



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's certainly been a week that we have noticed a drop in temperature and some very chilly winds. The children definitely need to be wrapping up warm now in their winter coats and track suit trousers for PE. We started our week with a lovely Remembrance Service outside in the sunshine remembering those who have lost their lives protecting their country. The children were incredibly respectful as they stood and listened whilst wearing or holding their poppies. On Monday afternoon, KS1 children then had a very exciting and interesting visit from the author, Tracey Corderoy, who shared her new book with the children and answered their questions. We finished the week with an incredibly exciting visit to our school from GB Gymnast, Kelly Simm, who put the children through some fast-paced circuit training before sharing her experiences with them all. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children, which may hopefully inspire the next generation of GB athletes that we may have in school! Another reminder of how the Copnor Primary School values of respect, resilience and teamwork could support them with any future ambitions that they may have in life.

Next Week

Date	Event
19 th	Year 3 Portsmouth Music Hub Workshop
	Year 2 Parents Maths Workshop 1pm
20 th	EYFS New Intake Evening 6pm
Advance Notice	
29 th	INSET DAY school closed for children

Flu Immunisations Reminder



The Solent School Aged Immunisation Team will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 26th November 2024** and **Wednesday 27th November 2024** to deliver the National Flu Immunisation Programme to children from Reception to Year 6. An email was sent to your registered email in October with details on how to provide your e-consent online and important information to note. Your child will also bring home a leaflet today reminding parents of the date and how to book if they have not already done so. Parents need to contact the school if there is a change in their child's medical status in the 14 days before the sessions. If you have any questions regarding the flu vaccination, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on Portsmouth.SAI@solent.nhs.uk, Tel: 0300 123 5074.

Reading in class continues...

Don't forget that 'Reading in Class' continues every **Wednesday** between **8.35 am and 8.55 am**. It is lovely to see so many parents and children reading together. We look forward to welcoming you back in again next week.



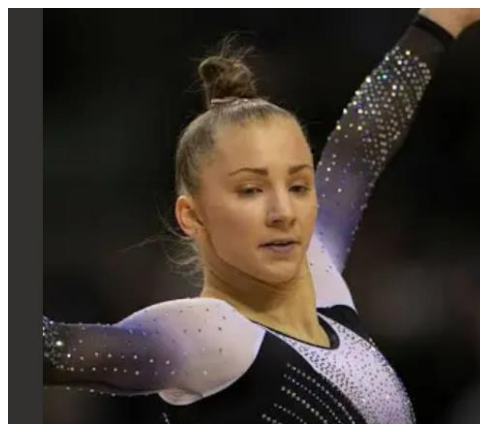
Lost Property



During this last week, we have found a large number of the children's school sweatshirts being left around the school. Unfortunately, as a large majority of them are unnamed, we are unable to return them to their rightful owners. Please may you talk to your children about the importance of looking after their property in school and keeping it with them as they move around school. Can we also please ask that you put your child's name in all of their uniform, especially their sweatshirts that are often removed during the school day. Thank you.

Kelly Simm's visit

Today the whole school were lucky to welcome GB Gymnast Kelly Simm into school. Kelly has participated in many competitions over her athletic career and has gained many medals in individual and team events. During the day every child was given the chance to complete some fun and fast-paced circuit exercises with Kelly. Your child brought home a sponsorship form for these circuits a couple of weeks ago. You can pay the sponsorship money online or bring the cash into school. The money will be used to replace and update the playground equipment used during lunch times. During a recent pupil conferencing session with Mrs Sinclair, the children asked for more basketballs, footballs and some toys to play with at break times. Depending on how much we raise will determine how much equipment can be bought. Please return your sponsorship forms and money into the school office no later than **Friday 22nd November**.



Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	92.88%	95.00%	93.33%	95.16%
KS2	96.36%	95.77%	95.67%	96.18%

Congratulations to Warrior in KS1 and Mary Rose in KS2 who have won this week's house cup.

House Points

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This Week	243	301	327	322
Total	3072	1714	2360	1929

Congratulations to Alliance who collect the most this week.

Golden Child



I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Betty
	Hart	Monroe
	Donaldson	Abdul
1	Adeola	Harry
	Field	Tymoteusz
	Gravett	Zeke
2	Steadman	Ava
	Simmonds	Lola
	Jenkins	Logan
3	Adele	
	Sheeran	Harlan
	Murs	Theodore
4	Thompson	Sapphire
	Rickman	Teddy
	Elba	Adam
5	Peake	Oscar
	Hawking	Darcy
	Franklin	Temi
6	Hussain	Nolan
	Roots	Arlo
	Berry	Lois

EYFS/KS1 and KS2 have all been recognised as someone who shows respect to others.

Keeping our children safe online

Continuing our sharing of the informative posters from #WakeUpWednesday, National Online Safety. Please take the time to read through all the tips that will help to ensure that your children are safe online.



At National Online Safety, we believe empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about device safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, lists and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES
EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tend to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT
FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES
In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developer Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS
Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the imposters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION
Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engaging. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to indicators of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING
If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £3, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS
EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying points (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME
Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD
Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY
Ultimate Team may be the game's "star player", but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation, an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert
Oliver Goodwin is a lead expert in gaming and reports on video games and how they've changed the gaming scene for a decade. He's also a former EA Sports FC player, and he's been published in a number of leading UK and US outlets.

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We wish you all a relaxing weekend and look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Monday.

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