



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

13th February 2026



As we head into the break, we'd like to wish all our families a wonderful and restful half-term. A quick reminder that Monday 23rd February is a teacher training day, so pupils will return to school on Tuesday 24th February. Our staff will be attending a Trust-wide CPD event at Harris, and we look forward to bringing fresh ideas and inspiration back into the classroom.



Yesterday's house-point reward was a real celebration of teamwork and effort. Topaz enjoyed a creative afternoon designing and decorating their own T-shirts using fabric pens and iron-on motifs, and they look fantastic. It was a brilliant reward for consistently demonstrating our school values and following the school rules. We're already wondering who will take the top spot next half term.

We're also excited to share that our brand-new academy website will launch straight after half term. It will offer a clearer layout, easier navigation, and a fresh look for our community. More details will be included in the newsletter on the first Friday back.

Attachments

- [New lunch menu link](#) (w/c is week 2).
- Community Events and Services newsletter.
- PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop poster
- PTA Year 4 Bake Off poster
- PTA Thank You

Notices/ reminders

A reminder that we are a **NUT AWARE 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 a message on the school office telephone (01788 811028) or by emailing office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org.

Craft club

There are still spaces at Craft Club, which launched on ParentPay this week.

- Mondays after school 3.30-4.30pm with Mrs Cannell
- Year 5 & 6: March 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
- Years 3 & 4: April 13th, 20th, 27th and May 11th
- Cost: £22 for 4-week block

Activities will include a variety of crafts such as clay, collage, weaving, loom bands, painting and more.

Collection will be from outside the Year 6 cloakroom doors. If your child would like to attend please secure their place and give your consent by making payment **on ParentPay**. This has been set up as a limited quantity item so once all 10 spaces are filled the club will no longer be available as an item to pay for.

Computer Xplorers

We have been informed that both Computer Xplorers sessions are now full. We know that the children signed up are very looking forward to this club.

Literature and Drama Club

Please look out for a flyer from Kits Academy, who, subject to interest, will be running a literature and drama club on Thursdays next half term.

Half term / training day

A reminder that school is closed next week for the half term break, and that Monday 23rd February is teacher training day. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 24th February.

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. If you have registered with the Pebble booking system or are planning to do, [please ensure that you give full and accurate information with regard to medical, dietary and SEND information](#). School do not share this information with Game On due to GDPR, so please make sure your details are updated and shared so that your child's safety and wellbeing can be fully catered for.

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

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

We kicked off the week with an assembly led by Sue from MHST, who introduced the theme “This is my place” and explored what it means to feel a sense of belonging. The children shared some thoughtful ideas, including “*being safe*,” “*feeling loved*,” and “*feeling appreciated*.”

Sue also introduced our Well-being Warriors, a group she has been working with since before Christmas on the *Five Ways to Well-being*. With just one session left, they will soon begin planning activities and support sessions to run during break and lunchtimes.

On my travels around school this week, I’ve seen a real hive of activity in classrooms as the children engaged with **Children’s Mental Health Week**. I’ve spotted mental-health themed reading comprehensions, beautifully designed “*belonging houses*”, and an exciting art project that will soon become part of our new whole-school mental health display. I hope that the children have taken away the key message that having a sense of belonging is incredibly important - it helps us feel safe, loved, happy, and connected to our place in the world.

In our Hive sessions this week, the children have been focusing on positive affirmations and spreading them around for everyone to enjoy. They used their own affirmations to help create our new display. Using affirmations is a powerful way to boost self-esteem and well-being, and by sharing them within our school community, the children are helping to strengthen our collective sense of belonging.

Please see the below pictures of our activities this week.

Mental Health Logo Competition

I have received a number of brilliant entries for our new Mental Health Logo Competition. It’s going to be a very tough decision to choose a winner! After half term, the Well-being Warriors will be helping me make the final choice. If anyone else would still like to take part, entries handed in by the first Tuesday after half term will still be accepted.

As always please use the pastoral email address with any concerns. I will monitor it over half term.

pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org

Have a wonderful half term break,

Mrs Clusker




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Attendance Summary

Whole School: 94.68% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
95.65%	94.79%	94.16%	87.67%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
95.33%	97.92%	95.13%	95.30%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total:	This week's total:	This week's total:	This week's total:
181	223	229	295

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

Awards this week

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



There are countless reasons to recognise Omid for the TWAS award. In every single lesson, he demonstrates what it truly means to be **ready, respectful, and safe**. Omid is an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom - he is kind, polite, and consistently hardworking. His work is always beautifully presented, and he stands out as a pupil who takes genuine pride in everything he does. Omid is a fantastic role model for others, showing excellence not only in his learning but also in his attitude and behavior. Although Omid joined our class later than the other pupils, it feels as though he has always been part of 3L. He settled in so quickly and has become a valued and much-loved member of our classroom community. We are incredibly lucky to have Omid in 3L.

