



# DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

27th March 2026



As we come to the end of another busy and fulfilling term at DBJA, I want to take a moment to thank every member of our school community for their support, kindness, and hard work. This has been a term filled with learning, creativity, and togetherness and it has been wonderful to see our children living out our vision to *"Encourage one another and build each other up."* Time and again, they have shown that *together we are stronger*.

As we now look forward to the Easter break, I wish all our children, families and staff a peaceful, joyful and refreshing holiday. School will reopen on Monday 13th April and we look forward to welcoming everyone back ready for the summer term ahead. I hope you all have a Happy Easter and a truly lovely break.



One of the highlights of this final week was, without doubt, the much-anticipated PTA Egg Drop. It was wonderful to see so many children taking part, arriving proudly with their carefully designed, cleverly engineered Easter-themed packages. The imagination and attention to detail were fantastic—no two designs were the same, and it was clear how much thought had gone into protecting those precious eggs! A huge well done to all who took part, and special congratulations to 3L, the class with the most unbroken eggs! Thank you also to Mr Bell, who bravely took on the rooftop role of "chief egg dropper," sending each parcel on its exciting journey to the ground. The morning was filled with laughter, anticipation, and a real sense of fun - an excellent way to round off the term.

Yesterday's Easter Service in church was a truly moving occasion. Our pupils read beautifully, sharing Bible passages that told the Easter story with confidence and reverence. The singing was uplifting and our Music Ambassadors gave superb performances that filled the church with a sense of joy and celebration. We were warmly welcomed by Rev Ian and I want to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Fairbrother and Mrs Andrews for their tremendous work in preparing such a meaningful and well-organised service. Thank you also to all the volunteers who supported us by walking with the children to and from church - your help makes events like these possible.

Kind regards

**Emma Darragh**  
Headteacher

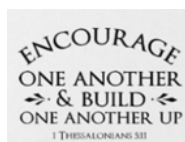
## Attachments

- [Lunch menu link \(w/c 13th April is week 1 of the new Summer menu\)](#)
- Community Events and Services newsletter
- Online safety newsletter
- NHS letter regarding Meningitis B
- Warwickshire Child Health and Wellbeing Newsletter
- PTA non-uniform poster

## Notices/ reminders

### Year 5 Black Country Museum Visit

A letter has been emailed to parents and carers regarding the visit to the Black Country Museum on Wednesday 15th April. Please complete the online form [Year 5 Black Country Living Museum 2026](#) and make payment on ParentPay if you have not already done so.



## **Notices/ reminders continued...**

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). **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.

### **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](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.**

## Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

This half term has whizzed by, but how lovely that it has ended with sunshine and the children being able to get out on to our field at lunchtime!

In the second half of the summer term, Sue from the Mental Health in Schools Team will be running a four week Worry programme in school. It will cover:

Session 1 - Psychoeducation around worry

Session 2 - Identifying and classifying different kinds of worries

Session 3 - Strategies- worry time

Session 4 - Problem solving skills

These sessions are suitable for children in Years 5 and 6 only. There are still a few spaces available - if you think that your child would benefit from this, please email the pastoral email address and I can forward on the referral form to you.

Have a wonderful Easter. Please know that I will be monitoring the pastoral email address over the next two weeks:

[pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org)

Kind regards




**Mrs S Clusker**

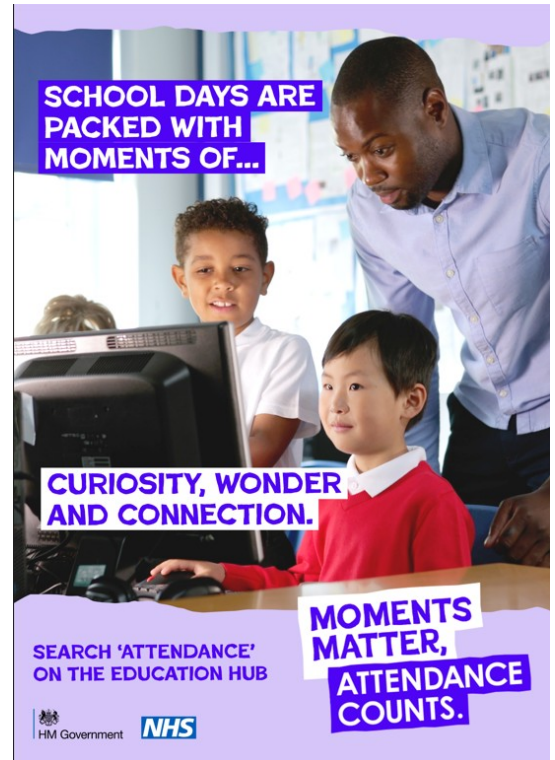
Pastoral Lead

- Advice on how to support your child's emotional wellbeing during school holidays can be found on the Place2Be website: [Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing during the school holidays](#)
- [Dunchurch Boughton CofE Junior Academy - Parental Support](#)
- [Mental Health Foundation guide - Nature](#)
- [Mental Health Foundation guide - Sleep](#)

# Attendance Summary

Whole School: 93.66% (Target 97%)

			
<b>3AE</b>	<b>3L</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>4CG</b>
95.76%	92.73%	90.62%	96.88%
			
<b>5A</b>	<b>5HT</b>	<b>6CM</b>	<b>6F</b>
88.79%	93.64%	92.35%	98.75%



An email was sent out yesterday regarding attendance, which included our new attendance policy.

