



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to our weekly round up of life at Copnor Primary School. It's been another busy one – especially for Year 5! Three very successful trips to see the Mary Rose, lots of cycling with Bikeability (despite Thursday's stormy weather) and also the usual weekly trip to the Pompey Pirates. I'm sure that all the Year 5 children (and staff) will sleep very well this weekend after their busy weeks. Meanwhile back in school, there has been some fantastic learning taking place as always. The children are all now mid-way through their latest topics and are producing some amazing work. Well done to them all!

Next Week

Date	Event
29 th	Year 5 Swimming
	Year 6 – Hussain Class – D-Day Museum Trip
30 th	Year 5 Pompey Pirates
	Year 6 – Roots & Berry Classes – D-Day Museum Trip
31 st	INSET DAY 3 – School closed for children

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.



Portsmouth School Library Service Book Awards 2025



Last week, the Book Awards 2025 were launched in Years 1 and 5. Over the next few months, the Year 1 children will read, review and judge four picture books and Year 5 will do the same for three longer books.

Portsmouth libraries and the School Library Service work closely with school staff on the Portsmouth Book Awards to promote the enjoyment of reading, recognising enjoyment as a step to a higher standard of literacy and to foster a reading ethos in individual schools and in Portsmouth generally.



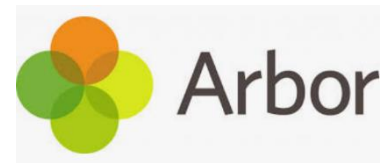
We will update you on the children's progress as they progress through their reading and become literary critics reviewing what they have read.





Parents' Evening Appointments can now be booked

Parents' evening appointments will take place on **Tuesday 11th February** and **Wednesday 12th February**, both on site. Appointments can be booked through the Arbor Parent App and will be available for booking from **7:00pm on Monday 20th January 2025**, closing at **8:00am on Monday 10th February 2025**.



SENCo meetings will be held following the parents' evening appointments, date to be confirmed.

Secure your child's place for the Year 6 Activity Week - June 2025



We are delighted to be able to offer our Year 6 children the opportunity to attend an activity week and sleepover in June, or if preferred, the chance to join in with the activities only during the day. To secure your child's place, please go into your child's ScoPay account and complete the form on the Trips and Events tab to let us know your child's choice and pay a non-refundable deposit of £30.00 **by midday Friday 7th February 2025**. We will let you know the remaining balance due once numbers attending have been confirmed. If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher before the deadline date.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to you soon!



Don't forget the Scholastic Book Fair will be at Copnor Primary School from **Wednesday 5th February to Monday 10th February – 3.30pm – 4.05 pm**.

Please note that the location of the book fair will be the **KS2 Hall** on **Wednesday and Thursday** and in the **KS1 Hall** on the **Friday and Monday**.

Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	96.2%	91.9%	91.0%	94.4%
KS2	94.5%	94.4%	94.2%	93.5%

Congratulations to **Mary Rose** in **KS1** and 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	449	318	341	348
Total	978	762	850	1015

Congratulations to **Mary Rose** who collected the most house points this week.

Congratulations to...



Amelie

Amelie attended her dance school's awards party last weekend and received the 'Baby Trophy' for all her fantastic dancing. Amelie was extremely proud of herself as are we all here at Copnor Primary School.

Well done, Amelie! What a fantastic achievement!





Harvey & Elvin

Harvey and Elvin attended a Rubiks Competition in Chichester last weekend. It was Elvin's first ever and Harvey's second competition. Elvin took part in the Pyramix and Harvey took part in the Pyramix, 2x2 and 3x3 cube. Both managed to get into the second round of the competition and achieved their personal best times.

Wow boys! What an amazing achievement!



