

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our weekly round up of events here at Copnor Primary School. As always, it's been a busy week with Anti-bullying Week, Remembrance Day and another Open Afternoon for our prospective EYFS parents this afternoon.

We started the week by wearing our odd socks proudly on Monday. It was a great opportunity for our children (and staff) to express themselves and celebrate their individuality.

Throughout the week, the children then took part in activities to help them think about the key theme of the week, 'Power for good'. The work they completed was designed to empower them to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.

We also took a moment as a whole school to remember those that served for us with our Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday. Thank you to our Year 3 poem readers.

Enjoy your weekend.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS



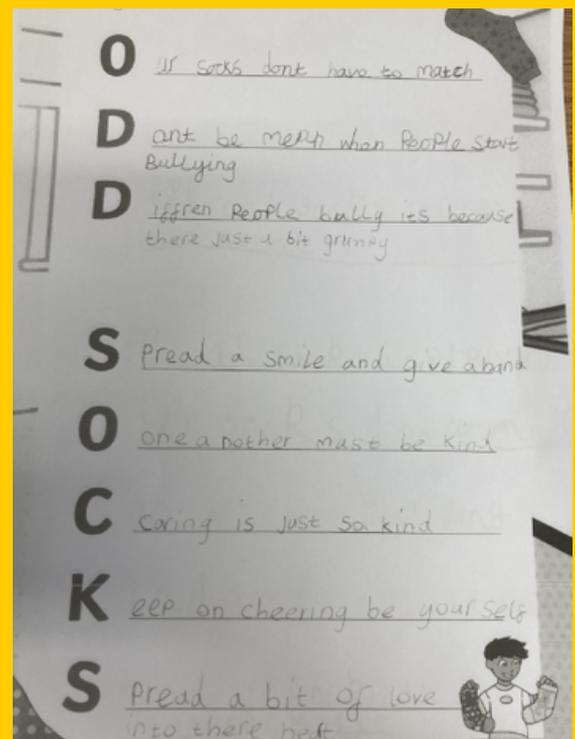
Next week:



12th - Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55 - Your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.

- Open Evening - 6pm - For prospective EYFS parents

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

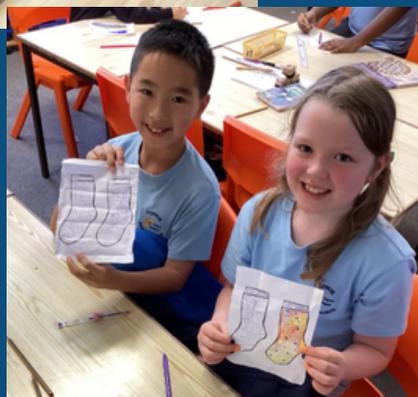


The above poem shows exactly how the children can use their Power for Good. Thank you to our Year 2 poet, Daisy.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED..

Year 4 spent some time this week thinking further about Odd Socks Day and designing their own pair of unique socks.

A chance for them to express themselves and show their individuality! What great designs!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Following our Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday, Year 5 spent some time thinking about the messages from the assembly and then created their own poppies to remember those that had fought for us so bravely.

The poppy is a sign of remembrance. It shows we have not forgotten what happened long ago, to people in our own and other people's families.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	543	508	314	520
Total	3411	4706	3797	5027

Congratulations to Mary Rose 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 is a fantastic friend to everyone.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Olive
	Gray	Artemis
	Donaldson	Arya
1	Adeola	Max
	Field	Lenny
	Gravett	Sofia-Mae
2	Nightingale	Riya
	Austen	Amelie
	Seacole	Jimmy
3	Adele	Lola
	Sheeran	Grace
	Styles	Betsy
4	Thompson	Harlan
	Rickman	Nancy
	Elba	Toriana
5	Banksy	Bella-Rose
	Hockney	Sofia
	Lowry	Teddy
6	Holmes	George
	Hamilton	George
	Brownlee	Penelope

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing the Top 50 Recommended Reads for each year group, starting with EYFS. For further information and to download your child's booklist please visit the website below:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

To download this booklist: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/2025-Checklist-50-Best-Books-Reception.pdf>



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK

2. Praise the Positives!

It's easy, as parents and carers, to get caught up in the rush of everyday life and not notice all the small positive things that our children do each day. We can be quick to correct them but not always to praise the positives. I challenge you to notice all the small, positive actions, gestures and conversations your child does and praise them for it.

