

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our weekly round up of events here at Copnor Primary School. Christmas has definitely arrived here! It was lovely to see the children enjoying their Winter Parties on Wednesday and much fun was had by all on Christmas Decorations Day. Our resident elves took their judging jobs very seriously, and looked very carefully at all the decorations in each classroom before making their decisions. Congratulations to Gray (KS1) and Hamilton (KS2) classes for being chosen as the 'Best Dressed' Christmas Classrooms!

Important Reminder : Please may I remind you that we are a nut free school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please can you ensure that your children do not have anything containing nuts in their lunchboxes.

Enjoy your weekend.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week:

1st - 5th - Road Safety Week - See below

1st - Advent Assemblies - NEBC

4th - Year 6 - Samba Workshop

4th - Parent Workshop - Technology -
2.25 - 3.15 - Meet in reception.



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



As mentioned previously, this week has been a full on festive week for all! Although, we have of course squeezed in a bit of time to continue our learning and Year 5 also found time to have a great day out enhancing their learning at Hampton Court Palace. We are all now looking forward to the festive activities over the next three weeks.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

Theodore Roosevelt

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	96.67%	96.98%	94.61%	93.95%
KS2	92.86%	92.88%	95.23%	95.35%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	162	488	251	317
Total	3781	5895	4284	5698

Congratulations to Victory 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 respectful to others**.

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Reginald
	Gray	Kai
	Donaldson	Teddy
1	Adeola	Ava-Grace
	Field	Penelope
	Gravett	
2	Nightingale	Maccley
	Austen	Alfie
	Seacole	Leah
3	Adele	Emi
	Sheeran	Brooke
	Styles	Brodie
4	Thompson	Lucy
	Rickman	Sandra
	Elba	Elvin
5	Banksy	Annabelle
	Hockney	Sophia
	Lowry	Beulah
6	Holmes	Max
	Hamilton	Reuben
	Brownlee	Molly

BOOKSY BEAR WINNERS



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

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

A huge well done, **Austen Class**! We are incredibly proud of you all!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS @ COPNOR PRIMARY

9th December - Year 1 Nativity Performance @ 2pm

10th December - Rocksteady Concert

11th December - KS2 Harbour Christmas Extravaganza
Year 1 Nativity Performance @ 9.30am

12th & 17th December - Year R - Kings Theatre Pantomime

17th December - Christmas Dinner

18th December - Year R - Singing to parents.



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK

4. Grounding Techniques



Everyone experiences big emotions sometimes and this is a perfectly natural response from our body to tell us that something doesn't feel quite right. This may be feelings of anger, excitement, worry or upset. Next time you or your children are feeling some big emotions, try using some of these grounding techniques to help you to regulate. Grounding techniques are proven to bring you back to the present moment and can provide immediate relief from big feelings and emotions. It is really beneficial to use these techniques regularly so you are well-rehearsed to use them in times of emotional distress.

Grounding Techniques



Colours & Shape

Find 5 items in the room which are a certain shape or colour (eg. 5 items which are square). Try to find things that are not too obvious, or things you haven't noticed before.

Flow activities

Flow activities take our full attention, we "lose ourselves" in them and don't notice the time passing. Some examples: drawing, colouring, reading, watching TV, playing music

5, 4, 3, 2, 1

- 5 things you can see,
- 4 things you can touch,
- 3 things you can hear,
- 2 things you can smell (or like the smell of),
- 1 thing you can taste (or like the taste of).



ABCD...

Think of a subject and name something to do with that subject for each letter of the alphabet (eg. name animals: ape, bear, cat...)

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DAY

Christmas Decoration Day was, as always, a big mixture of glue, glitter and great fun! Hopefully, your children have brought home some of their decorations to help decorate your houses too! Our classrooms now look very festive, with their Christmas trees and all the children's creative designs on show for all to see. We are all ready for the next few weeks of festive fun!

Thank you to Year 3 for sharing some of their day with the photos below.



YEAR 5 - HAMPTON COURT PALACE TRIP



HISTORIC
ROYAL PALACES

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for them to step back in time and immerse themselves in the world of the Tudors.

From exploring the grand halls to discovering fascinating stories of the past, their adventure was both educational and unforgettable.





NOTICES

ROAD SAFETY WEEK - 1ST - 5TH DECEMBER



Road Safety Week is Brake's biggest road safety campaign. Every year, thousands of schools, organisations and communities get involved to share important road safety messages and join our call for safe roads for everyone.

This year at Copnor, we have chosen to focus on the importance of crossing the road safely at all times. The children will be reminded of the importance of the Green Cross Code when they are crossing the road. In an assembly on Tuesday, we will take a brief step back in time to when road safety campaigns began with various different characters delivering the important messages. For a brief nostalgia trip, click on the following link to see some of those characters: https://youtu.be/CSWKncPotnQ?si=iowQZOObDE5_ITWen

The children will then be invited to try and create a new way of sharing the importance of the Green Cross Code, either in their classes or in smaller groups within their classes. Maybe they'll come up with a new character to replace the famous hedgehogs or the Green Cross Code Man?

