



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 27th June 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. It has been really lovely to return from my recent paternity leave and see staff, children and Parents and Carers again. I have honestly been bowled over by the number of congratulatory messages that I have had from everyone which, as always, have reminded me of what a special community we have at The Coppice. As always, it's been another busy and enjoyable week and there is lots to tell you about...

Your child's new Teacher for next academic year:

'Finally the wait is over' I'm sure many of you said earlier today when you received the separate communication from me which let you know who your child's Class Teacher will be next year.

Your child will get an opportunity to meet their new teacher on Wednesday 9th July between 9.00 am and 10.30 am, which I am sure they will all be very excited about. Please don't worry if there are a few nerves before this meeting as this is perfectly normal.

OPAL Open morning for Parents and Carers

Yesterday, it was a lovely feeling to be able to welcome Parents and Carers to our very first OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) Open Morning.

The morning started with a talk from our OPAL Play Consultant: Kayleigh Atkinson who explained the rationale for OPAL Play and why it is such a vital part of our school day here at The Coppice. Kayleigh expertly outlined all of the reasons why I was adamant that this is what I wanted for all of your children.

Following the introductory session, all Parents and Carers went outside to play with their children and engage in the range of OPAL Play activities on offer. As the pictures opposite show, this was a joyous occasion and everyone, including the school staff, had a wonderful time. Even a bit of drizzle and rain didn't stop us because it never does!

I want to thank all who attended for their enthusiasm and greatly appreciated positive comments. We will hold more of these sessions in the future so please try and attend next time if you weren't able to this time. Thank you also to Mrs. Ashwell, Miss. Carter and our wonderful Play Rangers for organising this event.



Guide Dog Assembly for Years 3 and 4:

It was really lovely on Monday afternoon when Maria from 'Guide Dogs for The Blind' visited us with her guide dog puppy to deliver an assembly to all Year 3 and Year 4 children.

It was a special assembly and very interesting for the children because they got to learn all about how these exceptional dogs are trained literally from day one to be guide dogs. They also got to learn how guide dogs are so important in changing the lives of blind people, enabling them to live far more independent lives.

Maria's puppy is only 4 months old and this was the first time that he had experienced a school environment. Therefore it was very important that the children were all as calm and quiet as possible, despite being very excited! Thankfully they rose to this challenge and we were very proud of them all..

A huge thank you goes to Maria for delivering this assembly and to Ms. Juneman for organising it for us.



History workshop for Year 6:

On Wednesday last week, as part of our World War Two topic, Year 6 took part in an immersive, all-day history workshop. The day brought history to life as children discovered how the Nazi party planned to invade Britain and how ordinary people rose to the challenge with extraordinary acts of bravery.

The workshop included exciting activities such as cracking Morse code, handling real artefacts, dressing in wartime clothing, and even taking part in a 1940s-style workout! With a focus on real-life case studies of SOE agents and Home Guard operatives, the children were put to the test — did they have what it takes to complete their spy training? It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning and historical discovery and Year 6 had a fantastic time.



Reception visit Attwell Farm:

Reception went on a very exciting trip to Attwell Farm this week. The children got to experience feeding the animals, talking about life cycles, as well as asking lots of questions about life on the farm. The children really impressed us on their first school trip; they behaved beautifully and demonstrated excellent manners. We are extremely proud of them all - a huge well done children!. Thank you to all of the staff and Parents & Carers who made this trip possible.



Year 1 visit 'All Things Wild':

On Wednesday, 25th June, Year One visited 'All Things Wild'. The children had the chance to explore the animal park, where they saw a wide variety of exotic and farm animals, including porcupines, capybaras, and spectacled caimans! During the visit, the children took part in an Animal Encounters workshop, where they had the opportunity to stroke a 12-year-old tortoise, an 8-week-old rabbit, and bravely hold a stick insect. They learned about each animal's habitat, diet and features. To end the day, the children enjoyed a ride on the Dino Land Train, where they saw 40 life-sized dinosaurs, including a Diplodocus, the mighty T-Rex, Triceratops, and more. Despite the warm weather, the children embraced The Coppice Way while exploring. A big thank you to the Year One team, Mrs Tomkinson, and the Parent & Carer helpers for making this day a success and providing the children with a hands-on experience related to their science topic on animals.



Well done Ava and Jackson and The Vaughan family!



Huge congratulations goes to the Vaughan family (Dad, Mum, Jackson (2P), Ava (4R) and their Uncle), who won the Wythall and Hollywood family 5K track race last weekend. Obviously the whole family was thrilled about this! Jackson and Ava both showed tremendous running ability in this event and Ava is now looking forward to starting her training with Birmingham Running and Athletics and Triathlon (BRAT) Club. Good luck Ava!

Congratulations Olivia and Holly!



A massive well done goes to Olivia K and Holly-Ann E (both 6G) who both received awards at the recent Bournville Juniors' presentation evening. Olivia won 'Most improved Player' and Holly-Ann won 'Players' Player'. A fantastic achievement girls - we are very proud of you!

More Taekwondo Success for Leo!



Also a massive well done to Leo from 2T, who achieved his yellow belt in Taekwondo recently. Leo is hugely passionate about his sport and has worked incredibly hard to gain this belt. We are extremely proud of you Leo! Keep up the great work!

After sharing so much good news, that just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend. Please remember that Monday is a Teacher Education Day so school will be closed to pupils. Therefore, we greatly look forward to welcoming the children back bright and early on Tuesday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt

(Headteacher)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

1980s

- 1) Bronski Beat - Smalltown Boy (1984)
- 2) Irene Cara - Fame (1980)
- 3) Tears for Fears - Everybody Wants to Rule the World (1985)
- 4) Cyndi Lauper - True Colours (1986)

Next week's playlist is:

1990s

- 1) Eternal - Stay (1993)
- 2) Cher - Believe (1998)
- 3) Take That - Back for Good (1995)
- 4) Run DMC vs Jason Nevins - It's Like That (1997)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE

16th- 20th June (Last week)

	1LR	99.00%
	4R	98.33%

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24th - 27th June (This week)

	1B	98.67%
	4W	99.33%