

# NEWSLETTER

## A WELCOME MESSAGE

It has been another busy and exciting week at our school! Our pupils have been working hard in their lessons, showing great enthusiasm and determination across all areas of learning. From creative classroom activities to teamwork on the playground, it has been wonderful to see so many positive moments throughout the week.

We have also had a number of visitors to the school to ensure that our children truly reap the most from their learning experiences here at Copnor Primary School.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another great week.

Matt Johnson  
Headteacher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week

16 - 20<sup>th</sup> - Languages & Heritage Week



17<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 - UTC Forces Workshops

18<sup>th</sup> - Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55 - Your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.

Year 5 - Swimming

EYFS - Beep Beep! Day



Year 4 - NEBC Workshops

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Where to begin? The children's learning experiences have been enhanced in so many ways this week. We have had a visit from our local firefighters in EYFS, a Roman visitor in Year 3, a writers workshop for some of our Year 3 & 4 writers and of course our Stemspiration Event as part of British Science Week. As always, please read on to find out more!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The world is but a canvas to our imagination."*

**Henry David Thoreau**

## ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
<b>KS1</b>	98.06%	94.00%	93.39%	94.39%
<b>KS2</b>	94.78%	95.67%	94.22%	95.22%

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

## HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	353	173	333	239
<b>Total</b>	<b>2479</b>	<b>2868</b>	<b>2301</b>	<b>2919</b>

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 shows a love of science learning.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Jake
	Gray	Hallie
	Donaldson	
1	Adeola	Elliot
	Field	Zakariyya
	Gravett	Ethan
2	Nightingale	Teddy
	Austen	Gwyn
	Seacole	Isaac
3	Adele	Beau
	Sheeran	Alex
	Styles	Daniel
4	Thompson	Sergio
	Rickman	Teddy
	Elba	Meer
5	Banksy	Evan
	Hockney	Willow
	Lowry	Elliott
6	Holmes	Adam
	Hamilton	Christine
	Brownlee	Elijah



# NOTICES



## T2P TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Please can we remind parents not to send messages via the text messaging service unless we have asked for a particular response to be sent this way. This may happen when an afterschool club has been cancelled at short notice and we need to know the parent/carer has received the text message. We do not routinely monitor incoming text messages from this service and therefore important messages may be missed.



Thank you for your cooperation.

## SMART WATCHES



We kindly ask that children do not wear smart watches to school. While we appreciate that these devices can be useful at home, they pose a safeguarding risk in school due to their ability to make phone calls, record audio, or connect to the internet.

To help us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all pupils, please ensure that smart watches are left at home. Ordinary watches without smart functions are, of course, absolutely fine.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

## EYFS - BEEP BEEP! DAY



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, EYFS will be taking part in Beep Beep! Day, next Wednesday

It is run by Brake, the road safety charity, and focuses on three important topics:

- Holding hands with a grown up when walking near roads.
- Crossing roads at safe places with a grown up
- Using a child seat when travelling by car.

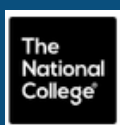
Last year it was a very successful day for the children and we are sure it will be again this year.

## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We hope that you found last week's guide useful. As always, we will be sending this week's guide as a separate pdf and the picture below is also a link to the website. (You will need to create an account to access the guides on the website)

This week's guide explains all about 'Virtual Reality'.

Please take the time to read through all the tips that will help to ensure that your children are safe online.



## PTA EVENTS 2026



Please see our planned PTA events for the rest of the year to pop into your diaries! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Spring Hunt

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Break the Rules Day

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Fayre

Further information about each event will be sent out closer to the time.

# BOOKSY BEAR WINNERS



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

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

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



## PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



### 16. Reward Charts

Reward charts can be a positive parenting tool that encourage good behaviour, motivate children to learn new skills, and foster confidence by providing visual, achievable goals. They can break down expectations into manageable steps, reinforcing positive actions through rewards while helping children keep track of their progress and help to build their self-esteem.

