

# Dunchurch Infant School

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Friday, 13 May 2022

## A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Families,

As many of you may have heard, this week has been one like no other; it certainly had a little bit of everything.

Firstly, starting the week with 40-50 pupils off with sickness and 7 staff members, meant the school felt slightly strange. It has been pleasing to see the children and staff return as the week has progressed, and I am grateful for all the additional cleaning that our site team have undertaken during this period.

We also received 'the call' from Ofsted on Monday. Whilst it was unexpected, given that the infant school was inspected more recently than the juniors, the staff and I started to prepare for the visit, speaking with the lead inspector. As many of you will know, given the levels of absence, a deferral was proposed to us which we duly completed and submitted. This was then accepted, meaning that the planned inspection has been pushed back. We do not know when they have pushed it back to, but anticipate that it will not be for long. We thank everyone who heard about this for their kind messages and support and look forward to working together with you during the 'real thing', to show what a fantastic pupils we have attending Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery and how supportive the community is.

Finally, our dedicated Year 2s have undertaken the two reading SATs papers yesterday and today. Their commitment and learning behaviours have meant they coped extremely well with the test situation and have been supportive of one another in and around these times – an excellent demonstration of our values.

Let's see what next week brings!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Best wishes,  
Mr Andrews

## **Dunchurch Fete Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

We are very excited to be supporting this event again. We would like children and families from both schools to join the walking procession. Mrs. Miller will be joining this event. The theme for the parade is "70 years of achievements" Our schools have chosen "Harry Potter" as our theme and children and adults are asked to dress up to join the parade.

The parade assembles at 11.30 on the black path opposite the far entrance to the Dun Cow car park. We will be going up the pathway to the village hall this year rather than closing the road. The parade then enters the sports field and into the arena for the fancy dress judging where prizes/certificates are given.

Please put this date on your calendar and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful characters. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Assemblies and Worship**

We welcomed Chris Tabor into school on Tuesday to lead worship. Some year 2 children helped to act out the story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector from the bible. The children thought about which school values linked to this story. We are also trying to grow mustard seeds in school this week, which links with The Parable of The Mustard Seed. The children have enjoyed singing our hymns in the hall and are now learning "Jesus loves me, this I know"

## **Stars of the Week**

### Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Ida N

### Red Room

Lunchtime

Harley D

### Blue Room

Lunchtime

Spencer G

### Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Thea KS

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Zarah T

### Little Owls

Lunchtime

Ellis M

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Alicia S

### Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Samuel P

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Zuzanna K

### Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Georgie J

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Iyla-Rose D

### Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Emily C

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Emilija D

### Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Olivia K

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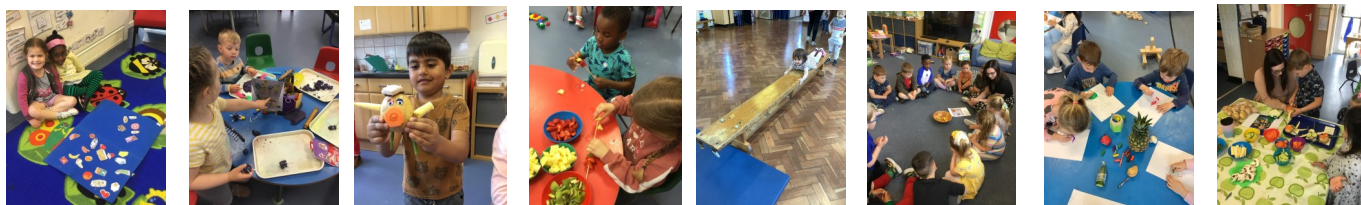
## NURSERY

This week in Pre-School the children have been learning about healthy lifestyles and ways to be healthy. They have loved making fruit kebabs, discussing what makes them feel happy or sad, and getting their heart rates going in PE. The children have also practised brushing teeth, and organising food into healthy or not healthy categories, and discussing why.

In Rainbow Room, they introduced the story of 'The Colour Monster', which we use a lot in Nursery to support learning around emotions and behaviour. The children enjoyed learning which monster related to each feeling, and created some monsters of their own! During PE, Rainbow Room explored different ways to move along the benches, using their core strength and balance.

Staff and children wore something green on Thursday to show awareness of Mental Health Week, and played a game involving skittles to talk about how they were feeling.

Could I please remind you that children are not to play on the outdoor equipment whilst you are waiting to drop them off. Staff only go out to conduct garden checks after the children have been dropped off, so at this point, the area has not yet been set up or deemed safe to use. Thank you.



## RECEPTION

We have based this week's learning around the story of 'The Best Place in the World'.

