



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good half-term break with your children. As always, it's been lovely to see the children coming back through the gates with so many smiles on their faces.

Celebration assemblies:

On Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of this week, we held our Celebration Assemblies for Years 1-6, where we celebrated all of the excellent learning that took place over the course of the last half-term and, once again, they were lovely occasions.

During the assemblies, we awarded the half-termly 'star' trophies to a child in each year group for the following categories: Humanities (Geography, History, Religious Education, Spanish), Writing, Reading, Maths, Science, Sport, Arts, Design and Technology, Computing and 'The Coppice Way'.

It was lovely to introduce a new trophy as well which was our 'Oracy' trophy, where we are recognising those children are showing great progress with their speaking and listening skills which, as you know, is an area that we have really been concentrating on developing in school.

We also awarded our Gold, Silver and Bronze Teampoint medals for the top three teampoint earners in each class. I also reminded all of the children how they should be proud of every Teampoint they earn because each one represents something that they have achieved, which is always cause for celebration.

You can see in the tables on the following pages of this newsletter who the team point medal winners and trophy winners were and I'd like to again say a huge well done to all of the children who were given these awards on this occasion. I also want to say a big well done to all of the children for all of the team points that they earned. Every team point counts towards the total and every team point represents something that a child has achieved, which is always a cause for celebration!

You can see both the Spring half-term totals and the overall yearly totals (so far) below. These show just how many Team Points have been earned and also how close the overall competition is at this halfway point of the year!



OWLS 19,664 <small>(End of Spring 1)</small>	HAWKS 19,239 <small>(End of Spring 1)</small>
FALCONS 18,584 <small>(End of Spring 1)</small>	EAGLES 17,357 <small>(End of Spring 1)</small>

Nursery and Reception Celebration Certificates:

Mrs. Ashwell and I had a lovely time in Nursery on Friday afternoon when we presented celebration certificates to our youngest children in school. Seeing the reaction of these children when they hear their name read out is always a joy to behold!

Following the giving out of the certificates, Mrs. Ashwell and I both read a story to the children which, as always, we absolutely loved! My choice of story on this occasion was *'The Monkey with a Bright Blue Bottom'* by Steve Smallman and Mrs. Ashwell's was *'Mr. Grumpy's Outing'* by John Burningham.

We are now greatly looking forward to giving out more Nursery Celebration certificates next week and to reading stories again. We will then be looking forward to visiting Reception for the same reasons.

To see the progress that has been made over the course of the year from our youngest children is always real cause for celebration. We are so proud of our children and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

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Team Point Champions!

Medals awarded to the top 3 in each class.

	3rd (Bronze)	2nd (Silver)	1st (Gold)
RPB	Kishan (Hawk)	George Mid (Eagle)	Austin (Falcon)
RM	Oliver (Hawk)	Ada (Owl)	Deena (Eagle)
RKB	N/A	Aoife (Hawk)	Isabella (Owl) Jahvannea (Falcon)
1D	Harper (Falcon)	Oscar W (Eagle)	Poppy (Owl)
1LR	Ava (Falcon)	Bradley (Hawk)	Bobby (Falcon)
1T	Imogen (Owl)	Ezra (Hawk)	Maggie (Eagle)
2T	Bonnie (Eagle)	Nathan (Falcon)	Taniesha (Eagle)
2P	Erin (Hawk)	Katie (Hawk)	Elsie (Owl)
2W	Rivyr (Falcon)	Jacob (Hawk)	Bonnie (Eagle)
3K	Riley (Hawk)	Ronnie (Hawk)	George (Hawk)
3C	Jackson (Hawk)	Grace (Falcon)	Francesca (Falcon)
3B	Lyla (Eagle)	Sebastian (Falcon)	Havis (Eagle)
4B	Theo (Owl)	Ellimay (Owl)	Isaac (Owl)
4DR	Oonagh (Owl)	Rosie B (Eagle)	Eva (Hawk)
4TR	La-Miya (Eagle)	Alice (Owl)	Tommy (Eagle)
5GB	Simar (Hawk)	Freya (Hawk)	Lillie D (Eagle) Flynn B (Hawk)
5RM	N/A	Henri S (Eagle) Frankie Mc (Falcon)	Beatrix (Hawk)
5W	Harrison (Hawk)	Rosie (Eagle)	Jay (Hawk)
6D	Lucas (Falcon)	Summer (Hawk)	Abigail (Falcon)
6C	Daria (Hawk)	Felicity (Falcon)	Jensen (Eagle)
6L	Curtis (Owl)	Isla (Owl)	Jess (Eagle)

SPRING 1 - 2025/2026 - Trophy Winners

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
THE COPPICE WAY	1T- Finley	2T-Sofia	3L - Albie	4DR - Annie	5RM - Elliot	6L - Qasim
ORACY STAR	1T- Cora	2T - Josh	3L - Isabella	4B - Molly	5W - Oly	6C - Harley
STAR MATHEMATICIAN	1LR- Maya	2W - Fay	3K - Alfie	4DR - Rosie P	5W - Zachary	6D - Florence
STAR WRITER	1D - Lily R-W	2P - Skylar	3B Brodie	4B - Isaac	5GB - Ivy	6C - James
STAR READER	1T- Oscar	2T-Mable	3L - Jessica	4B - Robyn	5W - Ryan	6L - Isabella CG
STAR SCIENTIST	1LR - Bobby	2W - Bessie	3K - Olivia	4TR - George	5RM - Leo	6D - Mason
SPORTS STAR	1D - Zak	2W- Arabella	3B Darla	4TR - Kai	5GB - Willow	6D - Myles
THE ARTS STAR	1LR- Isla	2P - Luke	3L - Remi	4TR - Asha	5GB - Eva	6C - Poppy
COMPUTING STAR	1T-Rose	2T - Willow	3K - Mamie	4DR - Jake R	5W - Joseph	6L - Baxter
HUMANITIES STAR	1D Violet	2P - Blake	3B - Zara	4DR - Reece	5RM - Phebe	6D - Ethan C

World Book Day Celebrations 2026!

As a school, we are greatly looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next week on Thursday. At The Coppice, we love to read, so we're greatly looking forward to another day of celebrating and enjoying books.

As with previous years, we will not be asking children to dress up as characters for World Book Day. We want the day to be a celebration of books rather than costumes. Instead, we invite children to come to school on the 5th in 'cosy clothes' (e.g. pyjamas and dressing gowns) and to bring a favourite book(s) to share with their friends. They can also bring slippers, a cushion and/or a teddy. This is to ensure that part of the day can be used for cosy reading for pleasure time.

If children don't want to come in their pyjamas/dressing gown, they can choose to come in their school uniform. If the children do come to school wearing their cosy clothes, you must ensure that they have a coat and appropriate footwear for break and lunch times.

There will be no charge for this non-uniform day: we warmly encourage Parents and Carers, if they're able to, to spend any money that would've previously been spent on costumes on books for their child/ren. We'll be sending the £1 World Book Day vouchers home with the children as always. These can be exchanged for any of the World Book Day books of the year, or used to get a discount of £1 off any book that costs £2.99 or more. You can find more about the books on offer [here](#).

This World Book Day, we also invite children to bring in between 1 and 5 books to share with their classmates.

This year, Jigsaw PSHE has created exciting resources for World Book Day 2026, that help children discover how the books we choose can support our mental and physical health, connecting these ideas to the NHS's five ways to wellbeing:

- 1. **Connect with other people:** children share books that remind them of family, friends and community, showing how stories bring us together.
- 2. **Be active:** children explore texts that inspire movement, dance, and play, showing how being active supports our mood and health.

3. **Keep learning:** children discover books that spark curiosity, imagination, and creativity - celebrating the joy of learning something new.

4. **Give to others:** children enjoy reading that highlights kindness, generosity, and helping others, showing how giving makes us feel good too.

5. **Take notice:** Children engage with reading that helps them notice their feelings, thoughts, and the world around them, encouraging mindfulness and self-awareness

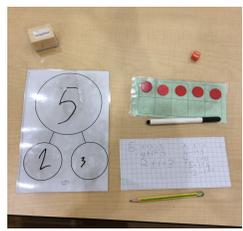
Part of World Book Day will be dedicated to children sharing their book recommendations with their classmates; to support this, children can bring in between 1 and 5 books they would share (they will also be able to use books in school for this activity). Similarly, if bringing the book itself isn't possible or desired, children can bring in an item or a picture that represents their book of choice.

You can find more guidance for families on how to support reading for wellbeing [here](#).

Lastly, if you're feeling creative, we invite you to participate in the competition to design a National Book Token. We will run an internal competition in school, with the winning design from each year group being given a £5 voucher to spend at our book fair. Entries to our school competition will also be posted to the national competition, where there will be the chance to win hundreds of pounds of National Book Tokens for our school! You can find out more information about the competition here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/design-a-national-book-token-competition-2026/>

Reception Maths Workshops:

We were thrilled with how successful our Reception maths workshops were that we held on Monday & Tuesday. We had some really lovely feedback from Parents and Carers, saying just how beneficial it was, and how maths is so different to how they used to do it. They said it was nice to see exactly how we complete learning activities at school, so that they can be replicated at home in the same way. A huge thank you goes to Miss. Thurston and the Reception team for organising this event and also, of course, to all of the Parents and Carers who attended.



Reception will hold class-based maths workshops based on class needs during Summer 1.

Celebration Time



Jessica cuts her hair for The Little Princess Trust!

We are so incredibly proud of Jessica from 6L who has had her hair cut in order to support this wonderful charity which produces wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness. To do such a selfless and empathetic act in order to help other is incredible. Well done Jessica!



Well done to Erin, Hannah, Alice, Rosie and Jacob (all 4TR), who chose to complete home-learning projects on their recent Egyptian topic. What they produced was absolutely wonderful!



I was absolutely wowed by the Reception writing produced by Jack, Erica, Sonny, Isabella, Emelia and Bella (all RKB). The progress these children have made this year is absolutely incredible! Well done children!



Congratulations go to Louis and Oliver from 4TR who were awarded joint man-of-the-match for their fabulous defensive display in a 2-1 cup win for their team: Wychall Wanderers. Oliver also scored a free-kick! Well done boys!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 9th-13th Feb (before half term)

	1T	98.97%
	5W & 6L	98.39%

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

	2W	98.67%
	3K	99.67%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

[St David's Day](#)

- 1) Traditional - Suo Gân (c.1800)
- 2) Evan James - Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (1856)
- 3) Manic Street Preachers - You Stole The Sun From My Heart (1999)
- 4) Mary Hopkin - Those Were the Days (1968)

Next week's playlist is:

[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)

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)