



# DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

17th April 2026



Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break and enjoyed time with family and friends.

This term has already got off to a busy start. On Wednesday year 5 visited the Black Country Museum where they had a lovely day finding out more about life during the Industrial Revolution and the Victorian Era. The children all represented the school brilliantly. Thank you to the Year 5 staff team for organising this trip. Yesterday, a group of children represented the school at a Panathlon. The children were enthusiastic participants and had a brilliant afternoon competing against pupils from other schools.



This week I was excited to get an email asking the school to participate in the Dunchurch Village Fete on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This is set to be a very special occasion this year as the village marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the fete. The fete will be held at the village hall and sports field. Our school has been asked to participate in the procession which marks the opening of the fete. This begins at 11.45am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, starting on the road opposite the Dun Cow. Led by a marching band, the procession is expected to be a highlight of the day. This year's theme is "50 Years of Dunchurch Village Fete", so participants are encouraged to come in fancy dress inspired by anything from the past five decades. There will also be prizes awarded across a range of age groups and categories. Please save the date as it would be great to have lots of us there.

Kind regards

**Emma Darragh**  
Headteacher

## Attachments

- [Lunch menu link \(w/c 20th April is week 2 of the new Summer menu\)](#)
- Community Events and Services newsletter
- PTA Wonka Bar poster
- MHST Tips - 'Challenge' and 'Preparing and Managing Exams'
- SEND newsletter

## Notices/ reminders

### UNESCO World Book Day / Shakespeare's Birthday – Thursday 23rd April

A letter was sent out yesterday regarding the above event. Summary of details to remember:

- Children should come into school in their PE kits - navy/ black bottoms and white t-shirt
- Children to collect pre-purchased Wonka Bars during the day (deadline for orders is 21st April)
- PTA second hand book sale (books are £1 each - please send any money in a **named** envelope or purse/ wallet).

## **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. **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. We will soon 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.

### **Year 6 PE/ Games**

During the Summer Term, Year 6 pupils can wear their PE Kit to school on Wednesdays and Fridays (days they have PE/Games). A reminder that the academy PE uniform is: navy/black shorts or joggers, a white (unbranded) t shirt and a school jumper/fleece or a navy/black tracksuit jacket with white or black trainers. Long hair should be tied back for PE/Games so please remind children to have a hairband available on PE days if needed. As per the uniform policy, the only jewellery that is acceptable is stud earrings but these should be removed prior to PE.

## **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.**

## A thank you from the PTA:

The PTA would like to say a massive thank you to you all for your very generous donations of sweets and chocolates today. As you can see from the photo, we have a huge amount of prizes! These will be used on our tombola stall at the Dunchurch Fete on Sunday 28th June, so we hope to see you all there 🎉 📱

We really do have the best school community ❤️



## Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton Junior Academy

What a wonderful start to the term we have had! It's been lovely to hear about all the exciting things the children have done over the Easter Break.

I wanted to give an update regarding the money raised by the sale of the sunflower bags. With the funds raised I have been able to subscribe to a well-being service for a couple of months. This will enable our school to access a range of resources to support mental health and wellbeing. It includes a variety of valuable tools such as journalling activities and resilience-building work.

I have also been able to buy a set of four books focused on understanding the brain, including how different parts of the brain work, practical strategies and looking at different brains. We have already started to use these books in the Hive, and plan for them to be used in a whole-school approach to mental health.

I would love to see any photographs of the sunflowers growing – if you would like to share your pictures please do send them to me.

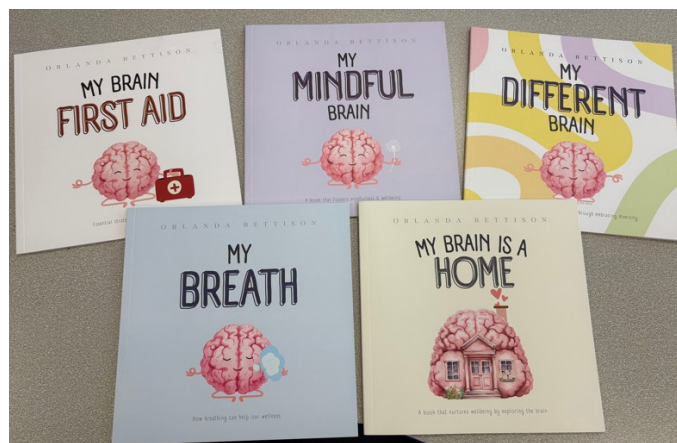
Please see overleaf a poster with some tips for dealing with separation anxiety/ the school drop-off.

As always, if you need to contact me the pastoral address is below:

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

Kind regards

**Mrs S Clusker**



# 5 Quick Tips for Morning Drop-Off

Separation anxiety isn't something to outgrow quickly — it's something to be supported through.

## School Drop-Off

### KEEP THE GOODBYE PREDICTABLE

Use the same words, the same steps, and the same routine each morning. Predictability helps the nervous system feel safe.

### STAY CALM, EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT

Your calm is the anchor. A regulated adult helps a dysregulated child settle faster, even if the tears continue after you leave.

### NAME THE FEELING WITHOUT FIXING IT

"I can see this feels hard" lands better than reassurance or rushing. Feeling understood reduces anxiety more than being persuaded.