Children are still working out who they are and building their sense of 'self'. Let them hear that they are kind, helpful, caring, brave, thoughtful, generous, clever and funny, and celebrate their achievements and successes. This will improve children's self-esteem and confidence as well as help them to build a positive sense of 'self' over time.



TRY: Positive post-it notes

The whole family can join in to write positive post-it notes about each other and stick them on the fridge or the wall.

These can then be shared or read to each other at mealtimes or before bedtime each day.





CONGRATULATIONS



EVIE-ROSE



Evie-Rose proudly performed in her second dance festival last weekend and placed 2nd. She is very proud of her achievement, as are all of us here at Copnor Primary and her family.

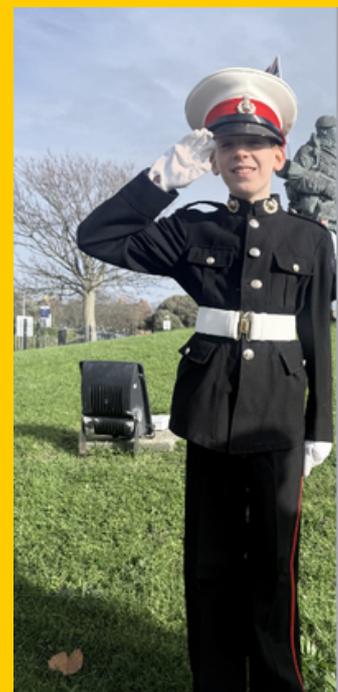
Well done Evie-Rose!



ERNIE

Ernie proudly took part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade, alongside Veterans and the Royal Marines Band. with the Royal Marines Charity at the former Royal Marines Museum in Eastney on Sunday. He was there as he is a cadet in the Royal Marines Volunteer Cadet Corp (RMVCC).

~Well done Ernie - we are all very proud of you. You look incredibly smart in your uniform too!





NOTICES

SEND PARENT EVENINGS



In addition to Parents Evening with your child's class teacher, if you have concerns about your child's learning or wish to discuss any updates, please book an appointment to see Mrs Blake (SENCo) via the school office.

Mrs Blake is available on Monday 24th November and Tuesday 25th November from 9-5pm.

COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE COURSES

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Keeping Up with the Kids - School Maths.



This course offers a fantastic opportunity to explore how children are learning maths in school today and how you can effectively support them. It's also a great chance to refresh your own maths skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

Strong numeracy skills can open doors to new job opportunities, lead to higher earnings, and prepare you for further study. They're also incredibly useful in everyday life - whether it's helping with homework, managing household budgets, or boosting your confidence with numbers.

Free 4-week course.
Thursday 9:30am - 12:00pm.
27th November.
4th, 11th, 18th December.

This course will be delivered at The Learning Place,
 6 Derby Road, North End, Portsmouth, PO2 8HH.
 Email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
 Call: 023 9262 1860

THE LEARNING PLACE, DERBY ROAD, PORTSMOUTH, PO2 8HH

023 9262 1860 learn.portsmouth.gov.uk

COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE 

Parent Power - Managing Children's Behaviour



Parenting can be tough!

Come along and learn some new strategies, helpful hints, tips and advice to establish boundaries and create a calmer, positive environment.

This course is recommended for parents / carers of children aged 2 - 11.

Free 5-week course
Monday 10:00am - 12:00pm
12th, 19th, 26th, January
2nd, 9th February

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We have received a lovely letter from the Rotary Club of Portsmouth North to thank us all for our support with the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Thank you all for your support with this incredibly worthy cause. We are sure that the children in the Ukraine or other parts of Eastern Europe will be thrilled with their gifts at Christmas.

As always, your support is very much appreciated.



