

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2025 from Copnor Primary School!

This term, we have seen our pupils grow in confidence, curiosity, and kindness. From creative classroom work to sporting achievements, Nativity performances, and festive activities, it has been a joy to watch them shine.

As we look forward to the Christmas break, we hope everyone enjoys a restful and joyful holiday, filled with family, friends, and a little festive magic. We can't wait to welcome the children back in the new year, refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning and discovery. See you on the 5th January!

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy holiday season!

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

First week back:

5th - First day of Spring Term

7th - Year 5 Swimming

8th - Parent Workshop AI – Cracking English with AI and digital tools - KS2 Hall - 2-3pm



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Our final week has been a busy and memorable one. Many Christmas songs have echoed in the halls as the children have performed to us all. We hope that you have enjoyed these moments as much as we have. Well done to all the children and especially to EYFS for their double performances!

We also squeezed in a little learning! See above the great cubism artwork inspired by Pablo Picasso work from Year 6.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

Norman Vincent Peale

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	90.33%	91.70%	93.62%	93.13%
KS2	92.35%	94.10%	94.43%	95.74%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	488	566	390	359
Total	5063	7081	5352	6840

Congratulations to **Victory** house, the winners of the House Cup this week and this term.

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 has gone above and beyond with their learning this term.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Nancy-Rae
	Gray	Parker
	Donaldson	Noah
1	Adeola	Mabel
	Field	Tyrese
	Gravett	Taha
2	Nightingale	Eden
	Austen	Hardy
	Seacole	Ava
3	Adele	Lillie
	Sheeran	Riley
	Styles	Isla
4	Thompson	Reggie
	Rickman	Bethany
	Elba	Jax
5	Banksy	Mia
	Hockney	Evie
	Lowry	Mason
6	Holmes	Noah
	Hamilton	Divine
	Brownlee	Elma



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



7. Presence over Presents

With Christmas fast approaching, let's remind ourselves that the most valuable thing we can give to our children, family and friends this Christmas is our time. Our connections, genuine engagement and relationships are far more important than the material exchanging of gifts. With this in mind, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break filled with fun, laughter and plenty of 'presence'. Merry Christmas to you all.



CONGRATULATIONS

ARIA



Congratulations to Aria and her Cheer Team (Portsmouth Warriors-Spartans), who competed in the Under 10s All Star Cheer Competition in Essex recently. They were placed 3rd out of 6 teams.

Well done Aria - what a fantastic achievement! We are all very proud of you here at Copnor Primary School.

COPNOR CADETS CHRISTMAS AT FORT NELSON



On Thursday, the 'Copnor Cadets' Service Children went on an adventure to Fort Nelson!

During their visit they were treated to a Pantomime, created some Christmas crafts and had great fun exploring the tunnels.

Lots of fun was had by all!



CHRISTMAS DINNER



As always, Christmas dinner on Wednesday was a great success and enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to see EYFS (above) enjoying their first Copnor Primary School Christmas Dinner and it was lovely to see all the children chatting, smiling and enjoying this special time together as we marked the end of a busy term.

A huge thank you to our catering team and staff who worked so hard to make the meal so special.

SEACOLE CLASS IN THE BRIDGE

Over this term we have been continuing our redevelopment of the school and yesterday, Seacole Class had a great time exploring The Bridge, our new E-Sports Suite in school ahead of the official launch next year. Judging by the how well Year 2 got on, we could have the next Lewis Hamilton!



HAF SESSIONS RAISE BOOKING CAP FROM 5 - 10 SESSIONS

Booking cap increased



Normally, we put a cap on how many HAF sessions families can book each holiday. This helps make sure every child gets a fair chance to join the programme.

But this Christmas is a little different. Because of the way the bank holidays fall, some families have told us they don't need as much childcare. That means we've got extra spaces available!

We don't want any of these to go to waste, so we're **raising the cap from 5 sessions to 10 per child.**

If you were struggling to choose between activities, now you don't have to - book more and make the most of the festive fun!

