



# DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

30th January 2026



It has been a wonderfully busy week in school, with classrooms full of purposeful learning and children deeply engaged in their curriculum work. As I've walked around the building, I've been genuinely impressed by the focus, enthusiasm and effort on display in every year group. The standard of the children's art has been particularly striking - their creativity, attention to detail and pride in their work have shone through.

A group of Year 4 children took part in the finals of the Speed Stacking Competition at the AT7 Centre last Friday. Competing against 11 other schools, they moved through four different stacking challenges: the individual 3-6-3 stack where they aimed for the fastest time, a fast-paced team relay, a pairs event that required careful coordination, and finally a head-to-head race against pupils from other schools. Every child performed brilliantly and showed impressive sportsmanship throughout the day. A standout moment came when one pupil completed a full up-and-down stack in under five seconds, an incredible achievement. All participants received certificates to celebrate their efforts in what proved to be a fun, energetic and memorable experience. Well done Year 4!

Finally, below is the link to the recording of the online safety event for parents and carers that took place on Wednesday.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-carer-session-january-2026/>



## Attachments

[New lunch menu link](#) (w/c 2nd February is week 2), Community Events and Services newsletter, Online Safety Newsletter, Tips for Wellness - 'Mood Boosters', St Peter's Church - Pancake Party poster.

## 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.

### 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](mailto:office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org).

### Spring term Learner Review Meetings

A reminder that the booking system to make an appointment with your child's class teacher on Tuesday 10th or Thursday 12th February remains open until 6th February at 8pm.

<https://dunchurchjuniorschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

### Funstar Education (Musical Theatre) - update

We have been informed by Funstar Education that they are unfortunately closing, and therefore the club will not be continuing after this half term. They have also contacted parents directly to inform them.



## Year 6 PTA Bake Off



Well done to all of the Year 6 children who entered the Bake Off competition. There were so many fabulous entries that the job of choosing the winners was a tough one. The winners are:

- 1st place - Edith (Axolotl cake)
- 2nd place - Alistair (Olympics cake)
- 3rd place - William E (Nerf gun cake)

### Congratulations!

The taste category winner chosen by the PTA – lfe for her delicious chocolate Brownies.



## Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

At Dunchurch Junior academy our break time is 10.15am, this gives the children time to be with their friends and have a snack. We have noticed a raise in the number of snacks that include chocolate bars, crisps etc. The snack children have should be a healthy snack like a piece of fruit, a cereal bar without nuts etc.

Healthy snacks are really important to keep the children sustained until lunchtime and the end of the day. Fruit is a slow-release source of energy and keeps you feeling fuller for longer compared to crisps etc, which might release quicker boosts that do not last as long and can cause fatigue. We want the children to feel good and be able to access their learning. Please could all snacks be healthy.

Breakfast is also a really important start to the day, we have noticed over the last few weeks a number of children not having breakfast and saying they are hungry. If the children miss breakfast and do not bring a snack they are having to sustain themselves until lunchtime from the previous night's meal, meaning they are tired and cannot fully focus on the day's tasks. Breakfast is an important start to the day whether that's cereal, toast, pancakes or etc.

### Competition time

A few years ago, one of our former pupils designed a school mental health logo for us to use in school with our work around mental health. It's time for an update. I would love it if the children could design a new school mental health logo for us to use at the bottom of letters, around school and in The Hive. The competition is free to enter and there will be a prize at the end for the winning design. All I ask is that our school name is somewhere on the design. Below is a photo of the last winning entry for inspiration. The winner will be announced during Children's Mental Health week, which starts on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please hand in any entries to me - I look forward to seeing the designs.

Kind regards

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Pastoral Mentor

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## 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](mailto: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.**

## Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.34% (Target 97%)

<b>3AE</b>	<b>3L</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>4CG</b>
96.63%	95.75%	95.49%	94.63%
			
<b>5A</b>	<b>5HT</b>	<b>6CM</b>	<b>6F</b>
96.97%	96.21%	97.06%	97.99%



### Vacancies at the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust

We have been asked to share the links for the following job vacancies:

Senior Site Supervisor - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/2901/EDV-2026-DCMT-54726>

Governance Officer - Clerk to AGC's - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/2901/EDV-2026-DCMT-00555>

# Awards this week

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



Zainat, we have chosen you this week for our TWAS award for many reasons. You are someone who could get this award every week, but this week you have gone above and beyond in many lessons. In computing you used a systematic and logical approach to create a branching database. In extended writing you showed a different skill set creating an adventurous mission for Traction Man. Outside of lessons you are a fantastic member of our class, showing kindness to those who need a friend. As a school councillor you support the wider school community, bringing the opinions of our class to meetings to be included in discussions. You are a true role model.

