



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

12th December 2025



This week's carol concert from Years 3 and 5 was simply fabulous! The children shone with their beautiful singing, heartfelt solo performances, witty jokes, and thoughtful readings. The audience joined in with the carols, making it a truly joyful community celebration. A huge thank you goes to all the staff for their hard work, especially Mrs Fairbrother, whose dedication pulled the whole event together so wonderfully.

We kindly remind families to park considerately around school. It's important to keep access clear so that emergency services can reach us and other houses in the local area quickly if ever needed. Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe and ensures our school remains a welcoming place for all.

The house points have been counted, and we're delighted to announce that Ruby House are this half term's winners! Congratulations to all Ruby House members for their fantastic effort. To celebrate, they'll enjoy a special movie afternoon on Monday, complete with hot chocolate and popcorn - a perfect way to round off the term with festive cheer.



Attachments

[Lunch menu link](#) (w/c 15th December is week 3), Christmas dinner menu (for Tuesday 16th December) Tips for Wellness: 'Setting Goals', Community Events and Services newsletter.

Notices/ reminders

Christmas performances

The booking system for the Year 4 nativity (which takes place on Thursday) closes on Monday 15th December. If after this deadline there are any spare tickets available, we will let parents know and allocate them on a first-come, first-served basis.

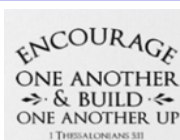
We emailed Year 6 parents and carers earlier this week to let them know that St Peter's Church have been able to increase their seating capacity, which means that we are now able to two invite adults per family for Wednesday's church service.

Christmas dinner day - Tuesday 16th October

A reminder that the menu on Tuesday will be the Christmas dinner menu. The menu is attached. There is no need to pre-order, children will order via their teacher during registration. There is no brown or yellow option on Tuesday.

Other lunch menu changes for next week

As it is Christmas dinner on Tuesday, on Wednesday the kitchen will be serving Tuesday's menu instead. The options on Wednesday will be **RED** - pizza, **GREEN** - sweet potato and lentil curry, **BROWN** - jacket potato, **YELLOW** - mascarpone, tomato and basil pasta.



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.

Spring term lunch menu

After Christmas there will be a new lunch menu - we will share this with parents as soon as we receive it.

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

Cookery, cheerleading, dodgeball and musical theatre clubs are not on next week. All other clubs will run as normal. We will be sending out letters for next term's clubs as soon as we have them.

Peripatetic Music lessons

IMS piano, keyboard, violin, flute and singing lessons are not on next week. They will restart on the week commencing 12th January. There are no Brass lessons next week either.

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 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

We have enjoyed lots of wonderful Christmas activities in school this week.

We know that for many children the change in predictability of routine can be tough. The children have all shown great resilience and persevered even when they have found it difficult.

In the Hive this week, we've been exploring our "inner T-Rex." We talked about how some people can seem bigger or roar a little louder than others, and what we can do to help when our own T-Rex starts to roar. We've also learned about interoception - the body signals we notice when big feelings begin - and safe ways to release this.

Please see below a picture of some techniques that help children self-regulate.

As always, I am on the pastoral email address if you should have a concern.

pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org




Mrs Clusker

Pastoral Mentor



Attendance Summary

Whole School: % (Target 97%)

3AE	3L	4B	4CG
93.96%	92.00%	93.60%	95.00%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
97.32%	97.66%	96.09%	83.85%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



RUBY



SAPPHIRE



EMERALD



TOPAZ

This week's total:
574
Total this term:
3457

This week's total:
332
Total this term:
3065

This week's total:
281
Total this term:
2629

This week's total:
440
Total this term:
3327

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

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Congratulations **Ruby!!!**

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 15th November	Tuesday 16th December	Wednesday 17th December	Thursday 18th December	Friday 19th December
Activities & Events Deadline for booking Year 4 nativity tickets - 16.00	Activities & Events School Christmas lunch (see menu attached)	Activities & Events Year 6 and Music Ambassadors Christmas service at St Peter's church - 14.00	Activities & Events Year 4 Nativity - 14.00	Activities & Events
Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs Music ambassadors Year 4-6
Musical Instrument Lessons IMS piano and flute/ Guitar lessons Not on this week	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS drums IMS Piano / keyboard Not on this week	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Violin and Keyboard Not on this week	Musical Instrument Lessons Upbeat! Brass 4B Individual brass lessons (Warwickshire Music)	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Singing lessons Not on this week
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 - NOT ON THIS WEEK Basketball Club Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 (FULL) Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15 (SPACES)	After School Clubs Musical Theatre NOT ON THIS WEEK DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	After School Clubs Cheerleading NOT ON THIS WEEK Dodgeball NOT ON THIS WEEK

Future dates for your diary

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January	School closed for Christmas holiday
Monday 5th January	Spring term begins

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.