



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

20th March 2026



Over the past two terms, we have continued to embed the Behaviour Policy introduced in September, and we are now beginning a full review of its impact across the school. Our approach is rooted in our three simple rules of 'ready, respect and safe' and in our commitment to promoting positive behaviour through praise, recognition and consistent routines. Pupils are regularly celebrated through TWAS awards, house points, postcards and class rewards which are all designed to reinforce our school values. Alongside this, we continue to use restorative conversations to help pupils reflect on their choices and understand the impact of their actions.



As part of our ongoing review, a member of the Beacon Schools team will be visiting on Monday morning to complete a behaviour review with us. We are very keen to gather parent and carer perspectives as part of this process. Please take a few minutes to complete the attached [survey](#); it will remain open until **9am on Monday 13th April**. Your feedback will help us ensure that our systems of rewards, consequences and reflective conversations continue to support every child in feeling safe, respected and ready to learn.

Finally, a huge well done to Topaz, who earned the highest number of house points this half-term. Their collective effort and positive learning behaviours have been outstanding and as a reward they will enjoy a special kickboxing session on Monday morning. A fantastic achievement – well done, Topaz!

Emma Darragh
Headteacher

Attachments

- [Lunch menu link \(w/c 23rd March is week 3\)](#)
- Community Events and Services newsletter.
- PTA Egg Drop poster
- New lunch menu starting after Easter holidays

Easter church services (Thursday 26th March) - helpers needed

Next Thursday, we are going to St Peter's Church for our Easter service. We would be very grateful for any parent/grandparent helpers to accompany us on the walk to church.

Volunteers
Needed



Children in Year 3 and 4 will be leaving school at 9:15 and will return to school at approximately 10:30.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will leave at 10:15 and return to school at approximately 11:30.

Please can you contact the office if you are available to support us next Thursday. 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. **Please let us know in the message the nature of their illness.**

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.

Cross Teach Bible Club

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

MCAS

Thank you to those parents/ carers who have activated their MCAS accounts so far. We will be resending activation emails to those who have not yet activated their accounts- if you have not received any of these emails that have sent so far (first priority contacts), or have experienced an issue with activating your account, please let us know. After Easter will be rolling out various functions on MCAS such as email communications, paying for school meals and trips and booking parents evenings and performances, so it is important that parents and carers have access to their accounts.

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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

This week has been *Neurodiversity Week*, which we plan to celebrate even more later in the year.

In the Hive, we have been reading the wonderful story *Ady and Me*, written by Rich and Rox Pinks, who are themselves neurodiverse. Their story helps children understand and celebrate the amazing ways our brains can work. Everyone's mind is unique. Some of us think, feel or learn differently – and that's okay. Neurodiversity reminds us that our differences make us who we are, and that we can all have incredible strengths to share and can do amazing things.



Some of the children have created their own Adys, writing around the edge their strengths and talents. Some children chose to make bracelets featuring word that represents a personal strength they believe they have and want to celebrate.

The whole school read *Ady and Me* with Mrs Andrews on Wednesday during assembly! I hope they enjoyed it. I went into Year 3 on Tuesday and delivered a lesson around neurodiversity, with a lovely PowerPoint explaining what that means. We learnt all about some of the famous people who are neurodiverse, and the children shared their own personal experiences. When I asked the children what they are good at, what they enjoy, and what they see as a personal strength, every single hand went up. It was wonderful to see such confidence and positivity in the room, and a real joy to celebrate each child's unique abilities with them.

Well done Year 3! It was a pleasure to teach you and you were so engaged the whole time. We finished the session with colouring and decorating a flag which I will use as a display.

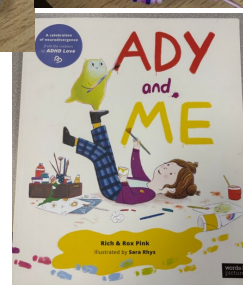
Continuing with the theme of celebrating strengths and talents, I am still keen to make a school display on the Hive windows celebrating the children's success. If your child would like to be a part of this you can send in a picture - photograph or drawn, a copy of a certificate or a little written piece. This could be relating to a sporting event, music achievement, singing, dancing, cheerleading or chess for example – something they are proud of. Maybe they finally mastered a handstand or made their first cake! Let's celebrate all these achievements and talents the children have.

I still have a few sunflower bags remaining. If anyone would like to purchase one please contact me on the pastoral email address.

Have a wonderful weekend – hopefully we will see some more sunshine!




Kind regards

Mrs Clusker
Pastoral Lead
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Attendance Summary

Whole School: 93.73% (Target %)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
88.48%	91.52%	91.88%	96.25%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
96.06%	91.41%	96.76%	97.50%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

 RUBY	 SAPPHIRE	 EMERALD	 TOPAZ
This week's total: 263 Total this term: 771	This week's total: 255 Total this term: 964	This week's total: 239 Total this term: 841	This week's total: 221 Total this term: 1044

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

The winning House this half term is:



Congratulations Topaz!!

Awards this week

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



Sadie is our TWAS award winner today for a really great attitude to learning recently. In her extended writing Sadie was very thorough checking that her writing matched her plan, and that she had covered all the success criteria. Her handwriting and presentation in her extended write was also excellent. In Maths Sadie was good at asking for help, and then when work was explained she used this information to improve her answers. In all subjects Sadie has been focused on her work, and has ignored distractions around her. Finally, she has been an absolute star clearing up after our art lesson (one where she showed lots of skill making her sphinx) - thank you! Keep up this fab work Sadie - you should be proud of your efforts.

