



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

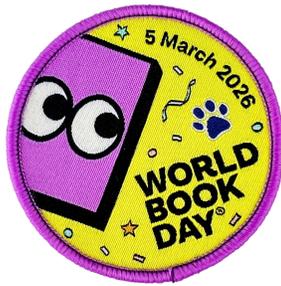
Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. As always, there is lots to celebrate in this week's newsletter.

World Book Day Celebrations 2026!

We've had a wonderful buzz about books and reading around school this week and we've enjoyed celebrating our love of books - as you all know, at The Coppice, we love to read!



It was really lovely to see all of the children coming to school in 'cosy clothes': lots of vibrant pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns were on show and, of course, lots of teddy bears came along for the ride too! Mr. Hutt's 'famous' unicorn slippers also made a further appearance!

It was wonderful to see the vast array of favourite books that children brought in to share with their friends. To see children huddled up throughout the day sharing and enjoying reading books for pleasure was an absolute joy.



Very Successful Phonics Screening Information Event:

Greatly linked to the importance of ensuring that all of our children become fluent, confident readers as soon as possible, it is fabulous to be able to say a very BIG THANK YOU to all Parents and Carers who attended and participated in our Phonics Screening Information Sessions this week. We really appreciate you taking the time to join us and learn more about the National Year One Phonics Screening Check that the Year One children will complete in June.

During the session, Mrs Russell and Mrs Cox explained what the Phonics Screening Check involves, how it is administered in school, and included a short Parent and Carer mock check! They also discussed how we are preparing your child for the check and supporting their overall reading development. **If you were unable to attend or would like further information, please contact Mrs Russell or your child's class teacher.** The information slides are available on the newsletter site for those who could not attend. Furthermore, the Year One team invites you to participate in a range of activities that the children enjoy in school, which help develop their decoding skills in preparation for the check. Please check the app to sign up for these upcoming sessions. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Russell and Mrs Cox for leading these sessions.

'Getting Ready for Reading' Nursery Workshop:

Additionally, this week, Nursery held a 'Getting Ready for Reading' Parent and Carer workshop. The children had fun showcasing a range of phonological awareness elements on rhyme detection by building a 'rhyming pizza' and detecting and identifying initial or final sounds by playing 'the odd one out'. Well done, Nursery, and thank you to all the Parents and Carers who were able to attend! Thank you to Mrs Cox, Mrs Twilley, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Howarth and Mrs Wicking for delivering these sessions.

At The Coppice, we value the partnership between school and home and recognise that working together helps us provide every child with the best possible start in reading.

Amazing Young Voices Experience for the Choir!

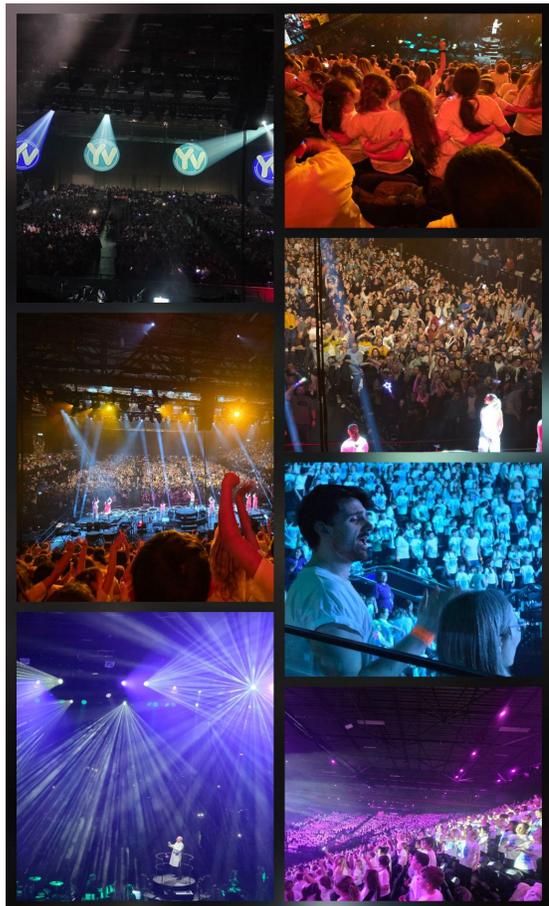
Last Friday, The Coppice Choir attended the Young Voice concert at the BP Pulse Live arena, joining over 5,000 other children from across the region. Despite being a long day, the children's energy never once dipped.

