



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the last newsletter of Summer 1! It has been a shorter, yet incredibly productive half term for us all here at Copnor Primary School finished off of course with our very own Copnor Marathon today! The children rose to the challenge magnificently and it was a very successful event. Thank you for your support and donations. EYFS also had a very successful visit to Longdown Activity Farm and Year 2 went on their Eastney Shuttle adventure. In other news, the results are in for week 1 of the Pompey Stomp Inter School Challenge! We've had a steady start but could do with upping the pace into the four weeks of the challenge after half term – see below for more details. Thank you for the support of those families that have already joined the challenge – keep up the great 'stomping'!

Next Week

Date	Event
2 nd June	Return to school after half term break
4 th June	New to Year 3 Welcome Evening 5.30pm
6 th June	Yellow Photographers – Class Photos

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.



World History Day – Tuesday 24th June

This year we will be celebrating World History Day as a whole school. On this day, each year group will be researching a famous historical figure, who have broken the law or pushed boundaries of their time period, and completing activities to assess their historical significance. We will also be looking at crime and punishment from our selected eras of history.

As part of this day, we would like children to dress up in Historical costumes - these can be costumes from any period in time and do not have to relate to the topics your child has done this year. Please do not feel pressured to go out and buy new costumes/fancy dress costumes - use costumes worn by older siblings for previous topics days, get creative with items of clothing you already own or use low-cost ideas like bed sheets for togas. This is intended to celebrate world history and Copnor's history curriculum so any costume from any time period will work just fine!



Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	95.8%	97.5%	93.4%	93.1%
KS2	95.1%	92.2%	95.2%	94.7%

Congratulations to Victory in KS1 and Alliance in KS2 who have won this week's house cup.

House Points – Due to illness this week, there will be a double house points update in the first newsletter after half term.

Congratulations to...

Cooper



Huge congratulations to Cooper, who recently went to a football tournament in Sardinia. During the tournament they were competing against 8 Italian teams, including AC Milan!

They even beat Juventus along the way! Cooper played brilliantly and scored in one of the games too. Amazingly, they won the whole tournament, hence the fantastic trophy that Cooper is celebrating with in. What a fantastic achievement for Cooper and his teammates.

A win made a little sweeter when in a video taken in Sardinia appeared to show the Juventus boys in the background looking very shocked that they were beaten by a small Portsmouth team!

Well done Cooper – we are all very proud of you!

Kiki

Congratulations to Kiki, who has finished her first term in Taekwondo at Graham's Academy school of Martial Arts. She's going to be working towards achieving her white and yellow belt soon!

Well done Kiki – we are all very proud of you!



Golden Child



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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Primrose
	Hart	Dewmi
	Donaldson	Rebekah
1	Adeola	Freddie
	Field	Andreas
	Gravett	Daisy
2	Steadman	Lorelei
	Simmonds	Arabella
	Jenkins	Swae
3	Adele	Kyra
	Sheeran	Geoffrey
	Murs	Alyssia
4	Thompson	
	Rickman	Ashton
	Elba	Aairah
5	Peake	Florrie
	Hawking	Florence
	Franklin	Ismaeel
6	Hussain	Flora
	Roots	Marnie-Mae
	Berry	Jackson

EYFS/KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as someone who is **a positive role model on the playground.**

EYFS Trip to Longdown Activity Farm



What a fantastic day the children all had! They took on the role of a farmer brilliantly. In their new role, they all bottle-fed baby cows and goats, plate fed the adult goats, stroked the chicks and guinea pigs, collected eggs to sell in the farm shop, saw lots of rabbits and ducks and went on a very bumpy tractor ride! An incredibly busy day for them all!

We were all extremely proud of them as their behaviour and enthusiasm was amazing. They listened so well to our guide Farmer, and it was a privilege to take them. They were a credit to the school.

Year 2 Eastney Shuttle Trip

Year 2 classes in turn walked along the promenade and explored features of the coastline that they could see. As another part of the trip, the children conducted a short survey, asking members of the public what features they like about Portsmouth (answers included cafes, Gunwharf, Historic Dockyard, beach etc.) Some of us were lucky enough to talk to a couple from Sweden on holiday over here and see what they thought about Portsmouth as their holiday destination!

In addition, we drove past Southsea Castle Lighthouse as we have been learning (and writing) all about lighthouses in English.



The children were all very well behaved and we were all incredibly proud of them. Well done Year 2!

Copnor Marathon

Today was a fantastic day at school as all our children took part in a special charity event, running laps of the school to contribute towards an incredible goal—collectively running the distance of over 21 marathons!

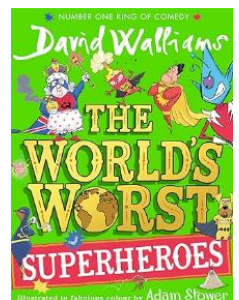
The sun was shining, spirits were high, and the school was filled with energy and enthusiasm. Each child showed great determination, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as they pushed themselves to complete their laps. Other year groups came out to cheer and support, creating a real sense of community and encouragement.

