



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

5th September 2025



Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year. The children have made a great start; it is wonderful to have our school family back together.

I wrote to you last week regarding our new school behaviour policy. Our focus in school this week has been on introducing this to the children and communicating our high expectations to them. We have been focusing on our three school rules of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. The children have risen to these expectations and lots of rewards have been given for good behaviour. A brilliant start!



On Friday we took the whole school into the village to watch the Cycling Tour of Britain pass through Dunchurch. We saw the support vehicles, emergency service vehicles and the riders themselves. The children thoroughly enjoyed this event and their behaviour was exemplary. Four children, as well as Mrs Tildesley and myself, were interviewed by BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio. I understand that this was aired early on Friday afternoon; we will share the link with you once we have it.

Can I just remind you please that children do not need their own pencil cases in school. School provide all of the equipment that the children need.

Please also remember that we are a nut free school.

Within this newsletter are some important dates for your calendars - this includes new to year group meetings. Please prioritise this if you can.

Attachments Lunch Menu (w/c 8th September is week 1), PTA AGM poster, Mental Health In Schools tips - 'Going Back to School'.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Our visiting instrumental and vocal teachers start back in school this week. It may take some time for timetables to settle down, but the music teachers will come to classrooms to collect the children anyway and will escort them back to class afterwards.

Our guitar lessons are provided by True Music (chris@truemusic.uk) and IMS (<https://www.independentmusicsolutions.co.uk>) for woodwind, vocal, strings and keyboard instruments. If you are interested in finding out more (particularly if your child has just started with us) then please do contact the directly to ask about pricing and availability.

I hope everyone's first lesson goes really well and look forward to catching up with the teachers soon (they really enjoy coming into DBJA and say that "Dunchurch is a very musical place!").

- Mrs Fairbrother (Music Lead)

Year 3 - Logins

We are in the process of creating Class Dojo and Times Tables Rockstars accounts for our new Year 3 children. We will send home activation letters for these and for ParentPay as soon as we can.

After School Clubs

Club	Day	Start Date	Collection point
Girls' Football (TJ Academy)	Monday 15.30-16.30	8th September	Year 4/5 cloakroom door
Gymnastics (Bounce and Beat)	Tuesday 15.30-16.30	9th September	Main entrance
Football (DM)	Tuesday & Thursday 15.30-16.45	9th & 11th September	Year 3 cloakroom door
Multisports (TJ Academy)	Tuesday 15.30-16.30	9th September	Year 3 cloakroom door
Basketball (Hotshots)	Wednesday 15.30-16.15 (Y3 & 4) Wednesday 16.30-17.15 (Y5 & 6)	17th September	Main entrance
Cookery (Bayleaf)	Wednesday 15.30-16.30	10th September	Year 6 cloakroom door
Spanish (Beth Adams)	Wednesday 15.30-16.30	10th September	Year 3 cloakroom door
Musical Theatre (Funstar)	Thursday 15.30-16.30	11th September	Main entrance
Cheerleading (Jaide's Stage Studios)	Friday 15.30-16.30	12th September	Main entrance
Dodgeball (TJ Academy)	Friday 15.30-16.30	12th September	Year 3 cloakroom door

Letters for Girls' Football, Bounce and Beat Gymnastics, Multisports, DM Football, Cookery, Spanish, Musical Theatre, Cheerleading and Dodgeball have been sent out. Hotshots letters will be given out this week. If you would like your child to participate in any clubs please ensure you have signed them up before the first session of the term.

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton CofE Junior Academy

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had an amazing first week back. It's been so lovely to see you all and meet some of our new year 3s.

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Clusker and I have worked at Dunchurch Junior Academy for 13 years now in various roles. My current position is that of Pastoral Lead. I work with lots of children and families around many topics such as emotional regulation, friendships, self-esteem etc. This is via child self-referral, parent referral or staff referral. My door is always open for a chat when needed as well. I am also very passionate about mental health and work very closely with our Mental Health in Schools Team to offer a consistent whole school approach to this. I work closely with lots of families as well and I am more than happy to be contacted via my email address which is below if you wish to discuss a pastoral issue, or would like signposting to some relevant support.



The room in which I work (The Hive) is a safe space, with work stations, a sensory area and cooking spaces. Some of my sessions are 1-1 and others are group-based, as we offer a range of interventions to suit need.

On Mondays The Hive is also home to our school therapy dogs - Peggy, Milo and Dexter. Many children across the school will have access to the dogs if they wish. If anyone has any questions please free to get in touch via pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org

Please email pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org

Kind regards

Mrs Clusker

Diary Dates

Monday 8th September	Tuesday 9th September	Wednesday 10th September	Thursday 11th September	Friday 12th September
Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events Behaviour drop-in for parents/ carers - in person, 9.00-10.00 (those attending should have booked using the MS Form) PTA AGM at Dunchurch Library –18.00	Activities & Events Basketball club tasters (Y3-5) - AM	Activities & Events
Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC
Musical Instrument Lessons IMS piano and flute Guitar lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Piano and Keyboard	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Violin and Keyboard	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS drums	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Singing lessons
After School Clubs Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	After School Clubs Bounce and Beat Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45 Multisports Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	After School Clubs Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Cookery Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 NO basketball this week	After School Clubs Musical Theatre Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	After School Clubs Cheerleading Year 3-6 15.30-16.30 Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

Future dates for diary

Monday 15th September, AM	Nasal flu vaccinations
Tuesday 16th September, 17.00-18.00	New to Year group meetings
Tuesday 23rd September, 14.30-15.30	Behaviour drop-in (in person). Please book using the FORMS link sent out.
Thursday 25th September	Tag Rugby Festival (Year 3 AM & Year 6 PM)
Friday 3rd October	PTA Crazy Hair Day
Thursday 9th, AM	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 14th October	Coffee morning for parents and carers of children with SEND (more info to follow)
Wednesday 15th October	Year 6 measurements (School nursing team) and health questionnaire
Thursday 16th October	Open morning for prospective parents
Monday 20th October	'Dare to be different day'
Tuesday 21st October	Parents' evening 15.30-18.30
Thursday 23rd October	Parents' evening 15.30-18.30
Friday 24th October	Teacher Training Day—School closed

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.