



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2024. It has been a very busy final week for us all and the children have managed brilliantly, despite the mixture of tiredness and excitement that surrounded them all. The Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all and barely a drop of gravy was spilled! Delightful dance moves were shared by all at the Christmas discos – always a chance for us adults to learn a thing or two about the latest dance craze – although we cannot always keep up with the children! It was also lovely to see you all at the Carol Concert and share the Christmas songs that the children have been learning over the past couple of weeks. We are already for a break now but also look forward to welcoming your children back into school in the New Year to continue their learning journey once more.



On behalf of the staff, we would like to say a massive thank you for the very kind and generous gifts that the children have given everyone. This is very kind of you and we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

First Week Back

Date	Event
6 th January	Spring Term begins
	Dodgeball Club – 3.15
8 th	Year 5 Swimming
9 th	Girl's football Regional Cup - pm
	Year 5 Pompey Pirates

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 for our first session of the new year on the **8th January**.



Rewards for the Reading Champions

We would like to remind you about the importance of reading with your child at home. Please ensure you sign your child's reading log each time you read together. This helps us track their progress and encourages a love of reading.

Next term, we will check reading diaries every week, and the class with the most children reading **4 times or more** will be crowned the **Best Class in KS1 & KS2!** This will be celebrated in our Celebration Assembly. Let's work together to help our class achieve this goal!

You can read your child's favourite books, share a story together, or enjoy their color-coded reading book. Every bit of reading counts and makes a big difference!

Reading Record



Name:

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support in fostering a love of reading at home.



Girls' Football Success

As some of you may be aware, our Girls' Football Team have had a tremendous season so far. The girls have worked hard to secure a 2nd place finish in the Portsmouth School League and were crowned champions in the Portsmouth Schools Cup back October.



The girls will look to continue their excellent form in the new year with a number of exciting fixtures and competitions lined up. Not only have the girls secured their place in the Quarter Finals of the Hampshire Cup but they have also been given the opportunity to represent Portsmouth in two regional tournaments taking place in 2025. These regional tournaments will see the girls playing against strong competition from Winchester, Southampton, Petersfield and the Isle of Wight.

Mr Richardson and Mr Ball are extremely proud of all of the girls who are attending the club this year and want to extend a thank you to all the parents and carers for their support so far.

Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	94.2%	94.3%	87.5%	90.3%
KS2	94.4%	92.3%	93.9%	90.7%

Congratulations to Victory 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	251	205	147	304
Total	4479	3013	3540	3249

Congratulations to Warrior who collected the most house points this week.

A huge congratulations to Mary Rose who are the autumn term champions!

Golden Child



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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Sienna
	Hart	Edie
	Donaldson	Nancy
1	Adeola	Isabella
	Field	Abrar
	Gravett	Taylor
2	Steadman	Maya
	Simmonds	Theo
	Jenkins	Phoebe
3	Adele	Teddy
	Sheeran	Adrian
	Murs	Betsy-Rae
4	Thompson	Ariya
	Rickman	Skye
	Elba	Sofia
5	Peake	Florrie
	Hawking	Alisha
	Franklin	Floyd
6	Hussain	Leo
	Roots	Jacob
	Berry	Thomas

EYFS/KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as someone who has gone above and beyond this term.

An invitation for all basketball players from the after-school club:

We are delighted to invite the pupils of Copnor Primary School who participated in the basketball after-school club to a Basketball Camp this weekend!

Details of the Camp:

Dates: Saturday and/or Sunday

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Location: Highbury Campus

Cost: **Fully funded by the club – no fees!**



This camp is a wonderful chance for the children to enjoy the game they love, develop their skills, and stay active. As it's the Christmas season, our basketball club is extending an open invitation to all the school clubs we run as a special holiday gift. This initiative aims to support our players' love for the game, encourage enjoyment, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

To participate, please complete the form provided below. The form includes all additional details about timings and the location.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx2I3Hc0xznF3m2PdBOFq3EGv3GImiCdE08L-EvLWYIZsJ7A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Spring Term Basketball Clubs

We're thrilled to invite your child to the **Portsmouth Force After School Basketball Club**—an incredible opportunity to be part of a celebrated team! As the **Community Club of the Year** recognised by Basketball England, we are proud to have over **350 players** training with us each week. Now, your child can be part of this growing community, discovering basketball, a sport that not only encourages teamwork and fitness but could spark a lifelong passion.



Basketball is more than just a sport; it's a gateway to new friendships, improved confidence, and a healthy, active lifestyle. At Portsmouth Force, we are committed to providing children with the chance to explore their potential. By joining our club, they will become part of something special, and who knows? Basketball might be the sport that sticks with them for life!

- **Dates & Time:**
- Year 3&4 Every Monday, 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM from **6th January to 10th February 2025.**
- Year 5&6 Every Wednesday, 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM from **8th January to 12th February 2025.**

Please sign up directly with Portsmouth Force Basketball Club using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6-T-U-LWGW2UCkGdduJ8A86r0KSEuQGTSECqCJKHGzpFuXA/viewform>

Building and redecoration works

Over this term we have started phase 3 of our redecoration plan and are delighted to share that our new Arts Room has been finished and ready to use in the New Year. This room will offer a dedicated space for all of the messy art lessons to be taught, the children who have had a sneaky peak love the bright vibrant wall colour and can't wait to use it.

The Windward Suite has been fully redecorated and is ready for use, this room will be used for each class to move into for a couple weeks whilst each classroom is being decorated. We start with Roots, and today Mr Harvey and his children moved out, they are really excited to be the first class in the school to get their classroom repainted with new carpets, furniture, chairs and tables. Over the course of the spring and summer terms, every classroom in the school will be redecorated, with the shared areas and halls happening over the holiday periods.

And finally our new gates and fencing project has started. The back KS2 playground fencing has been completed and the works on the front gates and fence is well underway and will be completed by the end of January, we are really pleased with how it is all looking and have been delighted with the positive comments from the children who love the colour.

Christmas Poem

School's almost out, Christmas is near,
We hope you've had a fantastic year!

From lessons learned to goals achieved,
It's time to rest, unwind, and breathe.

The holidays bring such joy and cheer,
So spread some love with those you hold dear.

Whether you're all cozy or out in the snow, ❄️
Take time to relax and let the magic flow!

Happy Holidays from all of us at Copnor Primary School

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 in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T CHAT WITH STRANGERS

BE HONEST WITH PARENTS & CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

ASK PERMISSION before downloading anything

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

Don't give away personal information

Stick to trusted apps

TAKE NOTICE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR NEWS SOURCES

Be suspicious of new information

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I hope that you all have an enjoyable Christmas, keep yourselves safe and warm, get plenty of sleep so that you are all ready for whatever you are going to be doing over the festive period and on behalf of the entire Copnor Primary School community, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on **Monday 6th January**. Merry Christmas!

Matt Johnson
Headteacher