



What an exciting week we have had!

Yesterday, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Coventry Cathedral where they took part in a Christmas trail. Guided around the cathedral, the children reflected on different parts of the nativity story. They had the chance to dress up as nativity characters and even joined Mary, Joseph, and the donkey on their symbolic journey to Bethlehem. Amidst the busyness of Christmas preparations, this trip gave our pupils a valuable opportunity to pause and consider the true meaning of Christmas.

On Wednesday morning, the children took part in the Jingle Bell Jog – look out for photos on Dojo! Using the school field meant the laps were longer, and the children’s smiles said it all as they jingled around the course with their friends. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this festive event. We look forward to hearing how much money was raised.



We would like to remind parents and carers that the school day begins promptly at 8.50am. Cloakroom doors automatically lock at this time. If you arrive after 8.50am, please use the Dew Close entrance and take your child to the school office to be registered (they will be marked as late) and to give their lunch order. For safeguarding reasons, our premises team lock all school gates from 8.50am onwards as they sweep the site. Please do not ask them to reopen a gate or cloakroom door, as they have been instructed not to do so. These measures are in place to ensure the safety and security of all children on site. Thank you for your support with this.

Attachments

[Lunch menu link](#) (w/c 8th December is week 2), Tips for Wellness: ‘Sleep’ and ‘Connect’, Community Events and Services newsletter, PTA: Christmas disco poster.

Notices/ reminders

Christmas performances

The booking system closes for the 3 and 5 Carol Concert on Monday 8th December, and for the Year 4 nativity on Monday 15th December. If after these deadlines there are any spare tickets available, we will let parents know and allocate them on a first-come, first-served basis.

Year 6 and the Music Ambassadors are looking forward to their Carol concert at St Peter’s Church on Wednesday 17th December and this year we would like to invite parents/ carers to join us. Unfortunately, there is only space at the church to accommodate one parent/ carer per family. We will not be issuing tickets but ask that you please adhere to this due to fire regulations. Please note that some parents/ carers may need to stand due to the limited number of seats. The carol service starts at 2pm so we ask that parents arrive no earlier than 1.50pm.

School dinner- menu changes for next week

On Monday 8th December, RED choice will be either a chicken or a beef burger. On Tuesday 9th December GREEN choice will be veggie fingers instead of vegetable stack. On Wednesday 10th December RED choice will be roast chicken.

Notices/ reminders continued...

Christmas Jumper Day - 11th December

We have attached a poster from the PTA regarding donations for the Christmas hampers. Children may wear a Christmas jumper in return for a donation (children should wear their school trousers and skirts as normal).

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**.

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.

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](#)

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.

After school clubs

The last sessions of cookery, cheerleading and dodgeball clubs this term are next week. All other clubs will run in

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 at the SEND coffee afternoon, we had the pleasure of the lovely Sue from Mental Health in Schools Team hosting the session. She spoke about anxieties and worries, and how the MHST can help as a service. I work very closely with Sue to make sure that we have full access to this resource. I know many of you have worked with Sue and have said how invaluable the sessions are.

To access a 4-week programme of sessions around worry management for children in years 5 and 6 I need to put a referral in and get the group set up. I am keen to get a group running in the new year. If you think this is something your child could benefit from please email pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org.

To access a one-off worry workshop for children in years 3 and 4 there is no referral required but I need verbal permission from parents and carers to get this workshop set up. If you think your child could benefit from this again, please email the above email address and let me know. Again this will be in the new year.

MHST also offer a 12-week course for parents around emotional regulation – arranged through referral. They also offer low level CBT to children who are anxious, low in mood or who are finding things difficult - again, this is arranged through referral. If your child is in year 3 and 4 the MHST usually work directly with the parent either in school, a home or at The Railings clinic. If your child is in year 5 or 6 they can work directly with the child themselves either at home, in school or at The Railings.

If you need any support or would like any more information, please email Myself (Mrs Clusker) at the pastoral email address: pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org. I monitor the address daily.

I just wanted to finish with a thank you, as a few items from the pastoral Amazon wishlist that I shared on the newsletter last week have been purchased. It is incredibly kind of you to donate to the pastoral team. Without your continued support, some of the activities we do with the children would not be possible. Thank you again.

