



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 17th October 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.

A huge thank you to everyone - we raised £500.00!

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all Parents, Carers and children for the success of last week's 'Hello Yellow' fundraiser for the Young Minds Charity. Thanks to your generous donations we managed to raise an incredible £500.00 which has been sent off now and will be used to support both young people and their Parents and Carers with all aspects of mental health.



We had such a great day in school and everyone really enjoyed the range of mindfulness activities that were carried out within classes. To also raise such a fantastic amount of money for such a important charity was the icing on the cake! Thank you again everyone!

Uniform for after half-term:

Just a reminder to all Parents and Carers that next week is the last week that children can wear their optional Summer uniform.

After the half-term break, children will be expected to wearing the standard school uniform. A reminder of what these expectations are, can be found by clicking the link below:

[Coppice Uniform Expectations \(Sep 2025\)](#)

Thank you in advance for ensuring that your child is set up for the colder months ahead and please remember that we have lots of spare pre-loved uniform should you need anything. Just ask at the school office.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire:

Please don't miss the opportunity to give us feedback on your child's and your experience of The Coppice by completing our Parent and Carer questionnaire. We are extending the deadline to Monday 3rd November to enable us to gather as many responses as possible. If you haven't completed the questionnaire already, please do so using this link:

[Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2025/26](#)

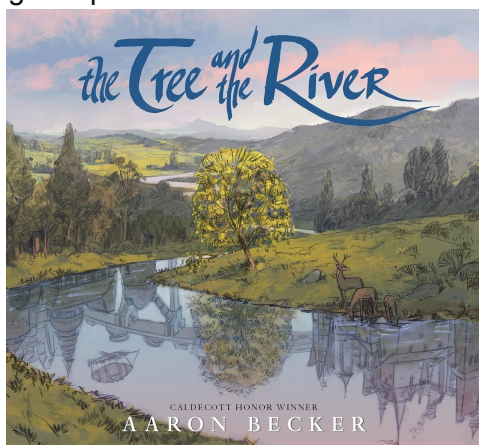
Open mornings – praise for our school!

It has been an absolute pleasure to hold our first couple of Open Morning events for prospective Reception Parents and Carers (for September 2026) around our school this week. We are extremely proud of our school and are always happy to show it off! These tours were really lovely and the feedback that we received from our visitors was glowing. As you all know, we take great pride in the look and feel of our school because we want it to be the very best learning environment for your children that it can be. We are a warm and welcoming school and this starts with our fantastic office staff who ensure that Parents, Carers and visitors always get a cheery smile and the information they need.

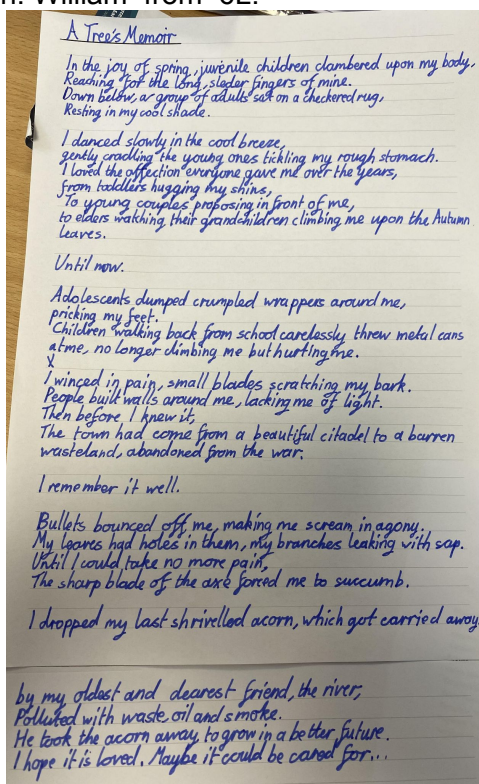
Mr. Mace, our Site Manager, his Deputy: Mrs. Boyd and the team of school cleaners, do an incredible job week after week in ensuring that our school is always well-maintained and looking its best, and our Teachers and Teaching Assistants do an equally amazing job in ensuring that your children are happy, safe and learning to the best of their ability. All of these points came over so clearly as I walked around the school with our visitors. Your children were incredible and an absolute credit to you - 'The Coppice Way' was there in abundance for all to see! This is, without doubt, a special school and, as I always say, I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher here.

