



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

28th November 2025



I would like to begin this newsletter by expressing our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible PTA. Their dedication and tireless work behind the scenes make such a difference - raising funds, creating opportunities, and enriching the experiences of our children. Last night, several staff members and I had the pleasure of attending the PTA's wreath-making event, which was a fantastic success and a true reflection of their creativity and commitment. Thank you, PTA, for all that you do!



You will have seen that we have been advertising for a Parent AGC member (governor). We have received a high number of applications across the two schools, meaning that a parental ballot will now take place. Parents across both Dunchurch schools are invited to vote for who they feel the AGC member should be. Please click on [this link](#) to read supporting information about each candidate, and to cast your vote. The deadline for voting is 12pm on the 12th of December 2025.

Attached to this email is an online safety newsletter which has great advice about Christmas technology and Roblox - it's well worth a read.

Attachments

[Lunch menu link](#) (w/c 1st December is week 1), Tips for Wellness: 'Inclusion and Belonging', Community Events and Services newsletter, PTA: Christmas disco poster, Christmas fair poster, Jingle Bell Jog poster, Parent/ Carer Coffee and Chat poster, IEP brief, online safety newsletter.

Notices/ reminders

Christmas performances

Letters were sent out via email and posted on Class Dojo earlier this week regarding booking seats for the Year 3 & 5 Carol Concert and the Year 4 Nativity. A reminder that the booking system goes live at 8pm tonight.

PTA Christmas Disco - 11th December

A reminder that the deadline for booking your child's place at the Christmas disco (through payment on ParentPay) is **Sunday 7th December**.

Winter illnesses

As always at this time of year, we have begun to see an increase in respiratory infections and sickness bugs amongst the school community. We would like to remind parents and carers that children should be kept off school for 48 hours following the last episode of any vomiting or diarrhoea, and we ask that you please reinforce messages regarding handwashing and throwing away used tissues.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Book Fair - Thank you

Thank you to all those supported our book fair. The commission we received was just over £500 with which we will be able to purchase new dictionaries for school.

Notices/ reminders continued...

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.

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.

Bounce and Beat - not continuing after Christmas

Unfortunately Due to insufficient numbers, Bounce and Beat club will not be continuing after the Christmas holiday.

Christmas Fair

If your child's usual end of day arrangements will change on Friday 5th December due to the Christmas Fair taking place, please contact the school office by Friday morning so that we can let the class teachers know and ensure the bus and after school club registers are correct for the day.

Year 3 Coventry Cathedral visit - Thursday 4th December

A letter was emailed out earlier today regarding the Year3 visit to Coventry Cathedral. Please complete the [online form](#) and make payment 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.

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

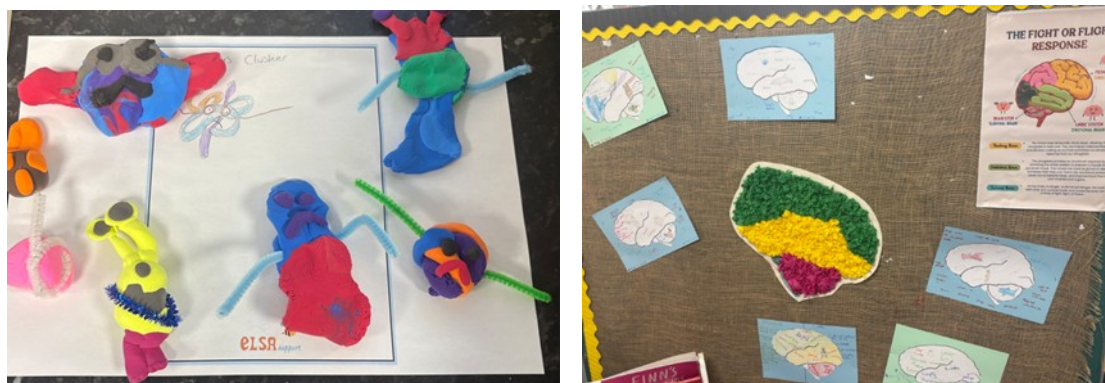
If you make a last minute booking with Game On and your child is not expecting to go to WOOSH, please still contact school as well as Game On so that we can pass the message on to your child.

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

This week in The Hive, we have been focusing on 'Mastering Our Monsters' - an intervention designed to help children manage worries. The children began by drawing what their worries look like to them, thinking about their size and the colours they would be. We then scaled these worries, which helps us consider what actions we might take to manage them. If the worry gets smaller over time, we know our strategies are working. Some of the children also used air-dry clay to create physical models of their worries.

Other children have been finishing the brain display by creating animal representations of the different parts of the brain. We then explored what happens to our bodies when we experience strong emotions. Our bodies give us signals that something might not be right, such as sweaty palms, headaches, a clenched jaw, or butterflies in our tummies. If we can notice these signals and use strategies to help, we might avoid experiencing such intense emotions.

