



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

16th January 2026



Forgiveness is one of our school values, and it forms the foundation of our collective worship focus for this half-term. The children have already begun exploring what forgiveness looks like in real life and why it matters in our relationships with others. We reflected on the parable of the Lost Son during Monday's collective worship, thinking about the father's willingness to forgive and welcome his son home with compassion. This story helped us talk about second chances, understanding and how choosing to forgive can strengthen our school community. Through different activities, we are helping pupils recognise that forgiveness is not always easy, but it is a powerful way to build stronger relationships and a kinder environment for everyone.



We are pleased to share details of an upcoming online safety information session taking place on **Wednesday 28th January 2026, from 9.30am to 10.15am**. This online event will be delivered through **Knowsley City Learning Centres**, an organisation with whom we are proud to partner. The session will focus on *A Guide to Online Gaming*, exploring the latest trends, emerging risks, and how online platforms are evolving. It aims to build parents' and carers' understanding of the online gaming world and offer practical steps we can take together to support children in staying safe, confident and informed when playing or interacting online. We hope many of you will find this session both valuable and timely. The link to join the event will be shared with you on next Friday's newsletter.

Attachments

[New lunch menu link](#) (w/c 19th January is week 3), Community Events and Services newsletter, Tips for Wellness - 'Bouncing Back', online safety information session poster, YMM charity Mentor advert.

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.

School meals

A reminder that school meals should be paid for in advance on ParentPay.

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

I hope you've had a wonderful week. I'm currently on jury service, so I'm not in school at the moment. However, I am regularly checking the pastoral email address in case anyone needs to contact me.

I'm currently reading *Helping Your Child With Fears and Worries* by Cathy Creswell. This book is recommended by the Mental Health in Schools Team and is full of practical strategies for supporting children with anxiety, sleep difficulties, and challenging behaviours. I've found it very informative and enjoyable so far, and I would highly recommend it. You can find it on Amazon or eBay if you'd like your own copy. If anyone would like to borrow my copy, please feel free to email me at the pastoral address.

As always, if you have any pastoral or mental health concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch at pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org.

Kind regards

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Awards this week

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



Alexie, we have seen how hard you have been trying to get this award recently, and you should be proud of your efforts. At home we have seen you increasing the time and effort you put into your homework. In class we have enjoyed seeing your genuine interest in so many of our lessons. You have contributed effectively to discussions in art about architecture, in science about rocks, in music about instruments and finding out about other people's opinions in PSHE. This wonderful curiosity and empathy is so great to see. You have also shown yourself to be an effective talk partner, working hard to listen to others, and share your own ideas. Keep up this wonderful work ethic. Well done Alexie!

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



Henrich has been very successful in his learning in year 3, in both English and Maths he has been dedicated, focused and enthusiastic about his learning. Henrich you have particularly impressed me this week with your contributions during our class discussion surrounding our new text "Traction man". Also a big well done for always being a great role model for your peers and demonstrating our value of "Ready, respectful and safe" everyday. Well done Henrich you're a super star!

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



She is an incredibly compassionate and caring member of our class and truly models our values of generosity, kindness, and patience every single day. This week especially, Iris has spent her time helping another student with their times tables and spelling. She has done this in such a gentle, calm, and understanding way, showing real empathy and maturity. What makes this even more special is Iris's wonderful ability to focus on her own learning while also supporting her talk partner with theirs. She balances independence and teamwork beautifully, and it is truly inspiring to see. Well done, Iris, we are all so proud of you and the positive example you set for others!

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



Ellie is our together we are stronger award winner this week. This week is a special week for Ellie and a bit of a sad week for 4CG as she is moving to Poland next week to live there. Ellie has been a popular member of the class; she is always keen to give her opinion in discussions and will always ask questions if she doesn't understand. She is considerate of other's feelings and is caring and kind. We will be very sad to see you leave, however Dunchurch's loss is Poland's gain!

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



Theo has earned our Together we are Stronger award this week because of his continuous effort in showing our school values of kindness and peace. Theo demonstrates these values daily in his learning and his interactions with other children. He is a kind, considerate and respectful boy who can be relied upon to be a good talk partner in lessons. He is a great listener, but he is also a great encourager in conversations with peers as he talks to them in a way that is purposeful for both his own and his peers learning. Theo, you are a pleasure to teach, your books are a pleasure to read and you are a great friend. Congratulations!

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



Harry is achieving very well in Year 5. He is putting maximum effort into his learning and always attempts tasks to the best of his ability, asking for support if he needs it. He contributes thoughtfully to class discussions and listens carefully to others. He is a popular and friendly member of the class; always showing kindness to his friends. He follows our classroom rules, behaves responsibly, and he is a good role model. Harry is a kind and supportive friend. We are especially impressed by Harry's confidence and resilience in returning to school this term and we are proud of the way he has overcome challenges during his year in Year 5 - showing resilience, strength of character and determination. We are so impressed, Harry. Well done!

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






Felicia, you are always such a great role model and the enthusiasm you show towards both your learning and leadership responsibilities does not go unnoticed. Every day, you show our value of kindness and take the time to listen to those around you. In talk partner discussions, you are becoming more confident with sharing your opinion when it may be different to your peers and you always challenge any comments made in a polite and respectful way. Well done for always trying to be the best version of yourself whilst embracing lots of opportunities.

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.38% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
96.97%	94.48%	96.18%	98.99%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
92.64%	98.26%	95.77%	97.92%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



<p>This week's total:</p> <p>298</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>830</p>	<p>This week's total:</p> <p>305</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>901</p>	<p>This week's total:</p> <p>215</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>784</p>	<p>This week's total:</p> <p>262</p> <p>Cumulative Total</p> <p>1003</p>
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This week's winning House is: **Sapphire**

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 19th January	Tuesday 20th January	Wednesday 21st January	Thursday 22nd January	Friday 23rd 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

Monday 26th January	Year 6 Bake Off
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.