

The Coppice Whole School Newsletter Friday 5th 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 as well as to our Coppice Parent and Teacher Association Christmas Fayre this evening. Just a reminder that this runs between 5.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. and entrance is via the St. Mary's Church doors and foyer.

REMEMBER: EVERY PENNY RAISED GOES TOWARDS YOUR CHILDREN SO PLEASE SUPPORT US!

Talking of our amazing PTA, I once again want to thank them for their continued over and above contribution to our school.

As you will no doubt have seen, the outside of school has been decorated in time for the run-up to Christmas, which makes the approach to our school feel warm and festive. Whenever I drive into school early in the mornings, the glowing lights always fill me with cheer. I have had many comments off other members of our community who feel exactly the same.





Not only have the PTA decorated the outside of school but they have also helped decorate the inside too, along with the usual huge contributions from Mrs. Woodyatt, Mrs. Fletcher and the wider staff team.

As many of you don't get a chance to see the inside of school at this time of year, I thought you'd like to see some of the Christmas decorations that your children get to see every day. Therefore, I have taken some pictures for you to look at.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone, including obviously Mr. Mace and the site team, our school continues to be a beautiful, well-cared-for environment for our children to come to every day, which is exactly what we want it to be.







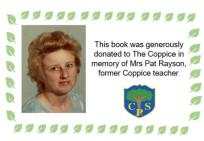




New books for Nursery and Reception!

The generous donation given to us by the family of former Coppice Teacher: Pat Rayson has now all been spent on a collection of beautiful books for our youngest children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception). We have also added a sticker to the back of every book so that it is clear that Pat was the reason for the purchase of these texts. I have also included a photo of the books and the sticker below

There is a real mix of both fiction and non-fiction texts and the children are going to absolutely love them. They will give huge enjoyment for the children and will also provide Pat with a lasting legacy at our school. She didn't need books to do that as she is so fondly remembered by all who were taught by her. However, to have something that can be physically touched like these books is fantastic - we know how much Pat loved sharing books with the children. The books have now entered classrooms and the children were so excited to receive them! A huge thank you again goes to the Rayson family for their generosity.





Year 3 have a fabulous Stone Age Experience!

On Tuesday, the children took part in a fantastic Stone Age Workshop with Rhi and Liane. They began the day by revisiting the Stone Age timeline and exploring how early humans evolved.

The morning was filled with hands-on learning: comparing the skulls of *Homo sapiens* and *Homo neanderthalensis*, becoming archaeologists as they searched for artefacts, and deciding which items might have belonged to Stone Age people. The children also enjoyed an exciting carousel where they tried on Stone Age-style clothing and jewellery.

In the afternoon, the children crafted their own tools using sticks, flint and twine—just as early humans once did. They created striking cave paintings and also took part in a thrilling archery session, where they worked together to 'hunt' and bring down a woolly mammoth.

It was an inspiring day full of creativity, teamwork and historical discovery as you can see from the photographs below!



Reception visit St. Mary's Church

On Wednesday, Reception visited St Mary's Church. Reverend Amanda and Gary welcomed the children into church and told them the story of The First Christmas. The children listened to the story and enjoyed finding the main characters that were hidden around the church. The staff were very proud of the children who were able to answer lots of questions about The First Christmas - well done children! A huge thank you also goes to Reverend Amanda and Gary for hosting our children and giving up their time.





<u>Choir gets everyone feeling festive at Hickory's Smokehouse!</u>

As you can see from the photo below, Year 4 and Year 6 school Choir members had a fantastic time entertaining diners at Hickory's Smokehouse on Monday night. There was great support and encouragement from everyone in attendance, including the children's families and staff who work there. As always, their performance was top quality and the children did themselves and their school proud - well done children!

I'd also like to thank Mr. Lampard for giving up his own time in order to accompany the children at this event. We truly are blessed to have such an inspirational leader of our choir. Year 5 Choir members will now sing at the same venue on Monday 8th December and I'm sure that they will do an equally fantastic job.

Over the festive period, the choir will also be appearing at the Christmas Fayre (5th December), Shawhurst Lane Sheltered housing (9th December), Hollywood Christian Life Church (18th December) and we are just waiting on a date for a performance at The Dennis Potter Court retirement living and sheltered housing complex. Our choir certainly do love to entertain!



Kinetic Letters Handwriting Meeting is a great success!

A big thank you goes to all the Reception Parents and Carers who attended the Kinetic Letters and Fine Motor meeting this week. Your participation was greatly appreciated by both the children and teachers, and your support will truly enhance your child's early writing development and their letter formation. A big thank you goes to Mrs Bellamy for leading the sessions.

If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like more information about Kinetic Letters please see the link for the presentation on the Year Group website page.



Celebration Time

Amazing Gymnastic success for Cian!



A huge well done goes to Cian from 5W who won six medals at his recent gymnastics competition, representing Wythall Gymnastics Club against other clubs. Cian won Gold on vault, Silver on High Bar, Silver on Parallel Bars, Bronze on Floor, Bronze on rings and Bronze overall. This is an incredible achievement for this talented gymnast - we are so proud of you Cian!

Mara's group dances to victory!

Mara, also from 5W, competed in a dance competition for her dancing school: Grazia Academy of Dance and Acrobatics in the recent 'Born to Perform' event. Her group did incredibly well, winning first place in modern jazz and second place in lyrical. They are now going to the finals in January, which is just fantastic! A huge well done to you Mara!



Football success for Coppice boys:

Six Coppice boys from Year 2 were part of the Hollywood United Team that won the Under 7 Central Warwickshire league last weekend - an amazing achievement! Frankie, Henry, Jacob and Isaac (all 2W), Charlie (2P) and Gabe (2T) were the boys involved. Frankie also got Man Of The Match! A huge well done to all these boys!



Ruby smashes it against adults!



Ruby, from 6C, is going from strength to strength with her Wheelchair Basketball. She plays for Birmingham Bears and is doing so well that she has been accelerated to playing in the adult teams. She really is a future superstar! Ruby is pictured in action on the right of the photo helping her team to victory!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 24th - 28th Nov (last week)



TOP ATTENDANCE 1st - 5th Dec (this week)

	1LR	99.33%
	6C	99.00%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Music & Environmental Change

- 1) Marvin Gaye Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology) (1971)
- 2) Joni Mitchell Big Yellow Taxi (1971)
- 3) Midnight Oil Beds are Burning (1987)
- 4) Louis Armstrong What a Wonderful World (1967)

Next week's playlist is:

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)

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)