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



This week's star is Joshua, who continues to amaze me with his exceptional attitude and dedication. Joshua always gives 100%, no matter the task, and faces every challenge with determination and positivity. He consistently goes above and beyond, not only in his own learning but in the way he supports the people around him. Joshua is the first to offer help to his friends, showing patience, kindness, and a natural ability to encourage others. He frequently volunteers to read to the class, sharing stories with confidence and enthusiasm, and setting a fantastic example for everyone. Thank you, Joshua, for being such a dependable, hard-working, and thoughtful member of our class. We are incredibly proud of you

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



We are celebrating Dillon for his fantastic effort and his ability to ask for help when he needs it. Even though he has found some things challenging, Dillon has been brilliant at asking for help when he needs it, which is such an important skill. What has really stood out is the care and effort he puts into his work. Dillon listens carefully to advice and is willing to put it into practice, showing real determination to improve. His pride in his work is truly inspiring. Dillon, remember, not to be precious about the outcome, effort will always matter more, and you have shown that this week. Keep going, keep trying, and keep believing in yourself. We are very proud of you!

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



Chun is a shining example of what it means to be ready, respectful and safe every single day. She always shows beautiful manners, trying her very best in everything she does and achieving wonderful results because of her determination. She is consistently organised, hardworking, and always willing to help others with a smile. Her thoughtful attitude and quiet commitment make our classroom a super learning place for everyone. She truly embodies our school values - well done, Chun!

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



Zuzanna jest wspaniałą uczennicą klasy 5A. Zawsze okazuje szczerą troskę wszystkim wokół siebie, zawsze znajdując czas, by być opiekuńczą i wspierającą przyjaciółką. Jej pozytywne nastawienie i ciepła osobowość sprawiają, że nasza klasa każdego dnia staje się lepszym miejscem. Pracuje niezwykle ciężko i wykazuje prawdziwą miłość do nauki. Zadaje przemyślane i wnikliwe pytania, które pomagają jej pogłębić wiedzę, a także inspirują innych do głębszego myślenia. Przede wszystkim Zuzanna z pewnością siebie i kreatywnością wykorzystuje każdą nadarzącą się okazję. Doskonałym przykładem były projekty w klasie 5, podczas których stworzyła fantastyczny model. W pełni realizuje naszą szkolną wizję „Razem jesteśmy silniejsi”, będąc wspierającą, zachęcającą i godną zaufania członkinią naszej społeczności szkolnej. Jesteśmy z Ciebie bardzo dumni – tak trzymaj!

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



Charlie is a fantastic member of Year 5, a kind and supportive friend whom others naturally want in their friendship group. We are delighted to celebrate Charlie this week for so many wonderful reasons. He consistently gives his best in every situation and has shown great dedication to improving his presentation, proudly earning his pen licence. His mountains project this term was truly outstanding, and his 'Hidden in a Box' project was presented with impressive creativity and imagination. Charlie is a brilliant team player in and out of the classroom and has represented the school in football with determination, confidence, and exemplary fair play at all times.

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



Chloe is a valued and much-loved member of the class, always showing kindness to those around her and being a truly supportive friend. She approaches her learning with enthusiasm, works very hard, and demonstrates a genuine love of discovering new things. Chloe listens carefully to feedback and applies it thoughtfully, showing real perseverance as she earned her pen licence. Her mountain project, featuring a beautifully painted contrasting scene which was both imaginative and distinctive. Chloe fully embraces school life each day, and her positive attitude and cheerful smile bring happiness and warmth to our classroom- well done, Chloe!

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



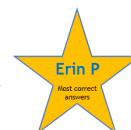
Since starting Year 6, Keira has consistently followed our school rules and has lived out our school values. The kindness that Keira shows to others does not go unnoticed and it is great to see her creativity flourish when she is with her friends. In the classroom, Keira also demonstrates fantastic learning behaviours and it has been amazing to see her progress across all subjects. Keira should be very proud of everything she has achieved so far this year and we are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year holds. Keep being you Keira and keep working hard. Well done!

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



6F's star this week is Gladys! She is always alert and quietly absorbs everything she needs in lessons to be successful. Her recent arithmetic paper has shown fantastic progress and she is clearly giving 100% effort into learning and retaining knowledge. Gladys is blossoming and maturing as a learner and classmate, and is becoming much more confident. She is polite, helpful and friendly towards others, showing DBJA's values consistently. Well done Gladys!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



Diary Dates - w/c 23rd March 2026

Monday 23rd March	Tuesday 24th March	Wednesday 25th March	Thursday 26th March	Friday 27th March
Activities & Events Morning - Kickboxing workshop for winning House	Activities & Events	Activities & Events PTA Egg Drop Year 6 Sportshall Athletics final	Activities & Events Easter Church Services	Activities & Events
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

Wednesday 15th April	Year 5 visit to the Black Country Museum (details to follow)
Friday 17th April	Non-uniform day
Thursday 23rd April	PTA Book Day event
Friday 22nd May	PTA Dare to be Different Day

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.