#### Key Benefits of Reward Charts:

- **Positive Reinforcement:** They encourage repetition of desirable behaviours (like chores, behaviour or politeness) by rewarding them, making those behaviours more likely to happen again.
- **Visual Goal Setting:** They help children visualize progress, enabling them to see how their actions lead to rewards.
- **Skill Acquisition:** They are highly effective for teaching new skills, such as helping with chores, sleeping in their own bed, or doing homework.
- **Boost Motivation & Self-Esteem:** Achieving small goals on the chart boosts confidence, fosters a sense of responsibility, and provides a feeling of achievement.
- **Focus on Positive Parenting:** They help parents focus on positive actions rather than solely challenging behaviours, improving parent-child interactions.
- **Improved Routines:** They can break down daily routines, making tasks like brushing teeth or getting dressed more engaging for children.

#### Tips for Success:

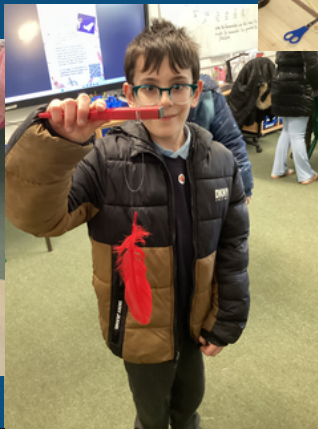
- Make the goals clear and specific, tracking only one or two behaviours at a time.
- Make the reward immediate and meaningful, such as small treats, special time, or extra screen time.
- Use them to catch children "being good," ensuring the system feels rewarding rather than punitive.



# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026



Stemsipration was a fantastic success! Our young scientists and their families dived into the world of STEM with exciting activities like ooblek, seed planting, Lego Spike sets, catapults and magnetic experiments. Thank you all for coming and also to our amazing staff for making this event such a success.




Don't forget the poster competition!



# EYFS FIREFIGHTER VISIT



Our EYFS children enjoyed a special visit from some firefighters, where they learned about fire safety and the important role firefighters play in helping our communities. The children loved seeing the equipment and asking lots of thoughtful questions.



## NEXT WEEK IS LANGUAGE & HERITAGE WEEK



PORTSMOUTH  
City of Languages

### LANGUAGE & HERITAGE WEEK

16TH - 20TH MARCH 2026

#### CELEBRATE SPEAKING

Answering the register in many different languages!  
This is a fun way to share and celebrate the many languages that make our community special.



#### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY Exploring the 'power of language learning'

Thinking about the many doors it can open— from connecting with others around the world to discovering new cultures, careers and opportunities.



### HOME LEARNING - HERITAGE CELEBRATION CHALLENGE

We are inviting all children to create something that celebrates their **heritage, additional language, hometown, favourite place, or cultural background.**

This celebration is for everyone. Heritage can mean many things – it might be a language you speak at home, a place your family comes from, a tradition you celebrate, or simply somewhere or something in Britain that is special to you. We would love every child to share something about who they are and what matters to them.

Children can create anything they like, for example:

- Artwork or paintings
- A short story or piece of writing
- A poem
- A fact file about a country or culture
- A poster about a special place
- A collection of words or phrases in the chosen celebrated language
- A small craft or collage representing their culture
- A photo collage with captions
- Lyrics to a song or a short performance piece they have recorded

Please bring all creations into school by **Friday 20th March**, so they can be displayed and celebrated around the school.

We look forward to celebrating the languages, cultures, places, and stories that make our school community unique.



# CONGRATULATIONS



## NANCY & BETTY

Nancy & Betty both performed at the New Theatre Royal in the production Annie.

They were both fantastic and really enjoyed the experience.

We are all incredibly proud of you here at Copnor Primary School.

Well done both of you!



# CONGRATULATIONS



## OSCAR

Oscar was awarded the Boys Progression award in the Fundamentals training group (Years 3.4.5&6) at the club presentation awards evening for City Of Portsmouth Athletic Club.

His coach said that he was awarded it for the progression he has made this past year, especially within his cross country season.

Well done Oscar - what a fantastic achievement after what has clearly been a lot of hard work and training on your part.

As always, we are incredibly proud of you here at Copnor Primary School and thank you for sharing your amazing achievement with us all.





# EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



**Active Holiday Camps**

Spring Into Action

## Easter Multi-Activity Camp

**Moorings Way**  
Easter Holidays - Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 2026  
10am - 2pm

High-energy multi-sports fun for all abilities, combining favourite games with exciting new activities.  
**£26.25 per day\***

Scan now to book!

For ages 8-14 years

Early booking offer  
15% off with code **APRAS15**  
Ends Sunday 15th March

www.activeme360.com



**Active Holiday Camps**

Spring Into Action

## Easter Multi-Activity Camp

**Portsmouth Academy**  
Easter Holidays - Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April 2026  
10am - 2pm

High-energy multi-sports fun for all abilities, combining favourite games with exciting new activities.  
**£26.25 per day\***

Scan now to book!

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Scan the QR code on the posters or click on the logo below to go to the website and book one of the Easter Camps.

**Holiday Club!**

30TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL  
10AM DROP OFF - 12PM PICK UP

A fun space for primary school aged children with games and activities. A perfect way to kick off the start of the Easter holidays.  
£2 per child per day or £5 for 3 days!  
St Alban's Church, PO3 5AL  
To sign up head to - [harbourchurchuk.org](http://harbourchurchuk.org)



Here is the website address for you to book your child's place at the Harbour Church Holiday Club:

<https://harbourchurchuk.org/>

Scan the QR code on the poster or click on the website address below to go to the website and book one of the Easter Workshops at Funkidz:

[www.funkddance.co.uk](http://www.funkddance.co.uk)

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**FUNKIDZ**

# EASTER WORKSHOPS

LEARN FUN DANCE ROUTINES  
CRAFTS  
GAMES & MORE!

THURSDAYS  
2<sup>ND</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup>  
APRIL

9-2PM  
BAFFINS COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

£20 PER DAY OR £35 FOR BOTH (SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT [FUNKDDANCELIMITED@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:FUNKDDANCELIMITED@HOTMAIL.COM)  
07700156650

# LOCAL WORKSHOPS & OPPORTUNITIES

**COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE** 

## Family Learning Workshops.



**Join us for our Springtime Family Learning Workshops!**  
Enjoy fun, spring-themed activities for children and adults, including crafts and games.

**Easter costumes and bunny ears welcome!**  
**Places are limited so please book early!**

Maximum of 2 children per family - suitable for children in yR to y6.

These workshops will take place at  
The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH.

To book your space call (023)92 621860 or email:  
[thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Free Workshop**  
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am - 12:00pm**

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

 **Southampton Family Trust**  
building relationships

**FREE ONLINE SEMINAR**  
**"Dads - did you know you are essential to your child's development?"**

**A FREE one hour online seminar for Dads**

Covering:

- What really matters most
- The power of presence, play and emotional connection with your child
- Ways to strengthen your relationship with your child

**Your child doesn't need a perfect dad. They need you!**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7 - 8 pm**



No booking required!  
Either scan the QR code or use the Zoom details below to join the seminar:  
Meeting ID: 880 7804 8517  
Passcode: 467443



[www.sftrust.org.uk](http://www.sftrust.org.uk) [info@sftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sftrust.org.uk)

 **Courses for Royal Navy and Royal Marines Families**  
April - July 2026



 **Solid Foundations: Strengthening Families**  
For all Royal Navy and Royal Marines families in the UK and abroad

Does your child have Autism or Autism traits? Are they aged between 3 and 11 years?

**FREE online course: Parenting Children with Autism**  
On Mondays from 11<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 - 9.00 pm

On Zoom Attend from anywhere! 8 weeks, term-time only

Learn about:

- Understanding Autism
- Working with your child's individuality
- Working with schools and other professionals
- Healthy communication boundaries
- Top tips, what are the other family?

Book a place by emailing [info@sftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sftrust.org.uk)

**Autism parenting course**  
8 weekly sessions of 2 hours  
Dates: Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Times: 7.00 - 9.00 pm  
Age: Parents of primary school children

 **Parenting a child who struggles with big emotions and outbursts?**  
Has your child got ADHD or autism (diagnosed or suspected)?

**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 Mondays, 7.30 - 9.00 pm  
From 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Book a place by emailing [info@sftrust.org.uk](mailto:info@sftrust.org.uk)

Funded by the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity

**BIG Emotions parenting course**  
4 weekly sessions of 1.5 hours  
Dates: Mondays 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Times: 7.30 - 9.00 pm  
Age: All ages



Following our involvement in the Guinness World record attempt last week, we have received an offer from Portsmouth Football Club for discounted tickets at two of their upcoming Pompey Women's fixtures:

Portsmouth v Sunderland - 22/3/2026 - 14:00 Kick-off  
Portsmouth v Nottingham Forest - 26/4/2026 - 14:00 Kick-off

Click on the logo to book these courses and more found on the website



Use discount code: WBD35 (this will give a 35% discount through the ticket office)