



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

9th January 2026



Welcome back to the new term at DBJA! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas.

As we begin a new term, we're continuing to champion the importance of reading across the school. Regular reading has a huge impact on children's vocabulary, confidence, imagination, and overall academic progress. Just as importantly, reading for pleasure helps children develop curiosity, empathy, and a lifelong love of learning. With 2026 being the National Year of Reading, it's a perfect time to build positive reading habits at home as well as in school. You can find more information, including a short introductory video, [here](#).

Mrs Clusker, our Pastoral Lead, will be away from school for the next two weeks as she has been called for jury service. During this time, our staff team will continue to support pupils and families, and we will ensure that any urgent pastoral matters are picked up promptly. We look forward to welcoming her back once her service is complete and thank you for your understanding in the meantime.

Please find attached this month's Online Safety Newsletter; we encourage all families to take a moment to read it. The update includes important information about new safety features on Instagram teen accounts, guidance on keeping children safe while gaming online, and key advice for parents of children using Snapchat, including how to use the Family Centre controls. It also highlights useful resources such as the Family Smart Start toolkit for children getting their first phone and practical tips from the National Cyber Security Centre on protecting your family's data and staying safe from online scams.



Attachments

[New lunch menu link](#) (w/c 12th January is week 2), Community Events and Services newsletter, online safety newsletter, Autumn Sport Review, Tips for Wellness - 'Emotion regulation'.

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.

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

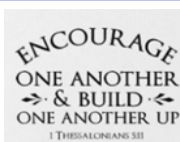
If your child is absent, please make contact on **each day of their absence** by 9.20am, either by speaking to us, leaving message on the school office telephone (01788 811028) or by emailing office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org.

Class Dojo

A reminder that we do not use the chat function on Dojo, all messages for teachers should be sent via the office email address.

Lost property

One of our Year 5 pupils has lost a named pair of white trainers. We would be grateful if you could please check your child has the correct belongings.



WOOSH – Game On (important information)

WOOSH before and after school club is now run Game On Coaching.

Please use the Pebble Booking system to book your child into WOOSH (link below). Bookings must be made directly with Game On and cannot be made through school. If you have not used the system before you will need to register on the system so that Game On have the information they need about your child (such as contacts, collector and medical details).

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

What a brilliant first week back we have had in school! The children have settled back into school routines and looking forward to the term ahead.

In the Hive we have been looking at vision boards for 2026. We have also been making kites as part of our self-esteem group. The kites are filled with positive words about ourselves.

Please see below two flyers with some useful information about workshops available.



Anxiety around ADHD

family lives

Free online workshop for parents and carers

The workshop can help you navigate:

- Understanding ADHD
- The links between ADHD and anxiety
- Strategies to help support you and your child
- Other support that is available

Tuesday 27 January 2026, 9.30am - 11.30am
Thursday 29 January 2026, 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Please indicate which session you would like to attend.

To book your place:

- Call Lesley on 020 4522 8701
- Email services@familylives.org.uk
- Scan the QR code for our referral form

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Created by NHS clinical psychologists, alongside practitioners and parents, these online journeys will help you and your family better understand and manage your emotional health in daily life.

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<https://www.togetherness.co.uk>

Awards this week

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



Louie, you are such a positive and bubbly member of our class! You bring so much joy to your peers every day. Not only are you kind and encouraging, but you also show incredible resilience. You always try so hard in your learning, and this shines through in the brilliant work you've been producing in your maths book. I am so proud of you, Louie. Keep making the right choices and giving your best—you're doing amazing!

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



Iris has returned from the Christmas holiday with a fantastic attitude towards school and learning. We were really impressed with some extra maths homework she had completed independently during the break. This mindset was also shown in classroom learning where she has shown great curiosity in maths, when she generously shared her pattern spotting in times tables. Also, in our new science topic, where Iris made great observations during our practical on rocks. We have been so pleased to see your positivity and resilience - well done!

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



Malcolm is always keen to share his extensive knowledge. He is a popular member of his class. Malcolm has a good sense of humour which we embrace (at the right times) in 4CG. Just before Christmas the class made 3D artwork and Malcolm made a particularly great piece of work and he was keen to take it home to give as a gift for his mum. This shows how caring Malcolm is and what a great addition to 4CG he is, well done Malcolm keep up the great work!

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



Amelia is an incredible member of class 5A. She puts so much effort into her learning, is enthusiastic in all lessons and takes great pride in all that she does. Amelia shows her commitment to our school vision through her group work, for example when baking honey cake this week she encouraged and supported others with following the recipe to create something beautiful and tasty! Amelia's commitment as a Music Ambassador is also impressive and she demonstrated great maturity performing her solo in the Christmas performances. Overall, Amelia is a pleasure to have in our class and her great leadership skills, alongside the kindness she shares with others, will continue to make her successful in future experiences.

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



Arjun consistently produces work of an excellent standard and presents it neatly and thoughtfully. He has made great progress with following class rules responsibly and demonstrates a positive attitude towards learning at all times. He has performed very well in his recent assessments, reflecting his strong understanding and commitment to his studies. Alongside his academic success, he brings a good sense of humour to the classroom, contributing positively to the learning environment. His positive learning ethic and willingness to put in effort makes him a pleasure to teach. Well done, Arjun.

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



Kiara deserves this moment of recognition for her hard work and effort so far this year. Kiara, your drive and determination to be the best version of yourself is commendable and you go above and beyond in all areas of the curriculum. Your learning is always well presented and in Maths you check over your calculations and identify any marvellous mistakes because of this. You are also such a lovely, well-mannered and kind individual who will help and support anyone; Mr Coppillie and I appreciate that we can rely on you to do jobs. Keep being you!

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






We have been really impressed with the way in which William has been so engaged with his learning this week! He has fully embraced new learning across many curriculum subjects, from Art to Science, PSHE to Geography. William's focus and attention to tasks has been noticeable, and he seems to be really enjoying our new topics. What a great start to the Spring term - we really do recognise the effort you have put in to making the start of 2026 fantastic! Keep it up!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Attendance Summary

Whole School: 92.67% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
93.73%	95.74%	91.78%	92%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
91.25%	91.69%	95.15%	92.52%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total: 330	This week's total: 373	This week's total: 313	This week's total: 482
Cumulative Total 532	Cumulative Total 596	Cumulative Total 569	Cumulative Total 741

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

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 12th January	Tuesday 13th January	Wednesday 14th January	Thursday 15th January	Friday 16th January
Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events
Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs	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	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 Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15	After School Clubs Musical Theatre Year 3-6 15.30-18.00 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	After School Clubs Cheerleading Year 3 - 6 15.30-16.30 Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

Future dates for your diary

10th and 12th February	Learner review meetings
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Half term
Monday 23rd February	Teacher training day
17th & 18th March, after school	IEP reviews

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.