

# Dunchurch CofE Infant School and Nursery

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Friday, 17 March 2023

## A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Families,

Another week over and it once again finishes with a very different Friday. Whereas last week was cut short by the snow, this week has finished with jokes galore and many children dressed up to support Comic Relief, as well as a Mother's Day gift shop.

The children have also been engaging with some end of unit tests/assessments (Year 1 and 2), and staff have commented on how positively the children have approached them and put their best effort into their work. Congratulations to everyone!

A final reminder that we are looking forward to many of you joining us next Wednesday at 6pm to meet the leadership team from the Coventry Diocese MAT to listen to the upcoming academisation and to learn more about the Trust itself.

Thank you to those who have posted questions. If you haven't yet and wish to do so, please click on the link <https://forms.office.com/e/kDV6JhiAUP>

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend,

**Best wishes,  
Mr Andrews**

## **Collective Worship**

This week in collective worship we have discussed the values of respect and justice. We have considered the different ways that we can show respect to one another such as acting with kindness, speaking politely to one another and showing empathy. We also linked this to our school rule of 'respectful', discussing how we can be respectful around school and what this would look like.

The children have also been trying really hard to show the value of kindness around school, ready for the kindness tree in the hall to be populated next week.



## **Stars of the Week**

### Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Emma WP

### Red Room

Lunchtime

Ioan J

### Blue Room

Lunchtime

Isla B

### Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Shadiar WH

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Darcy H

### Little Owls

Lunchtime

Olivia S

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Lucas P

### Barn Owls

Lunchtime

Chloe W

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Thea KS

### Snowy Owls

Lunchtime

Abira M

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Hieran R

### Spectacled Owls

Lunchtime

Aurelia M

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Aiza M

### Tawny Owls

Lunchtime

Jian B

Learning Behaviour of  
the week

Maisie P

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## NURSERY

The children in Pre-School have been continuing to consolidate their learning around numerals, amounts, and representations of 1-5. They have done this by matching animals, creating amounts with natural resources outside, comparing amounts, and singing songs where numbers are added or taken away up to 5. They have also started to learn about the natural environment in Spring, and talked about animals and growing. Children have created animals with the playdough and described it to a friend. In the creative area, the children have been painting or drawing beautiful pictures of daffodils.

In Rising 3's, children have been using equipment with playdough that requires lots of strength and squeezing. This helps them to gain control over their one-handed tools and build up muscles to control their later writing. Children have also created pictures from shapes, arranging them for a purpose and giving their picture meaning.

Today it was Red Nose Day and all the children dressed up or wore red! There was lots of discussion around the Mr & Miss characters! Children in Rising 3's decorated biscuits with different faces on.



## RECEPTION

Everyone has loved reading Funnybones this week. We have talked about the different bones that make up our skeletons as well as learning which foods help us to have healthy bones and teeth – we have learnt a new word – 'calcium'. We have talked about other healthy foods and had a go at making a 'food rainbow'. We discussed foods that may not be healthy. It was decided that is ok to have these foods as a treat but not every day.

The children enjoyed making skeletons at the creative table. They used paper straws and cut them to size to make different bones. We found that we needed to use black paper so that the white straws showed up. The straws stuck to the paper better if we flattened them first as well as using PVA glue rather than a glue stick because it is stronger.

We have continued to recap Phase 3 in phonics. We have been reading words that contain 2 or more digraphs. In maths we have started to learn the number bonds to 10. These need to be learnt as quick recall rather than using fingers. There is a Numberblocks episode 'Ten Again' that we have watched in class and the children enjoyed - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bn5k6h/numberblocks-series->

We have also played a free online game called 'Hit the Button' <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. Select 'Play Game' - 'Number Bonds' – 'Make 10'.



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## YEAR 1

As magnificent mathematicians this week we have continued exploring comparing numbers to 50 and ordering them from fewest to greatest and greatest to fewest. Then moved on to exploring length and height using the appropriate vocabulary (longer, longest, shorter, shortest, taller, tallest) and putting lengths in order.

In English, we have been preparing ourselves for our upcoming excursion to Warwick Castle. We have been exploring non-fiction texts to answer and pose questions about castles and castle life, labelled the main parts of a castle and discovered their function.