The children then identified all the strategies they use to manage their feelings, both at school and at home, and wrote these around their brain diagrams. The display isn't quite finished yet, but it's starting to come together. We've really enjoyed learning about the brain, how it works in relation to our emotions, and the fight, flight, and freeze response.



As today is Black Friday, I am including the link to pastoral Amazon wishlist:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3QT1QJX92XJR4?ref=wl_share

As always if you have any pastoral enquiries please email myself at pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org

Mrs Clusker

Pastoral Mentor



Awards this week

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



Arthur, you have shown incredible talent and courage this week. You stood up in front of the whole year group to demonstrate how to sing a Christmas performance song - modelling the rhythm and tune so that the others could learn. Your creativity also has shone recently in your art work. You have produced some thoughtful and carefully drawn pieces of art at home to bring in to show us, and in your art lesson you showed skill investigating oil pastels. What an amazing week! Well done Arthur.

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



Sadie is always doing the right thing and puts effort into absolutely everything she does. She approaches each day with kindness, positivity, and a big smile that lights up the room. One of the most wonderful things about Sadie is her contagious laugh that brightens everyone's day, including mine. She brings so much joy and warmth to our classroom. Sadie also has an incredible talent for speaking confidently in front of others. She is mature, expressive, and she knows exactly how to make people laugh and feel comfortable. Sadie, thank you for being such a thoughtful, hardworking, and joyful member of our class. You shine every single day!

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



Well done, Polly, this award is for showing amazing resilience during a week of tests. Polly has shown a relentless will to succeed and bravery in overcoming her worries. Polly has a great sense of humour and is a very popular member of the class, she is friendly and is always polite. She has also really engaged with our recent Art lessons and has made some super work, keep up the great work Polly!

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



Albie is our star this week because he is a hard-working member of our class and he always puts great effort into his learning. He has many great ideas especially around our new text in English and in our science experiments. Albie clearly has a love of reading like no other and his reading record is beyond amazing. It is hard to find a word to describe it! Above these amazing qualities, Albie was one of the brave children who stood up on our school trip to lead in the play put on by the children all while he continued to encourage others to be brave and get stuck in. Albie, you are amazing in so many ways, keep being brave.

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



Ada is a delightful member of 5HT. She always ensures she is following our school rules - ready, respectful and safe. She is an amazing role model and such a kind and caring member of the class. She is always willing to support her friends when they need some help. Ada has such a positive attitude to her learning and focuses well on her learning, asking for help if she needs it. It has been lovely to see Ada's confidence grow this term and her valuable contributions to our class and group discussions. Well done, Ada. Keep up the wonderful effort and hard work.

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



This week, we proudly present Ben for this award! He has blown me away with his enthusiasm for Biology - he knows so much about animal classification that he could have taught this week's Science lesson to his classmates himself. I can see you becoming a Scientist in your future, Ben! Ben is showing that he is ready for learning, showing the good behaviour that we expect to see in Year 6; he does try his hardest not to be distracted by others and to focus on his own work. Ben is so polite, kind and friendly; thank you for being you!

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







Freddie, you thoroughly deserve this recognition for not only everything you have achieved this week but also for your efforts since September. It is brilliant to witness you engage with learning, share your ideas and present your understanding. We understand that school expectations and routines can be difficult, but you have demonstrated resilience, courage, and a willingness to keep trying and we couldn't be prouder. Thank you for everything you do in your role as Worship Ambassador; we appreciate all that you do. Keep believing in your abilities—you have shown that with perseverance, you can achieve amazing things.

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Attendance Summary

Whole School: 94.31% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
96.30%	95.62%	89.27%	96.30%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
94.98%	93.96%	97.39%	90.34%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total:	430
Cumulative total:	2380



This week's total:	502
Cumulative total:	2191



This week's total:	399
Cumulative total:	1912



This week's total:	475
Cumulative total:	2322

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

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

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 1st November	Tuesday 2nd December	Wednesday 3rd December	Thursday 4th December	Friday 5th December
Activities & Events Parent/ carer coffee & chat (guest speaker: Sue from NHS Mental Health in Schools Team) - topic is anxiety – ALL WELCOME	Activities & Events	Activities & Events PTA Jingle Bell Jog (see poster)	Activities & Events Year 3 Coventry Cathedral trip	Activities & Events PTA Christmas Fair After school 3.30-5.00 <i>(please collect your child in their normal place & come to reception to enter the fair - CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)</i>
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 10th & Thursday 11th December, 14.00	Year 3 and 5 Carol Concert - in school
Thursday 11th December	Christmas jumper day
Tuesday 16th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 17th December, 14.00	Year 6 (with Music Ambassadors) Christmas service - in church.
Thursday 18th December, 14.00	Year 4 Christmas Nativity - in school
Friday 19th December	Last day of term

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.