



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,



'Veni, vidi, vici' said Julius Caesar, or our version, 'We came, we saw, we conquered another week here at Copnor Primary School!' With a focus on World History Day, it seemed appropriate to start with a quote or 'version of a quote' from a historical figure! It was wonderful to see so many different costumes on World History Day and for the children to have a focused day of history learning. As you will see from the rest of the newsletter, we have had Year groups out on trips and others adding to their learning experiences in school with visits from a number of different people. Today, of course, the children were told who their new teacher will be in September and next Monday and Tuesday will see the children spending time with their new teacher and classes to aid their transition in September. We hope that they have a fantastic two days – I know that all the teachers have planned lots of exciting activities for the children.

Next Week

Date	Event
30 th June	Transition Day 1
1 st July	Transition Day 2
2 nd	Crazy Hair Day and non-uniform
3 rd	Year 6 – Photograph for Portsmouth News
4 th	Sports Day

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.



The Grizedale

Unfortunately, there is now a second piece of the Grizedale that has broken, which will not be fixed before the end of the year. We have tried to tape off sections, but sadly this has been ignored. Therefore due to safety concerns, we've had to make the decision to stop using it completely. The children have been informed of this in school.

Please may we ask that you do not allow your children to climb on it at the beginning and end of the day in view of the above information. We thank you for your support with this matter.



Reminder - Class photos

The deadline for ordering class photos online is **Tuesday 1st July 2025**. As this is an **online service** the school is unable to take any orders or payments.

Year 6 Photograph for Portsmouth News



Next week, on **Thursday 3rd July**, Year 6 have a photographer coming in to take a picture of the year group to be put in the Portsmouth News school leaver special edition. We have referred to the permissions already given at the beginning of the year for your child's inclusion in the photograph. Should anyone wish to check these, please contact the school office. We have sent a text to any parents who have not already given permission, so the assumption is if you did not receive this, then you have given permission.

These will be bought by the school and received at the leavers BBQ in order to remember their time at Copnor Primary School.

Reminder - Crazy Hair Day - Wednesday 2nd July

We're encouraging all children to come to school with the wackiest, wildest hairstyles they can imagine – the crazier the better! **Please note, no permanent hair dye should be used.** Alongside their fabulous hairdos, children are welcome to wear their own clothes for the day.

In return for taking part, we kindly ask for a donation to support our upcoming fundraising events. Donations should be taken into classes where they will be collected. Donations can be given before the 2nd July or on the day.

You can choose one of the following:

- A preloved teddy for the teddy stall (preferably in clean/good order)
- A sealed chocolate item for the chocolate tombola
- A bottle of something for the bottle tombola (if the item contains alcohol, please ensure it is handed directly to the class teacher by an adult)



Basketball taster session with Portsmouth Force



Year 3 enjoyed having a go at basketball with Portsmouth Force last Thursday. They were taught some of the basic basketball skills and then played some little mini games to put their new skills into action.

If any of your children were really inspired, keep an eye out for the sign-up sessions for basketball after school in September.



Year 6 Careers Day

Today, Year 6 took part in an exciting Careers Day, designed to help them explore future possibilities and learn about the world of work. The day began with an assembly to introduce the theme, followed by a rotation of inspiring career talks from a hairdresser and salon owner, an art and design technician, and a psychologist. Pupils then reflected on their own values and skills, researched potential careers using mind maps, and learned how to write a CV. In the afternoon, they took part in interview role plays and finished the day with a Q&A led by a Careers Advisor. A huge thank you to all our volunteers for generously sharing their time and experiences – it was an inspiring and memorable day for our pupils!



World History Day



Thank you to all of those that took part in World History Day, the children had a great day filled with learning and fun. It was amazing to see so many children dressed up and the fantastic effort people had gone to with their costumes. It really did bring history to life. A special thank you to all of you parents, who as always have been so supportive of the children and our school.



Year 1 visit to Royal Victoria Country Park

This week, our Year 1 pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to Royal Victoria Country Park as part of their geography fieldwork studies. During the visit, the children explored the natural environment, observed local features, and took part in hands-on activities to better understand what makes our world so wonderful. They also had the fantastic opportunity to build shelters for local forest wildlife, learning how to care for the creatures that share our environment. It was a fun and educational day out that brought their classroom learning to life!



