



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the start of the summer term. The weather is warmer, the sun is shining (some of the time!) and it is going to be another fantastic term for all here at Copnor Primary School. The children have returned to school with brilliant attitudes and have settled down to their learning really well. We have loved hearing about the children's escapades over the holidays – be it travels abroad or having lots of fun with friends or family locally. Our week began with us celebrating Earth Day, where we spent a little time discussing with the children about climate change and what we can do to help our planet. See our Instagram page for more information about some of the work that the children

completed. As always, it is going to be a busy term with lots of exciting events for your children to take part in alongside their learning – keep checking those emails for information about each year group's plans!

Next Week

Date	Event
30 th April	Michael Recycle Collection
	Year 4 – Thompson Class - Milestones Trip
1 st May	Year 3 Sleepover
	Year 4 – Elba Class - Milestones Trip
2 nd May	Year 4 – Rickman Class - Milestones Trip

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.



****Important**** - School Photographs

Proof cards will no longer be sent home to parents following the taking of school photos by the school's official photographers, Yellow Photography Ltd.

Yellow Photography Ltd will email parents direct and provide them with access to their website simply with the click of a button to view/purchase their child's photos. Proof cards will no longer be sent to the school to distribute.

For this to happen, parents are required to give consent for the school to provide Yellow with their email. Consent can be given by completing the Microsoft form using the link sent to you by text on 31st March 2025. If you have not already completed the Microsoft form and you would like the opportunity to view any photos taken of your child in school by Yellow Photography, please ensure you have completed the Microsoft form by **4.00pm Monday 28th April 2025** at the latest.

Currently, we have a large number of parents who have not completed the form. This will mean they will not receive an email with the passwords required to view photos online and place a photo order if required.

If you require any assistance with this, please contact the school office on Monday to avoid any possible disappointment in the future.

Michael Recycle Collection – Wednesday 30th April 2025



Please remember that Michael Recycle, the Salvation Army's tope recycler is travelling to Copnor next week to collect any clothing and shoes that our children and families no longer need or want.

Our school collection date is **Wednesday 30th April**, and we ask that all donations please be placed under the KS1 shelter between 8.30 and 9am. The donations will be collected on the same day and will be sorted and weighed. As a school, we will receive 50% of the money raised.

The more you donate, the more money that we can raise to spend on play equipment for the children at break times thus fulfilling one of the School Council's wishes for the school.

Sports Day 2025



The date for this year's Sports Day is **Friday 4th July**. Should the weather have other ideas, the reserve date is the following week on **Friday 11th July**.

Pupils will participate in either the morning or afternoon session of Sports Day with both field and track events taking place with a shared picnic on the field at lunchtime. Some of the field events include javelin, shot, football dribble and bench steps. Every child has the opportunity to run in a race. Each year group has a themed race including sprints, hurdles and the egg and spoon. There is opportunity for parents to follow their child around the field events and then cheer their child on during the track events from the edge of the playground.

School Nurse Drop-In appointments

The next school nurse drop-in appointment date is **Tuesday 10th June** from **9-11am**. (The nurse is fully booked on Wednesday 30th April, which would have been the next date) Parents can book via the school office for a 20-minute appointment regarding any health concerns as well as any diet, toileting, sleep and anxiety-related issues.



Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	95.49%	97.38%	94.74%	98.02%
KS2	95.16%	95.22%	96.44%	94.22%

Congratulations to **Warrior** in KS1 and **Alliance** 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	129	192	156	223
Total	129	192	156	223

Congratulations to **Warrior** who collected the most house points 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	Tyrese
	Hart	Olivia
	Donaldson	Ibrahim
1	Adeola	Bella
	Field	Mason
	Gravett	Leo
2	Steadman	Madie
	Simmonds	Louie
	Jenkins	
3	Adele	Primrose
	Sheeran	Yasmina
	Murs	Charlie
4	Thompson	Isla
	Rickman	Madison
	Elba	Akash
5	Peake	Rosie
	Hawking	Elma
	Franklin	Noah
6	Hussain	Lewis
	Roots	Willow
	Berry	Zac

EYFS/KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as someone who shows **a passion for protecting our planet.**

Hampshire Cricket Board - Free Cricket Sessions

Join our **free 8-week Cricket Programme**, where our fully qualified coaches will be running fun, action packed Cricket sessions!

When: **Fridays 5-6pm** starting the **9th May** for 8 weeks.

Where: **Trafalgar School** - Sports Hall, London Road, Portsmouth. PO2 9RJ.

What you receive: Each participant receives 8 weeks of free Cricket, plus a free **Dynamos Cricket** shirt.

How to sign up:

- Please follow the below link
- <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/33e0154b-38f6-4dbf-8f7d-34bafc035dc6?venue=HampshireCricketBoardCCB>
- Click book now
- Add in yours and your child's details
- Click Continue
- Place the below promo code into the box on the right:
- BZCQ6
- Complete the rest of the booking.

Any issues please feel free to contact Ben.Saunders@utilitabowl.com



Teach Portsmouth – Support and Teaching Assistant Jobs Fair



SUPPORT AND TEACHING ASSISTANT JOBS FAIR

Thursday 1 May 2025
Portsmouth Central Library (Third floor)
(10am-11.45am) and (12pm-2pm)

Join us for one of two identical sessions and discover training and job opportunities in education.

- Watch short presentations on supporting children and young people
- Discover training routes that meet your needs
- Sign up to taster sessions with participating schools
- View current vacancies on the jobs board

GET YOUR FREE TICKET NOW!

Scan the QR code or visit teachportsmouth.co.uk/TA

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Get your ticket to the Teach Portsmouth Support and Teaching Assistant Jobs Fair

If you want to support children and young people in a school, come along to Teach Portsmouth's next event on **Thursday 1 May** at Portsmouth Central Library from 10am to 11.45am and 12pm to 2pm.

Watch short presentations on how to join a school and become a teaching assistant.

Hear from experienced support staff from Portsmouth's classrooms.

Learn about training and apprenticeship opportunities.

Explore current vacancies from schools on the jobs board.

Attend one of two identical sessions at 10am and 12pm. Visit the Teach Portsmouth website and get your free ticket today:

www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/TA

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 The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS**
Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.
- MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION**
Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.
- ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE**
Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unseavouary content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.
- FUNNY JOKES**
Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.
- ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE**
Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE**
Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.
- UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES**

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.
- IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS**
One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.
- QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT**
While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.
- PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY**
Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

Meet Our Expert

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Wishing you all a lovely weekend in the sunny weather that is predicted to come our way very soon! We look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Monday.

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