

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

As we complete the penultimate week of term, it's been lovely to see how much progress the children have made. There's still a great buzz around the school, with lots of enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work in every classroom.

We've got a fun and busy final week ahead, with plenty of chances to celebrate what the children have achieved and enjoy learning together. Thanks so much for your continued support—it really means a lot to us all!

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for our final week before the end of term.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week

Year 6 - Mock SATs Week

23rd - Year 4 - Thompson Class - River Trip

24th - Year 4 - Elba Class - River Trip

25th - Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55 - Your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.

Year 5 - NEBC Workshops - What does Easter mean?

Year 2 - Parents In

Rocksteady Concerts



26th - Year 4 - Rickman Class - River Trip

27th - Spring Hunt - Wear brightly coloured clothes

Last day of Spring Term

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



We've had a wonderful week in school! Beep Beep Day gave our younger children a fun and engaging way to learn about road safety, while Year 2 Board Games Club continued to be a great space for some creativity!

There was also last Friday's visit from a Roman soldier, who brought history to life with activities, stories, and marching practice—our pupils were fully immersed!

We've also celebrated many personal achievements of the children and challenges that they are about to undertake. Keep reading to find out more!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled."

Plutarch



ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	94.19%	92.83%	92.88%	97.58%
KS2	94.80%	96.71%	96.05%	94.25%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	179	203	174	181
Total	2658	3071	2475	3100

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:

EYFS & KS1 have all been recognised as **someone who looks after the environment**

KS2 have all been recognised as **someone who loves languages.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Wilfred
	Gray	Jacob
	Donaldson	Ethan
1	Adeola	Ava-Grace
	Field	Evie-Rose
	Gravett	Evelyn
2	Nightingale	Jissa
	Austen	Olivia
	Seacole	Ayda
3	Adele	Prince
	Sheeran	Isla-Rose
	Styles	Ava
4	Thompson	Penelope
	Rickman	Eliza
	Elba	Alexa
5	Banksy	Edward
	Hockney	Kanahj
	Lowry	Jessica
6	Holmes	Ravenna
	Hamilton	Amber
	Brownlee	Jack




NOTICES



SPRING HUNT 2026 NEXT FRIDAY!

THE LEARNING PLACE APRIL COURSES

COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE 

New Month, New Skills!
Learn Something New This April at The Learning Place with Our Free Courses

<p>Keeping Up with the Kids - School Maths</p> <p>This course gives you a clear understanding of how children learn maths in school and how to support them with confidence.</p> <p>It's also a great way to refresh your own skills in a friendly setting. Strong numeracy helps with everyday life, from homework and budgeting to boosting your future study and job opportunities.</p> <p>Free 5-week course Monday 10:00am - 12:00pm 13th, 20th, 27th April 11th, 18th May</p>	<p>NCFE Level 2 Award in Understanding Safeguarding and Prevent</p> <p>This free, nationally recognised qualification gives you essential knowledge of safeguarding, the Prevent Duty, and online safety. You'll learn how to spot signs of abuse or exploitation and the correct steps to report concerns. The course also covers preventing radicalisation and staying safe online. Ideal for anyone working in or entering education, health, or social care.</p> <p>To complete the Level 2 qualification, written assignments are required, so a minimum Level 1 English qualification is needed.</p> <p>Introductory session: Tuesday 14th April 9:30am to 12:00pm</p> <p>The course will then be delivered over 8 weeks on Tuesday mornings 9:30 am to 12:00pm</p> <p>21st 28th April 5th, 12th, 19th May 2nd, 9th, 16th June</p>	<p>Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar</p> <p>A good understanding of spelling, punctuation, and grammar is essential for clear communication in everyday life.</p> <p>This course covers key SPaG skills to help you write with confidence, improve accuracy, and avoid common mistakes. You'll learn practical strategies for structuring sentences, using punctuation correctly, and building vocabulary supporting you at home, at work, and in future study.</p> <p>Free 5-week course Tuesday 9:30am - 12:00pm 21st, 28th April 5th, 12th, 19th May</p>
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THE LEARNING PLACE, DERBY ROAD, PORTSMOUTH, PO2 8HH

These courses 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

We look forward to seeing you there!



SPRING HUNT

Friday 27th March 2026

Come to school dressed in **bright** colours.

Face paints & non-permanent hair colours/sprays are allowed.

£1 donation to our PTA.

All funds raised will go towards purchasing an outdoor speaker system for the school.

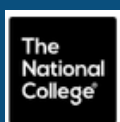


KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

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 'Open discussions about digital lives'.

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



PTA EVENTS 2026



We are all looking forward to our first event listed below next Friday. Please see poster above for more details!

