

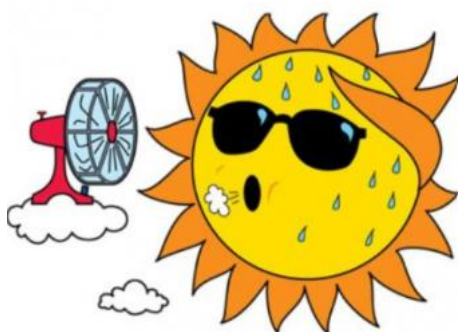
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NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,



Phew! What a hot week it has been, but it hasn't stopped the learning and busyness of our days so welcome to this week's newsletter with a round up of life at Copnor Primary School. This week has seen Year 2 visit Arundel Castle as part of their history learning and a group of children in Year 3 visited the Dockyard to 'Sing Around the Dockyard'. On Thursday pm, we welcomed Year 3 parents to come into school to hear the songs that the whole year group had been learning. The children sang beautifully, and we will miss hearing them practising their songs in school. Also in this week's newsletter, you will find a snapshot of the fantastic

week that Year 6 had last week. As always, despite the hot and stick weather and conditions in school, the children have been amazing and have worked really hard this week. Well done to all!

Next Week

Date	Event
23 rd June	INSET DAY 5 – School closed for pupils
24 th	World History Day – Dress Up
	Year 1 - Royal Victoria Country Park Trip – Adeola Class
25 th	Year 1 - Royal Victoria Country Park Trip – Field Class Author Visit for Year 4 & 5
26 th	Year 1 - Royal Victoria Country Park Trip – Gravett Class ALNS in with Year 6

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.



LAST REMINDER! - World History Day – Tuesday 24th June

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!



Sun cream



The risk of burning due to over-exposure to the sun is a regular risk, particularly in the warmer months of the year. Whilst a teacher or other member of staff will not rub in sun cream, they can, if required, spray sun cream onto a child and then ensure that they have applied it appropriately. Should a child not have sun cream, and the risk of burning is high, then the child will be required to apply the school's sun cream.

School Meal Price Increase - September 2025

We have been informed that the price of a child's school meal will be increasing to **£2.86** from **September 2025**.



Year 3 – Sing Around the Dockyard

SING AROUND THE DOCKYARD

The children were fantastic and not only sang beautifully but demonstrated exemplary behaviour when representing our school. Throughout the day, the children sang at multiple locations within the dockyard and also got to explore these areas too which they all loved. The day finished with a fantastic performance from the Royal Marines band followed by the final performance where the 7 schools attending joined together to perform all the songs they had learnt.



Booksy Bear Winners



The KS1 class with the most children who have read 4 times or more at home is **Steadman Class!**

They will keep Booksy Bear in their book corner this week.

Well done, **Steadman Class!**

Year 2 Arundel Castle Trip

Year 2 visited Arundel Castle this week as part of their history topic. Everyone enjoyed learning about the Castle and William the Conqueror. The children were great ambassadors for the school throughout the visit. Well done Year 2!



Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	96.27%	95.68%	90.34%	94.04%
KS2	96.04%	95.07%	95.14%	94.46%

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

House Points

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	330	215	302	104
Total	1350	1247	917	1091

Congratulations to **Mary Rose** who collected the most house points over the past two weeks.

Golden Child



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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Josie
	Hart	Jude
	Donaldson	Reagan
1	Adeola	Leah
	Field	Teddie
	Gravett	Tove
2	Steadman	George
	Simmonds	Ralph
	Jenkins	Eli
3	Adele	Georgia
	Sheeran	Lucy
	Murs	Nathan
4	Thompson	Annabelle
	Rickman	Henriete
	Elba	Annabelle
5	Peake	
	Hawking	Harlow-Mai
	Franklin	Lola
6	Hussain	Leo
	Roots	Ryan
	Berry	Riley

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 have all been recognised as **someone who is not afraid to admit mistakes.**

Amber Heat Warning

UKHSA in conjunction with the Met office has issued an Amber response alert for the period from 20th June - 0900 on 23rd June 2025 across the South East of England.