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



Alex, you are our TWAS this week because you have truly blown me away with your focus and behaviour. This half term you have shown a real commitment to improving your behaviour, and it is clear to see every day. You are confidently putting your hand up during class discussions, helping to give out books, and you are often one of the first children to be ready, respectful and safe. I have also been really impressed with how independently you are working in maths, showing determination and pride in your learning. On top of this, you consistently demonstrate our school value of kindness, whether that's helping others, using polite manners, or being supportive of your classmates. Well done, Alex - keep up the fantastic work. You should be very proud of yourself!

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



Graham is a superstar. I am so happy to always look over to see him working so well whether it is independently or with others. He is amazing at showing he is ready and he is such a respectful and kind boy. He brings the calm to our class and is a great friend to everyone. I am amazed with his maths ability and his quick thinking. He has been doing great with our fractions topic which we all know is not easy, but Graham always knows how to enter a challenge with a smile. Well done Graham, Keep it up!

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



Leo has been chosen for the TWAS award this week because we have been so very impressed with his learning throughout the term so far. He always shows commitment to his learning in all areas of the curriculum. He listens carefully to information shared and applies his understanding to learning tasks very well, which he completes to a good standard. He always ensures he has finished in the given time. Leo is also a very good friend and shows kindness to all. He is respectful of both adults and children; following our school rules very well. A superb start to the half term. Well done, Leo!

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



Ralph has been chosen as our star this week because of his resilience and hard work so far in Year 5. Since the start, Ralph has shown up every day with a can-do attitude and even when he broke his finger he continued to be positive as he found new ways to learn and express himself. His hard work and dedication to trying his best does not go unnoticed! Ralph is also a member of our class who listens well and takes feedback on board to improve his work. He clearly understands that the purpose of feedback is to encourage and build up his understanding which proves he does a fantastic job of living out our school vision, Together we are Stronger, every day. Well done Ralph!

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



William has been chosen to receive our TWAS award this week to recognise what a fantastic role model and valued member of the class he is. William is a great friend who is kind, thoughtful, and always considerate of others. He can be relied upon to consistently demonstrate our school values in everything he does. William stands out as a team player - whether he's baking in class, playing dodgeball for the school, or demonstrating outstanding commitment to being a music ambassador - his dedication shines through. This sense of commitment and pride can also be seen in his learning. William shares his ideas in lessons, listens carefully to feedback, and acts on advice to make meaningful improvements to his work. Well done William!

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



Ife, you are a superstar! Every day, you come into school with a positive attitude and consistently show that you are ready and respectful. Unsurprisingly, you also listen carefully and apply your learning to the task producing work of a high standard. Your writing is particularly impressive and you manage to engage the reader whatever the genre. The attention to detail you show in Art also deserves some recognition and I'm looking forward to seeing what you produce in our future units of work. Thank you for being a great role model.

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



This certificate is proudly presented to Roshna this week! Roshna really embodies our school rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' - because of this, Roshna consistently shows excellent behaviour for learning. She listens carefully to the input of lessons, and to her peers, and gives 100% effort in her independent work. So, despite being a quieter member of 6F, we wanted Roshna to know that we see her quiet strength and we are so happy to have you in our class. Roshna, with your positive attitude, you will go far in life...I can't wait to see what you go on to achieve!

## The TT Rockstars Awards



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## Diary Dates - next week

Monday 2nd February	Tuesday 3rd February	Wednesday 4th February	Thursday 5th February	Friday 6th February
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>
<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> Music ambassadors Year 4-6
<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS piano and flute  No Guitar lessons this week	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS drums IMS Piano / keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS Violin and Keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS Singing lessons
<b>After School Clubs</b> Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b> Bounce and Beat Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45  Multisports - <b>FULL</b> Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b> Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Cookery Club ( <b>FULL</b> ) Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Basketball Club Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15	<b>After School Clubs</b> Musical Theatre Year 3-6 15.30-18.00  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	<b>After School Clubs</b> 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
Thursday 26th February	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents/ carers
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 2<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<i>Teacher Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.***