Friday 27th March - Spring Hunt

Friday 22nd May - Break the Rules Day

Wednesday 15th 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 **Gravett Class**

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

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



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



17. Why getting a good night's sleep is so important?

Getting sufficient sleep has been shown to benefit memory, learning, attention, mood, behaviour and physical health.

How many hours does your child need?

Age	Hours of Sleep
Pre-school (3 - 5 years)	11-13
5-9 years	10-11
10-14 years	9-10

(Information from National Sleep Foundation and NHS Choices)

Key Sleep Tips for Primary Aged Children

- **Consistent Routine:** Create a predictable 30–60-minute routine (e.g., brushing teeth, reading, pyjamas) to signal it's time to sleep.
- **Screen-Free Zone:** Remove phones, tablets, TVs, and computers from the bedroom at least one hour before bed, as blue light inhibits melatonin production.
- **Optimize Environment:** Keep the bedroom cool (or), dark, and quiet. Use blackout curtains if needed.
- **Regular Schedule:** Set consistent wake and sleep times, even on weekends, to regulate their body clock.
- **Daily Activity:** Encourage outdoor play and exercise during the day to help them feel tired at night.
- **Manage Nighttime Fears:** If children fear the dark, use a dim nightlight rather than leaving the main light on, and keep the bedroom a peaceful space, avoiding using it for punishments.
- **Calm Pre-Bed Activity:** Avoid high-energy activities right before bed; opt for quiet activities like reading or colouring.
- **Dietary Habits:** Avoid caffeine (found in tea, cola, and chocolate) and high-sugar items in the afternoon and evening.



Find out more

NHS Website: <https://www.nhs.uk/baby/health/sleep-and-young-children/>

National Sleep Foundation: <https://www.sleepfoundation.org/children-and-sleep>

The Sleep Charity <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>





YEAR 3 - ROMAN SOLDIER VISIT



Last Friday, Year 3 had a very exciting day at school when a Roman soldier came to visit them!

First, they used the shields that they had made the day before to practise Roman battle formations. The children learned how soldiers had to work together as a team to stay strong and protect each other. It was great fun moving in formation and feeling like real Roman soldiers.

They also tried writing with reed pens and ink. It was tricky at first, but the children all enjoyed having a go and learning how people wrote in Roman times. They were also shown some of the weapons used by Roman legionaries. It was fascinating to see what they looked like and to learn how they were used. Finally, the children played a Roman game, which everyone really enjoyed.

It was a fantastic experience and helped bring history learning to life!





EYFS - BEEP BEEP! DAY



On Wednesday, with the support of our keen and eager JRSOs, EYFS had a great time learning about road safety for Beep Beep! Day 2026. All the activities that they took part in helped to support the key message of them being safe by the roads. It was another great day for all!



YEAR 2 - BOARD GAMES CLUB



This week, our Board Game Club got creative!

We started by learning the rules of Ludo, then took things a step further by designing and recreating our own unique versions of the game. The children explored new rules, practised turn-taking and let their imaginations run wild.

A fun and engaging session full of creativity, collaboration and laughter!

GO BELLA!

COMIC
RELIEF

On Saturday Bella is doing a sponsored swim for Comic Relief.

Sunday will be 4 years since her Daddy went to the stars. This year she wanted to do something to make him proud and to celebrate in a happy way so she sat down and chatted with her family about what she could do. As she loves swimming, she decided to do the sponsored swim. She will swim for an hour and see how many laps of the pool she can do in this time. What a fantastic challenge Bella!

So far she has raised £290 of a £50 target set. Wow! That is amazing Bella!

She is very proud of herself as are we all here at Copnor Primary School. We wish her all the best and can't wait to hear how it went. Go Bella!



CONGRATULATIONS ISLA



Isla recently took part in the theatre production of Annie at the Theatre Royal. What an amazing experience it was for her. From rehearsals to performing on stage, she loved every minute of it.

She was very nervous on the first curtain call, but after that she took everything in her stride and really enjoyed being up on stage. We're all so proud of her here at Copnor Primary School and hear that she's already looking forward to auditioning for another play! Well done Isla!

CONGRATULATIONS ISLA



Last weekend, Isla took part in a Dance competition and what a successful competition it was! Isla came home with a whole host of trophies for her hard work and amazing dancing.

We were all very excited to hear all about her success this week in school and to see all of her fantastic trophies! Well done Isla - what a fantastic experience it was for you. We are all very proud of you here at Copnor Primary School.



CONGRATULATIONS

IVY

Last night, Ivy was awarded the Chief Scout Bronze Award for Beavers. This award is the highest award a Beaver can receive.

Wow Ivy! What an amazing achievement!

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



TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL WORKSHOP



TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Delivered by the Educational Psychology (EP) Team

Open to all parent carers of children living in or attending school in Portsmouth

Join us to explore support available, with some practical tips to help your child transition to secondary school as confidently as possible.

Monday 20 APR 2026 10am -12pm	Menuhin Room 3rd Floor, Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth PO1 2DX
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Please register to attend
portsmouthparentvoice.org/register

Enquiries
ppvadmin@hsportsmouth.org.uk



EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Don't forget **HAF Fun Pompey** bookings are now open.

Free, fun activities and tasty and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Use the link below to view all the fantastic activities and book your child's places:

<https://eequ.org/haffunpompey>

NE BC
North End Baptist Church
195 Powerscourt Road. P02 7JH

HOLIDAY CLUB

Celebrating kindness through every feeling

30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL 2026

9AM-4PM **A HOT LUNCH INCLUDED** **£20 A DAY**

AGES 5 - 14 YEARS
(School years R to 9)

To book a session or for more information then contact us at b.bickerton@nebc.church or 07493538729

Easter Holiday Club at North End Baptist Church.

Looking for something fun for the kids this Easter? Our **Easter Holiday Club** is packed with exciting activities for children and young people aged **5-14!**

Laser tag, Animal encounters, Forest school, Lego, crafts and so much more!

Sibling discount: **£15 per child per day when booking two or more children**
Limited spaces available

Book now to secure your place!



EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Southsea Tennis Club

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

Easter Holidays TENNIS CAMPS

Tennis skills
Games
Activities in case of bad weather & much more

9AM-12PM
Limited spaces, Book Now

Dates:
WEEK 1
MON 30TH MARCH - THUR 2ND APRIL
WEEK 2
TUES 7TH APRIL - FRI 10TH APRIL

£18.50 PER DAY

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COMPASS PROJECT PORTSMOUTH

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT

SAT 4 APRIL 2026 10AM-12 NOON

More than 10 shops/businesses in Copnor Road (both sides of the road between Wallington Road to the south and Battenburg Avenue to the north) have hidden Easter egg pictures in their windows for you to find...

Each egg contains the Compass Project Portsmouth logo, which looks like this:

COMPASS PROJECT PORTSMOUTH

Record the names of at least 5 of these shops/businesses and then come and find the Compass team in College Park (Copnor Road/Mardin Cafe quarter) to claim your free chocolate egg!

Eggs for under 18s only and children need to be accompanied by an adult. While stocks last - 150 eggs to be claimed! Compass Project Portsmouth is part of the Methodist Church.

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/COMPASSPROJECTPORTSMOUTH

HOLIDAY CLUBS

PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the EASTER BREAK!

BOOK NOW!

Excellent
★★★★★
★ Trustpilot

Premier Education

YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUBS

Westover Pri	Manor Infants	St Pauls Primary	Stamshaw Jrs
Easter holidays - 31th March -2nd April	Easter holidays - 31th March -2nd April	Easter holidays - 7th - 9th April	Easter holidays - 7th - 9th April

PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Easter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

BOOK NOW!

CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!

TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

Excellent
★★★★★
★ Trustpilot

HAF spaces available:

<https://eequ.org/premiersportbournemouthllp>

SUMMER 1 CLUBS

BASKETBALL



Our Basketball After-School Club is the perfect way for children to stay active, build confidence, and develop their basketball skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Whether your child is a beginner or already loves basketball, this club encourages them to learn, improve, and most importantly – enjoy the game!

Click on the information button below to book your child's place:

Class details

Basketball After School Club 8 - 11 years (8 - 11yrs)
Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Spaces Available 5

FOOTBALL

6 weeks for £36.00

Copnor Primary School Football After School Club

Information:

- School Years 1-2
- 3:15pm – 4:15pm
- Thursday 16th April to 21st May

Registration

Book via our website or give us a call!

02392 728899 | pompeyitc.co.uk

SCAN ME

POMPEY IN THE COMMUNITY - GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL

Girls Only
FREE FOOTBALL SESSION

Every Tuesday 📅
17:00 - 18:00 🕒
John Jenkins Stadium, PO3 6LA 📍

Come along to our FREE girls only football session on a Tuesday Evening! Head to our website to book!

Premier League Kicks

pompeyitc.co.uk
info@pompeyitc.org.uk

Although not held at our school, this is another great opportunity for our children from Pompey in the Community. Free 'Girls Only' football sessions!

For the Football After School Club for Years 1 & 2 here at Copnor Primary School and the Girls Only Football at John Jenkins Stadium, head to the website below to book your child's place:

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

