

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

We are delighted to share the latest news from our school as we approach the end of this busy Autumn term. The children have been working hard across all areas of learning, and it has been wonderful to see their curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm in action.

As always, we hope this newsletter gives you a snapshot of the many achievements and special moments that have made this Autumn term so memorable - particularly our fantastic year 1 children this week, with their phenomenal nativity performances.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement—it truly makes a difference to our children's learning.

Enjoy your weekend.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week:

15th - Year 3 Tile Barn Parents meeting

16th - Year R - **Hendra Class** - Kings Theatre Pantomime

17th - Christmas Dinner - Wear Christmas Jumpers
Christmas Choir with parents @ 2.45pm

18th - Year R - Singing to parents @ 9:30am & 2.30pm

19th - Last day of Autumn Term



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



It's been a busy one here this week! Continue reading to find out more about the amazing performances by our Year 1 children in their nativity and also some fantastic impromptu performances from KS2 in the Harbour Church Christmas Extravaganza!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

A.A.Milne

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	91.06%	95.46%	93.38%	93.19%
KS2	91.33%	92.90%	95.05%	95.21%

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	626	250	539	529
Total	4575	6515	4962	6481

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 always prepared for their learning.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Luke
	Gray	Leo
	Donaldson	Lottie
1	Adeola	Blossom
	Field	Jeof
	Gravett	Mabel
2	Nightingale	Freddie
	Austen	
	Seacole	Hudson
3	Adele	Minaal
	Sheeran	Fred
	Styles	Talia
4	Thompson	Aria
	Rickman	Rafe
	Elba	Anaya
5	Banksy	Jamie
	Hockney	Sam
	Lowry	Veeha
6	Holmes	
	Hamilton	Sophia
	Brownlee	Oscar

BOOKSY BEAR WINNERS



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

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

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



CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE!

We are delighted to announce that a Copnor Primary School child's design has been chosen as the winning entry in Amanda Martin MP's Annual Christmas Card Competition this year! Huge congratulations to George! The theme was "Christmas Lights", and his artwork stood out for its creativity and festive spirit. Wow George, what a fantastic achievement! We are all incredibly proud of you.

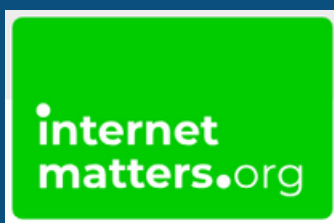
As part of the competition, the winning design will be printed on Amanda Martin MP's official Christmas card for distribution, which will also be sent to His Majesty the King.



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



6. Following on from our Parent Workshop last week on 'Raising children in the digital world', please check out the following websites if you would like to learn more about this topic (click on the logo links to the websites):

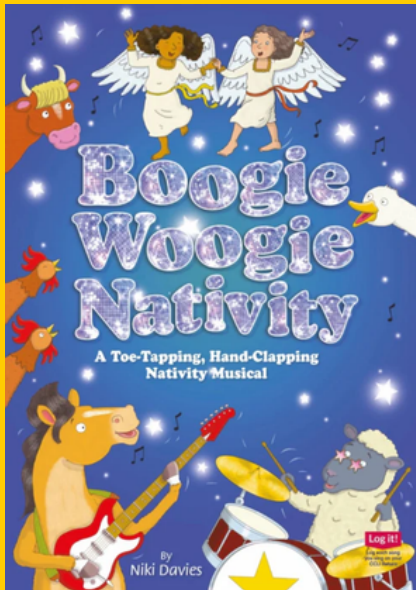


These websites have some great videos and resources for parents and children to explore.

YEAR 1 BOOGIE WOOGIE NATIVITY



This week, our Year 1 children lit up the stage with their vibrant and joyful performance of “The Boogie Woogie Nativity.” From the very first note, the hall was filled with excitement as the children brought the traditional Nativity story to life with a fun, musical twist.



The show opened with a lively dance number from our brilliant animal band preparing for their concert. They all set the tone with their energetic moves and huge smiles. The children showed incredible teamwork as they moved around the stage, remembered their cues, and supported one another.

We are incredibly proud of every child in Year 1. Their confidence, creativity, and sheer joy made this year’s Nativity truly unforgettable. A huge thank you to the staff for their hard work, and to families for their support with costumes and for being such a warm and appreciative audience.



Here at Copnor Primary School, 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!



HARBOUR CHURCH EXTRAVAGANZA



This year's Christmas Extravaganza brought a fresh twist to a beloved tradition as they transformed The Twelve Days of Christmas into a 'pop up' nativity experience.

Taking volunteers, from a very eager audience, the nativity scene was created before our eyes. Costumes were hurriedly thrown on and the children took on their new roles enthusiastically. We had Mary waving to us, Joseph showing us his carpentry skills, the angel energetically flapping his wings and the animals all playing their parts too. Not forgetting the rest of the audience, who all had parts to play too! 'Five noisy sounds' was one of their roles and of course singing along to the song! It was a fantastic immersive experience!

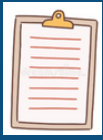
It was a joyful celebration of faith, creativity, and community—one that reminded us that the true gift of Christmas is the story that continues to inspire us all. Thank you to all of those at Harbour Church for welcoming us into their church and entertaining us all so well.



YEAR 4 WORKSHOP



This week, Year 4 had the pleasure in taking part in a workshop ran by North End Baptist Church. In RE this half term, Year 4 have been learning about Mary and considering the meaning of the word holy. During their workshop, North End Baptist Church asked the children to investigate different sources of information and evaluate if they supported the idea of Mary being holy. Children enjoyed deepening their understanding of this half term's RE topic.



NOTICES



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!
02392 728899 | pompeyitc.co.uk



Don't forget to sign your child up for the Years 1 & 2 Multi-Sports After School Club on a Thursday!

Scan the QR code or click on the link below:



YEAR 4 PARENTS TILE BARN MEETING

This **Monday 15th December**, Mr Richardson will be hosting a brief meeting about next year's Tile Barn residential. He invites any current Year 3 parents who are interested in finding out a little bit more about the residential to attend. The meeting will start at **2:50pm** and be held in the **Key Stage 2 hall**, we aim to end just before 3:15pm to allow for normal pick up. Please note, that attendance to this meeting is optional.

More information about the residential as well as how to sign your child up will be sent out via letter after the Christmas break. Tile Barn residential is limited to 60 places and works on a first come, first served basis and attendance at next week meeting does not guarantee a place on the trip. Sign up will open in the Spring Term.

Parents may wait on the playground after the meeting to collect their children from the Year 3 door at 3:15pm.



CHRISTMAS DINNER - WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

We are all looking forward to our Christmas dinner next Wednesday! Thank you for pre-ordering your child's meal.

A polite reminder that if you did not pre-order a dinner you will need to send your child to school with a home packed lunch as **there is no option to order a meal on the day.**



AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE WORKSHOP

Please see below the information regarding a free monthly online drop in for parents and carers with the 'You are not alone' community. The next workshop is on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. Email sallywagter@gmail.com for the **Zoom** link.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are the expert of your child

You Are Not Alone - Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply hang back and listen in.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents said:

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned **so much more about autism and PDA** than he has over the last year'*

Jo (parent)

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back'*

Louise (parent)

'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been really helpful and I don't feel so alone'

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 6th January**, please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the **Zoom** link.



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.



If you click on the guide below, it is a link to take you to the guide on The National College website.

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 EA SPORTS FC 26

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 3

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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