Whole-school poetry unit:

Over the course of the last week or so, the whole school (Nursery through to Year 6) has been enjoying working on a poetry unit based on a wordless picture book: *The Tree and The River* (pictured below). This book, written by Aaron Becker tracks the evolution of our species – and its toll on the Earth – through the fates of a lone tree and an enduring river. River and Tree bear silent witness over time as people arrive to harness water, wind, and animals; devise technology and transportation; redirect rivers; and reshape the land. It is a visually stunning and powerful book.



All year groups have produced poetry or responses to the book which will be displayed in our Celebration Corridor. The children have absolutely loved this book and there have been some incredible poetry written by your children in response to the book which you will be able to see and read at the upcoming Parent and Carer meetings in November. For now, here is a taster from one of our Year 6 children: William from 6L.



A joy to be invited to watch amazing Year 1 dancing!

I was delighted to be invited to watch the children from 1LR perform their dancing compositions on Wednesday afternoon. It was a real highlight of my week!



As you can see from the pictures above, all of the children were actively engaged in their dancing and were loving every second. The dancing was based on a book that the children had been reading in class and involved a little boy being transported to a place where he encounters all sorted of wonderful creatures such as eagles, giraffes and monkeys. This is why the children were required to be so expressive in their movements and to perform at a range of different levels. A huge well done children - your performances were amazing!



Phonics workshops for Reception and Year 1:

A big thank you to all the Reception Parents and Carers who attended the Sounds-Write phonics information sessions this week. Your participation is greatly valued by both the children and teachers. Mrs Russell and Mrs Cox discussed the Sounds-Write approach and the guiding principles. Miss Bradley, Mrs Bellamy and Miss McDonald are excited to continue this by inviting Parents and Carers to see a 'word building' session in action after school on Tuesday and Thursday next week. There are still spaces available to book; you can find the link on the app.

Year One welcomed a great number of Parents and Carers this week. Miss Thurston, Miss Dixon, Mrs Lennon and Mrs Russell demonstrated a 'one sound, different spellings' word puzzle session. Your participation is appreciated by both the children and teachers, and your support will truly enhance your child's early reading development.

If, for any reason, you were unable to attend these workshops but would like more information about phonics teaching at The Coppice, please speak to your child's class teacher. We will be hosting more phonics workshops throughout the year, so please check the year group newsletters for upcoming sessions. A huge thank you to Miss Thurston, Miss Dixon, Mrs Cox, Mrs Russell and Mrs Lennon for leading these sessions.

Celebration Time



Gymnastic success for Arria!

Huge congratulations goes to Arria from 5W who won the Wyre Forest beginners 10-11 gymnastic competition last weekend. Arria was representing Wythall Gymnastics Club. The competition was between four different gymnastic clubs and as well as winning overall, Arria also achieved a gold medal for bars and a bronze for beam. We are very, very proud of you Arria!



Taekwondo success for Taylor!

Last Sunday, Taylor from 5W achieved his yellow belt for kickboxing. Taylor had to complete a number of different skills for his grading, as well as needing to do some sparring with an opponent. He was obviously thrilled when the grading had ended and was told that he had successfully passed. We are also thrilled for you Taylor and it was clear from talking to you yesterday that you have a real passion for your sport. Well done!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 6th-10th Oct (last week)

	2T	99.72%
	3K & 5GB	99.46%

TOP ATTENDANCE 13th-17th Oct (this week)

	1D	98.97%
	5RM & 6D	100%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Author's Choice

- 1) Genesis - Follow You, Follow Me (1978)
- 2) Don McLean - Vincent (1971)
- 3) Slash ft Myles Kennedy - Starlight (2010)
- 4) Fleetwood Mac - Songbird (1977)

Next week's playlist is:

Halloween

- 1) Danny Elfman - This is Halloween (1993)
- 2) Bobby "Boris" Pickett and the Crypt-Kickers - Monster Mash (1962)
- 3) Bow Wow Wow - I Want Candy (1982)
- 4) Sheb Wooley - The Purple People Eater (1958)

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)