Have a wonderful festive weekend,

Mrs Clusker

Pastoral Mentor



Awards this week

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



Hattie, you are truly amazing! Every single week, your dedication to learning blows me away. You approach every lesson with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, and that makes you such a fantastic role model for others in the class. Your kindness shines through in the way you support your classmates, your resilience helps you tackle challenges head-on, and your helpful nature makes our classroom a better place for everyone. Honestly, the list of your wonderful qualities could go on and on! It has been an absolute pleasure to have you in the class. You don't just work hard - you inspire others to do the same. On top of all that, your achievements outside of school are incredible too, your recent success at a gymnastic competition is amazing and shows your incredible work ethic! Well done Hattie, keep being you!

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



Amelie, you have been such a joy to watch grow this term! Your kindness towards others never goes unnoticed - you always make sure everyone feels included and supported, which is such a wonderful quality. What has impressed me most is how you've started to come out of your shell and show more confidence in yourself. Whether it's sharing your ideas in class or taking part in group activities, you're really beginning to shine, and it's fantastic to see you believe in your own abilities. You're an amazing helper in class and make such a difference to the Keep embracing these moments - you have so much to offer, and I can't wait to see your confidence continue to grow!

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



Abira, well done on this award. Abira is a very happy member of 4CG and is always smiling. Abira is a very honest member of our class, and we really value honesty. I have been really impressed with her reading and her analysis of what she has been reading, all useful skills to help with lots of other areas of learning. Well done Abira, keep it up!

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



Gabriel is a lovely member of our class who has been chosen as our star for his continued hard work and eagerness to learn. Gabriel comes in everyday with a fantastic attitude to learning and does his best to ask and answer questions in class discussions. This term he has been a kind and supportive talk partner to many, really showing he lives by our school vision as he has made others feel valued and appreciated in partner and group activities. Gabriel's eagerness to explore different topics and the kindness he shows towards others make him a great role model for others to look for in the classroom, great work Gabriel!

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



Since joining Dunchurch Juniors this year, Charlotte has proven herself to be a brilliant addition to the class. She has settled into 5HT very well, quickly understanding the school rules, expectations and routines. Charlotte has wonderful manners, demonstrating politeness and a calmness in the classroom. She is an excellent role model, ensuring she follows our school rules of ready, respectful and safe. Charlotte is always happy to help a friend who needs it. She is eager to learn and focusses on what needs to improve her learning and achieve well in all lessons. Charlotte takes pride in all her work which is neatly presented. Well done, Charlotte.

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



Amrin, you continue to impress Mr Coppillie and I - not just with your attitude to learning but also with how supportive you are of others. We are loving watching your confidence grow and we are proud of not just the accuracy of your learning but also of your journey to get there; you will ask for help if you are unsure and you engage with any adult support to help you achieve. This week, after changing talk partners, I have seen even more of your character and the understanding, kindness and patience that you offer your talk partner has not gone unnoticed. Keep being you!

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






We have chosen Will this week for our TWAS award because he has shown super resilience and has gone above and beyond with his learning over the last few weeks! He has shown real dedication and commitment to ensure that all tasks have been completed to the best of his ability. Well done Will - you have really stood out this week for taking such great responsibility for your learning, which makes you a fantastic role model.

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.04% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
97.99%	96.97%	92.76%	98.66%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
92.62%	98.32%	94.14%	96.89%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total:
503
Cumulative total:
2883

This week's total:
542
Cumulative total:
2773

This week's total:
436
Cumulative total:
2348

This week's total:
565
Cumulative total:
2887

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

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

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 8th November	Tuesday 9th December	Wednesday 10th December	Thursday 11th December	Friday 12th December
Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events
		Year 3 and 5 Carol Concert - 2pm	Christmas Jumper Day / donations for hamper (see above & poster attached) Year 3 and 5 Carol Concert - 2pm	
Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs
TBC	TBC	TBC	Cross Teach Bible Club not on this week	Music ambassadors Year 4-6
Musical Instrument Lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons
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
After School Clubs	After School Clubs	After School Clubs	After School Clubs	After School Clubs
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 - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Cookery Club - FULL Year 3-6 LAST SESSION 15.30-16.30 Basketball Club Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 (FULL) Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15 (SPACES)	Musical Theatre - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	Cheerleading Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 LAST SESSION Dodgeball - FULL Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 LAST SESSION

Future dates for your diary

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.