APPLY FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 26



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

CLUBS - SPRING 1

There is still time to sign your child up for one of our clubs during Spring 1. See below details for Dance Club and Multi-Sports Club:



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@FUNKDDANCELTD

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CONFIDENCE THROUGH PERFORMANCE
PRESENTED BY FUNK'D DANCE LIMITED

**TUESDAYS
8-8.45AM**

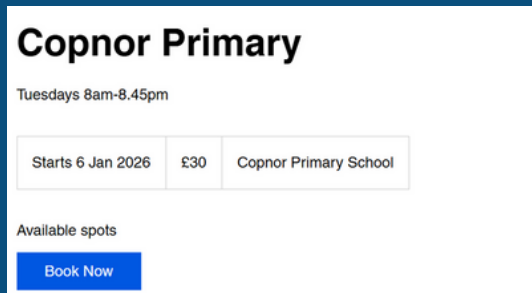
BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.FUNKDDANCE.CO.UK

£5 PER SESSION
(PLEASE NOTE PAYMENTS
ARE MADE IN HALF TERMLY
BLOCKS TO RESERVE YOUR
CHILDS SPACE)

CONTACT US ABOUT A FREE TASTER SESSION!
AT FUNKIDZ DANCE WE PROVIDE INCLUSIVE AND AFFORDABLE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR CHILDREN WHO SIMPLY LOVE TO DANCE AND PERFORM
WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN IMPROVING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE THROUGH DANCE
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE - BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Don't forget to sign your child up for the Year 1, 2 & 3 Dance Club on a Tuesday mornings!

Book on the website or click on the link below:



Copnor Primary
Tuesdays 8am-8.45pm

Starts 6 Jan 2026	£30	Copnor Primary School
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Available spots

[Book Now](#)



POMPEY IN THE COMMUNITY
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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!
02392 728899 | pompeyitc.co.uk

SCAN ME



Or 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:



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
COPNOR PRIMARY SCHOOL - MULTI-SPORTS - AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
GOOD AVAILABILITY

Thu, Nov 6 2025 - Thu, Dec 18 2025 (15:15 to 16:15) Copnor Primary, UK School Year 1 - 2

Thursday 6th November to 18th December 2025 - 3:15pm to 4:15pm - Sch Yrs 1 - 2

£42.00 [Book](#)

COURSES & SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



THE ARMED FORCES
COVENANT FUND TRUST

Parenting a child who struggles with big emotions and outbursts?

FREE online course for parents

You're not alone. Join our supportive parenting course to learn practical strategies, share experiences with others who understand and build confidence in managing challenging behaviours at home.

Four weekly sessions on

Thursdays 7.30-9.00 pm

January 22nd, 29th and February 5th, 12th 2026

Book a place by emailing
info@sftrust.org.uk



www.sftrust.org.uk

Funded by the Armed Forces
Covenant Fund Trust

Southampton Family Trust will be running a 4-week course for parents and carers of children who struggle big emotions and outbursts, starting in January, delivered via Zoom.

This course is for naval families only.

Details:

Thursdays, from 22nd January to 12th
February
7.30-9.00 pm

To book a place, please email:

info@sftrust.org.uk

STUDY SMART
Free Online Courses

STARTING
MONDAY
12TH
JANUARY

Fully Funded Education Support Course
Online LIVE Webinars
6 Week Course
Mon - Fri 9.30 - 11.30 & 12.30 - 2.00
Support Session 4.00 - 4.30

Levels 1, 2 & 3 Available
Accredited Awards & Certificates in:
Prepare to Work in Schools
Wellbeing
Safeguarding & Prevent
Occupational Studies
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Principles of SEN

Aspire Education
Ofsted
Good Provider

Looking to work in a school, that fits in around your family?

Join Aspire Education Academy's Education Support Course. These courses are **FULLY FUNDED (Free)** to attend and specifically designed for parents and carers who are looking for a springboard into working in a school. Each course only takes 6 weeks to complete, with online sessions run **ONLY** in school hours and term times, to fit in around family life.

Starting on **Monday 12th January!**

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.