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



She is always ready to learn, respectful to everyone around her, and so incredibly polite. Rithanya works extremely hard in every lesson and approaches each task with focus and determination. She contributes so confidently and thoughtfully during class discussions, adding wonderful ideas that really strengthen our learning. What I love most is how she dives into every task with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. She truly sets a brilliant example for others. Well done, Rithanya, we are so proud of you!

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



Freddie has made great progress since the start of the year and continues to do so. He is a popular member of the class, and he also has a great sense of humour. Freddie is very kind and is always willing to help others. He always follows our school rules: ready, respectful and safe and is a good role model for his friends. He puts a great deal of effort into his work. For example, this week in his extended writing, he has produced a neat, well organised narrative. He thinks about the engagement and enjoyment of the reader when he considers what he is going to write. Well done, Freddie!

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



Evie is a brilliant member of our class. She is always one to show Ready, Respectful in Safe in all that she does. She is a kind and supportive member of a class which makes her a loved talk partner by everyone. Her kindness and enthusiasm for sharing knowledge and experience is appreciated, especially when she's sharing her experiences from outside of school with us. Additionally, Evie demonstrates great resilience and pride in her work. Evie is always looking and asking for ways to improve her work, her continuous effort and success in her learning shows her dedication to doing the best she can every day. Keep it up Evie!

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



Pihu is a fantastic member of Class 5HT. She is such a calm, kind and patient member of the class. She always sets the best example to others. She consistently follows our school rules; ready, respectful and safe. She is very focused in all areas of her learning, demonstrating excellent listening and attention skills and she gives maximum effort when she is recording her learning. She quietly and confidently contributes to the whole class sessions and has made excellent progress this year so far. Thank you for being a brilliant member of the class, Pihu. Well done!

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



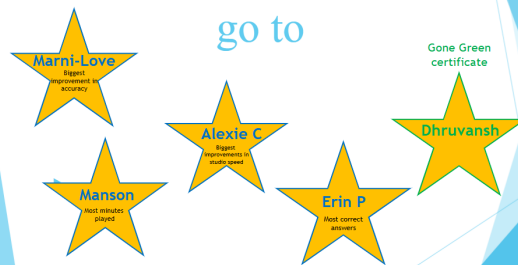
Lottie is a fantastic role model both inside and outside the classroom. Every day, she enters school with a smile combined with her 'can-do' attitude and applies herself well to all aspects of her learning. Her kindness shines through and Lottie is a good, supportive friend to all members of her 6CM class family. Lottie's resilience is a commendable part of her character and her DT light up card is a reflection of how perseverance and resilience can achieve to great success. Unsurprisingly, we also know that we can rely on Lottie to follow instructions and complete anything her peers or adults ask of her. Keep working hard and giving everything 100% - well done!

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



This award is proudly presented to Saanvi this week! She is an excellent role model for all of our school rules and gives 100% effort in everything she does - because of this, she is making super progress! Not only this, Saanvi was nominated this week by one of her peers for being so hardworking and so friendly! I can always count on Saanvi to do help me (and others!) around the classroom; she was a fantastic supportive friend yesterday too. Very well done Saanvi - you're such a star!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Diary Dates - w/c 23rd February

Monday 23rd February	Tuesday 24th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
School closed for staff training	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events SATS meeting for Year 6 parents/carers 16.30-17.30	Activities & Events
	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs Cross Teach Bible Club	Lunchtime Clubs Music ambassadors Year 4-6
	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 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 Computer Xplorers (FULL) Year 5 & 6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	After School Clubs Cheerleading Years 3-6 15.30-16.30 Dodgeball (FULL) Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

Future dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd March, 10-11am	Year 4 Parent/ Carer Maths Workshop (details to follow)
Wednesday 4th March	Parent Coffee morning (details to follow)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Monday 9th March	PTA Year 4 Bake Off
Friday 13th March	PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop
Friday 13th March	Year 5 Easter Experience
17th & 18th March, after school	IEP reviews
Thursday 19th March	PTA Easter disco
Wednesday 25th March	PTA Egg Drop

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.