

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

As we move further into the term, it's been wonderful to see the school buzzing with respect, resilience and teamwork. Our Year 1 children enjoyed an inspiring music workshop this week, exploring rhythm and sound with their boomwhackers.

Year 4 also had a standout moment on their Milestones Museum trip, where they represented the school so well – their behaviour, engagement and teamwork were a real credit to them.

Across the school, children continue to work hard, showing determination in their learning and kindness in their classrooms. It's a joy to see their efforts shining through in so many different ways.

Enjoy your long weekends!

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week

May



4th - Bank Holiday Monday

6th - Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55 your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.

Coming Up soon..

18th - 22nd - Walk to School Week 2026

CLASSES FOR 2026-27

We will be mixing all the classes for children who are currently in EYFS, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 up for next years' classes. Therefore, over the weekend, please talk to your child(ren) about who they would like to be in a class with, because next week, teachers will be asking the children to write down up to 5 names on a piece of paper.

The current year group teachers will then collect all of these pieces of paper in and over the next couple of weeks will create the new classes. The teachers will ensure that the three newly created classes have an equal mix of gender, ability and friendships in them. These lists will also be shared with the Pastoral Team and SLT to ensure that where conversations around friendship and behavioural issues have taken place, these combinations are not placed together.

Every child will be guaranteed to have one name that they write on their list, please note that the five names are **not** ranked in preference order, i.e. name one is not first choice, second name being second choice and so on. The children will be asked to write down up to five names and they will be with at least one of those names in September.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"Our greatest glory is not in never falling,
but in rising every time we fall."

Confucius

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	96.83%	94.41%	95.81%	92.73%
KS2	92.87%	92.32%	96.30%	94.69%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	287	228	238	240
Total	805	644	589	744

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 celebrates their small steps.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
EYFS	Hendra	Creed
	Gray	
	Donaldson	Mensa
1	Adeola	Jude
	Field	Amora
	Gravett	Ali
2	Nightingale	Kaius-Kai
	Austen	Fintan
	Seacole	Jack
3	Adele	Finley
	Sheeran	
	Styles	Lorelei
4	Thompson	Theo
	Rickman	Nathan
	Elba	Kokoyemi
5	Banksy	Rydas
	Hockney	Evie
	Lowry	Summer
6	Holmes	Malachi
	Hamilton	James
	Brownlee	Reggie



NOTICES



HAF FUN SURVEY

Tell us what you thought of our Easter activities!



Photo credit: Adam Tigwell Photography

Thank you to everyone who joined our Easter HAF activities this year - over 5,000 places were on offer, and it was fantastic to see so many families getting involved.

Help us keep the fun going! If you took part, please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. We'd love to hear what you and your family thought of the programme.

As a thank you for completing the survey, you can be entered into our prize draw. The survey is open until the end of March 2027, and there will be four opportunities throughout the year for **three lucky respondents to win a £25 Argos gift voucher.**

The first draw will be on **Tuesday 30 June**, so don't miss out!

[Complete the survey](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL MENUS DUE TO FOOD ALLERGIES OR INTOLERANCES.



Caterlink have changed the way they will process requests for special menus for all children who have a food allergy or intolerance. Parents at Copnor Primary School who have already been provided with a Caterlink Special Menu for their child will be emailed with details on the action they will need to take to continue receiving a special menu in the future. Caterlink have advised us that the information requested will need to be completed by 22nd July 2026.

If you have not received this email regarding your child's special menu, please contact the school office.

If your child has recently been diagnosed with a food allergy or intolerance, please contact the school office for further advice.

PARENT SUPPORT

COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE Portsmouth City Council

Family Learning Starts Here.
Join Us This Summer at The Learning Place, Free Courses for Parents & Carers.

<p>Family Learning Workshop: Bug Hotel</p> <p>During the workshop, parents/carers and children will work together to investigate the importance of minibeasts and the role they play in our gardens and local open spaces. This workshop is suitable for children in year R to year 6, max 2 children per adult.</p> <p>Free Workshop Tuesday 16:00am - 12:00pm 26th May</p>	<p>Parent Power - Managing Children's Behaviour</p> <p>Parenting can be tough. Come along and learn some new strategies, helpful hints, tips and advice to establish boundaries and create a calmer, positive environment. This course is recommended for parents/carers of children aged 2 - 11.</p> <p>Free - 5 Sessions Monday 10:00am - 12:00pm 8th 15th 22nd 29th June 6th July</p>
<p>Keeping up with the Kids - Storybooks</p> <p>This course is designed for parents whose children are about to start Year R or are currently in Year R. It explores the importance of storybooks in early learning and demonstrates how both English and maths skills can be developed through shared reading.</p> <p>Free - 4 Sessions Tuesday 9:30am - 12:00pm 9th 16th 23rd 30th June</p>	<p>Keeping up with the Kids - Science</p> <p>This course is designed to help parents and carers confidently support their child's learning. Parents will learn how science is taught in primary settings, why curiosity and questioning are so important, and how to help children understand topics such as plants, animals, materials, forces, space, and simple investigations.</p> <p>Free - 5 Sessions Wednesday 9:30am - 12:00pm 10th 17th 24th June 1st 8th July</p>

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 here!