Golden Child

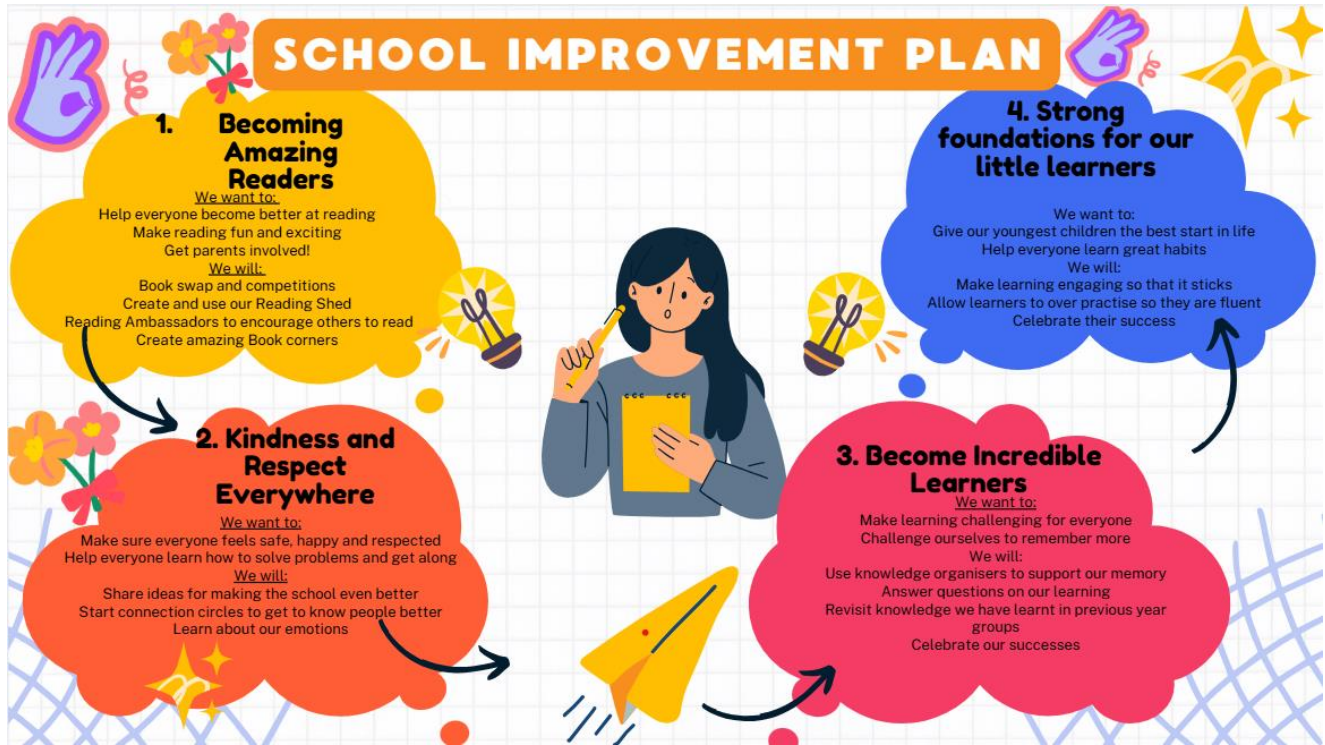
I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Nicole
	Hart	
	Donaldson	Ava-Grace
1	Adeola	Riya
	Field	Harley
	Gravett	Ava
2	Steadman	Matei
	Simmonds	Mia
	Jenkins	Eli
3	Adele	Tate
	Sheeran	Rae
	Murs	Kyla-Rae
4	Thompson	Temiloluwa
	Rickman	Jessica
	Elba	Tymon
5	Peake	Demi
	Hawking	Jack
	Franklin	Primrose
6	Hussain	Sathnula
	Roots	Alex
	Berry	Lucas

EYFS, KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as someone who is respectful to others.

School Council introduced to our School Improvement Plan

When the School Council met last week, I attended the meeting and shared with them our School Improvement Plan for the remainder of this year. This is a document that is planned by the Senior Leadership Team and then shared with all those involved with the school, including our Governors. It documents the school's priorities for the continued development of the school, that reflect the school's values and aims to give your children the best opportunities to learn and develop during their time 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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

18 CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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Enjoy your weekends and we look forward to our next week of learning with your child. Don't forget that Friday is an Inset Day so school will be closed to pupils.

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