Year 6 Bunting for Armed Forces Day

Following their visit to the D-Day Story this year, our Year 6 children were asked to design some bunting for the D-Day veterans on Armed Forces Day. Last Saturday, our children's work was proudly displayed for all to see. Mr Harvey was sent some photos of the bunting in use on the day, alongside a thank you for all the children's hard work. Well done Year 6!



Year 5 Book Awards - Author Visit



Earlier this year, our Year 5 students had the unique opportunity to read all the nominees and cast their votes for their favourite. The winner? None other than Mitch Johnson with his captivating book – 'Toxic'.

On Wednesday, we were thrilled to welcome Mitch to our school, where he inspired our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils with his insights and even signed a few books. A day to remember for the children and to help spark a lifelong love for reading!



Attendance Cup

This week's winning house is:

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	95.12%	95.68%	90.34%	91.67%
KS2	93.57%	90.13%	91.60%	95.20%

Congratulations to **Victory** in KS1 and **Warrior** 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	88	162	174	299
Total	1438	1409	1091	1390

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

Booksy Bear Winners



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

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

Well done, **Jenkins Class!**



Golden Children

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

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Rosen	Arthur
	Hart	Chay
	Donaldson	Rhiannon
1	Adeola	Amelie
	Field	Maisie
	Gravett	Obi
2	Steadman	Reuben
	Simmonds	Theo
	Jenkins	Jude
3	Adele	Abigail
	Sheeran	Rae
	Murs	Ralph
4	Thompson	Grayson
	Rickman	Evan
	Elba	Clark
5	Peake	Taliah-Mai
	Hawking	Alfie
	Franklin	Jacob
6	Hussain	Nolan
	Roots	India-Rose
	Berry	Alfie

EYFS/KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as someone who **engages with their history learning**.

Sports Day 2025

We are excited to invite you to our annual Sports Day on **Friday 4th July**. It promises to be a fun-filled day of activity, teamwork, and celebration for all the children.

Please note that if sports day needs to be cancelled because of the weather, the reserve date is Friday 11th July.

To help the day run smoothly, please take note of the following:

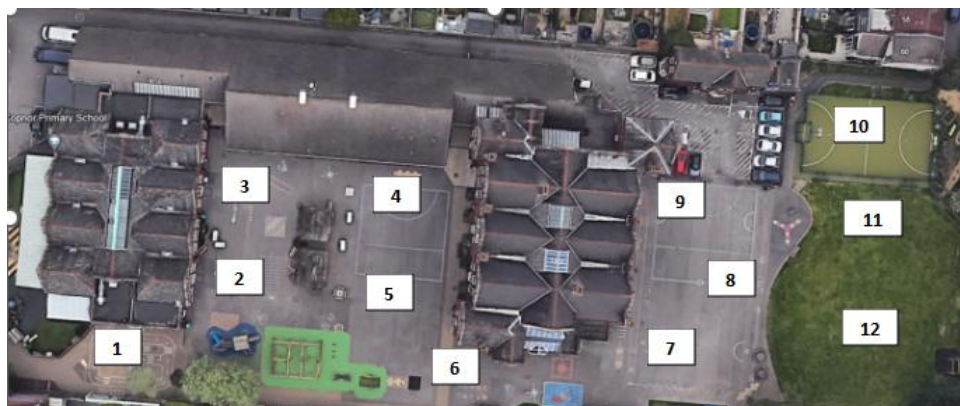
- **Check the rotation and School Map:** Please refer to the school map below to see where your child's class will be located throughout the event. This will help you navigate the day and ensure you don't miss any of their races or activities.
- **Respect the Race Areas:** We kindly ask that you **do not stand on the grass** where the children will be racing. This helps keep the area clear and safe for all participants.
- **Litter and Rubbish:** In order to keep our school grounds clean and to avoid overflowing bins, **please take all litter and rubbish home with you.**

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in making the day a success!