We're thrilled to announce that the event raised £235 for the Kids charity—a brilliant achievement that everyone can be proud of. A huge thank you goes to our PTA for their help in supporting the event. Well done to all involved!



Meeting David Walliams

Sixteen lucky Year 5 pupils had an unforgettable experience at the Kings Theatre, where they attended a special event with beloved children's author David Walliams. The group, made up of our enthusiastic Reading Ambassadors and other pupils selected at random, were treated to an inspiring talk where David shared the stories behind his books and what motivates his writing. A real highlight was hearing him read aloud from his brand-new book, *The World's Worst Superheroes*, which had everyone in stitches! It was a magical morning that sparked plenty of laughter—and even more reading excitement.



Meet our Reading Ambassadors – Part 4

Erin

Hello, my name is Erin, and I am one of Copnor's Reading Ambassadors.

My hobbies and interests are gymnastics, swimming and, of course, I love reading as well. I have lots of friends some of them around school and we like to hang out and talk about books.

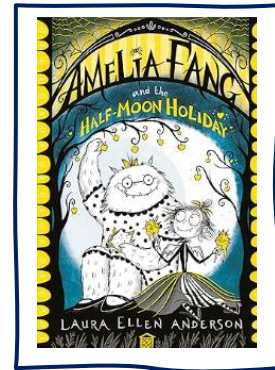
My favourite genre of book is fantasy and adventure as I think they are really interesting and fun.

My favourite book that I read recently is called Dog Diaries. It is a funny book all about the diary of a dog!

Another personal favourite book of mine is Amelia Fang as it is adventurous and fun, and every story is a new lesson.

I recommend 'Amelia Fang and the Half Moon Holiday' as it is the most adventurous and funny of them all. When I read it, I could not put this book down as I enjoyed it so much.

Thank you,
Erin.



Make Ship Happen This Year

Please find attached to this Newsletter a letter from Portsmouth Historic Dockyard called Make Ship Happen This Year offering families with children eligible for free school meals a complimentary Family 2 Ultimate Explorer ticket – this entitles your family to a full annual year (from 1 July 2025) of unlimited entry to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. This ticket includes entry to The Mary Rose, HMS Victory (ship and gallery), Victory LIVE, HMS Warrior, HMS M33, Submarine Museum, Explosion, National Museum of the Royal Navy and Harbour Tours.

Pompey Monsters Inter School Challenge – Week 1 Results



Pompey Monsters - Week 1 report

Inter-school Challenge

98 participants joined this challenge.

70 users are representing these participants.

65 participants completed this challenge.

The winner each week is calculated based on a combination of participation, how often they walk to school and how many get a week complete badge

Year Group Winner: Year 1
Overall Class Winner: Adeola

YR - Y2 Winner: Adeola
Y3 - Y6 Winner: Franklin

On this achievement - participants have clocked up **651 km** over **7 days** and **17 hours** on a total of **526 walks**. This equates to around **80kg in carbon emission savings** and **£188.82 in petrol** saved compared to driving the same distance.

Congratulations to **Adeola Class**, who have earned themselves 5 minutes extra breaktime!
Which class will it be next week?

There is **still time to join the challenge**, as there are four weeks to go after half term!
Extra breaktime is up for grabs as are the prizes of the BMX Show and new scooter racks for the school!

Please use the QR codes below to get the app and join the challenge:

Apple





Google



Your child's class code is COP- name of class e.g. COP-ROSEN, COP-MURS etc

We really need more support as the current leaderboard has us in 4th place! We need to be in 1st or 2nd for one of the whole school prizes!

TOTAL SCORES TO DATE			5,522 miles	
League Position	Participant	Score	Per Pupil	
			Average Walks	CO2 Savings
	Langstone Primary School	105	4	0.8kg
	Westover Primary School	102	4	0.5kg
3	Milton Park Primary School	68	3	0.7kg
4	Copnor Primary School	62	2	0.2kg
Grand Totals:			1096kg	

There are so many benefits of taking part in this challenge, other than the weekly and whole school prizes. The health benefits for your child 'stomping' to school, the carbon emissions savings and of course the savings in the cost of petrol!

Free courses from the Community Learning Service



Improving Our Family's Mental Health

Come along to our **free 6-week** course.



Discover strategies for improving the mental health of you and your family.

This will include Confidence Building, Reducing Stress and Anxiety and Developing Mindfulness and Sleep.

Tuesdays 3rd 10th 17th 24th June and 1st July

Start time: 10am finishing at 12pm

This course is based at

The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8HH.

