



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children.

Parent Information Evenings (Y1 to Y6):

It has been really lovely this week to welcome so many of you in person to our Parent Information sessions that were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I sincerely hope that the information that you have received has been very useful and informative as this is what we want it to be. Should anything remain unclear though, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Class Teacher.

We do appreciate that not all of you were able to attend these meetings. However, it is vital to us that you still receive the information that was shared. Therefore, in order to help everyone to either access the information again, or to receive it for the first time, we will be uploading the Year Group presentations into the Year Group newsletters area on the school website. Please make sure that you do make time to look at this information as it will really help both you and child be familiar with what you can expect from the year ahead.

A huge thank you to Sports Coach Dave Morris!

All of the children and staff at The Coppice would like to extend their huge gratitude to Dave Morris from DM coaching for his donation of £2,000.00 to the school. This is an incredibly generous amount of money and one which our children will greatly benefit from. Dave was keen that the money be put towards sporting equipment or our continued OPAL Play developments. We are currently deciding on what we would like to spend the money on but it is definitely going to be exciting for the children whatever we settle on! Dave has run sporting clubs at The Coppice for many years now and this is the second time in two years that he has donated money. Last year he donated £3,000.00! Dave's selfless reason for his generous donations is that that he is passionate about giving something back to the school for how we have supported his sports clubs over the years. We can't thank him enough again!

Car Parking onsite and leaving school safely at the end of the school day:

As you will understand, the health and safety of our children and community need to be our number one priority. This is why we close the front gate to the site in the mornings between 8.25 am and 8.45 am, to ensure that our site is traffic free. It is also why we have a one-way system out of school at the end of the day and don't allow Parents and Carers to exit via the Woodrush car park gate (unless they have a very good reason e.g. physical disabilities).

This is also a good time to reiterate that the car park is not a general-use car park and should only be used by the following groups of people during the school day: School staff, Church staff, Blue badge holders

In addition, there are only limited allocated spaces for the following groups outside of the closure time: Woodrush gym members using the gym; Woodrush Community Library users and Woodrush Hub users.

ALL other traffic should not be accessing and using the car park, particularly at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding in ensuring that the above measures are adhered to in order to keep our children and families safe. I will continue to campaign for the front gates to the site to also be shut at the end of the school day in order to make our site traffic free then as well, for the safety of everyone. Unfortunately, this isn't possible at the moment for a number of reasons. However, I hope that one day soon it will be.

Dogs and smoking/vaping on site – important :

Just a quick but very important reminder at the start of the year that, **at the children's request**, we do not allow dogs on any part of the school site (including car parks and pathways). The only dogs that are allowed are Oscar and M, our Thrive dogs, and any certified assistance dogs that are clearly identifiable by their jackets. If this is likely to be the case with anyone dropping off or picking up children, please contact the school office to let them know – thank you. In addition, just a reminder that our whole school site (both wider site and inner site) is a non-smoking and non-vaping area. Please ensure that this is adhered to at all times, again at the request of the children.

Medical Conditions and Asthma Policies:

Both of these policies are on the school website and should be referred to if your child has a medical condition, requires medication or has asthma. It is crucial that Parents and Carers understand the school's policies, parameters and processes with regard to these areas so please familiarise yourself with them if they apply to your child.

The Coppice is a Nut Free School:

For all Parents and Carers (both new and existing), I want to mention again that we are a nut free school. This is so that we can protect all of our children. In practice, this means not sending in your child with any food items that may contain any kind of nuts or other nut-based products, including spreads such as Nutella. This applies to both breaktime snacks and packed lunches. We also thank you for your understanding with this aspect of children's health and safety.

Very useful parenting webinars for Parents and Carers:

At The Coppice we always want to support Parents and Carers as much as possible with the aspects of parenting that can be challenging. This is why we like to bring your attention to easily accessible resources that may help you with some of these challenges.

The organisation: 'Parentkind' has produced a number of very useful webinars for Parents and Carers that we think you may find very useful. For example there are webinars on a wide array of topics such as: 'Helping your child to achieve in school'; 'Supporting an anxious child'; 'Neurodiversity Matters - Managing Behaviour for SEND children'; and many more. The great news too is that they are free - all you have to do is book a place on them using the link:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>

To use the words from the Parentkind site:

'Get ready to be inspired, empowered and equipped with the knowledge to be the best parent you can be...

At Parentkind, we support everyone in a parenting role. And let's face it, that's a challenging job. Tackling a wide range of topics, our webinars are designed to share insight on how you can support your child with a wide range of learning and life experiences, strengthen your understanding of education and school life, and foster solid parent-child relationships along the way. During these interactive webinars, you'll be able to engage with our experts, ask questions and connect with others on a similar journey — we believe in the power of community and the strength of sharing experiences and learning together.'

Celebration time for Ariella and Harlen!



A huge well done goes to Ariella from 2P who has achieved her Level 5 Proficiency Award from her Revolution Gymnastics Club. We are extremely proud of Ariella for this success at school and, most importantly, she is extremely proud of herself and rightly so! We look forward to hearing of more success soon.



Ariella's brother: Harlen, from 6L has also had some wonderful success in the world of Junior Karting! This is the first time we have put someone in the newsletter for this sport which is fantastic. Harlen gained a 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place in three separate competitions which was a fabulous achievement. We are very proud of you too Harlen. Maybe a Formula 1 champ one day!

BRAT Running Success for Ava!



On Sunday, Ava from 5W raced in the under 11s 75 metre sprint open event held at the University of Birmingham BRAT (Birmingham Running, Athletics & Triathlon Club) where she came 2nd in the competition. Although she came 2nd in the overall competition, she did win the accolade for being the fastest girl from her club. Ava was the youngest girl competitor on the track racing that day and, Impressively, she ran a personal best (PB) race, knocking 0.25 seconds off her previous one. We are so proud of you Ava - what a talent you've got!

That just leaves me to wish you a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to seeing all of the children, bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

***The first 'Star of The Week' hot chocolate reward with Mr. Hutt and Mrs. Ashwell (Reception to Year 6) will be on Wednesday 17th September.**

This means that the first class 'Star of The week' was decided by Class Teachers today!

Mr. Hutt and Mrs. Ashwell once again look forward to celebrating with the 'Stars of The Week' and to the children again voting on who gets to do the washing up! :-)

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Time Signatures

- 1) Patti Page - Tennessee Waltz (1950)
- 2) Mikis Theodorakis - Zorba's Dance (1964)
- 3) The Beatles - All You Need is Love (1967)
- 4) Aretha Franklin - I Say a Little Prayer (1968)

Next week's playlist is:


World Peace Day

- 1) Bob Dylan - Blowin' In The Wind (1963)
- 2) Gladys Knight & The Pips - Friendship Train (1970)
- 3) Bob Marley & the Wailers - One Love / People Get Ready (1984)
- 4) Alicia Keys - We Are Here (2014)

Attendance Figures


TOP ATTENDANCE

3rd - 5th September (Last week)

	2W	98.33%
	3B & 6C	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE

8th - 12th September (This week)

	2T	98.62%
	3K 3C 5GB	100%