International 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 need it. This guide focuses on one area of online safety which we believe is often overlooked by many of those who use nationalonline-safety.com for further guides, tools and tips for adults.

10 Top Tips for ... KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM CYBER CRIME

We all want to continue being informed and inspired by the ever-expanding capabilities of the internet. But we also need to be able to safeguard ourselves against the growing amount of online hazards. Knowing what is fact, understanding what dangers exist and taking appropriate steps can go a long way towards protecting yourself and your family. National Online Safety has collaborated with the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit to compile 10 pointers to help you keep your children safe from cyber crime.

- 1. Spot Phishing Bait**
Phishing messages are untargeted mass emails asking for sensitive information (e.g. usernames, passwords, bank details) or encouraging recipients to visit fake websites. It's safest to learn the warning signs of phishing and increase your child's awareness. Too good to be true? Spelling or punctuation errors? Odd sense of urgency? These are all red flags. Don't click on links or follow demands if you're unsure, contact the official company directly online to enquire further.
- 2. Don't Over-Share**
Is your child sharing too much on social media? Do they post things about their private life, upload images of your home, or discuss their friendships and relationships online? Criminals will gather this information and may try to use it for identity theft or other offences such as fraud. To combat this, ensure your child's privacy settings mean they are only sharing information with family and close friends. Use parental controls where appropriate.
- 3. Encourage Strong Passwords**
Weak passwords make it faster and easier for someone to gain access to your online accounts or get control of your device - giving them a route to your personal information. For a strong password, national guidance recommends using three random words (e.g. bottlegaragepylons). Consider paying for your child to access a password manager. Encourage them to have a separate password for their email account. Ensure the whole family uses two-factor authentication where possible.
- 4. Stay Updated**
People often put off installing updates to apps or software because they don't feel it's necessary. It can be time consuming, or could cause problems with programmes they rely on. But updates help protect users from recently discovered vulnerabilities to malware. You can usually set them to run automatically - encourage your child to select this option. Ensure updates are installed as soon as possible after you're notified they're available.
- 5. Back up Your Data**
Some cyber attacks can lead to the theft or deletion of important (and possibly sensitive) data or loss of files (like photos and videos) that can't be replaced. Backing up your data to the cloud - or to another device - will help prevent data loss if you ever become the victim of a cyber attack. Where possible, set your child's devices to back up automatically. Also encourage them to back up their data prior to installing any updates.
- 6. Be Wary of Public WiFi**
Free public WiFi is commonplace - but it's often not secure and sends unencrypted data via the network. A hacker on the same network could access personal data (like financial information) without you even realising they'd done so. To avoid this, suggest to your child that they use their 3G or 4G mobile data when they're out and about, rather than free WiFi. Consider purchasing a VPN (Virtual Private Network) where possible.
- 7. Take Care When Chatting**
Criminals may look to manipulate others online and coerce them into using their talents or cyber skills for unethical means. Try to get your child to be open about who they are talking to online. Communication tools such as Discord are popular among gamers - but be cautious of the other people using them, and ensure you know who your child is chatting with.
- 8. Recognise Warning Signs**
Often, budding cyber experts will relish the challenge of testing themselves or earning recognition from peers for their exploits. Even principled "white-hat" hackers will look to test their skills online. If you think your child is interested in hacking, try to understand what their motivation is. You could encourage their participation in ethical competitions such as bug bounties.
- 9. Understand Their Motivations**
Those being influenced online to use their skills unethically may display certain key warning signs. Sudden evidence of new-found wealth (unexplained new clothes or devices, for example), secrecy around their online behaviour or boasting of new online friendships are all causes for concern. If in doubt, refer through to your regional cyber crime team.
- 10. Know the Consequences**
Many young people may feel that hacking is essentially a light-hearted prank, and not especially serious. So make sure your child is aware of the implications of a conviction under the Computer Misuse Act - not only the possibility of a criminal record, but also lifelong travel restrictions and damage to their future career or educational prospects.

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The Yorkshire & Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit (YHROCU) works with the National Crime Agency (NCA) and other partners in the UK and abroad to investigate and prevent the most serious cyber crime offences.

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