They sang and danced their hearts out until the very last song and showed the arena exactly what they were made of! Quite literally so, because they received two commendations from the Young Voices crew members for being a school with outstanding choreography and the energy to match.

Their hard work and dedication throughout the rehearsals paid off and we want to extend a huge thank you to all of you at home for encouraging and practicing the singing with your children. We are all so incredibly proud of them and feel very lucky to have the opportunity to work with so many passionate and talented children.

Huge thanks also go to Mr. Lampard, Mrs. Blundell, Miss Keight, Mrs. Bellamy, Miss. Danby, Ms. Croft and Mrs. Marks from the school office and Chair of Trustees: Kathryn Byng who willingly gave up their time and Friday evening in order to accompany the children and give them this magical experience. It couldn't have happened without them!

It is always an honour to provide them with opportunities to grow and create lifelong memories and we are incredibly proud of them as always.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) update:

Whilst it has been lovely to finally get some sunshine after what seemed a never ending spell of rainy days, we have been so pleased that we were able to get the children outside playing throughout the winter months due to the introduction of our winter welly and waterproof play.

We have a good amount of wellies now in school; in the welly-libraries and with children bringing in their own.

Next week we have our OPAL mentor visiting for our fourth development day and are very much looking forward to showing Kayleigh our new OPAL additions. The latest of these being our 'muddy area' which has been a great success, fostering curiosity about nature, creatures and the world beneath their feet! This area has encouraged teamwork and collaboration, as well as strengthening children's tactile and sensory awareness.



There have a few pairs of wet, muddy socks, so can we please ask that children have a spare pair of socks in their bag - just in case!

We also have some new 'obstacle course blocks' that we bought with money donated by Dave Morris. Thank you to Dave for this lovely addition to OPAL.

Coming soon: We are in the process of creating an outdoor reading shelter which will create another quieter, calm space for children who might want to take themselves away from the busyness of the playground to enjoy some quiet reading time.

Following the huge success of our Parent/Carer OPAL sessions last Summer, we will soon be sharing dates of our Spring 2026 Parent/Carer sessions. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Thank you as always for your support from The OPAL team.

Celebration Time

Congratulations Isla!

A huge well done goes to Isla from 4TR who has achieved her Level 7 Gymnastics Award. Isla is a member of Wythall Gymnastics Club and it is clear from this award that she is progressing really well in the disciplines of beam, bars, floor and vault! We are very proud of you Isla and rightly so!



A massive well done to four Year 5 boys!

Congratulations goes to the four boys below who have all achieved great things in different areas:

-Hughie made his debut for Hollywood Lions last weekend and was awarded 'Manager's Player of the Match Award'. Hughie did fantastically and showed off his ability by scoring a hat-trick in a 6-1 victory. We are proud of you Hughie!

-Taylor won his first ever kickboxing match against someone from a different club who was four belts higher than Taylor! A brilliant achievement Taylor!

-Cian passed his first drumming exam with merit and he has only been playing since September! Congratulations Cian - another talent to add to you gymnastics!

-Jack achieved the 'Man of The Match' trophy for his performance for Coldlands Colts last weekend. He got the award for: agility, stamina, skill and aggression in the game. Congratulations Jack - a massive well done!



Pictured from left opposite are Hughie, Taylor, Cian and Jack.

All four boys are from Mrs. Wright's class: 5W.

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 23rd-27th Feb (last week)

	2W	98.67%
	3K	99.67%

TOP ATTENDANCE 2nd-6th March (this week)

	2T	99.33%
	2W	
	4DR	99.03%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Classical

- 1) Haydn - Symphony 94 in G Major (1791)
- 2) Beethoven Piano Sonata 14 (1802)
- 3) Schubert - March Militaire (1818)
- 4) Chopin - Mazurka in B flat minor (1834)

Next week's playlist is:

Piano

1. Meredith Monk - Ellis Island (1981)
2. Chopin - 'Raindrop' Prelude (1839)
3. Yann Tiersen - Comptine d'un autre été, l'après-midi (2001)
4. Erland Cooper - Holm Sound (2020)

That just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable weekend with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)