

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are ready for the exciting term ahead.

As we move into the Summer term, the school is once again full of energy, with lots of learning, events and opportunities planned for our pupils.

The coming weeks will be busy and rewarding, with trips, special themed days and opportunities for children to showcase their hard work and achievements. Starting of course next week, when we would like to share with you the children's Portsmouth 100 work on Friday afternoon.



Matt Johnson
Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week

Portsmouth 100 Celebrations



- 21st - **Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55** your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.
- 23rd - **Year 3 - Dodgeball Taster Sessions**
(rescheduled from last week)
- 24th - **Art Celebration - 3pm** - view your child's artwork.

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Thomas Edison



STAFFING UPDATES - MR COMBEN

We are delighted to welcome our new Deputy Headteacher, Stuart Comben, who spent the day with us in school today. It has been a pleasure to see Mr Comben getting to know our children, staff and learning community, and we are very much looking forward to working with him as he becomes part of the Copnor Primary School team from Monday 27th April.



MRS JOHNSTON



We also wanted to share the exciting news that Charlene Johnston is back and working with us all again. Mrs Johnston has returned to Copnor with a different role. She is now Pastoral Support and will be based in the Pastoral office. Her main role is working closely with the Pastoral team to support our children who are currently presenting with EBSA. This means that she will be working offsite in the children's homes with the aim of helping them to transition back into school. She will also be working around school leading specific interventions for children.

Welcome back Charlene!



MRS NEWSHAM



Today in assembly, we celebrated someone who is incredibly important to Copnor Primary School – someone who many of us see every single day, someone who helps us in ways big and small, and someone who always makes sure that our school runs smoothly.

Mrs Newsham has been awarded a Long Service Award for her dedicated work with Portsmouth City Council, having given over 25 years of service. That is an extraordinary achievement.

To give you an idea of just how long that is – Mrs Newsham has been supporting schools, families and children for more than a quarter of a century. That means she has helped generations of pupils, staff and parents along the way.

Here at Copnor Primary School, Mrs Newsham is our amazing Office Manager – and that title really doesn't cover everything she does.

Mrs Newsham is someone who:

- Keeps our school organised
- Supports staff every single day
- Welcomes families with kindness and calm
- Solves problems before most of us even realise they exist
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If you have ever needed help, reassurance, or a calm voice in a busy moment, chances are Mrs Newsham has been there.

Twenty-five years of service is not just about time. It's about commitment, loyalty, and care – and Mrs Newsham shows all of those qualities every single day.

We are incredibly lucky to have you, and we are so proud to celebrate this achievement with you.

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	96.35%	95.93%	93.55%	93.48%
KS2	93.89%	96.60%	94.85%	96.45%

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	177	178	131	181
Total	177	178	131	181

Congratulations to **Warrior** 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 understands why sustainability is important.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Joshua
	Gray	Evelyn
	Donaldson	
1	Adeola	Max
	Field	Josie
	Gravett	Ellis
2	Nightingale	Freddie
	Austen	Taylor
	Seacole	Jude
3	Adele	Logan
	Sheeran	Sophia
	Styles	Anastasia
4	Thompson	Primrose
	Rickman	Adam
	Elba	Amaya
5	Banksy	Ephraim
	Hockney	Scarlett-Rose
	Lowry	Ivy
6	Holmes	Kourtney
	Hamilton	Kaileb
	Brownlee	Oscar



NOTICES



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

We are aware that during the Summer Term some families may have made the decision to book holidays/trips with the intention of taking children out of school. We recognise that amongst the parental/carer community, nationally there is a frustration about the rules for absences relating to family holidays and the prospect of paying fixed penalty notices.

The application of fixed penalty notice being issued by local authorities to families who have taken holidays and whose children have missed 10 sessions or more of learning has existed for a number of years and it is unlikely that when booking holidays that families are unaware that a fixed penalty notice could be payable.

As a school community fairness to all is really important to us and therefore it is a priority of ours to ensure that all absences are captured and recorded within the Department of Education's guidelines accurately. We will therefore take steps to identify any absences which may have been reported inaccurately.

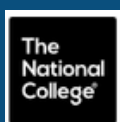


KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We hope that you found the last 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 **'Supporting children to deal with upsetting content online'**.

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



PARENT COURSES



Are you a stepdad?
Would you like to build a stronger, more positive relationship with your stepchild?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

"Being a stepdad"

(Relevant to stepdads of children of all ages)

Feel more confident in your role as a stepdad
Tips for challenging behaviour
Reduce tension at home

Thursday 30th April 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 PM

No booking required!

Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:

Meeting ID: 893 4590 1237
Passcode: 007201

If you prefer, feel free to email us at info@sfrust.org.uk for the Zoom link.



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Scan the QR code for the Zoom link

PTA EVENTS 2026



We all looking forward to our next PTA event this half term. Keep an eye out for information about the event closer to the time.

Friday 22nd May - Break the Rules Day

Wednesday 15th July - Summer Fayre

Please come and join us!

If you are interested in joining or supporting our fantastic PTA, please let us know using the button below and completing the short form:

Join the PTA!



We'd appreciate as much or as little help as you can offer. Without your support we are unable to hold these fantastic events for our children that give valuable support to our school.

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 the first week of the Summer Term.

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



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK

19. **Book Recommendation:** *'When the parents change, everything changes'* Author: Paul Dix.

THE CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU



Paul Dix's previous best selling book *'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes'* has sold over 150,000 copies. He is well-known for his relational behaviour support in the world of education, and has now transferred these skills to the day-to-day raising of children in this parenting guide.

A Brief Overview:

There is an assumption that we will somehow innately be born with the knowledge and skills needed to get parenting right. It is the most rewarding, yet perhaps also the longest and most intense 'job' around.

Paul Dix explains how to turn your home into an oasis of calm – by focussing not on your children's behaviour, but your own. With equal measures of warmth, sensitivity and limit setting, his tone throughout the book mirrors the approach which he hopes to instil in the reader: consistency, connection and warmth. Each chapter is structured around a central theme with golden 'nuggets' of information, 'testing' of new skills and most helpfully, 'what to watch out for' to avoid the bear pits and thought traps of parenting. There is no pretence of an easy road, but the promise of gradual results that satisfy. The mantra of good enough, rather than a quest for perfection, puts the reader at ease and humanises the relentless nature of keeping another human alive and thriving

No-one teaches parenting in school. The often turbulent journey of parenting requires a simple and accepting relational guide, without judgement. A guide like this. We hope you find it useful.

'An absolute game-changer . . . I laughed, nodded, winced a few times and most importantly felt inspired to make slow, incremental changes to how we do things in our house. Warm, funny and extraordinarily helpful, this is a must-read for anyone who looks after children.'

SARAH TURNER aka The Unmumsy Mum

EARTH DAY 2026

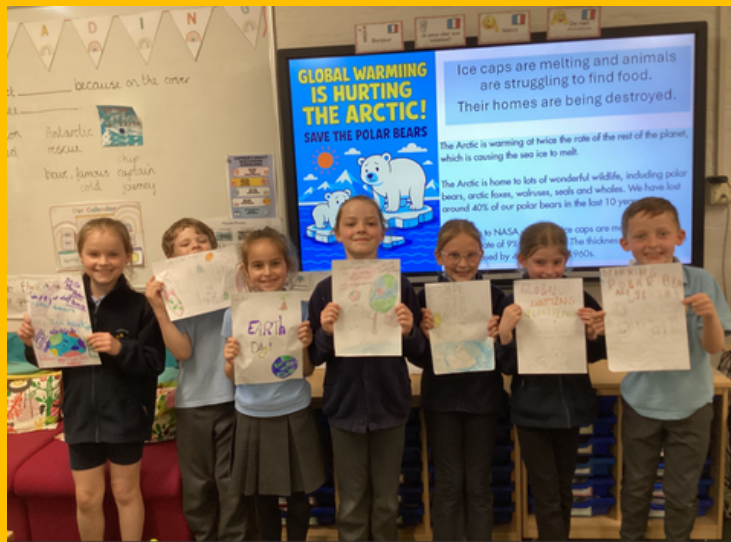


Earth Day is our annual reminder that the planet we call home needs care, attention, and a bit of teamwork from all of us. It's a day to think about the choices we make—big and small—and how they shape the world around us. Whether it's picking up litter, switching off lights when we don't need them, or choosing to reuse instead of throw away, every action adds up.

Here at Copnor Primary School, each year group had a an area to focus on during the day. For example, EYFS thought about the importance of recycling, Year 1 learnt about our oceans and pollution and Year 5 focused on future foods. Have a look at some of our work below:



Year 2 explored Air Pollution and were shocked by how many health issues were caused by air pollution. The children really enjoyed creating thier posters and wanted to share them with everyone to help stop pollution.



Year 3 explored how global warming is hurting the Arctic and made posters to support protecting it and the animals that live within it.



Year 4 explored the environmental impacts of 'fast fashion' which produces 92 million tonnes of waste annually - a shocking statistic!

YEAR 1 - SIR HAROLD HILLIER GARDENS TRIP

This week, Year 1 went on a trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. Each class had a great day, (although a little wet for Field Class!) learning about the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees, pond dipping, identifying different wildlife and also making a smelly caterpillar from the extensive herb garden.

The children were all amazing - very well-behaved and respectful, we were so proud of them.



'This was the best day ever!'



'It's the most amazing day I've ever had!'





CONGRATULATIONS



TESS



Tess spent the first week of the Easter holidays competing at lots of dance festivals, taking home several medals for her tap and musical theatre solo performances. Then at the end of the week she was invited back to Farnborough Dance Festival for their awards ceremony to receive the Junior Stage Award trophy! Wow Tess - what an amazing achievement! We are all very proud of you!

OTHER NOTICES

Hayling Island Sailing Club is hosting their first Open Day since 2018 on Monday 4th May 2026, and would like to welcome you to come and look round their club.

They will be providing opportunities to get out on the water and try the different activities they offer.

Their Open Day is completely free and is suitable for all ages. The day will begin at 10am and come to an end at 4pm.

This time of year, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue focus on raising awareness of wildfires and the impacts that fires in the open can have on our communities. Please support them by reading the information below: