

This week has been a shining example of our vision to 'encourage one another and build each other up.' Across the school, I've seen our values of patience, kindness, honesty, thankfulness, peace, generosity, and forgiveness lived out. Two outstanding achievements deserve a special celebration.

What a treat - quite literally! The Year 4 Bake-Off was full of creativity, skill and teamwork. The standard was exceptional, and the judges were hugely impressed by the imagination and care on display.

- 1st place: Kate with her stunning Dragon's Cave.
- 2nd place: Iris and Maebh for their beautifully detailed school creation.
- 3rd place: Logan with his brilliant KFC cake.
- Taste winner: Mimi for her delicious Rainbow cake.

Runners-up were Sadie, Polly, Seb, Austin, Malcolm and Alex - a fantastic effort from all of you. Very well done to everyone who entered and thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

Year 5's mountain, volcano and earthquake projects have been equally impressive; rich in creativity, meticulous attention to detail and strong subject knowledge. From carefully constructed models and clear labelling to confident explanations using accurate geographical vocabulary, pupils demonstrated real depth of understanding. Their curiosity and perseverance were evident. The year 5 team are very proud!

Whether perfecting a bake or building a mountain, our pupils have showed what it means to learn with heart and purpose. Thank you, children, for your hard work; thank you, families, for your partnership; and thank you, staff, for guiding our young people so thoughtfully. Let's carry this momentum forward and continue to build one another up each day in small acts of patience, kindness, honesty, thankfulness, peace, generosity and forgiveness.

Emma Darragh
Headteacher



Attachments

- [Lunch menu link \(w/c 9th March is week 1\)](#)
- Community Events and Services newsletter.
- PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop poster (please order by 9th March)
- PTA Egg Drop poster
- MHS tips for Wellness - 'Nutrition'
- Letters from Lawrence Sheriff School regarding Atom Learning (free access for children entitled to Pupil Premium funding)

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.

Class Dojo

A reminder we do not use the direct message function on Class Dojo. Please do not contact teachers on Class Dojo - please do so via the office email address.

School meals

Please ensure school meals are paid for in advance on ParentPay. The cost is £2.85 per day.

PTA Mother's Day Gifts

A reminder that orders must be made via ParentPay by 9am on Monday 9th March.

Cross Teach Bible Club

Cross Teach Bible Club will not be running on 12th or 26th March.

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

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.

★ ⚽ Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Winter League – Champions ⚽ ★

Dunchurch Year 5 and 6 boys Football team played the last of their Winter league fixtures on Thursday 5th March, ending their incredible season on a real high.

They played on eight Thursday nights with three fixtures on each night. In the 24 fixtures played over the season, they only lost ONE game, resulting in them being crowned Rugby and District Football League champions!

The boys showed a tremendous team spirit and determination throughout, representing the school fantastically well.

They really did show that *TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER!*



Well done to all the boys, and a huge thank you to the parents and carers for supporting us all the way to the end, on some very cold nights.

Mr James



Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

Firstly, thank you so much for all the entries we had for the Mental Health logo competition. It was so hard to choose a winner as they were all really creative, well thought out and included some wonderful messages.

We have chosen a winner and I am pleased to announce it was Iris T from 4B. Congratulations Iris! Her lovely design focuses on the idea that Mental Health is about *feeling safe* and having *safe spaces*. It even features a heart-shaped alien, which I think is absolutely brilliant!



There was also a second and third prize for two designs that I am going to use as posters about Mental Health and display around school. Congratulations also to these wonderful designers. You can see the second and third place designs below:



We still have some sunflower bags available if anyone would like to purchase them – please contact me on the pastoral email address if you do. Thank you those who have bought one so far, we really appreciate it. I look forward to seeing pictures of your sunflowers in bloom soon.