KS2

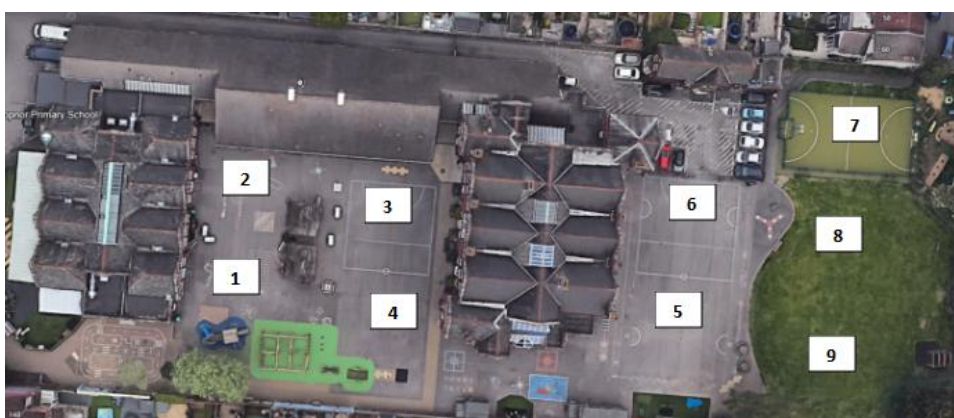
Order for rotation for each class

<u>Class</u>	<u>Starting event-</u> then move onto the next event in chronological order. When you get to event <u>12</u> please move to event 1.
Sheeran	1
Adele	2
Murs	3
Rickman	4
Elba	5
Thompson	6
Peake	7
Franklin	8
Hawking	9
Berry	10
Hussain	11
Roots	12



KS1

<u>Class</u>	<u>Starting event-</u> then move onto the next event in chronological order. When you get to event 9 please move to event 1.
Hart	1
Donaldson	2
Rosen	3
Gravett	4
Adeola	5
Field	6
Simmonds	7
Steadman	8
Jenkins	9



Sports Day lunches



A reminder that if you have not **pre-ordered** your child a **school packed lunch** for Sports Day on Friday 4th July, please send your child in to school with a home packed lunch as there **is no option to order a meal in school on this day.**

Class Transition Days

As you will be aware from your children, Portsmouth's' City Wide Transition Days' take place on Monday 30th and Tuesday 1st July. All Year 6 children should go straight to their Secondary Schools according to their individual arrangements, they do not need to come to Copnor first for registering, we look forward to hearing all about how they got on when they return to us on Wednesday.

All other year groups, please come to your normal classes on Monday for registration before going off to your new classes at 09:15 for the rest of the day.

For anyone in Miss O'Hare's class in September, unfortunately she will not be in school on next week as she is still recovering from her operation. Don't worry, you will still meet your new class mates and the room you will be in and when Miss O'Hare returns in a couple of weeks, we will ensure that you get the chance to meet and undertake some of the transition activities with her before the summer holidays.

Pompey Monsters Inter School Challenge – Week 5 Results

We can still do it, if lots of us get involved. Every 'stomp' counts!



Pompey Monsters - Week 5 report

Inter-school Challenge

131 participants joined this challenge.

Year Group Winner: Year 2
Overall Class Winner: Jenkins

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

On this achievement - participants have clocked up **517 km** over **7 days and 2 hours** on a total of **284 walks**. This equates to around **64kg in carbon emission savings** and **£150.02 in petrol** saved compared to driving the same distance.

Congratulations to **Jenkins Class**, who have 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!



Summer Holiday Activities



Summer

KIDS CLUB
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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

28th July - 8th August (9.00am - 3.30pm)
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- Lunch and snacks Included
- Childcare vouchers accepted
- Tax-Free Childcare Payments accepted
- Discounts for siblings and block bookings

Suitable for
ages 5-11

BUCKLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE



Looking for some activities for your children over the summer holidays?

