



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 12th December 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.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE - A MASSIVE THANK YOU! WE AGAIN RAISED A FANTASTIC AMOUNT!**

I just want to say a huge thank you to all of you who attended Friday night's fantastic PTA Christmas Fayre - it really was a huge success again despite the appalling weather! I can't thank you all enough for braving the conditions and for turning out to support both your children and the school in general. As with last year, there were so many lovely comments from Parents and Carers and other visitors who said how much they enjoyed the evening and how fabulous they thought it was.

Sophie Rawlings (PTA Chairperson) did an amazing, organisational job and pulled everything together brilliantly... she certainly stepped into our former PTA Lead: Mrs. Lennon's shoes superbly! In addition, all of our PTA members again worked so hard to ensure that the event was as successful as it was. Their efforts and time given were hugely appreciated by the school and me - we truly have a wonderful PTA! I also want to say a huge thank you to my amazing staff for staying late to support the event.

The Coppice Choir, and Mr. Lampard, both provided superb entertainment and really helped to create such a wonderful, festive atmosphere. We really are blessed to have such a superb role model for the arts in Mr. Lampard!

**We will announce the exact amount raised in next week's final newsletter of 2025 and I can't wait to see how much this is!** Once again, our children will be the winners and the money will help to ensure that we can continue to give our children the very best resources and provision that we can at The Coppice. I will update on the overall total again soon.

**Thank you again everyone for your wonderful support!**



### **Nursery and Reception Christmas singalongs:**

A huge well done to all of our Nursery and Reception children for their Christmas singalongs this week.

Everyone was extremely proud of the children for their performances. Mrs. Ashwell, who fronted these events, said just how amazing the children were and what a lovely atmosphere there was - exactly what we want from a Coppice Christmas event.

A huge thank you goes to all of the Early Years staff for the expert way they have prepared the children for these events.

### **Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities next week:**

Talking of performances, I am really looking forward to watching all of next week's Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities and to welcoming Parents, Carers and Grandparents into school to share in these with us.

These performances are always a wonderful way to finish our Autumn Term at The Coppice and I know how excited the children are to perform them. I can certainly guarantee that you are all in for a real festive treat!

**Eco Council are driving things forward!**

On Monday this week Mr Ruffles, Mrs Lennon, Mrs Douglas and the Eco Ambassadors got together to discuss our new school Eco plan. As a group they decided that recycling should be our first focus and the Ambassadors have been given the task of finding out how each class recycle and how we can improve this across the school.

They also discussed the amount of litter around school and have kindly agreed to carry out a litter pick in and around the school grounds after Christmas. The Eco Team are excited to help our school become 'Greener'! **We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Woodrush High School Design and technology Technician: Joanne Bird for making us our pond-use rules sign! We love it!**



**Eco Team:**  
Sienna, Amelia,  
Cian, Andrew,  
Cody, Grace,  
Darla, Leo, Beth  
and Eva.

**Year 6 pupils share Christmas with Chinese Talk Pals.**

This week, some of our Year 6 pupils, who attend Mandarin club, took part in a festive zoom call with our partner school in China. They shared a wonderful presentation on how we eagerly await the arrival of Santa with our families, the birth of Jesus, traditional customs and so much more. They also sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas" beautifully.

The children have been in contact with each other since the start of the academic year and exciting new friendships are currently being formed. It is an excellent opportunity for our children to learn Mandarin as well as discover more about China and its culture. A huge well done to all of the children for representing the our school so well!



**A HUGE thank you to Earlswood Nurseries!**

I just want to extend a HUGE thank you to local supplier: Earlswood Nurseries for donating two large rolls of astroturf to The Coppice, which will be used to further develop our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision.



We have a long-standing relationship with Earlswood and are very lucky to have this. They have provided us with some of the OPAL Play sheds as well as other materials over the years. To benefit from this donation is just fantastic and we are extremely grateful to them for their generosity.

**Year 5 P.E. Ambassadors join the team!**

We are delighted to award six Year 5 children their new roles as PE Ambassadors for the upcoming academic year. They will be joining the six current PE Ambassadors from Year 6. In this important leadership position, they will help maintain and organise PE equipment, support the PE coordinators during lessons and events and play a key role in ensuring our sports days run smoothly and successfully. Their enthusiasm, responsibility and passion for sport make them fantastic role models and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across the school. Well done to Jude and Katie from 5RM, Lillie and Isaac from 5GB and Isabel and Keaton from 5W.



**Austin demonstrates the true meaning of Christmas!**

I want to celebrate Austin from 3B who, with the support of his family, has been doing an amazing thing in supporting a Charity called Birmingham Basket Brigade over the festive season. In Austin's own words:

**'Every year, since I was two, I go with my family to help a charity called the Birmingham Basket Brigade. It helps families who don't have much money. We give them a big Christmas dinner to have and enjoy. We also donate money to the charity to help buy the food.**

**First we go to the place where my Daddy used to work and we get a list of names and addresses. Then we go to the supermarket and buy loads of Christmas food, sweets and treats. After that we put it all in our car and drive to the houses and deliver it to as many people as we can.**

**I think it's a really nice thing to do and I love doing it.'**



It is a truly special quality to show empathy in the way that Austin has and to want to make a positive difference to people's lives. This is why showing empathy and kindness is something that I always say to all the Coppice children is the one quality I want them to have. Austin is already doing this, which is just fantastic! A huge well done Austin. Your family and you should be very proud of yourselves!



## Celebration Time

### Amazing Gymnastic success for Isaac!

Last week, we celebrated one of our amazing gymnasts :Cian.

This week I want to celebrate another of them: Isaac from 5GB, who attended the same high-level gym competition at Lilleshall the week before last, where he represented Wythall Gymnastics Club against other clubs.



Isaac won two medals: Gold on High Bar and Bronze on Vault. This was an incredible achievement for this talented gymnast - we are so proud of you Isaac!

### Arianna's dancing success and Panto Performance!

Arianna, from 4DR, is part of the chorus for panto again in January and rehearsals are in full swing for the production of Treasure Island. If anyone is interested in watching the show, I have placed the link below where you can order tickets. As always, I'm sure it will be fantastic!

Arianna also competed in two weeks of dance competitions and came away with medals from gold to bronze in all of her dances. A huge well done to you Arianna for your success and to your big sister Maiya too!

<https://ssadrama.com/whats-on/treasure-island/>




## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate




## Attendance Figures

### TOP ATTENDANCE 1st - 5th Dec (last week)

	1LR	99.33%
	6C	99.00%

### TOP ATTENDANCE 8th -12th Dec (this week)

	1T	98.62%
	5GB	100%

## Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Instrument Focus: Brass

- 1) Henry Purcell - Trumpet Sonata in D Major (c.1694)
- 2) Miles Davis - Round Midnight (1957)
- 3) James Curnow - Fanfares and Flourishes (1991)
- 4) Duke Ellington -Take the 'A' Train (1941)

Next week's playlist is:Christmas

- 1) Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky - Trepak (1892)
- 2) Ralph Vaughan Williams - Wassail Song (1909)
- 3) Frank Sinatra - Jingle Bells (1948)
- 4) Mariah Carey - All I Want for Christmas is You (1994)
- 5) Perry Como & the Fontane Sisters - It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas (1951)
- 6) John Tavener - The Lamb (1982)

That just leaves me to say, as always, that I hope you all have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to seeing all of you bright and early on Monday for what will be our last week before the Christmas break.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)