To book a space call (023)92 621860

Or Email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

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To book a place on either of the courses either call (023)92 621860 or email thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



School English - Keeping Up with the Kids



An opportunity to discover how children are learning English at school and how you can effectively support them as well as refreshing your own English skills.

Free 4 Week Course

Monday mornings 09:30am to 12:00pm

The sessions will be running on:

02nd, 09th, 16th, and 23rd June

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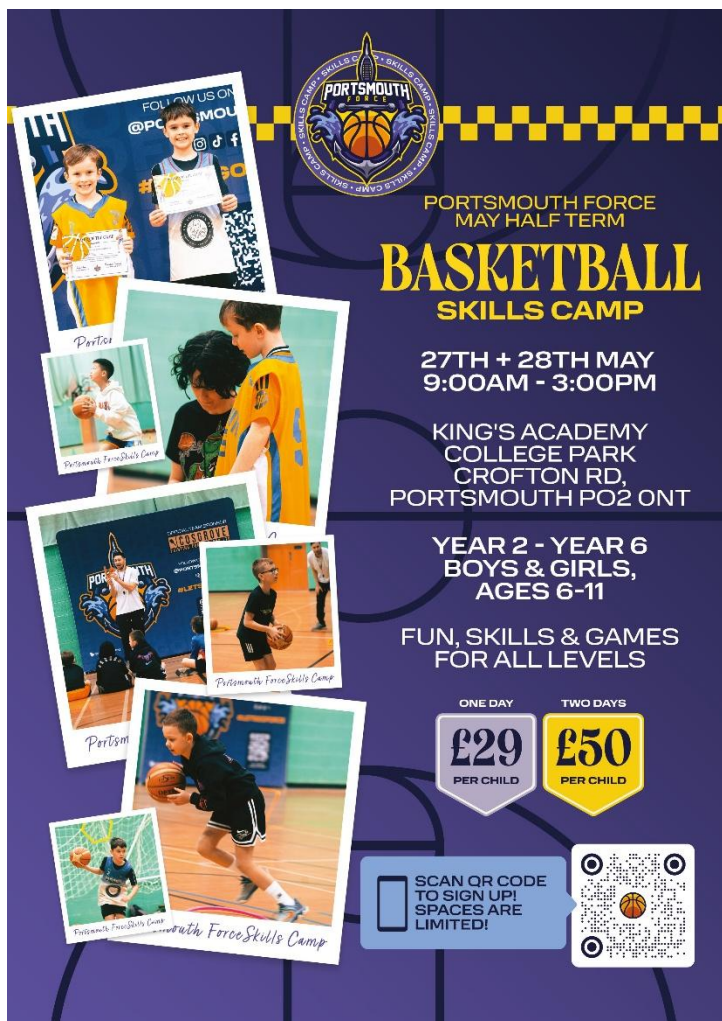
You can book a space by calling (023)92 621860 or emailing

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Half term Holiday Clubs



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Why not try a Portsmouth Force Basketball Skills Camp?

Or some sessions with Active8 Minds?

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Sign up to Summer 2 Basketball



If your child would like to sign up for or continue playing basketball after school, please use the link below:

👉 [Registration Link Here](#)

Years 3 & 4 – Monday – 3.15 – 4.15

Years 5 & 6 – Wednesdays – 3.15 – 4.15

Are you entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card?



With the summer holidays approaching, check to see if you could be entitled to a Portsmouth Leisure Card.

It offers discounts of up to 50% at some Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as other services and attractions. The Card is free and available to those who receive means-tested benefits living within PO1 – PO6 areas of the city. (and some properties in PO7 qualify where these pay council tax to Portsmouth City Council).

You can enjoy BH Live sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre, discount on beach hut rental and allotments and much more. Please note discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent with your Leisure Card.

The Leisure Card is valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

How to apply: visit the **Portsmouth City Council website**, search for Leisure Card and apply online **www.portsmouth.gov.uk** or you can visit your **local library, community centre or housing office** and ask for an application form (please bring along proof of the benefits to be checked)

If you have any questions; call **02392 688797** or email **CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk**

Invite to Crabbies Competition 2025 – Sunday 8th June

5TH ANNUAL CRABBING COMPETITION

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025
PORTCHESTER CASTLE 10AM-12PM



REGISTRATION FROM 8AM, COMPETITION STARTS AT 10AM, PRIZE GIVING 12:45PM

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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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

- 1 WORK TOGETHER**
Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.
- 2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES**
Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.
- 3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY**
Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.
- 4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE**
To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.
- 5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY**
Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family: discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.
- 6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO**
Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.
- 7 BE RESPECTFUL**
Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lend themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.
- 8 "NO TECH" ZONES**
Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.
- 9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES**
As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.
- 10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS**
To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Wishing you all a great bank holiday weekend and half term – hopefully in the sunshine! We look forward to welcoming your children back into school for the last half term of this academic year on **Monday 2nd June**.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher