

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our weekly newsletter once again. Our third full week back in school has seen the children continue to achieve and experience many great learning adventures.

Our Year 2 children have been out and about experiencing being geographers on a field trip to Southsea Beach, KS2 were all super heroes with their flu immunisations, all the children found their best smiles for their photos and we launched our new reading initiative 'Reaching for the Reading Stars for KS2. Oh and we showcased our school for our prospective EYFS parents! As always, the children were fantastic throughout all of these endeavours. A great week!

We look forward to welcoming your child back into school on **Tuesday 30th September**.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Keep learning. But, above all, keep having fun".

Greta Mae Evans

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week:

29th - INSET DAY 1 - SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils

30th - Whole School - Harbour Church Assemblies
Year 1 - Cricket Session 3

3rd October -Year 6 - National Child Measurement Programme



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2 - GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



This week, all three Year 2 classes enjoyed an exciting field trip to Southsea Beach as part of their Geography learning. The children explored the area to spot examples of human and physical features, using their knowledge from lessons in school. They also took part in a walk, where they identified key landmarks and features of Portsmouth. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to apply their learning outdoors and to see real-life examples of the geography they have been studying in class.

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	95.18%	96.35%	96.75%	96.54%
KS2	90.75%	95.75%	97.63%	95.07%

Congratulations to **Alliance** in both **KS1** & in **KS2**, the winners of the Attendance Cups this week.

HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	918	1075	1110	1065
Total	918	1075	1110	1065

Congratulations to **Alliance** house, the winners of the House Cup this week.

GOLDEN CHILD



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

KS1 and **KS2** have all been recognised as **someone who understands the importance of safety.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	
	Gray	Kelsey
	Donaldson	
1	Adeola	Chay
	Field	Mila
	Gravett	Jensen
2	Nightingale	Logan
	Austen	Teddie
	Seacole	Finn
3	Adele	Roman
	Sheeran	Theo
	Styles	Brodie
4	Thompson	Louisa
	Rickman	George
	Elba	Amaya
5	Banksy	Adam
	Hockney	Josh
	Lowry	Arlo
6	Holmes	Jacob
	Hamilton	Bobby
	Brownlee	Erin

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Heads and Deputies of KS1 and KS2

Role	Name	Class
Head of Key Stage One	George	Hamilton
Head of Key Stage One	Theresa	Hamilton
Head of Key Stage Two	Elijah	Brownlee
Head of Key Stage Two	Temi	Holmes
Deputy of Key Stage One	Max	Hamilton
Deputy of Key Stage One	Christine	Hamilton
Deputy of Key Stage Two	Amber	Brownlee
Deputy of Key Stage Two	Molly	Brownlee

After a rigorous recruitment process, (the children wrote letters of application and then were interviewed for their positions) the children have been chosen in Year 6 for their very important 'roles of responsibility' in school.

We look forward to working with our newly appointed Heads and Deputies of KS1 & KS2, House Captains and Prefects. We are confident that they will do us proud.

Well done to you all!

Copnor House Captains

Name	House	Role
Florrie	Warrior	House Captain
Penelope	Warrior	Deputy House Captain
Annabelle	Mary Rose	House Captain
Narcia	Mary Rose	Deputy House Captain
Sophia	Alliance	House Captain
Florence	Alliance	Deputy House Captain
Liam	Victory	House Captain
Elma	Victory	Deputy House Captain

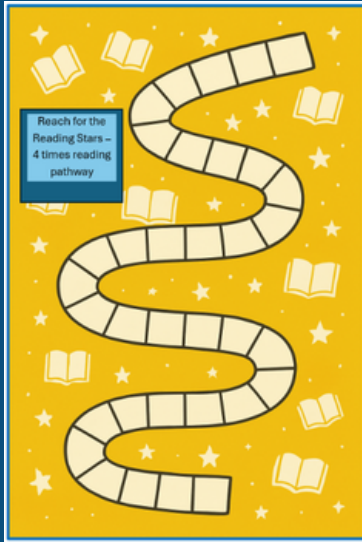
Copnor Prefects

Name	Class
Olivia	Brownlee
Everly	Hamilton
Erin	Brownlee
Maisie	Hamilton
Evie	Brownlee



Remember, we love hearing about all your children's achievements outside of school and we love to share and celebrate them with our school community. Please keep sending them in to us!

REACHING FOR THE READING STARS - KS2



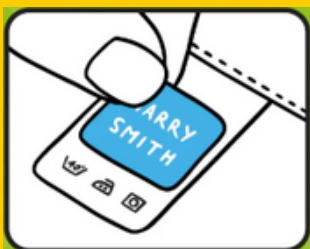
Please keep an eye out for the new reading pathway inside the cover of your child's home reading diary.

As per Mr Andrews letter this week, this pathway has been designed to motivate and reward children for reading regularly at home.

Please support your child in achieving their weekly reading target according to their chosen pathway.