Please find in the Community Events newsletter a flyer about kinship meetings. These happen once monthly at Rugby Library and are specifically for kinship carers to meet, chat, get information, share stories and seek advice. Kinship carers are anyone who is a relative or close friend who has taken over care full time of a child. This is another great service Rugby has to offer. [Rugby Kinship Carers - Kinship](#)



Kind regards





Mrs Clusker

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Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.35% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
94.95%	97.32%	96.53%	96.88%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
97.32%	98.96%	94.79%	94.12%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total: 121	This week's total: 221	This week's total: 113	This week's total: 170
Cumulative total: 403	Cumulative total: 540	Cumulative total: 443	Cumulative total: 622

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

Awards this week

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



Over the past few weeks, it has been a pleasure to see Eveleen so happy in class. She has gained in confidence and is working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Eveleen has been trying particularly hard in English and enjoys checking to see if she can make any improvements. Eveleen has also been more organized with her resources and endeavors to always be ready to learn. We would also like to thank Eveleen for her generosity in being so helpful in the classroom. Your offers of help really do make a difference Eveleen - well done!

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



This award is presented to Flynn for his fantastic attitude towards learning. He is always kind and thoughtful towards others and is a wonderful member of our class. He consistently tries his best in all that he does and has shown brilliant determination in his learning. We are especially proud of the progress he has made in maths, where his knowledge and confidence have grown so much. Keep up the amazing effort — we are very proud of you!

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



He has worked incredibly hard in our Art lessons and has produced some fantastic work. Arlo not only completed his own model of the Pantheon in Rome beautifully, but he also went above and beyond by helping several other children finish their models too. I was so impressed with Arlo's generosity and willingness to support others. He took the time to explain, encourage, and help his classmates, which made a big difference to everyone in the room. Arlo, your hard work and kindness towards others make you a wonderful member of our class. Well done and keep up the fantastic effort!

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



Ollie has made a very strong and positive start to the new half term, arriving each day with a readiness to learn. He contributes thoughtfully in lessons and completes his tasks with determination. He has worked hard to follow our school rules of being ready, respectful and safe. Each day, he listens carefully, responds politely and makes sensible choices in the classroom. A moment that stood out this week was when he noticed a classmate struggling with their learning activity. He patiently offered help and supported them until they felt confident with the task. Well done, Ollie - keep up the hard work!

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



Olaiiah is being recognised this week for her amazing Mountain Project. It is clear that the project truly captured her imagination, and we were all impressed by the level of detail and care she showed in her work. Olaiiah has been a fabulous member of 5HT all year, bringing a calm and cheerful attitude to school each day while always showing our school values. She is a calm presence in the classroom, respectful of others, and everyone recognises that she is a truly wonderful friend. Olaiiah always tries her best with her learning, and it has been great to see her growing in confidence this year. Well done, Olaiiah—you should be very proud.

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



This week has been George's time to shine. We have been completing some assessments and George has focused on the task and tried his best even when faced with challenges. In addition to this, I knew that George needed to be recognised for this award as soon as we started practising some drama linked to our English text. I was blown away by how George got into the role of his character and how the normally quiet and reserved George we see in the classroom was transformed into a loud and argumentative character. George is also an honest and reliable friend who I know is appreciated by his peers. Well done George.

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



This week, our TWAS award is proudly presented to Maisie! She caught our eye for being a fantastic Maths Champion (a times table mentor) to a younger child - she was incredibly supportive, friendly and reassuring. Maisie is very hardworking and can always be relied upon to do what is asked of her at all times, across every subject. We are very impressed with Maisie's mastery of inference when reading, and her contributions to lessons is exemplary. Well done, Maisie - you are such a star!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Year 4 Bake Off Winners



Diary Dates - w/c 9th March 2026

Monday 9th March	Tuesday 10th March	Wednesday 11th March	Thursday 12th March	Friday 13th March
Activities & Events Mother's Day Gifty Shop - order deadline 9am	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events AM—Year 5 Easter Experience at Baptist Church PTA Mother's Day Gift Shop
Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs Cross Teach Bible Club - not on this week	Lunchtime Clubs Music ambassadors Year 4-6
Musical Instrument 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 Computer Xplorers (FULL) Year 3/4 15.30-16.30 Craft Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	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 Literature and drama Years 3-6 15.30-16.30	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

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.