In Continuous Provision, the creative table has been very busy with the children painting a background, e.g. under the sea, the jungle/forest, the desert. They then cut out different animals to stick on their painting to create a scene. In small world the children have used big pieces of paper to create their own setting for the animals to live in. This has helped to develop vocabulary. In the Investigation area the children have used syringes of different sizes to carefully drop water onto the top of Duplo pieces. This has helped to develop their fine motor skills.

In maths we have continued to look at numbers to 20 – counting, ordering, and missing numbers using tens frames. In phonics we have worked on reading and writing words ending in 'ing' as well as compound words. RE this week links with our story, we have enjoyed looking at photos of the children's special places.



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## YEAR 1

This week in year one we have been learning about unit fractions in maths, looking at halves and quarters. The children have enjoyed exploring this in lots of different practical ways.

In Literacy we have looked at the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk and have worked together to sequence the events and re-tell the story orally. At the end of the week the children used pictures to re-write the story. We have continued with our bean diaries and the children were excited to see how much they have grown!

In ICT we made an e-safety poster and talked about how to keep safe. In topic, we have set up a science investigation involving celery and food die. We made simple predictions and drew diagrams to show what happened. The children have really enjoyed our work on plants and finding out about what they need to live.



## YEAR 2

This week has been a very busy week in year 2! In maths we have continued to learn about length and have used the meter sticks to find objects that are longer and shorter than a meter. We have also been solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, applying them to length. In English we have been writing a non-chronological report about wolves. Although we have not had any reading practise this week, all the children in year 2 have worked really hard to complete some special work on reading. Topic this week was RE. We learned about what Christians believe God is like and why prayers are important to them. The children have learned about the parable of the lost son and have explored the text by playing games and looking at artwork to find out what Christians believe about God.

## School Information

**Please remember we are a 'NUT FREE' school and nursery and includes food that may contain nuts or nut seeds like chocolate spread, pesto and other items, thank you.**

**SCHOOL BOOK BAGS - Please can your child's book bag be brought into school everyday containing their library and reading books, thank you.**

### Homestead View Site Investigations Dates Updated



Image: Grey shading highlights areas of Homestead View that are to be included in site investigations.

There has been an update to dates in which Arcadis will be carrying out site investigations at the Homestead View Development.

Homes England has procured a package of site investigation works to provide ground conditions information for the Homestead View development and Homestead Link Road proposals. Arcadis is the appointed consultant managing these works for Homes England, and will have a presence in the area between 20th-25th May 2022. (Temporary traffic lights on Coventry Road, Northampton Lane, Cawston Lane, Alwyn Road and A426).

The results from the investigations will help inform proposed drainage and earthworks strategies as well as detailed design information for the Homestead Link Road. Please note that these site investigations are separate to any proposed works on the Homestead Link Road itself which will not commence until a planning application has been submitted and determined by the local planning authority.

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## DIARY DATES

**Monday 16th**

**Tuesday 17th**

**Wednesday 18th**

**Thursday 19th**

**Friday 20th**

Early Years Open  
Morning - all Nursery  
classes and Reception  
classes

9am to 10.15am

**Martial Arts**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

**Spanish Club**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

**Performing Arts**

Collection from School  
office

**Football**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

**Violin lessons**

12.50pm - 2.50pm

**Football**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

**Performing Arts**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th May to 20th May

Yr2 SATs

Tuesday 17th May

EYFS Open morning—9.00am to 10.15am Reception & Nursery

30th May to 3rd June

**SCHOOL & NURSERY—MAY HALF TERM**

Friday 17th June

**Non-uniform day for Dunchurch Festival Tombola (sweets as a donation)**

Sunday 26th June

**11.30am Walking Float, Dunchurch Festival**

Monday 27th June

**Teacher Training Day—LAST ONE THIS YEAR**

Wednesday 6th July

Warwickshire Induction Day

Monday 18th July

Open Evening for all parents and carers

Thursday 21st July

**SCHOOL & NURSERY—finish for Summer Holidays**

## **THE HAVEN PROJECT**

We are excited that work has started to create The Haven, the Federation's brand-new outdoor learning area. Some of the highlights include: an outdoor classroom; storytelling area with fire pit; spiritual garden; den building zone and pond with pond dipping platform. The build is being funded by Dunchurch Boughton Trust, along with contributions from Dunchurch Parish Council and the Dunchurch Festival Group. We are extremely thankful to these groups for enabling us to create such an amazing area, which will benefit everyone in our community. Further information is attached below and the full design can be viewed here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/223368604/> It is expected that the project will be complete within 6 weeks.





