



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. The children have come back to school settled and ready to face the last half term in their current classes.

In case you had not heard and were wondering why you had not seen Mr Hutt around, he is not currently in school due to the arrival of his newborn son, Ronnie. A wonderful addition to the Hutt family.

Our congratulations also go to Miss Gatfield and Miss Kirby, who last week, both gave birth to baby girls. Welcome Beatrice and Eadie.

It has been a busy week with Robotics in Year 6, Wheelchair basketball in Year 5 and three days of outdoor adventure at Upton Warren for Year 4. Our EYFS staff have started home visits for our Nursery children who will be starting with us in September. We also had the School Council deliver assemblies promoting the Fun Run next Monday, to raise money for Mizpah School in Zimbabwe. The children can come to school in sports wear or 'fun' clothes and are encouraged to bring a small donation for this good cause.

### **Basketball success for Arthur!**

The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Annette Mackenzie, recently presented Arthur (5C) with a trophy for being the 'Most Improved Player' in the under-11s team at his basketball club, which is called Solihull Griffins. This is his first season with the team and he is one of the youngest players and he's so excited to have won an award. Here is a photo of a very proud Arthur with his trophy and the Mayor of Solihull.



### **Robotics in Year 6**

Year 6 had a great Tuesday morning. They were visited by STEM provider Hyett Education and took part in an exciting hands-on workshop. The children had the opportunity to build their own LEGO robots, customise their designs, and use coding skills to programme their creations to follow a set course. Much patience and trial and error was required! It was a fantastic experience that brought engineering and computing to life, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the challenge!



## Wheelchair basketball for Year 5

On Tuesday, after a slightly delayed start, our Year 5 children spent time with some of the wheelchair basketball players from Solihull Bears. The sun came out so the children were able to experience playing basketballs in custom made wheelchairs and had some direct coaching from the players.

We will soon be entering a school's wheelchair basketball competition, so the coaches were looking out for children who showed a particular talent, as we will be needing to select a team to represent the school.

The children had a great afternoon and it was a wonderful experience for them. A big shout out to Ruby, from Yr 5, who plays for their youth team (The Cubs). She was there throughout the afternoon, demonstrating and offering advice to the children.



## Outdoor Play And Learning



You should have received some information through the app about the two OPAL parent sessions we will be holding. At these sessions you will get the opportunity to find out more about OPAL and have time to play alongside your child and experience our OPAL provision.

The date and timings are as follows:

Parents of children in <b>Y2, Y3 &amp; Y4</b> <b>Thursday June 26th</b>	Parents of children in <b>Rec, Y1, Y5 &amp; Y6</b> <b>Thursday July 3rd</b>
<b>8.45 am - 9.00 am:</b> Coffee / Tea	
<b>9.00 am - 10.15 pm:</b> Short talk from Kayleigh (our OPAL Mentor), followed by a chance to join your child for some OPAL play	

**A link to book a place will be shared with you soon.**

## Upton Warren trip for Year 4:

Year Four have had a great three days at Upton Warren Outdoor Adventure. The weather hasn't been the best but everyone has still had lots of fun! I'm sure there will be some early nights tonight - and that is just the staff! Photos will follow on next week's newsletter.

Hoping you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr. Ashwell (Deputy Headteacher, The Coppice Primary School)



## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was -

- 1) Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong - Dream a Little Dream of Me (1950)
- 2) Bobby Darin - Mack the Knife (1959)
- 3) Rosemary Clooney - This Ole House (1954)
- 4) Buddy Holly - Everyday (1957)

Next week's playlist is -

### 1960s

- 1) John Lee Hooker - Boom Boom (1961)
- 2) Petula Clark - Downtown (1965)
- 3) The Beatles - Yellow Submarine (1966)
- 4) Aretha Franklin - Respect (1967)

## Attendance Figures


### TOP ATTENDANCE

19th - 23rd May (Week before half term)

	<b>1D</b>	<b>97.93%</b>
	<b>4W</b>	<b>99.00%</b>

### TOP ATTENDANCE

2nd - 6th June (This week)

	<b>2P</b>	<b>98.62%</b>
	<b>5F</b>	<b>96.33%</b>