Look out in next week's newsletter, where we'll share some of our work from the week.

PRE-ORDER CHRISTMAS DINNER



Don't forget to pre-order your child's Christmas dinner!

Parents will need to **pre-order** a meal for this day by **9:00am Friday 5th December** via the Trips and Events tab in their child's ScoPay account.

Children who have not had a meal pre-ordered will need to bring in a home packed lunch as there is **no option to order on the day**.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Continuing our sharing of the Top 50 Recommended Reads for each year group, please see below for Year 3 and Year 4's lists. For further information and to download your child's booklist please visit the website below:

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

50 Recommended Reads for...

Year 3 (ages 7-8)

Which ones have you read?

Favourite Storytime Books

- ☐ **The Wild Robot**
Peter Brown
- ☐ **A Mermaid's Diary**
Chris Riddell
- ☐ **The Creakers**
Tom Fletcher & Shane Devries
- ☐ **The Boy Who Grew Dragons**
Andy Shepherd & Sara Ogilvie
- ☐ **Scarlet: Defender of the Universe**
James Davis & Doty Sutton

Animal and Nature Stories

- ☐ **Pia's Pet Club: Puppy Problem**
Serena Patel & Emma McCann
- ☐ **Finding Hope**
Nicola Baker
- ☐ **The Apple Tree Animal Agency**
Katya Balen & Gill Smith
- ☐ **The Royal Rabbits: Escape From the Tower**
Santa Montefiore, Simon Sebag Montefiore & Kate Hindley
- ☐ **An Otter Called Pebble**
Helen Peters & Ellie Snowdon
- ☐ **Benji's Emerald King**
Ewa Jozefkiewicz

Classic Stories

- ☐ **Charlotte's Web**
E. B. White & Garth Williams
- ☐ **The Iron Man**
Ted Hughes & Chris Mould
- ☐ **The Worst Witch**
Jill Murphy
- ☐ **Varjak Paw**
SF Said & Dave McKean

World Stories

- ☐ **Nikhil and Jay: Off to India**
Chitra Soundar & Soofya
- ☐ **Gregory Cool**
Caroline Binch
- ☐ **You Decide Your Adventure**
Bear Grylls
- ☐ **Saving Sorya**
Nguyen Thi Thu Trang & Jeet Zang

Mystery and Magic Stories

- ☐ **Kate on the Case**
Hannah Peck
- ☐ **Libby and the Parisian Puzzle**
Jo Clarke & Becka Moor
- ☐ **The Shop-Witch's Quest**
Aisha Bushby & Patri de Pedro

Funny Books

- ☐ **The Great Crisp Robbery**
Pamela Butchart & Thomas Flintham
- ☐ **Charlie Changes into a Chicken**
Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne
- ☐ **Dave Pigeon (Kittens!)**
Swarna Haddow & Sheena Dempsey
- ☐ **Pizzazz vs Everyone**
Sophy Henn
- ☐ **The 13-Storey Treehouse**
Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

Graphic Novels

- ☐ **Pablo and Splash: Frozen in Time**
Sheena Dempsey
- ☐ **Dadbot**
Jack Noel
- ☐ **Dog Man**
Dav Pilkey
- ☐ **Peng and Spanners**
Steve Webb
- ☐ **Supa Nova**
Chante Timothy

Picturebooks

- ☐ **Faruq and the Wiri Wiri**
Sophia Payne & Sandhya Prabhat
- ☐ **Wonder Goal!**
Michael Foreman
- ☐ **Adoette**
Lydia Monks
- ☐ **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**
Mac Barnett & Jim Klassen

Poetry

- ☐ **Out Of This World**
Michael Rosen & Ed Vere
- ☐ **Zooming the Zoo**
John Dougherty & Tom Morgan-Jones
- ☐ **The Shape of Rainbows**
Neal Zetter & Will Hughes

History

- ☐ **The Boy Who Stole the Pharaoh's Lunch**
Karen McCombie & Anelli Bray
- ☐ **The Time Machine Next Door: Scientists and Stripy Socks**
Iszi Lawrence & Rebecca Bagley
- ☐ **I Flew Around the World**
Zara Rutherford
- ☐ **Myths, Mummies and Magic in Ancient Egypt**
Stephen Davies & Nuria Tamarit
- ☐ **The Corinthian Girl**
Christina Balit

Non-Fiction Books

- ☐ **The World's First Human Cannonball and Other Incredible Jobs!**
Mike Barfield & Franziska Holzbacher
- ☐ **Antarctica**
Dr Helen Scates, Dr Katherine Hendry & Romolo D'Ipollito
- ☐ **The Street Beneath My Feet**
Charlotte Guillian & Yuval Zommer
- ☐ **How to Build a Racing Car**
Fran Scott & Paul Boston
- ☐ **A Day in the Life of an Astronaut, Mars and the Distant Stars**
Mike Barfield & Jess Bradley
- ☐ **MEGA**
Jules Howard & Gavin Scott

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Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-3 to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

Find booklists by age or topic at [booksfortopics.com](https://www.booksfortopics.com)

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-3/>

50 Recommended Reads for...

Year 4 (ages 8-9)

Which ones have you read?