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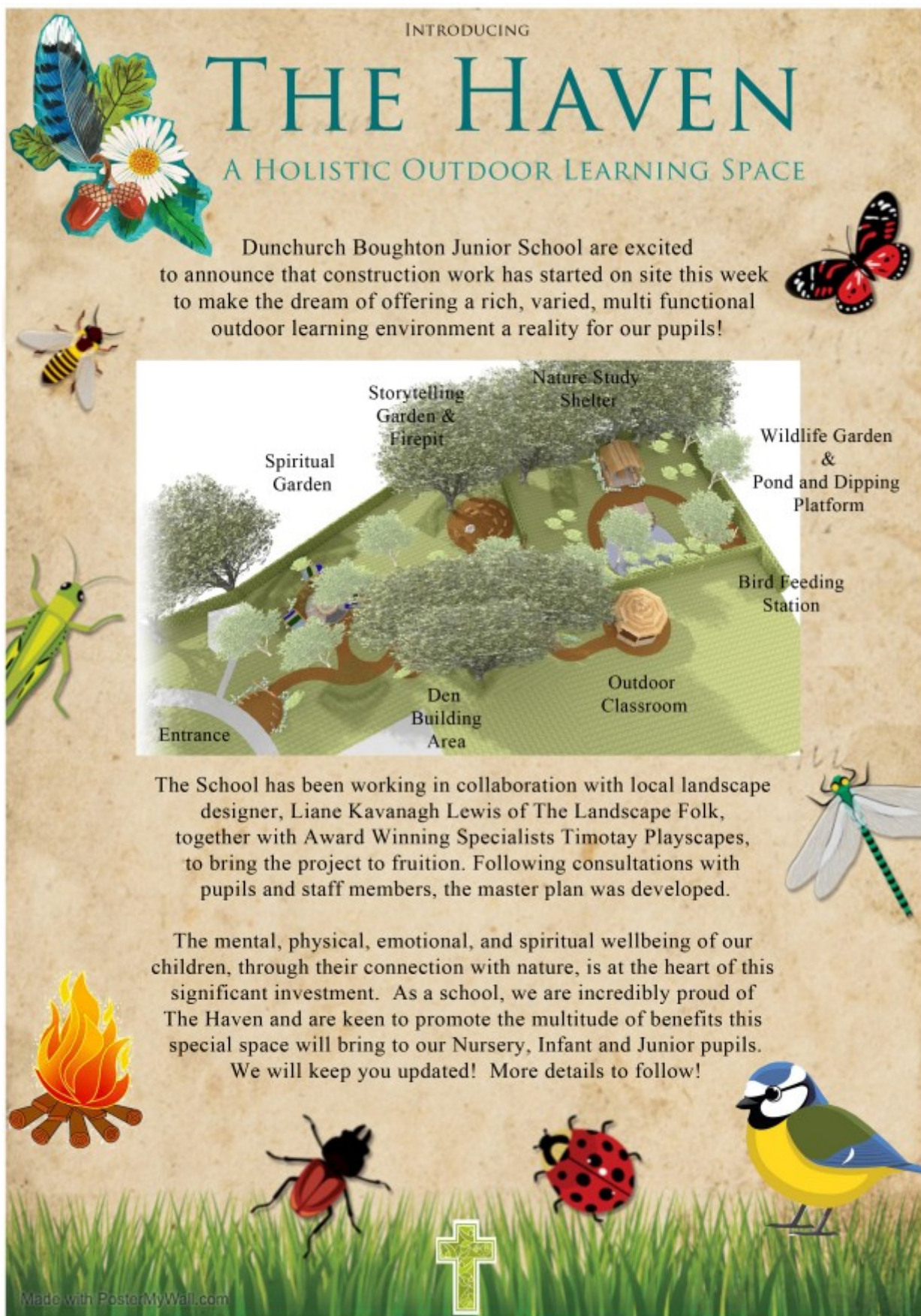


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Dunchurch Boughton Junior School are excited to announce that construction work has started on site this week to make the dream of offering a rich, varied, multi functional outdoor learning environment a reality for our pupils!

The School has been working in collaboration with local landscape designer, Liane Kavanagh Lewis of The Landscape Folk, together with Award Winning Specialists Timotay Playscapes, to bring the project to fruition. Following consultations with pupils and staff members, the master plan was developed.

The mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of our children, through their connection with nature, is at the heart of this significant investment. As a school, we are incredibly proud of The Haven and are keen to promote the multitude of benefits this special space will bring to our Nursery, Infant and Junior pupils.

We will keep you updated! More details to follow!