



# DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

12th September 2025



The children have enjoyed their first full week in school this week. They continue to impress me with their behaviour and their positive attitude to learning.

We held our first drop-in session for parents this week about the new behaviour policy. If you weren't able to attend and want to find out more about our approach to behaviour, the second date is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2.30-3.30pm. Please book by clicking this [link](#).



The children have enjoyed telling me about the rewards they have been receiving - postcards, stickers, praise and stars in their class jar. Some classes have filled their class star jars already and had a whole class reward such as extra playtime! This morning was our first Together we are Stronger assembly and we trialled a new format. The children had said that Friday assembly was too long and so today we just focussed on the TWAS awards along with a prayer and a song. The children who received TWAS awards today are invited to join me at the Golden Table for lunch on Monday.

As part of our drive on behaviour, we have been trialling bringing children in from the field/playground at lunchtime five minutes earlier. They then have about 5 minutes in the classroom completing settling activities such as mindfulness, handwriting or colouring. This has been helping them to transition from the busyness of lunchtimes to being ready to learn. The children still have plenty of time to eat lunch and to socialise with their friends.

We look forward to welcoming you into school on Tuesday at 5pm for our 'new to year group' meetings. More information can be found in the email that I sent yesterday. This will be the first event of our parent engagement offer for this new academic year - more information to follow!

**Attachments** Lunch Menu (w/c 15th September is week 2), Tips for Wellness - 'Being Brave and Trying New Things'.

## Notices/ reminders

### Medical appointments

We ask that medical appointments are made outside of school hours whenever possible. Please provide the school office with confirmation of any unavoidable appointments that take place during the school day.

### WOOSH

Unless it is a last minute requirement (after the daily booking cut-off of 11.30 for the afternoon sessions or 16.00 for the next day's morning session), WOOSH bookings should be made by parents and carers using the Magic Booking system. To add or cancel sessions from an existing booking, you can log in to your account, click on 'bookings', then 'view booking', then 'amend dates'.

### After School Clubs

Children in Years 3-5 had taster sessions for Hotshots basketball yesterday, and pupils in all year groups were given a sign-up letter. The club starts next week (15.30-16.15 for Year 3/4 and 16.30-17.15 for Year 5/6). If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and wishes to attend they will either need to be collected at 15.30 and brought back to school for 16.30, or attend WOOSH or another club first.

There are still spaces on Girls Football (Mondays), Bounce & Beat Gymnastics (Tuesdays), DM Football (Tuesdays & Thursdays), Spanish (Wednesdays), Cheerleading and Dodgeball (Fridays).

### **New pupils - logins**

New pupils were given activation letters for Class Dojo and Times Tables Rockstars earlier this week. Please contact the office if you have not received yours. ParentPay activation letters will follow as soon as possible. A reminder that we do not use Class Dojo for two-way communication. Please contact your child's class teacher by emailing the school office on [office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org).

### **Cool packs**

If your child accidentally brings a cool pack home following an injury, please ensure it is returned to school the following day. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Parking / road safety**

The Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Team has notified us of concerns that have been raised by local residents over the parking of vehicles during school drop off and pick up times. Please be mindful of the safety of children, pedestrians and other road users, and also be considerate of our neighbours when driving and parking near school. Thank you.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Children may bring a healthy, nut-free snack for breaktime, preferably fruit.

### **New to year group meetings - Tuesday 16th September**

We are looking forward to welcoming you into on Tuesday school for our 'New to year group' meetings.

Class teachers will be delivering presentations in their classrooms to introduce themselves, talk through the curriculum and information associated with the year group. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions as well as for you to see your child's classroom.

Teacher's will be delivering the same presentation twice - first at **5pm** then again at **5.30pm**. This allows you to go to a second presentation if you have more than one child in school.

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing at Dunchurch Boughton CofE Junior Academy**

What a wonderful first full week we have had back at school. It's been a mixed weather week, but we have enjoyed some days on the field at lunchtime as well as on the playgrounds.

I met with Sue Kelly who is the NHS Educational Mental Health Practitioner that works with our Academy. We had a great meeting about the provision we can put in place this academic year. The Mental Health in Schools Team have an incredible offer, which will mean even more support here after October half term. I can share more information around this nearer the time.

We look forward to welcoming Peggy, Dexter and Milo, our therapy dogs, back into school next week after their restful summer holidays.

The children this week have been introduced to 'talk boxes' - we have four located in school. They are located in the reception area, the year 5 corridor, year 4 corridor and in the Hive. These are boxes where the children can self-refer if, for example, they are feeling worried or anxious or perhaps having a friendship problem or have questions about behaviour. These are locked boxes that I check daily. Speaking to an adult is really important, but we know this is sometimes difficult and some children find it easier to write down what is on their mind, so the 'talk box' is a useful option.

There is a lot of support available in Warwickshire for parents and carers, so I wanted to share the guide from the family and relationship support team. This is full of useful information including upcoming courses they offer such as 'Understanding Your Teenager', Routines and Sleep', Boundaries and Routines' as well as many more. Most courses are online, but some are in person as well. I have mentioned the 'Understanding Your Teenager' course because it is also appropriate for parents of children in Year 6. Please take a look via the link below.

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-490>

If you have questions, please feel free to email the pastoral email address [pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org](mailto:pastoralduj@dunchurch.covmat.org)  
Kind regards

**Mrs Clusker**

Pastoral Mentor

# PTA

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Portia, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Dunchurch Junior Academy

As a fellow parent, I share your commitment to making our school a warm, supportive, and inspiring place for all our children to learn and grow. The PTA plays such an important role in strengthening the connection between families, teachers, and staff—and I am excited to continue building on that tradition.

This year, my goal is to ensure that every parent feels welcome, heard, and involved. Whether it's through volunteering, sharing ideas, or simply attending events, there are many ways to take part. Together, we can create opportunities that enrich our children's experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

In the weeks ahead, we'll be sharing details about upcoming meetings, activities, and ways you can get involved. I truly look forward to working alongside each of you to support our school community. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions, suggestions, or even just to say hello.

Thank you for your continued support—I'm excited for what we can achieve together this year!

Warm regards,  
Portia

Chair, Dunchurch Boughton CofE junior academy PTA  
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## Dates for your diary

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 6pm - PTA Meeting, all welcome**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - crazy hair day**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Dare To Be Different Day**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Donate a Teddie bear**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Own clothes day**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Wreath making (adults)**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Jingle bell jog**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas fair**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas disco**

**Details of each event to follow**

# Awards this week

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



Wilf you have had an amazing start to your time at DBJA. You can be relied upon at all times to consistently show the school rules of ready respectful and safe. You been enthusiastic in your learning, answering in class and being a good talk partner. We have especially been impressed by the improvements you have made in your maths book, which show you were carefully listening to the teachers. Keep up this 'WOW' of a start!

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



Jacob, you are a fantastic role model in 3L! You always put in your best effort, show kindness to everyone, and approach your learning with real enthusiasm. You're always willing to help others, and your contributions in class, along with the work in your books, are truly impressive. It's an absolute pleasure having you in class. Keep up the amazing work – you're doing brilliantly! Well done, Jacob!

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



Seb has been an absolute superstar this week! He has started Year 4 with a fantastic attitude and has shown great focus in class. He has worked really well with his partner, stayed calm, and contributed thoughtfully during lessons. It has been lovely to see Seb putting his hand up, ready to participate and share his ideas. He has also been very polite to staff and continues to brighten our classroom with his amazing smile.  
We are all so proud of the positive changes Seb has made this year, keep it up!

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



Poppy is a delightful member of 4CG. She is always first with her hand up and endlessly enthusiastic. Poppy is always showing respect for her class and fellow school pupils by holding doors open. She works really hard with her talk partner and if she finishes a task, she is always keen to help others. Well done Poppy; keep that amazing and enthusiastic desire to learn going as it will inspire others to follow your lead!

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



Rocco has made a super start to year 5! Rocco, I have seen you trying your best since the first day of term. You have been an enthusiastic learner, putting your hand up to contribute to learning, and a good friend to others as you make other people smile. I can see all the hard work you are putting into making Year 5 your best year yet! Your resilience is admirable. Keep up the great attitude Rocco, we believe in you!

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



Sam has had a strong start to 5HT. He has learned our new school routines and has put lots of effort into following these routines. We have been proud to give him two postcards already this term, showing his outstanding resilience and effort. Sam has also shown perseverance, for example in his artwork, where he looked carefully at the two different artists techniques and applied this to his own artwork. Well done, Sam, keep persevering and trying your best - a fabulous member of class 5HT.

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



From the moment Megan entered 6CM, we knew that she was going to be an excellent role model. Every day, she enters the classroom with a smile and brings with her a 'have a go' attitude which she applies to everything that she is asked to do. The kindness and patience Megan consistently shows to everyone around her has also not gone unnoticed and these qualities enable her to be a great talk partner. Megan, we are looking forward to continuing to getting to know you and are excited to see what the rest of the year brings.




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



We are so proud of the way you have started Year 6 with quiet determination and resolve, not to mention a huge, beaming smile! You have taken control and have helped us to understand what you need and what your individual routine looks like. However, you've also taken wider school changes in your stride, and overall have made a terrific start to 6F. It's important to recognise how unsettling change can be, but you are AMAZING, you're doing brilliantly already, and you are going to have a super year!

# Attendance Summary

Whole School: 96.18% (Target 97%)

			
3AE	3L	4B	4CG
94.81%	97.22%	96.97%	98.99%
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
95.34%	95.73%	96.75%	93.45%

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!**

## Diary Dates - next week

Monday 15th September	Tuesday 16th September	Wednesday 17th September	Thursday 18th September	Friday 19th September
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b> Nasal flu vaccinations	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b> New to year group meetings 17.00-17.30 & 17.30-18.00	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>
<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> Cross Teach Bible Club	<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> TBC
<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS piano and flute Guitar lessons	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS Piano and Keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS Violin and Keyboard	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS drums	<b>Musical Instrument Lessons</b> IMS Singing lessons
<b>After School Clubs</b> Girls Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.30	<b>After School Clubs</b> 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	<b>After School Clubs</b> Spanish Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Cookery Club Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Basketball Year 3 & 4 15.30-16.15 Year 5 & 6 16.30-17.15	<b>After School Clubs</b> Musical Theatre Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  DM Football Year 3-6 15.30-16.45	<b>After School Clubs</b> Cheerleading Year 3-6 15.30-16.30  Dodgeball Year 3-6 15.30-16.30

## Future dates for your diary

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 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.***