



# DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

27th February 2026



We hope you all had a restful half-term and are ready for an exciting few weeks ahead at school. There's lots happening across the classes and we're looking forward to a brilliant half-term together.

We're delighted to share that our new school website is now up and running - do take a look online. You'll notice a refreshed layout and updated photographs and we hope you find the information easier to navigate and genuinely helpful for keeping up to date with school life.

Please see the attached Online Safety Newsletter for March. In brief, it covers practical guidance around children's smartphone use (including risks like exposure to inappropriate content, excessive screen time, contact from unknown people, cyberbullying and in-app purchases), new and updated parental controls on platforms such as YouTube Shorts, advice on VPNs and how they can bypass restrictions, and a short explainer on how social media algorithms influence what children see online. There are also signposts to further support, including recent government guidance and resources on screen time.

We'll be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March with a range of fun, reading-rich activities in class. Look out for further details on ClassDojo. Please note that children should come to school in full uniform as usual on this day. Our focus is firmly on promoting a lifelong love of reading - we can't wait to share stories and spark imaginations across the school.

A reminder that school will be closed on Thursday 19th March due to planned electricity works in the village. Please refer to the email sent out yesterday for full details and any next steps.

**Emma Darragh**  
Headteacher



## Attachments

- [Lunch menu link \(w/c 2nd March is week 3\)](#)
- Community Events and Services newsletter.
- PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop poster
- PTA Year 4 Bake Off poster (2nd March)
- Online Safety newsletter
- Coffee morning poster (4th March)
- MHS tips for Wellness - 'Relaxation'
- Dunchurch Sunflowers poster

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

### **Craft club**

An email was sent out earlier this week to those who signed up for craft club explaining that due to insufficient numbers signed up from Year 5 and 6, the club will now be running for ALL year groups together from next week (Monday 2nd March) until Easter, and for an additional 4 weeks after Easter. The club will take place in the Hive and collection is at 16.30 from outside the Year 6 cloakroom doors.

### **Computer Xplorers**

A reminder that the Year 3 and 4 Computer Xplorers club will start on Monday 2nd March. Collection will be at 16.30 from outside the Year 4/5 cloakroom exit.

### **Year 4 PTA Bake Off**

Please note that the Year 4 Bake Off takes place on Monday 2nd March (not Monday 9th March as originally published). Children in Year 4 who wish to participate should bring in their entries on Monday. Please do not use any nuts in your bakes. Children in all Year groups may purchase cakes at 50p per slice.

### **MCAS**

MCAS invitations are being sent out today to first priority contacts. Please check your emails and follow the instructions to activate your account. We will be rolling out various functions in the coming weeks and months.

### **Year 4 Parent / Carer Maths workshop - postponed**

This was due to take place next week but has been postponed. A new date will be announced once this can be arranged.

## **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](mailto:info@gameoncoaching.co.uk)

Phone - 07776 322590

# Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

This week it has been lovely to see the sunshine out over lunchtime. A little bit of sun can make such a difference to our well-being!

I am pleased to share that a winner has now been chosen for our competition to design the new school mental health logo. This will be announced next week during assembly.

With the weather getting warmer and the sunshine making more appearances, we are excited to be selling our well-being sunflower bags again this year. These have been very popular in the past. Being outdoors is wonderful for our mental health, and having a plant to nurture can be calming and rewarding.

Please see the attached poster for details on how to order a sunflower bag. Each bag costs £2, and all proceeds will go towards purchasing mental health resources for school. Orders can be made through the pastoral email address.