Your child should also have brought home their attendance certificate report. You can also view your child's attendance on MCAS.

## HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total:	<b>208</b>
Cumulative total:	<b>208</b>

This week's total:	<b>200</b>
Cumulative total:	<b>200</b>

This week's total:	<b>170</b>
Cumulative total:	<b>170</b>

This week's total:	<b>211</b>
Cumulative total:	<b>211</b>

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

# Awards this week

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



Evie is our TWAS award winner today because of the positivity we have been seeing recently. We have really enjoyed seeing you smiley and engaged in your learning, and hope you have enjoyed this success. In learning you have worked hard on your extended writing, carefully checking that your plan was of a high standard before beginning your write, additionally you worked hard on your handwriting and presentation. You have also shown some great creativity in art, where we have been making and painting clay sphinxes, and creating hieroglyphs on homemade papyrus. Well done Evie!

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



Jiyaana has consistently demonstrated our school values through her positive attitude, kindness and commitment to learning. She has worked exceptionally hard in maths, showing determination and resilience when faced with challenges. Jiyaana always tries her best and approaches her learning with enthusiasm and confidence. She is a fantastic role model to others and should be very proud of her achievements. Well done, Jiyaana!

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



Aleksandra has been an amazing addition to our class. She is incredibly creative and artistic, always thinking outside the box and coming up with unique and imaginative ideas. Her arts and crafts skills amaze me every single week, she puts so much effort, creativity, and care into everything she makes. She is also such a bubbly and playful member of our class, bringing joy and energy wherever she goes. We are so lucky to have you in our class, well done, superstar!

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



This week our TWAS award goes to Hudson. Hudson stands out through his quiet determination and consistent hard work. He approaches every learning task with energy and enthusiasm, even after his busy out of school activities, and the progress he has made is a real credit to his effort. He follows our school rules brilliantly, setting a positive example for others. Hudson is kind, supportive, and well-liked by his classmates, he is a wonderful friend and a valued member of Class 4CG. Well done on a fantastic term, Hudson—keep it up!

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



Eliana is full of fantastic ideas and always eager to share her thoughts, helping to make our classroom a more creative and engaging place to learn. Her confidence in speaking up encourages others to contribute too. She has also shown she is a true friend to those around her. She stands up for others when they need support and shows kindness and courage in the way she looks out for her classmates. Her contributions in every lesson never go unnoticed and her desire to help both her teachers and peers is commendable. Eliana's work is always well presented and well structured. In continuing to stay focused and always do her best, this will take her far in life. We are very proud of all that you are achieving—well done!

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



Olivia is a wonderful member of 5HT, caring and thoughtful, always polite and consistently demonstrating our school values through her actions. In class, she listens carefully to advice and works hard to achieve her very best, taking pride in producing neat, well-presented work. This half term, she has shown impressive attention to detail in her Chinese artwork, with her flower painting completed beautifully and with great care. We also loved Olivia's Mount Everest project, particularly her creative use of flags to add detail to the model. Olivia shows resilience and determination, making a positive and valued contribution to our classroom community every single day. Well done Olivia - you are a star!

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



Olivia, you truly deserve this recognition for your positive approach to school and for always being ready, respectful and safe. In all subjects, you show determination and resilience as you complete your work even if the concepts are challenging. We are also incredibly proud of how you are taking responsibility for your learning and are embracing any adult support available. Olivia does all of this with a smile on her face and whilst always looking out for others. Her creativity is also something to be celebrated—whether it is sewing, drawing or designing a game, we can guarantee that Olivia will produce something to be proud of. Olivia, keep being you and keep working hard.

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



Elijah, this award is presented to you as you have shown growing confidence in both maths and English, tackling challenges with determination and a belief in yourself. Your willingness to have a go, even when something feels tricky, is something to be truly proud of. This week, you attended your first football trial and watching you prepare yourself for it was wonderful to see - a brilliant example of courage and commitment. You are a friendly, chatty and kind member of our class, and it's clear how much you are valued by others: your friends were so excited to see you achieve this award, which speaks volumes about the positive impact you have on those around you. Keep it up, Elijah!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



## Diary Dates - w/c 13th April 2026

Monday 13th March	Tuesday 14th March	Wednesday 15th March	Thursday 16th March	Friday 17th March
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b> Year 5 visit to Black Country Museum	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b> PTA non-uniform day
<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 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 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>  Computer Xplorers 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>  Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Streetdance (subject to interest - TBC) Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

## Future dates for your diary

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 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.***