### SHORT GOODBYES ARE KINDER THAN LINGERING

Long, drawn-out exits often increase distress. A confident, warm goodbye builds trust that separation is survivable..




### REMIND THEM YOU WILL RETURN

Be clear and concrete about when you'll be back. Certainty supports a child's sense of safety in the space in between.

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# Attendance Summary

Whole School: 95.77% (Target 97%)

<b>3AE</b>	<b>3L</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>4CG</b>
93.96%	95.30%	94.66%	94.44%
			
<b>5A</b>	<b>5HT</b>	<b>6CM</b>	<b>6F</b>
94.31%	98.32%	97.07%	97.78%



## HOUSE POINT TOTALS



RUBY



SAPPHIRE



EMERALD



TOPAZ

This week's total:

**132**

Cumulative total:

**340**

This week's total:

**151**

Cumulative total:

**351**

This week's total:

**135**

Cumulative total:

**305**

This week's total:

**128**

Cumulative total:

**339**

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

# Awards this week

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



Amelie is our TAWS award winner this week for the focus we have seen in her learning. In art I was impressed by the careful and reflective approach she had to her sketch of the Guggenheim museum, these skills were seen once again in science where she made careful observations of her daffodil which she was drawing and labelling. Additionally, we must mention the effort that we have seen Amelie putting in this week with being ready to learn – it is noticed and very much appreciated how hard you have been trying. Well done Amelie, we hope you are super proud of yourself!

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



She is an amazing writer, whose work is always so expressive and immersive. I absolutely love hearing her ideas, they are thoughtful, creative, and full of imagination. Her recent work on Beowulf has been truly extraordinary, showing just how talented she is. Kaira always has her hand up, ready to contribute and share her brilliant thinking with the class. Not only that, Kaira is such a kind and lovely member of our class. She comes in every day with a smile, spreading happiness wherever she goes. Well done, Kaira, we are so proud of you!

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



Alice has achieved this week's TWAS award in 4CG as she consistently demonstrates excellent behaviour, shows a positive attitude to learning, and always tries their best. She is kind, caring, and respectful to others, proudly demonstrating our school values every day. She follows our school rules carefully and can always be trusted to make the right choices. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others make our classroom a happy place. By setting a wonderful example to her peers, she is a truly valued member of our school community.

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



Louis is someone who brings a wonderful mix of humour, kindness, and curiosity to our class. He has a fantastic sense of humour that brightens our days and makes everyone smile. As a friend, he is thoughtful and supportive, always showing kindness and great sportsmanship to those around him. Whether he is working in a team or cheering others on, Louis positive attitude makes a real difference. This is a perfect example for why Louis is our school council rep! What stands out the most is Louis' curiosity – he asks brilliant questions that challenge us all to think deeply, including his teacher! Louis, you should be very proud of yourself. Keep being the funny, hardworking, and thoughtful person you are!

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



Ishaan continues to be a fantastic member of our 6CM family and deserves this moment of recognition. In the classroom, Ishaan works hard and always tries his best in every subject so unsurprisingly he has made brilliant progress this year. Ishaan is also an excellent role model to everyone around him and to younger children in school as he shows and encourages our school values. I've enjoyed getting to know Ishaan and it is evident that Ishaan is maturing into a kind, young gentleman who always shows empathy and understanding towards others. Ishaan, keep working hard and you will be successful in anything you put your mind to.

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



This week, Seth has shown an improved effort and attitude towards his learning! He has been giving so much more positivity to his learning, especially in maths and reading comprehension, even when things get a little bit tricky. He is showing that he is getting ready for learning on time - he has been so quick to start lessons this week! This then means he has more time to practice the skills taught.

Well done Seth - keep it up!

## The TT Rockstars Awards go to



## Diary Dates - w/c 20th April 2026

Monday 20th April	Tuesday 21st April	Wednesday 22nd April	Thursday 23rd April	Friday 24th April
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b> UNESCO World Book Day / Shakespeare's Birthday ( <i>see above and separate letter emailed / on Class Dojo yesterday</i> )	<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 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  <i>Literature and drama (subject to interest - TBC)</i> Years 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b> Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  <i>Streetdance (subject to interest - TBC)</i> Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

## Future dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th April, 17.00-17.30	Year 6 Parents/ carers - residential meeting
Monday 4th May	School closed - bank holiday
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS
Monday 18th May	Year 5 PTA Bake-Off
Wednesday 20th May, 14.30	SEND Parent/ Carers coffee event
Thursday 21st May, morning	Class & group photographs - Versaprint
Friday 22nd May	PTA Dare to be Different Day
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half term holiday
Monday 1st June	School closed - teacher training Day
Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th June	Year 6 Residential visit to Frontier Centre
Friday 19th June	Father's Day Gift Shop
Tuesday 23rd June – morning	Sports Day
Thursday 25th June (times TBC)	PTA Summer disco
Monday 29th June	Year 3 PTA Bake Off
Wednesday 8th July	County transfer day
Thursday 9th July	Year 5 Athletics festival
Friday 10th July	End of year school reports sent home
Monday 13th July, 15.30-16.30	Parent/ carer drop-in to discuss reports
Tuesday 18th July	Year 4 Cricket festival
Thursday 17th July, 17.00-19.00	Year 6 Leavers BBQ and disco

## 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	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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.***