Favourite Storytime Books

- ☐ **The Wonder Brothers**
Frank Cottrell Boyce & Steven Lenton
- ☐ **Race to Imagination Island**
Mel Taylor-Bessent & Alessandro D'Urso
- ☐ **Shipwrecked**
Jenny Pearson
- ☐ **The Land of Roar**
Jenny McLachlan & Ben Mantle
- ☐ **How to Train Your Dragon**
Cressida Cowell

Animal Stories

- ☐ **Turtle Moon**
Hannah Gold & Levi Pinfold
- ☐ **The Summer Dolphin**
Holly Webb & David Dean
- ☐ **Cobweb**
Michael Morpurgo & Michael Foreman
- ☐ **The Great Farm Rescue**
Helen Peters

Classic Books

- ☐ **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**
C. S. Lewis
- ☐ **The Queen's Nose**
Dick King Smith
- ☐ **Mattilda**
Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake
- ☐ **A Street Through Time**
DK & Steve Noon

Graphic Novels

- ☐ **Bunny vs Monkey**
Jamie Smart
- ☐ **Mr Wolf's Class**
Aron Nels Steinke

Popular Illustrated Favourites

- ☐ **Grimwood**
Nadia Shireen
- ☐ **Clarice Bean: Smile**
Lauren Child
- ☐ **Solve Your Own Mystery: The Monster Maker**
Garrett P. Jones & Louise Forshaw
- ☐ **Fairy vs Wizard**
Jenny McLachlan

Mystery and Detective Stories

- ☐ **The Beanstalk Murder**
P.G. Bell
- ☐ **The Highland Falcon Thief**
M. G. Leonard, Sam Sedgman & Eliza Paganelli
- ☐ **Anisha Accidental Detective**
Serena Patel & Emma McCann

Thought-Provoking Stories

- ☐ **The Snowman Code**
Simon Stephenson & Reggie Brown
- ☐ **Song of the Dolphin Boy**
Elizabeth Laird & Peter Bailey
- ☐ **The Boy at the Back of the Class**
Onjali Q. Rauf & Pippa Currick
- ☐ **Call Me Lion**
Camilla Chester
- ☐ **Brand New Boy**
David Almond & Marta Altés
- ☐ **Meet Matilda Rocket Builder**
Dom Conlon & Heidi Cannon

Historical Adventures

- ☐ **Roman Boy**
Tony Bradman
- ☐ **Auntie Medusa and Me**
Marie Basting
- ☐ **The Cursed Tomb**
Iszi Lawrence
- ☐ **Terrible True Tales: Romans**
Terry Deary

Shorter Reads

- ☐ **Puloma and the Bear**
Jasbinder Bilan & Skylar White
- ☐ **Bertie and the Alien Chicken**
Jenny Pearson & Alakoen Blitschoff
- ☐ **Finding Her Feet**
Eve Alexworth & Luna Valentine
- ☐ **The Piano at the Station**
Helen Rutter & Eliza Paganelli

Funny Books

- ☐ **Diary of a Future Billionaire**
Pamela Butchart
- ☐ **The Misadventures of Mina Mahmood: School Trip**
Farhana Islam
- ☐ **The Great Chocotop**
Chris Callaghan
- ☐ **Betty Steady and the Toad Witch**
Nicky Smith-Dale & Sarah Horne
- ☐ **You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum**
Andy Stanton

Picturebooks

- ☐ **The Barnabus Project**
The Fan Brothers
- ☐ **Town is By the Sea**
Joanne Schwartz & Sydney Smith

Poetry Collections

- ☐ **I Am the Seed That Grew the Tree**
Fiona Waters & Frann Preston-Gannon
- ☐ **On Poetry Street**
Brian Moses & Mark Elvins

Non-Fiction Books

- ☐ **Into the Volcano**
Catherine Ard & Wenjia Tang
- ☐ **At the Top of the World**
Robin Jacobs & Ed J. Brown
- ☐ **How Do Bridges Work?**
Roman Belyaev
- ☐ **Shackleton's Journey**
William Grill
- ☐ **Open Wide!**
Letizia Diamante & Ed J. Brown

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Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-4 to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

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6 weeks for £36.00

**Copnor Primary School
Multi-Sports After School Club**

Information:

- School Years 1-2
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- Thursday 8th January to 12th February

Registration

Book via our website or give us a call!

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LOCAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS



HarbourChurch

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

FREE FAMILY SHOW

14TH DECEMBER
10AM & 3PM
ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, PO35AL



FUNKIDZ PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS DANCE PARTY

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
£20 PER CHILD

22ND DECEMBER

CRAFTS | MUSIC | DANCE | GAMES

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FINAL OPEN DAY



Prospective Year R families are invited to join us for our

Open Day Tours 2025

***FINAL DATE**

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.



Although this week's guide is aimed at schools, we believe that it is useful for parents too, to see what we are doing to help protect your children online.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: It's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

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