We have been asked to share the following information: If you are worried or concerned about the heat you should refer to the UK Health Security Agency Heatwave Plan for further information.

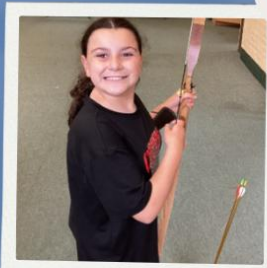
Adverse Weather and Health Plan - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The weather forecast for Portsmouth during this period can be viewed using the following links:

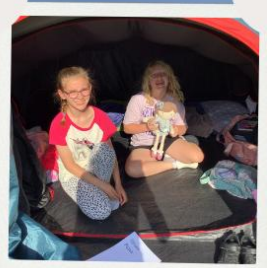
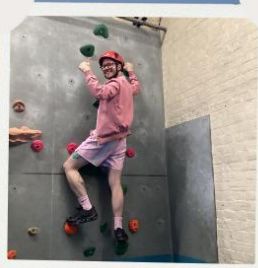
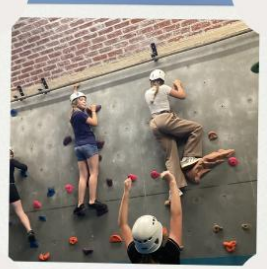
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Year 6 Activities Week – a fantastic week of fun adventures!



ACTIVITIES WEEK 2025



Pompey Monsters Inter School Challenge – Week 4 Results

Last week, we had a very exciting visit from Stomper to support us with the challenge. Hopefully, this has inspired lots more of you to sign up to the last week of the challenge. We can still do it, if lots of us get involved. Every 'stomp' counts!



Pompey Monsters - Week 4 report

Inter-school Challenge

131 participants joined this challenge.

Year Group Winner: Year 1
Overall Class Winner: Adeola

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

On this achievement - participants have clocked up **601 km** over **8 days and 8 hours** on a total of **447 walks**. This equates to around **74kg in carbon emission savings** and **£174.35 in petrol** saved compared to driving the same distance.

Congratulations to **Adeola Class**, who have done it again and earned themselves 5 minutes extra breaktime!

****There is still time to join the challenge!**

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

Remember - 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!



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

Suggested Apps and Games For EARLY YEARS

Learning

FISH SCHOOL HD

This app teaches young children (age 2-5) about important things like letters, shapes, numbers and more, all set in a colourful underwater setting with adorable sea creatures. The basic idea has fish and sea creatures forming the shapes of letters, numbers etc that your little one can identify. Developers Duck Duck Moose have a lineage of creating family friendly apps and games with 21 top-selling apps since 2008. Fish School HD has over 50,000 downloads and offers a rounded package of activities, but many other apps by this developer are highly rated and offer a few twists on the formula. As always it's worth checking a few out to see which best suits your child's interests. Fish School HD is available for free on iOS and Android.

GREEN EGGS AND HAM - DR. SEUSS

The classic Dr. Seuss book has been reworked into an interactive adventure for modern day devices, with an emphasis on encouraging literacy learning for younger children. Within the app, there's a few different options on how to enjoy the story: you can read it aloud together, have the app read the book and follow along, or just play the story through automatically. You can even tap on words to hear them individually to practice vocabulary. While the app will set you back £3.79 on Android (£3.99 on iOS) it has an excellent rating and over 10,000 downloads, with many noting how much their young children have enjoyed the story. It speaks volumes about the quality of the work, too, that a book from 1960 can still be read and loved by children some two generations after its initial release.

TOCA LAB: ELEMENTS

Toca Lab is the app of choice in encouraging little scientists to get to grips with elements, our world and how physics and chemistry work. This one might be a little advanced for younger kids and, though it has a PEGI 3 rating, it does recommend ages 6-8 in the description. All 118 elements are present in Toca Labs and kids are encouraged to find and test them all. Experimenting with things like Gold, Neon, Hydrogen and more, it gives a better grasp of how everything in our universe is formed. Bear in mind though that it's not meant to be a scientifically accurate account of how elements react, but to build curiosity in young minds. The app is available on iOS and Android for £3.99.