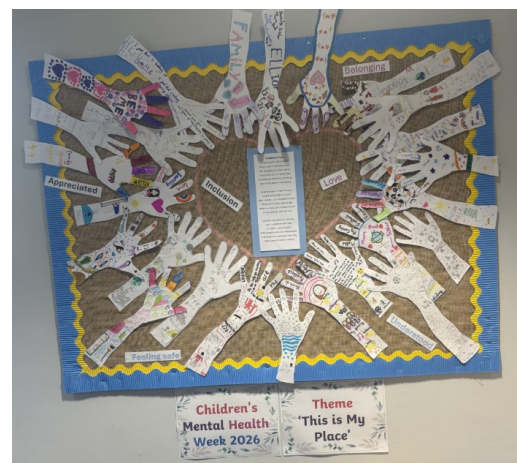
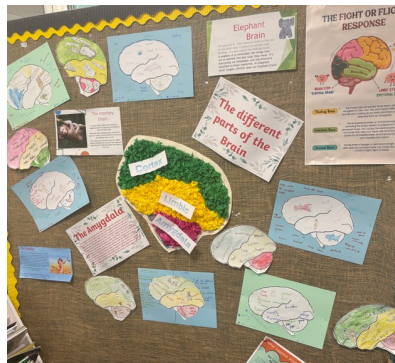
The new mental health display - designed by the children during Mental Health Week - is now up, and I think it has turned out really beautifully. The hands surrounding the heart represent all the places where the children feel they belong and that are special to them. At the centre is a lovely poem about belonging, capturing the theme perfectly. The larger words around the edge are those the children came up with during assembly to describe what their places mean to them.

Some of the children in The Hive this week have been recapping their learning about the brain and the *fight, flight and freeze* response. They explored how, when this response is activated, we are not able to fully connect with the other parts of the brain responsible for thinking, decision-making and managing emotions. However, we can help “click” these parts back into place by using certain strategies. One really effective strategy is the **5 Things Grounding Technique**. The children have been practising this and trying to use it during moments of worry or dysregulation. It’s a effective way to help bring all three parts of the brain back together.

Why not give it a try yourselves?

*Stay Grounded Using Your 5 Senses*  
Relax Your Body, Take a Few Deep Breaths and Focus on the Following...




- 5 Things You Can See 
- 4 Things You Can Feel 
- 3 Things You Can Hear 
- 2 Things You Can Smell 
- 1 Thing You Can Taste 

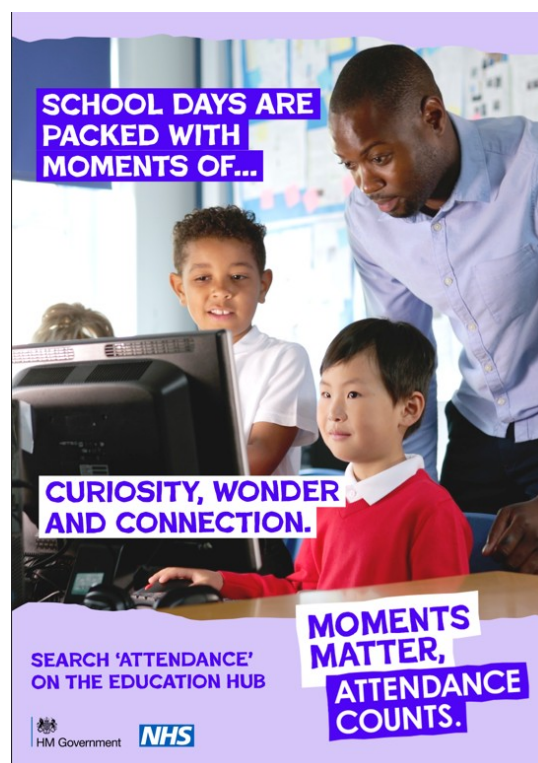


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# Attendance Summary

Whole School: 94.32% (Target 97%)

			
<b>3AE</b>	<b>3L</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>4CG</b>
94.70%	93.38%	94.92%	91.67%
			
<b>5A</b>	<b>5HT</b>	<b>6CM</b>	<b>6F</b>
93.94%	95.70%	94.85%	95.41%



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total: <b>101</b> Cumulative total: <b>282</b>	This week's total: <b>96</b> Cumulative total: <b>319</b>	This week's total: <b>101</b> Cumulative total: <b>330</b>	This week's total: <b>157</b> Cumulative total: <b>452</b>
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This week's winning House is: **Topaz**

# Awards this week

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



This award is presented to Dhruvansh in recognition of his consistently high-quality responses in History, where he has shown strong understanding, focus, and a willingness to contribute thoughtfully to class discussions. Throughout the term, he has demonstrated excellent behaviour, setting a positive example for others through his calm attitude, respect for his classmates, and excellent work ethic. In Computing, he has gone above and beyond expectations by helping many children log in and offering support without hesitation. His patience, reliability, and readiness to assist have helped lessons run more smoothly and have made a noticeable difference to the whole class. Well done, Dhruvansh. Your effort, attitude, and contributions are greatly appreciated. Keep it up.

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



Kate is such a kind and helpful member of our class. She is always ready to support others and brings such a positive presence into the room. Kate has been trying incredibly hard in Maths, showing determination and a real desire to improve. I am so proud of the effort she is putting in. What really stands out is the way Kate thinks so carefully about questions. She reflects deeply, has brilliant thoughts about topics, and shares such fantastic ideas, especially in English, where her answers are always thoughtful and impressive. Well done, Kate! We are so proud of your hard work and the wonderful example you set every day.

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



Hridey has had a super term so far, and we are very proud of everything he has achieved. He comes into school each day ready to learn and always gives his very best effort. His hard work is clear to see in every lesson he takes part in. He listens carefully, tries new challenges with confidence, and never gives up when he is challenged in his learning. His kindness and respect for others make him a joy to have in the classroom. We are incredibly proud of the example he sets for others. Well done Hridey, you should feel very proud of everything you have achieved so far.

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



Elsie-Mai's award has been long awaited. Over the last term Elsie-Mai has shown great enthusiasm and drive for her learning. Her engagement with tasks she used to find challenging has helped her find new confidence and security in her learning. She demonstrates a real desire to improve. In class Elsie-Mai is brave when asking for help and confident when contributing ideas to group work. Notably, when she planned and wrote her non-chronological report on seed dispersal, her commitment towards making sure she explained each method in detail made her writing a lovely read. Well done Elsie-Mai! Keep up the great work!

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....



Mila, you thoroughly deserve this award and recognition: every day you enter school with a positive attitude and endeavour to be the best version of yourself. We are incredibly proud of your progress and achievements with your learning so far this year and it is a privilege to see your confidence and self-belief grow. We notice that your work is well presented and that importantly you listen to advice and guidance from adults. Sometimes, learning is tricky but you don't let that stop you. Instead, you demonstrate good learning behaviours and persevere until you are successful - these are great attributes to have. I'm looking forward to celebrating your future achievements this year. Well done!

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



This award is proudly presented to Elliot this week! He is so engaged with his learning and contributes to all lessons fantastically - he is so keen to know about the world around him and makes great links with new learning and his prior knowledge. Elliot gives his best effort into everything he does - a trait which will support him when he gets older and moves on to secondary school. Not only this, he has a great sense of humour which we really enjoy in 6F! Well done Elliot - you are brilliant!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



## Diary Dates - w/c 2nd March 2026

Monday 2nd March	Tuesday 3rd March	Wednesday 4th March	Thursday 5th March	Friday 6th March
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>  PTA Year 4 Bake Off	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>  World Book Day Assembly	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>  Parent Coffee morning (see poster attached)	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>  World Book Day (activities in school – FULL UNIFORM AS NORMAL)	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>
<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>  Cross Teach Bible Club	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>  Music ambassadors Year 4-6
<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b>	<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  Computer Xplorers (FULL) Year 3/4 15.30-16.30  Craft Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b>  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45  Multisports (FULL) Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b>  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	<b>After School Clubs</b>  Computer Xplorers (FULL) Year 5 & 6 15.30-16.30  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45  Literature and drama Years 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b>  Cheerleading Years 3-6 15.30-16.30  Dodgeball (FULL) Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

## Future dates for your diary

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 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.***