values especially being ready, whenever I am waiting to see who is ready Jiya is always on task every time. Her work is always of a very high standard and always goes the extra mile including in her reading at home. Jiya is always smiling and bringing the joy to 4CG, well done Jiya and keep up the good work!

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



Ava is a lovely member of class 5A who doesn't fail to surprise us. She is a brilliant role model who demonstrates our school values every day and she can be a great friend to those in need. However, Ava is our star because of how resilient and outgoing she has been recently. She has written some lovely speeches, volunteered to speak in our class assembly and performed a beautiful rendition of Puck and Flute during our trip to Mary Arden's Farm. Well done Ava! Keep putting yourself out there, we believe in you!

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



Hugo is receiving our TWAS award this week for the fantastic cam toy he created in DT. He worked independently to refine and improve his design, showing real resilience and strong problem-solving skills. It was also wonderful to see him taking time to share his skills and support others in the class. On our visit to Mary Arden's Farm, this week, Hugo showed great engagement with the play, and his performance—with such a clear voice—was excellent. Hugo, it's clear you are making a determined effort to be the best you can be, and your work reflects that - keep working hard, we are proud of the choices you are making.

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



Lilly continues to shine in Year 6 and we are so proud of her efforts across the curriculum. It has been particularly brilliant to watch Lilly work with increasing confidence in Maths and her fantastic perseverance with long division has led to great success. We have also been impressed with how Lilly has engaged with English so far this year and look forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds. Keep working hard Lilly - you really can do anything when you put your mind to it.

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



Nathan, you have had an excellent start to this half term and you should be proud of everything you have achieved inside and outside of the classroom. Mr Coppille and I have been particularly impressed with your positive and determined approach to Maths and, because of your hard working attitude, you are beginning to see how successful you can be. We are also pleased with how you are listening to advice from adults and it is great to see that you are bringing your wonderful smile back into the classroom after break and lunchtime. Well done!

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






We are proud to present Roshna this week in 6F, as she always does what she is asked of her, shows great respect for her peers and adults and she is wonderfully helpful around the classroom! Her work is always beautifully presented, showing the pride and care she takes in everything she does. Her positive attitude and hard work make her a fantastic role model for others. Well done, Roshna... and thank you!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.28% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
96.63%	98.29%	92.73%	98.32%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
96.61%	96.31%	93.51%	97.92%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



RUBY



SAPPHIRE



EMERALD



TOPAZ

This week's total:

438

Cumulative total:

1518

This week's total:

428

Cumulative total:

1317

This week's total:

350

Cumulative total:

1177

This week's total:

394

Cumulative total:

1373

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

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

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 17th November	Tuesday 18th November	Wednesday 19th November	Thursday 20th November	Friday 21st November
Activities & Events Deadline for ordering Christmas cards (PTA)	Activities & Events Deadline for returning shoeboxes for the Shoebox appeal Book Fair 15.40-16.00	Activities & Events Book Fair 15.40-16.00	Activities & Events PTA non-uniform day - wear own clothes in return for donations to Christmas tombola 9.30 at Dunchurch Infant Academy - Mrs Darragh talking to LHA and DBJA current Year 2 parents Book Fair 15.40-16.00	Activities & Events Book Fair 15.40-16.00
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

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.