During our themed learning, we have learnt about Saint Patrick the Patron Saint of Northern Ireland and the traditions people may take part in to celebrate St Patrick's Day. As Scientists, we have been identifying the parts of the body associated with our five senses and during ICT we have been using an online piece of software to label a castle. In PE lessons, we have seen some fierce dragon dancing!

A packed week as always in Year One. Have a fantastic weekend all!



## YEAR 2

What a lovely week we have had in year 2!

As writers, the children have blown us away with their fantastic non-chronological reports all about foxes. They have presented these beautifully and it has been a pleasure to see how proud they all are of their hard work.

As mathematicians, the children have started learning about money and are beginning to add coins together to make amounts. They will progress on to answering two-step word problems within the next couple of weeks, which through experience we know that they will find tricky. However, we have no doubt that they will all be able to rise to the challenge! Any practise using money at home would be greatly appreciated and valuable for the children. They will be expected to add amounts together and then work out the total change.

During the afternoons, the children have been learning how to sew and have made something special for mummies to open on Sunday! This was the first time for the majority of the children that they have ever sewed so we are extremely proud of their perseverance and the finished result! We hope that all you mummies are too!

Finally, as you are all aware, last Friday we were due to visit the Gurdwara but this had to be cancelled due to the snow. We have contacted the Gurdwara and are trying to arrange an alternative date that we can attend. We will keep you updated with plans as they are made.

We hope that everyone has a lovely weekend.



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## DIARY DATES

Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st

Wednesday 22nd

Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th

Parents meeting  
with DMAT Acade-  
my 6pm in Hall at  
Junior school

### **Martial Arts**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

### **Spanish Club**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

### **Performing Arts**

Collection from Yr1  
doors

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### **Football**

Collection from the  
back of the Hall

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## VACANCIES

### **DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY**

**PLAYWORKER** Infant School- Monday - Friday 3.15pm - 4.45pm, term time £10.98 - £11.18 per hour, plus holiday pay. (7.5 hours per week)

### **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS**

We are looking for Midday Supervisors to join our hard working lunchtime teams.

**Hourly rate £10.60 - £10.79, plus holiday pay, plus Local Government Pension Scheme**

**Hours - Infant School -11.50am - 1.10pm Monday to Friday, term time only**

**Hours - Nursery -11.30am - 12.30 pm Monday to Friday, term time only**

**Start date - ASAP**

If you are interested, please email [office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk](mailto:office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk) or pop into the school office for an application pack.

## SPRING 2 CURRICULUM SHEETS

Please find the website links below for each year group.

<https://dunchurchinfant.sites.schooljotter2.com/about-our-learning/year-2>

<https://dunchurchinfant.sites.schooljotter2.com/about-our-learning/year-1>

<https://dunchurchinfant.sites.schooljotter2.com/about-our-learning/reception>

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## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd March	Parents Introduction to Academy meeting in Hall at Junior school 6pm
Monday 27th March	SATs meeting for Parents/Carers 9am in school hall
Tuesday 28th March	Yr1 trip to Warwick Castle
Friday 31st March	PTA Easter events
Friday 31st March	School and Nursery finish for Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	School and Nursery reopens
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)
Month of May	Year 2 SATs
Monday 8th May	King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday (school & nursery closed)
W/C: 12th June	Year 1 Phonics
Wednesday 21st June	Class photos
Monday 26th June	Teacher Training day
Wednesday 5th July	Warwickshire schools Induction day
Tuesday 25th July	School and Nursery finish for Summer

## OWLS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND NURSERY PLACES

*Summer term Owls & WOOSH Club sessions are now available to book on the Magic Booking system.*

*If you have any problems booking these, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.*

We only have 40 daily places available for our Before & After School Club. Due to an increase of children attending Owls this school year, we are currently very busy on most days & we may not be able to accommodate your request if last minute bookings are trying to be made.

If you require places on a regular basis (weekly) and for the next term, it would be advisable to book in advance. If there are no spaces available, Magic Booking will not allow you to book and we cannot override the system to accommodate your child.

**Please do not assume your child will be able to attend owls without prior agreement.**