The Rotary Club of Portsmouth North
Rtn. Mr A Brooks
41 Bowes Hill
Rowlands Castle
PO9 6BP

Copnor Primary School,
Copnor Road,
Portsmouth,
Hants,
PO3 5BZ

6th November 2025.

Dear Staff & Pupils,

I would like you to convey my thanks on behalf of The Rotary Club of Portsmouth North and Rotary International for the very generous amount of shoeboxes your pupils sent to us once again for this year's Christmas Shoe Box appeal. These boxes have now been sent off to Bournemouth Airport and will be on their way to the Ukraine and other parts of Eastern Europe to make a number of children very happy this Christmas.

We really do appreciate the kindness shown by the pupils and their parents as we do understand that times are tough for everyone these days. Many thanks.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Brooks
President

CALLING ALL BUDDING PERFORMERS!

PRODUCTIONS
YOUTH THEATRE GROUP
01767 681 049

OPEN AUDITIONS

Annie

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN Music by CHARLES STROUSE Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER
NEW THEATRE ROYAL PORTSMOUTH
20-24 GUILDHALL WALK, PO1 2DD
2.00pm-3.30pm 7-12yrs old
5.30pm-6.00pm 13-21yrs old

THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER
NEW THEATRE ROYAL PORTSMOUTH
20-24 GUILDHALL WALK, PO1 2DD
5.00pm-5.30pm 7-12yrs old
6.00pm-7.00pm 13-21yrs old

You only need to attend one audition
All auditionees must be 8 years old by the time of the show

TO BE PERFORMED AT NEW THEATRE ROYAL, PORTSMOUTH 5TH-7TH MARCH 2026

NOTHING TO PREPARE
JUST ARRIVE, BOOK IN AND AUDITION
A show fee is payable by all successful applicants

It seems like only five minutes ago that we were sharing the flyer for last year's auditions for Tinkerbell but here we go again! So...

Is your child an aspiring actor? Do they love to perform?

Would they like to be involved in a professional production of Annie to be performed at the New Theatre Royal on March 5th-7th, 2026?

If so, then please take them to the open auditions on the dates and times displayed on the flyer.

Please note that all auditionees must be 8 years old at the time of the show in March.

We wish any of our children that wish to audition the very best of luck!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Planning ahead for the Christmas holidays, please see below details of the Activ8 Minds Holiday Club with HAF funding available.

For further information and booking please use the link below:

<https://active8minds.co.uk/>



The poster features a dark blue background with white stars and a central illustration of Santa Claus peeking over the bottom edge. It includes several circular inset photos: a group of children and staff in a gymnasium, a child painting, a group of children cheering, and children in sports gear. A QR code is located in the lower right quadrant.

Active8 Minds[®]
Sport & childcare specialists

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER & TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER
MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER & TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER

VISIT WEBSITE FOR CLUB LOCATIONS & BOOKING

- ✓ SPORTS ZONE
- ✓ ACTION ZONE
- ✓ CHILL ZONE
- ✓ ART AND CRAFTS
- ✓ FESTIVE FUN

HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE

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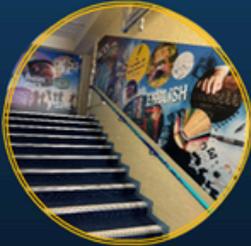
UPCOMING OPEN DAYS



Prospective Year R families are invited to join us for our

Open Day Tours

2025



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/>



DON'T BE LATE
You **must** apply by **Thursday 15 January 2026**

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they can start school in September 2026.

Apply for a school place online from **Monday 3 November 2025** until **Thursday 15 January 2026** via our website:

www.portsmouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Don't be late – as this will affect your chances of a place at your preferred school.

Benefits of applying online

- It's quick, easy and secure
- You will receive a confirmation email once you have submitted your application
- You will have access to links to other useful information and websites
- You will receive an email notification with the outcome of your application, as well as being able to view the outcome online on allocation day
- Application will not go missing in the post

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 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 EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mild' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍷 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😎 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 😐 (Mood) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🥰 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 👊 (Fists) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- ☁️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Bruni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantk School of Business and Technology.



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