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

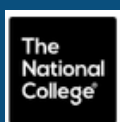
Click on the flyer above to access further information from their website.

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 'Gaming can support positive outcomes'.

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 all looking forward to our next PTA event this half term. Information about Break the Rules Day can be found in this week's newsletter - read on!

Friday 22nd May - Break the Rules Day

Wednesday 15th July - Summer Fayre

BOOKSY BEAR WINNERS



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

They will keep Booksy Bear in their book corner the first week of the Summer Term.

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



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



21. Sleep patterns and screen usage:

There is very clear evidence that using screens before going to bed substantially impairs sleep patterns (please see links below.) Research indicates that blue light from screens (phones, tablets, laptops) significantly disrupts children's sleep by suppressing melatonin production and delaying circadian rhythms. Studies show that children are more sensitive to this light-induced suppression than adults, leading to shorter sleep duration, delayed sleep onset, and poorer sleep quality

Furthermore, it would be naive not to recognise that allowing children unsupervised access to the Internet in their bedrooms is exposing them to a multitude of temptations, whether it be gaming, social networking, google searching or anything else. Given this, it is recommended that children should not be allowed any electronic devices in their rooms after a certain time at night; 6pm for children in KS1 and 7:30pm for KS2 (or at least an hour before their usual bedtime). We also must be mindful of our own tech habits and behaviours, which we are role-modelling to our children everyday.

<https://www.sleepfoundation.org/children-and-sleep/how-blue-light-affects-kids-sleep>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63144389>

<https://blog.providence.org/toyourhealthblogs/how-blue-light-affects-your-children-s-sleep>



This week, Year 4 had fantastic trips to Milestones Museum, where the children stepped back in time and brought their history learning to life.

During their visits, the pupils took part in two engaging workshops. In the first, they experienced what it would have been like to attend a Victorian school. The children quickly discovered how different classrooms were in the past, from strict rules to traditional teaching methods, and they rose brilliantly to the challenge.

In the second workshop, the children explored life as factory workers during the Victorian era. This hands-on experience helped them understand the working conditions of the time and gave them a deeper appreciation of how daily life has changed.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed walking around the museum's realistic cobbled streets, exploring the different buildings and immersing themselves in the sights and sounds of the past. They were especially excited to visit the seaside pier area, where teachers treated them to some old pennies so they could try out the vintage arcade machines—an experience that was a real highlight of the day!

Throughout the visit, the children were a real credit to the school. Several members of the public took the time to comment on how well behaved, polite, and engaged they were—something we are incredibly proud of.

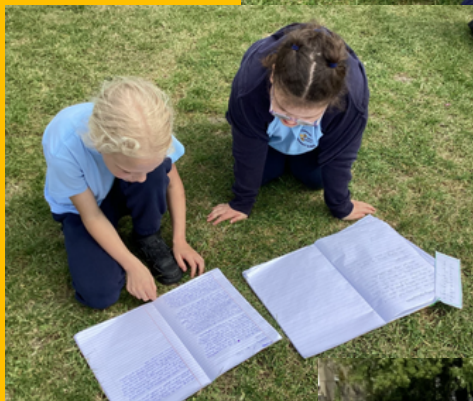
Well done, Year 4, for representing the school so positively and making the most of such a memorable learning experience!



YEAR 2 & 3 SHARE WRITING OUTCOMES

Children in Years 2 and 3 have been proudly sharing their latest writing outcomes with each other this afternoon. Year 2 impressed their Year 3 partners with their non-chronological reports about lighthouses, showcasing detailed facts, thoughtful organisation and growing confidence as young researchers.

Year 3 have been equally inspiring, crafting narrative pieces based on Shackleton's incredible Antarctic journey. Their narratives were full of atmosphere, adventure and vivid description, reflecting how they've engaged with this remarkable historical expedition.



YEAR 1 - BOOMWHACKERS



Our Year 1 pupils had a fantastic time taking part in a vibrant music session led by Portsmouth Music Hub, using the ever-popular Boomwhackers. The workshop was full of colour, rhythm and teamwork as the children explored how different pitches and patterns can come together to create exciting group performances. Their enthusiasm was infectious, and it was wonderful to see everyone joining in, listening carefully and making music with confidence.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2026

COMING SOON TO COPNOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MISSION MOVE

18TH - 22ND MAY

PE UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS



We would like to remind parents and carers of our PE uniform expectations. To ensure that all children can take part in their lessons safely and comfortably, please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct kit:

Sky blue plain T-shirt (with or without logo)

Navy blue shorts

Appropriate training shoes

For games lessons, a **tracksuit** may also be worn (navy blue preferred)

Please note: football kits, Crocs, or other unsuitable footwear are not permitted. Appropriate trainers are essential so that children can move safely and take part fully in all activities.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep PE safe, enjoyable, and accessible for everyone.