BAREFOOT WORLD ATLAS

What's the next best thing to travelling the world? Well, for kids with access to an iPad or Apple phone, Barefoot World Atlas could be a close second. In this app available only on iOS for £4.99, kids and adults can explore the globe from the comfort of their own homes and learn all about our planet. The app, which is rated 4+, only appears on Apple devices but the sheer amount of information contained in here will keep curious kids busy for hours on end.

SKETCHBOOK - DRAW AND PAINT (AUTODESK SKETCHBOOK ON IOS)

Encouraging artistic ability at an early age can often be invaluable in letting kid's imaginations loose and there are many apps that allow them to unlock that passion. SketchBook comes highly recommended with over 300,000 reviews. Essentially, the app comprises a blank canvas and a host of 'fast and powerful creative sketching tools' like pens, pencils and paint brushes to let those creative juices flow. SketchBook is rated PEGI 3 so even younger children should be able to get to grips with it. However, it could prove a little too complex for some and the large collection of tools and crisp graphics would suit a larger screen like an iPad, over a mobile phone. Despite this, the ability to simply mess around and doodle, coupled with more advanced accessibility later down the line, should make it a must own for all age ranges. The app is free to download on both Android and iOS.

Just for Fun

LITTLE FRIENDS: CATS & DOGS

If you're looking to introduce pets into the family home but aren't sure about how your children might react, a good way to get your younger ones acquainted with an animal before a big commitment is a game like Little Friends: Cats & Dogs. This Nintendo Switch game tasks players with feeding, playing with and loving their own virtual cat or dog. Much like Nintendo's or even Tamagotchi of the 90s, Little Friends is a fun way to build up confidence to owning a real animal. While only a 1 player game, Little Friends: Cats & Dogs is suitable for all ages and entirely offline, so there's nothing at all to worry about when they're enjoying it alone.

YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids takes the popular YouTube format and curates a more specialised environment for children to search through. While any age range can benefit from YouTube Kids, the 'Preschool' Mode is specifically designed for kids aged 4 and under. According to the app's description, 'Preschool' Mode promotes creativity, playfulness, learning and exploration through its channels. The inclusion of parental controls (limited screen-time, video blocking and flagging) and strict advert monitoring by YouTube means the experience is incredibly safe for younger kids. It should be noted that in the app description, YouTube say that some inappropriate content can slip through the cracks, but they're constantly implementing updates to stop these. A hugely popular app, YouTube Kids is available on iOS and Android with well over 100 million downloads.

MARIO KART 8 DELUXE

Mario Kart has been a staple of Nintendo consoles since 1992. It has been a favourite of young and old alike for over 20 years and is always an incredibly fun experience. Now exclusively on the Nintendo Switch with Mario Kart 8, the bells and whistles may have changed, but the enjoyable core gameplay and challenge have not. Suitable for all ages, Mario Kart can be played alone, online or at home with up to 4 players on one screen. The ability to take the Switch out with you into the world and play wherever you like is a huge advantage over other games and means you can always be sure of some quick entertainment.

ROCKET LEAGUE

The concept behind Rocket League takes teams of jet-fuelled cars zipping around football-inspired pitches in an attempt to knock a giant, over-sized ball into nets. Rated PEGI 3, the challenge of Rocket League is probably more suited to those 5 and up, but anybody can enjoy the bright colours and fun gameplay. Rocket League is available on Windows PC, Mac, PlayStation, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch at various price points. Be warned though, you can spend money in the game for certain items so be sure you know when your young ones are playing and what they're buying.

Meet our expert

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Enjoy your weekends as we reach the Summer Solstice and longest day of the year on Saturday. We look forward to welcoming your child back into school on **Tuesday 24th June** for World History Day.

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