



DUNCHURCH BOUGHTON CofE JUNIOR ACADEMY

Together we are stronger

19th December 2025



What a fantastic way to end the term! Yesterday's Year 4 Nativity was truly amazing – the children performed with such confidence and joy, bringing the Christmas story to life beautifully. On Wednesday, our Year 6 Carol Service at the church was incredibly moving. The children's talents shone through in every aspect – from playing instruments to singing (including some stunning solos) and delivering readings with clarity and expression.

These moments perfectly reflect our school vision: *“Encourage one another and build each other up.”* It's wonderful to see the children supporting each other and sharing their gifts so generously.



This term has also been packed with sporting achievements, and we are so proud of all the children who have represented the school. A separate newsletter will follow with full details, but we would like to thank Mrs Tildesley and Mr James for their fantastic contributions to school sport.

Finally, a huge thank you to our parents for your continued support and to our staff for their hard work and commitment to the school. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School reopens on **Monday 5th January** (please note there is no teacher training day).

Attachments

[New lunch menu link](#) (w/c 5th January is week 1), Community Events and Services newsletter, SEND newsletter, St Peter's Church Crib Service poster.

Notices/ reminders

A Huge Christmas Thank You!

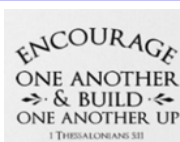
We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this Christmas magical at school! A special shout-out to our amazing PTA for all their hard work in organising and running the events. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christmas shows, came along to the fair, sponsored children for the Jingle Bell Jog, donated items for the tombola and hampers, or bought raffle tickets. Your kindness and generosity have helped fill our school with festive cheer and make this a truly special time for the children. The staff would also like to thank families for the lovely cards, gifts and Christmas wishes they have received.

New caterers

An email was sent out earlier this week regarding our change of school meal providers from Educaterers to Caterlink. The kitchen staff will remain the same but there will be a new menu with 3 options each day. Please click [here](#) to view the menu.

Return to school

A reminder that school reopens for the children on **Monday 5th January.**



Notices/ reminders continued...

A reminder that we a **NUT FREE 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.

Accessible parking

Please do not park in our accessible parking spaces unless you are a blue badge holder. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 message on the school office telephone (01788 811028) or by emailing office.juniors@dunchurch.covmat.org.

After school clubs

Letters for all after school clubs have now been sent out. The clubs restart on the following dates:

Girls Football - Monday 5th January

DM Football - Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th January

Multisports - Tuesday 6th January

Basketball - Wednesday 7th January

Spanish - Wednesday 7th January

Cookery - Wednesday 7th January

Cheerleading - Friday 9th January

Dodgeball - Friday 9th January

Musical Theatre - Thursday 15th January

Bounce and Beat - not continuing after Christmas

Unfortunately due to insufficient numbers, Bounce and Beat club will not be continuing after the Christmas holiday.

WOOSH – Game On (important information)

A letter regarding WOOSH before and after school club was sent out via email and shared on Class Dojo before the half term holiday. The Game On booking system (Pebble) is now live. Existing bookings have been transferred over but **please ensure you have contacted Game On if you have an existing booking so that you can pass on important details such as contacts, collector and medical details. Game On cannot add children to registers unless they have these details from parents.**

Please create an account on Pebble even if you do not have any existing bookings but think you may need to use WOOSH at some point. This will save time in the future, as there will be various questions including contact details and medical, dietary needs for your child. School will not be providing these details due to GDPR.

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

As we come to the end of this term, we reflect on the many highs we've enjoyed across all year groups. The children have done an excellent job adapting to the changes in school, and the positives have truly been brilliant.

In my final piece for the newsletter in 2025, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of our pastoral team.

Over the Christmas period, I will continue to monitor the pastoral email address. If you have any concerns you'd like us to be aware of ready for January, please do email me.

Below, you'll find contact details for other support available over the Christmas break.

When we return in January, my aim is to build on the positives we already have in school. I would love for the children to celebrate the things that matter to them outside of school. To do this, I plan to create a display across the Hive windows featuring pictures of the children's achievements beyond the classroom - whether it's sport, dance, writing competitions, acting, or something they've made for example. If your child would like to be included, please send me a picture we can use. It's so important that we celebrate these personal achievements alongside academic success.

Have a lovely Christmas,

Mrs Clusker

Pastoral Mentor

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[Parental Support | Dunchurch Boughton CofE Junior Academy](#)

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](#)

AND

[Where to get support for your mental health over the Christmas period | Children's Commissioner for England](#)



Awards this week

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



Riley, you are our TWAS award winner this week for a number of reasons! We have been so impressed with your singing in our carol concert - it was both beautiful and enthusiastic, well done. When we went to the Cathedral trip your group leader let me know they were super impressed with your contributions to discussions at different stations, you represented our school so well. Finally, We would like to celebrate your courage in using your stander over the last few weeks. It isn't something you enjoy, but to keep doing it nonetheless shows great character, keep it up.

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



Rowan, you have really worked hard to achieve this. After a wobbly couple of weeks you set your sights on showing excellent behaviour and effort, and we have been absolutely blown away by the change you have shown. We can guarantee you are always one of the first ready to learn. You complete tasks to the best of your ability, and are willing to listen to explanations to deepen your understanding of difficult concepts - especially maths challenges. We can really say you have become a role model for our class - well done, keep it up!

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



Otto, you are this week's TWAS award as you have worked so hard this half term! You bring so much joy and laughter to our class with your bubbly personality. It's been such a pleasure to see you grow academically! It's been particularly amazing to see you flourish in maths. You're a brilliant member to have in 3L! Keep thriving and keep being you.

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



Joshua is a hard-working member of our class who has proved he can be a consistently reliable role model in the classroom. His continuous effort to exceed expectations and show our school vision is admirable. Joshua is always ready to learn, tries his best in everything he does and encourages others to do the same. Particularly in our Art lessons this term, he has acted bravely when making creative choices and he has encouraged others to do the same. Joshua also deserves to be recognised for demonstrating great sportsmanship in games as he maintains a positive attitude even when faced with challenges. We are grateful for all the effort Joshua goes through to remind us Together we are Stronger.

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



Throughout the term, Ava has worked consistently hard and never given up, even when tasks felt challenging. She approaches her learning with focus and determination, always trying her best. Her quiet nature allows her to listen carefully and think deeply about her work. She is very caring and shows kindness and consideration to everyone around her. She is always ready to help her friends when they need it. Her behaviour has been excellent all term, setting a positive example for others, as she follows classroom rules responsibly and shows great respect to adults and peers. She completes all of her work to the best of her ability, and her positive attitude and gentle manner make her a pleasure to have in class. Well done!

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



Olivia, you are a fantastic role model to everyone as you consistently demonstrate our school values and model excellent learning behaviours. In every lesson, you focus on the task and are determined to produce work to the best of your ability. In discussions linked to learning and events outside of the classroom, I've been impressed with how you are able to reflect on situations and share a mature outlook or solution. Olivia, you are a good friend and show kindness to others and this doesn't go unnoticed.

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






This week's award goes to Meliny! Her maths work has seen real focus and improvement this term - this is because she has been giving lots of effort, taking in all the input and feedback from her teachers. Furthermore, Meliny rose to the occasion of reading beautifully in church for the Christmas Service - she did so with such poise and control. She is maturing into such a lovely young lady and we are so grateful that she is part of our 6F family! Well done!

The TT Rockstars Awards go to



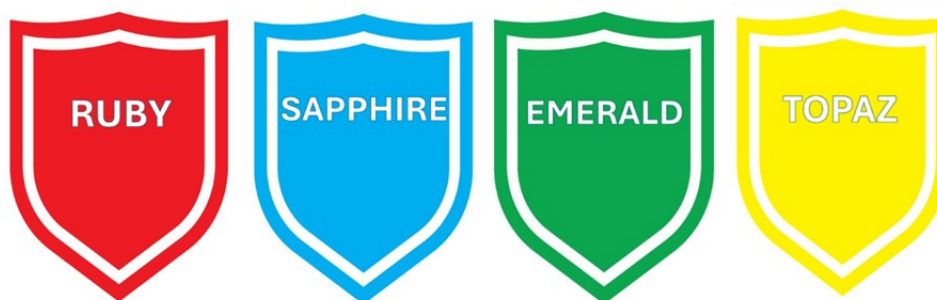
Attendance Summary

Whole School: 92.77% (Target 97%)

3AE	3L	4B	4CG
91.33%	89.97%	93.29%	94%
			
5A	5HT	6CM	6F
94.65%	95.32%	97.39%	85.91%



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



This week's total: 202	This week's total: 223	This week's total: 256	This week's total: 259
Total this term: 202	Total this term: 223	Total this term: 256	Total this term: 259

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

Diary Dates - next week

Monday 5th January	Tuesday 6th January	Wednesday 7th January	Thursday 8th January	Friday 9th January
Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events	Activities & Events Open morning for current Year 2 parents <i>(book a timeslot through the office)</i>	Activities & Events
Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs TBC	Lunchtime Clubs	Lunchtime Clubs Music ambassadors Year 4-6
Musical Instrument Lessons IMS piano and flute/ Guitar lessons Not on this week	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS drums IMS Piano / keyboard Not on this week	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Violin and Keyboard Not on this week	Musical Instrument Lessons	Musical Instrument Lessons IMS Singing lessons Not on this week
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 - 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 Musical Theatre NOT ON THIS WEEK 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 your diary

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January	School closed for Christmas holiday
Monday 5th January	Spring term begins
10th and 12th February	Learner review meetings
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Half term
Monday 23rd February	Teacher training day
17th & 18th March, after school	IEP reviews

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.