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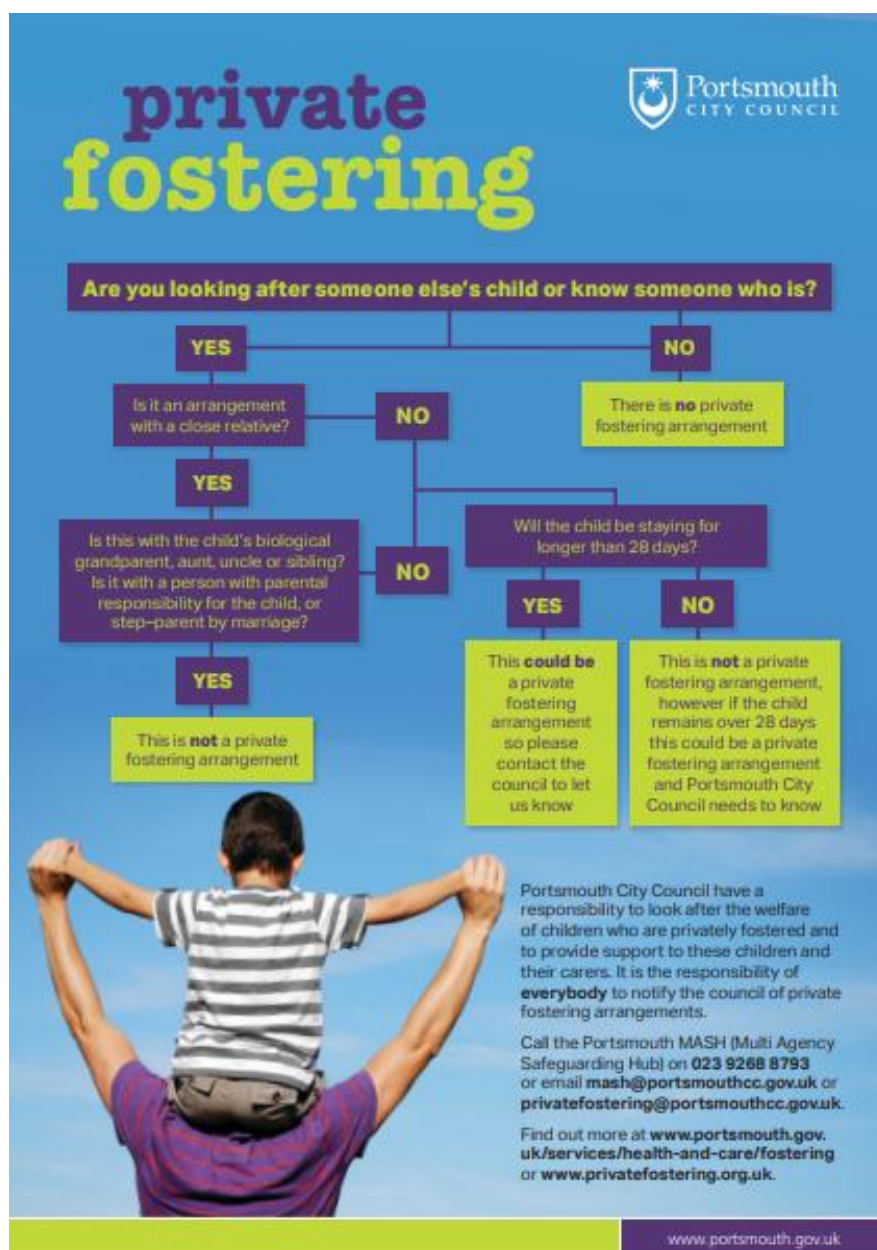
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Private Fostering

Please see the information below from Portsmouth City Council about private fostering:



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 7-11 YEARS

Learning



MAGIC PIANO BY SMILE

While Magic Piano doesn't strictly teach you how to play the piano, it does teach hand-eye coordination and can help spark creativity in young minds. Users can play along to a variety of popular songs on a range of difficulty levels in an attempt to get through the song with as few mistakes as possible, increasing dexterity and reaction times. Free on iOS & Android, the game does contain some ads and in-app purchases, so be sure to check these out before letting younger players unleash their musical side. Magic Piano is PEGI 3 rated but requires slightly more nimble hands to master so older kids will get the most from this.