BREAK THE RULES DAY

We've listed the rules, you choose which ones you and your child wish to break! Be it just the 'must wear school uniform' or the whole lot! We look forward to seeing your choices!

Please may we remind you that we are a 'no nut' school, should you be breaking the 'healthy food' rule. Any food products that contain Nutella are not allowed in school at any time.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 26

'BREAK THE RULES' DAY

SCHOOL RULES

- Must wear School uniform
- No Trainers/slippers
- No Crazy Hair or tattoos
- No Make-Up, painted nails
- No Odd Socks
- No Hats in class
- No Sunglasses in class
- No toys/soft toys/teddies
- No songs/dances in class
- No squash in drink bottle
- Only healthy snacks (NO NUTS)

50p per Rule Broken. £3 for all

Payable on Scopay

OTHER NOTICES

What's on for families at The D-Day Story

Sunday 10th May: VE Day Celebrations

Join us for our VE Day celebrations with entertainment for all the family throughout the day.

Singer Nathalie Gunn will be performing songs from the 1930s and 1940s.



There will be an opportunity to learn how to swing dance and Lindy Hop with the Swing Dance Company.

Join Mrs Cox for craft activities and make your own paper chains, posters, hats and badges to take home.



Take part in our 'Spies and Lies' family trail and take home a free The D-Day Story backpack.

All activities are included in the museum admission price or annual pass.

Please check the website for timings.

May and June

The Discovery Hub

May half term: 27th and 28th May

During the Second World War, toys and games were often handmade. Come and make your own toy aeroplane, peg doll and pinwheel to take home. Or why not create our VE Day inspired paper flowers, flags and bunting.

With toys and games for little ones under five, and Second World War uniforms for all the family to try on, we have something for the whole family to enjoy.

Free with a museum ticket or annual pass, or £3 per child if not visiting the museum.

D-Day Detectives Family Trail

16th May - 7th June

Come to the museum to discover the incredible facts, figures and personal stories about D-Day, the largest amphibious invasion ever assembled.

Complete our family trail for a chance to enter our prize draw and win either a Gustav pigeon soft toy, The D-Day Story goody bag or a D-Day detectives discovery kit.

Free with a museum ticket or annual pass.



What's on at The D-Day Story throughout the year

What is there to see at the museum?



Visit the only surviving, preserved Landing Craft Tank (LCT 7074) in the world.

See the story of D-Day told through the hand-stitched Overlord Embroidery. It's an amazing 83 metres long.

The museum galleries have interactive displays, games and audio-visuals as well as original Second World War vehicles, objects and uniforms.

Family activities throughout the year

For ages 3+

Gustav the pigeon

Can you spot all the Gustav pigeons hidden around the museum?



For ages 7+

Family trail: Resist!

Inspired by the French Resistance. Can you solve clues and puzzles as you explore the museum?



Designed for families with 9-14 year olds.

Family audio guide

Would you have risked everything to resist occupying Germans? Borrow our free family audio guide to learn more about those who did. Developed for the whole family to experience together.



Did you know we're a Blue Peter attraction?

Badge holders can visit for free with a paying adult. Just show your badge and card when buying your ticket.

Ticket prices

Family (2 adults and up to 3 children)	£45.50
Adult	£18.25
Senior (60+)	£14.55
Children (5-17)	£9.15
Under 5s	free

With a Portsmouth leisure card you can get 40% off admission.

Did you know for a small additional cost, you can upgrade your ticket to an annual pass. See our website for details.



The D-Day Story, Clarence Esplanade, Portsmouth, PO5 3NT

Telephone: 023 9288 2555

Email: bookdaystory@portsmouthdccc.gov.uk

theddaystory.com



Please remember, we love hearing about all your children's achievements outside of school and we love to share and celebrate them with our school community.

If you'd like us to share them, please email them to admin@copnorprimary.co.uk, with photos too if possible!

SUMMER 2 CLUBS



7 weeks for £42.00



Copnor Primary School
Football After School Club

Information:

- School Years 1-2
- 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Thursday 4th June to 16th July

Registration

Book via our website or give us a call!

02392 728899 | pompeyitc.co.uk



DANCE CLUB SHOW

FUNKIDZ ON STAGE

FUNKIDZ ARE COMING TO FAREHAM LIVE IN 2026 FOR A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION OF DANCE SHOWCASING THE TALENTS OF CHILDREN FROM SCHOOLS ACROSS HAMPSHIRE!

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 12PM & 6PM
SUNDAY 10TH MAY 12PM