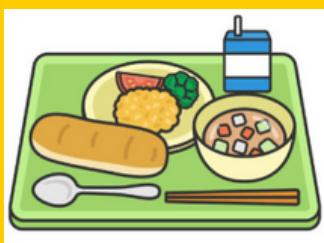
We have encouraged your child to choose the pathway that feels realistic for them. Full details of the two pathways and the rewards that the children are aiming for, please see Mr Andrews letter that was sent out on Thursday (it can also be found on the letters page of our website, under Autumn Term Letters - September) <https://copnorprimary.co.uk/news-clubs/>

REMINDERS



We have many school uniform items in school which we are unable to return to children as they are unfortunately unnamed. We are aware of the expense involved in providing your child/ren with uniform and would like to be able to return as many lost items as possible. Please can you help us by naming all items that are brought into school.

Please may we ask that you send your child in with a warm coat for breaktimes and outdoor activities now that the temperature is becoming more autumnal and chilly at times.



Please may we ask that you look at the dinner options with your child and pre-book their dinner where possible. The menu can be found on the school website:

<https://copnorprimary.co.uk/our-school/lunch-menu/>

LOST SCOOTER

We had a missing scooter reported this week which had been left in the scooter rack. The scooter is a black iSporter brand with distinctive purple stickers with the child's name on it and a Minnie Mouse sticker.

If you have seen this scooter, please can you contact the school office.



CHANGE OF MENU - CENSUS DAY - 2ND OCTOBER

There is a change of menu on **Thursday 2nd October**. Children can select from the following:



Beef Burger in a roll and chips
Vegan Burger in a roll and chips
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or tuna



If your child is currently waiting for, or already has a special dietary menu from Caterlink, please contact the School Office for further information on selecting a meal choice for this day. If you have already pre-ordered a meal for this day, please re-order from the new menu on your child's ScoPay account.

YEAR 6 - NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME (NCMP)

The school nursing team will be in school on **Friday 3rd October 2025** to carry out the NCMP in Year 6. Information was emailed to parents in June.

If you do not wish your child to take part in the NCMP screening, you will need to opt out by contacting the School Nursing Service either by email – School Nursing Service portsmouthhealthvisitingclient@solent.nhs.uk or phone 0300 123 6629.



ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL



For several years we have been proud to support Rotary Club with the 'Shoebox Appeal' and we would like to contribute to this worthy cause again. All filled shoeboxes will make their way to disadvantaged and displaced children. (<https://wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk/>).

If you would like to take part this year, please call into the office to collect a shoebox and leaflet with information on the appeal. A donation of £1 taped to the top of the completed box is requested towards this scheme. Unfortunately, Rotary Wessex are unable to accept donations in any other box.

RECEPTION SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The Portsmouth News will be in school on **Monday 13th October** to take photos of children in Reception classes. The class photos will appear in a special edition of the newspaper on either Tuesday 18th or Wednesday 19th November, along with reception classes from across Portsmouth. You are required to provide your consent for your child to appear in The Portsmouth News photos. Please go to the 'Consent' area in the Arbor app to provide this. Children who do not have consent will not be able to appear in the photo.

Yellow photographers will also be in school on **Tuesday 14th October** to take individual photos of all the children in Year R classes. Photo proofs will be made available to parents to order online, if they wish to do so.

ABSENT CHILDREN AND SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS



On **Tuesday 14th October**, Yellow photographers will be taking photos of any child in Years 1 – 6 who were absent today, along with children with siblings within our school. Information on how to request a sibling photo will be emailed to you shortly.

UPCOMING OPEN DAYS



Prospective Year R families are invited to join us for our

Open Morning Tours 2025

September

Thursday 25th
1.30pm

October

Wednesday 8th
6.00pm

Monday 13th
9.30am

Wednesday 22nd
1.30pm

November

Friday 14th
1.30pm

Wednesday 19th
6pm

Monday 24th
9.30am

December

Friday 12th
9.30am

All welcome! Please book online.

www.copnorprimary.co.uk/new-entrants/

Please use the link below to book. There is a google form on the page to complete to book your place:

<https://copnorprimary.co.uk/new-entrants/>

HALF TERM CLUBS



Please use the link below to book:

<https://www.funkddance.co.uk/book-online>

Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the Half Term club!

Please use the QR code on the flyer or the link below to book:

<https://andrewsimpsoncentres.org/courses?activity%5B%5D=holiday-clubs>

A flyer for the Outdoor Adventure Holiday Club. The title 'OUTDOOR ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB' is in large, bold letters. A red badge in the top right corner says 'FROM £27.50 PER SESSION'. Below the title are three photos of children participating in activities: 'CREATE...' (pumpkin drop, STEM & craft activities), 'PADDLE...' (paddleboarding, canoe rafting & kayaking), and 'CHALLENGE!' (climbing, archery, team games & more). At the bottom, it says 'ASC Portsmouth, Eastern Road' and '27 - 31 October 2025'. A section titled 'Get them outdoors before sofa-season hits!' describes the club for kids aged 5-15, mentioning 'fancy dress', 'ghost busting archery', and 'kayak bobbing'. It includes a QR code and contact information for Andrew Simpson Centres. A footer section lists benefits: 'We accept childcare vouchers', 'Early drop off & late pick up', 'Fully qualified instructors', and 'Up to 20% multi-day discount'.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Continuing our sharing of the informative posters from #WAKEUP WEDNESDAY, 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.

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your kids can watch is harder than ever, but with our help you can make TV safer for your kids and limit the amount that they can watch.

How to manage what your children WATCH ON TV

TRADITIONAL TV

Traditional TV covers programmes broadcast directly to your TV without having to use the internet. This is the standard way that most of us watch television programmes.

BROADCAST TV

Free-to-air broadcast television is delivered via an aerial or satellite to your TV directly or through a PVR that also handles recordings. Most modern TVs and PVRs sold in the last few years will have parental controls, which restrict the content available, requiring a PIN for unsuitable programmes. The exact settings vary by manufacturer, so check your TV or PVRs manual for full details. Parental locks work by checking the rating of a programme as it's broadcast. If a show is unrated or has an incorrect rating, some content may not be blocked.

SKY TV

The version of Sky that you have defines the options available to you. If you have a Sky+ HD box, you'll need to press the Services button and select Parental Control & PIN. From here, you can turn on the Family Setting, which gives you the option to remove Adult Channels and content, and requires a PIN to be entered to buy anything or for pre-watershed playback. More granular control allows you to block specific channels, either completely or only after 8pm, requiring a PIN to watch. You can also block programmes based on ratings, although this feature only works for programmes with correct ratings, so some shows may slip through. Sky Q owners have the more powerful Kids Safe Mode, which locks the system to show only kid-safe material. This includes locking the list of viewable channels and filtering recordings to only those suitable for children. Kids Safe Mode can be enabled either on the main box or on the Sky Q Mini boxes that you might have elsewhere in your home.

INTERNET TV

There are plenty of ways to watch TV online, whether that's via the likes of iPlayer or with streaming video services, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Instant video. Here, we'll show you how to control each.

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Amazon Prime Video has Parental Controls available in the Settings section of the Prime Video website. The settings let you set the age range of content that can be watched without entering a PIN: U, PG, 12, 15 and 18. Settings apply to all devices (bar the Xbox 360, Wii U and Fire TV, which have their own settings), but you can opt-out devices of your choosing in the settings. For example, you may not want to have any restrictions on your iPad, which only you use. PINs can also be used to block purchases.

NETFLIX

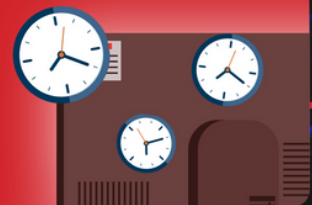
Netflix lets you create profiles for everyone in your house. On the Netflix home screen, if you select Manage Profiles, you can change each one to show different content, defined by age group. Children should be encouraged to use their profiles only, particularly as there's no way to PIN protect adult profiles. However, you can PIN-protect content globally, so if a child does use your profile, they're blocked from watching inappropriate content. Go to Netflix, select Account from the drop-down menu by your name and select Parental Controls. You'll be prompted to enter a PIN, but then can select which content is PIN protected by age range: Toddlers, Older Children, Teens and Adults. You can also PIN protect specific programmes by typing their name in, which could be handy if you feel a programme is unsuitable or a child has been watching it too much.

ON-DEMAND PLAYERS

If your children are watching content from on-demand services, such as BBC iPlayer or All 4, you can turn on parental controls for each via the main websites. Controls work across all devices signed into your account. Controls vary by platform. With BBC iPlayer, the parental lock requires a PIN for anything marked as requiring Guidance by the BBC. ITV Hub parental controls let you PIN protect for content with a G-rating (a guidance rating). For All 4, you can choose to protect programmes rated 16+ or 18+. If you use My5, you can set up a PIN to protect against anyone watching G-rated content. For UKTV Play, you can add a PIN to restrict content selecting one of two levels: all content that's rated 15+ or all content that's rated 18+.

HOW CAN PARENTS MANAGE THEIR CHILDREN'S TV TIME?

Particularly with on-demand content, it can be hard to restrict how much viewing time a child has. However, you can restrict internet time with parental control software, restricting how much time a child can spend online, whether they're using the internet or watching TV shows. Parental control software will generally only work on laptops, computer, tablets and phones. However, if you have parental control software that runs on the router, you can manage other devices, such as a child's smart TV and games console, and restrict time usage on these, too.



Meet our expert

This guide has been written by David Ludlow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to control and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



You may also be interested in our smart home devices guide!