AZOOMEE

Azoomee houses over 1,000 games, videos and activities for kids of all ages to play, have fun and most importantly, develop their key skills in. The app is award winning, BAFTA nominated, supported by the NSPCC (according to the description on their app page) and comes with a suite of parental controls built in. As well as educational games, activities and kid's favourite TV shows, the app also has a built-in chat feature where they can talk to their friends safely. A nice little touch is that if you buy a subscription to Azoomee for unlimited premium content for £4.99 a month, a portion of the money raised goes towards supporting the NSPCC. The app is available on iOS, Android and Amazon.

Just for Fun



POLY BRIDGE

While Poly Bridge could be easily enjoyed solely as a game, it's actually an incredibly clever way to learn critical thinking and engineering skills in a kid friendly way. It's set in a colourful, cartoony world and has extremely simple gameplay. In Poly Bridge, it's your task to get cars, buses, trucks, boats and more safely to their destination by designing bridges that are safe and practical. How those bridges are created is entirely up to you. With over 100 levels, a sandbox mode and almost infinite playability, Poly Bridge is available on PC, Android, iOS and Nintendo Switch at various price points, so be sure to check which is the best option for you.



CROSSWORD PUZZLES (WUBU APPS LTD)

Crossword puzzles might not immediately seem like a learning game for younger kids, but they're incredibly effective at building strong word skills and problem solving. This one by Wubu Apps Limited is exclusive to iOS and constantly changes its roster of daily crosswords and challenges, although there are a whole bunch of apps available out there which do similar things. The app is rated 4+ but would likely be suited to kids a little older as the crosswords are designed for adults as well. As mentioned, Crossword Puzzles is only available on iOS devices and is free to download but does contain in-app purchases.



SCRIBBLENAUTS UNLIMITED

Scribblenauts is a game like few others in that it actively encourages children to use their intuition to solve a variety of puzzles. Armed only with their imagination, players must complete levels by conjuring potentially useful items for main character Maxwell to collect the Starites and achieve his goal. The game helps create strong vocabulary and word association to a fun 2D backdrop. While any version of Scribblenauts is good, Unlimited is the most readily available, being released on Wii U, PC, Nintendo 3DS, iOS and Android devices, PS4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch.



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SUPER MARIO ODYSSEY

Widely regarded as one of the greatest games Nintendo have ever made, Super Mario Odyssey provides family friendly fun and a challenging environment for kids to learn new skills in a video game. Rated PEGI 7, Odyssey can be enjoyed by almost any age range, even those who are young at heart. The caveat is that the game is only available on Nintendo Switch, so some investment will need to be made, but the console boasts a host of other child-safe titles and the ability to play on the go as well as at home.



NETFLIX

As obvious as it may sound, Netflix's children's section is ideal for keeping young ones and toddlers out of trouble on long journeys or at home. The specific profile for kids allows them to only view content appropriate for younger audiences which lets you and them watch their favourite shows and movies anywhere, at any time. Curated playlists, easy navigation through TV series and movies, and no-in-app purchase means a stress-free guarantee. The only downside to the app is that it requires a Netflix subscription in order to use it but if you're happy to pay the monthly cost, it's an absolute must for any parent.



LEGO MOVIE MAKER 2

The LEGO Movie Maker 2 app lets users create their own stop-motion movies and upload them for others to watch online. Kids can create a short LEGO movie in whatever genre they like using a range of easy to use tools and are able to add in sounds and visual effects to make the videos look super realistic. All movies are moderated before they make it online so you can be sure no sensitive information is uploaded or viewed by third parties. The app is free to download on both iOS and Android devices but does require creation of a LEGO account to upload videos. The only information needed for an account is the country you live in, your email address and date of birth. While it's rated for 4+, kids of 8 and up will get the most out of this one.



ADVENTURES OF POCO ECO: LOST SOUNDS

If something more slow-paced and chilled out is on your radar, Adventures of Poco Eco should be able to scratch that itch. With an emphasis on creating a rich and inviting musical soundscape over hardcore gameplay, the puzzle action is perfect for unwinding young minds, as opposed to challenging them. The single-player game is available on all iOS and Android devices, as well as the Amazon Kindle Store and you can also nab yourself a free copy of the soundtrack with the purchase.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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The weather is looking to be extremely hot at the start of next week so please may you ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate sun protection and water bottles. Thank you.

Enjoy your weekends and we look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Monday.
Matt Johnson
Headteacher