

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Another busy and exciting week has flown by at school! Our Year 4 adventurers have enjoyed an unforgettable time at Tile Barn and we hope you enjoyed following their journey on Instagram.

Back at school, our Year R children have continued to impress us with another successful week as they settle confidently into school life.

We have also held our Head Boy and Head Girl interviews, and we would like to congratulate all of the candidates for their fantastic effort, confidence and enthusiasm throughout the process. Read on to find out who will be representing Copnor this year and to catch up on all the wonderful learning and achievements from across the school.

Enjoy your weekends.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week

- 21st - Year 3 - Butser Hill Trip - Styles Class**
Whole School - Harbour Church assembly
Year 4 - Dodgeball Taster Sessions
- 22nd - Year 3 - Butser Hill Trip - Hill Class**
- 23rd - Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55** your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.
Year 2 - Eastney Beach Trip
- 24th - Year 3 - Butser Hill Trip - Fender Class**
- 25th - Years 1-6 - Yellow Photographers**

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Our Year 4 children have had an incredible time at Tile Barn this week, embracing every opportunity for adventure, challenge and teamwork. From outdoor activities to new experiences, the children have demonstrated resilience, determination and excellent behaviour throughout their stay. We are sure they will have returned with lots of wonderful memories to share!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



““Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.”

Robert Collier

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	97.01%	96.10%	94.55%	97.58%
KS2	95.96%	97.50%	95.33%	96.60%

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

NEW ENTRANTS 2027

You can now book a visit to our school via our website or using the form below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/U2UUy1Leic>

We look forward to welcoming you to visit our wonderful school community.



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 supports others and contributes positively to group success.**

Year	Class	Golden Child
1	Adeola	Hugo
	Field	Woody
	Gravett	Noah
2	Nightingale	Poppy
	Pankhurst	Afonso
	Seacole	Anvit
3	Fender	Mason
	Hill	Elliott
	Styles	Daisy
4	Atkinson	To all of Year 4 for supporting each other so well and working well in groups during Tile Barn/Activities Week.
	Elba	
	Watson	
5	Banksy	Theodore
	Blake	Skye
	Hockney	Violet
6	Brownlee	Cooper
	Hamilton	Malithmee
	Russo	Madison

OUR REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations to all of the children who took part in our Head Boy and Head Girl interviews. The standard was incredibly high, and every candidate should be proud of the confidence, enthusiasm and commitment they showed throughout the process. A special congratulations to our successful representatives. We know they will be excellent ambassadors for the school and look forward to seeing them in action throughout the year.

KS1 Head Girl: Penelope	KS2 Head Girl: Trinity
KS1 Head Boy: Arlo	KS2 Head Boy: Logan
KS1 Deputy Head Girl: Maddison	KS2 Deputy Head Girl: Primrose
KS1 Deputy Head Boy: Max	KS2 Deputy Head Boy: Jude

Head of Victory House: Annabelle Deputy Head of Victory House: Veeha	Head of Alliance: Sofia Deputy Head of Alliance House: Mia
Head of Mary-Rose House: Bradley Deputy Head of Mary Rose House: Evan	Head of Warrior House: Freddie Deputy Head of Warrior House: Esme



Library Champions:

Ivy
Sapphire
Mia





Playground and Friendship Ambassadors:

Skye
Sofia
Annabelle



TTRS Ambassadors:

Temi
Eliza



YEAR 4 - TILE BARN PART 1



Look out for **Part 2** of the children's adventures next week, with new photos!



NOTICES



YEAR 4 ART RESOURCES NEEDED



For an upcoming art activity, the children will be creating collages using sweet and chocolate bar wrappers.

We would be very grateful for any clean, empty wrappers that you could donate to us!

Please note: We are only able to accept wrappers from sweets and chocolate that **do not contain nuts**, due to allergy considerations.

If you have any suitable wrappers at home, please send them into school by **Friday 2nd October**, or hand them to a member of Year 4 staff.

Huge thankyou from the Year 4 Team

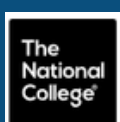


KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

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 'Parenting Gamers'.

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



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MRS BARKER INVITES
YOU TO OUR 2026

OPEN EVENING

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Thursday
October 1st 2026

5:00-7:30pm

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PTA EVENTS 2026

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Check here over the next few weeks as we announce all the exciting activities that our fantastic PTA will be planning and supporting over this next academic year!

In the meantime:

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.

YELLOW PHOTOGRAPHERS - YEARS 1-6



The school photographers will be in school next week on **Friday 25th September** to take individual photos of **Years 1 - 6**. Please can you ensure your child comes to school in their **full school uniform** on this day even if it is their PE day. Children will change after their photograph into their PE kit.

YEAR R PHOTOGRAPHS

PORTSMOUTH NEWS

The Portsmouth News will be in school on **Thursday 24th September** to take photos of children in Reception classes.

The images will be featured in a special edition of the newspaper on either **Tuesday 17th November or Wednesday 18th November**, as well as on their website and social media platforms, along with other reception classes from across Portsmouth.

You are **required to provide your consent** for your child to appear in The Portsmouth News photos. To review your permission or to give/decline permission, please go to the 'Consent' area in the Arbor app.

Children who do not have consent on the day will not be able to appear in the photo.

YELLOW PHOTOGRAPHERS



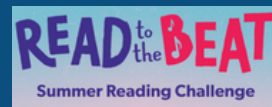
Yellow Photographers will also be in school on **Tuesday 3rd November** to take individual photos of all the children in Year R classes. Photo proofs will be made available to parents to order online, if they wish to do so.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Congratulations to the following children for their completion of the Summer Reading Challenge. Alongside their certificates from the library, we have celebrated their fantastic reading achievements in school too.

Styles: Dalina & Victoria
Banksy: Penelope & Adam
Hamilton: Primrose & Evan



Well done to you all! Keep up the great reading!

ROTARY APPEAL 2026



For several years we have been proud to support Rotary Club with the 'Shoebox Appeal' and we would like to contribute to this worthy cause again this year. All filled shoeboxes will make their way to disadvantaged and displaced children. (<https://wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk/>).

If you would like to take part this year, please call into the office to collect a shoebox and leaflet with information on the appeal. A donation of £1 taped to the top of the completed box is requested towards this scheme. Unfortunately, Rotary Wessex is unable to accept donations in any other box.

All completed boxes will be collected from school on **Thursday 15th October**.

(Please see further information below)

BOOKSY BEAR WINNERS



The KS1 class with the most children who have read 4 times or more at home is **Seacole Class** where there were 13 children who rose to the reading challenge!

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

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



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



Tip no 3 - Family Tech Free Day

We know how distracting technology these days and we are all guilty of scrolling or googling too often.

Why not trial a family technology-free day one day a week and see what impact it has on your family?

Having a tech-free day offers numerous benefits for physical, mental and emotional well-being by allowing the mind and body to reset from the constant stimulation of the digital world. This is particularly important for children.

Here are some ideas your family could try on your tech-free day:

- Engage in outdoor activities like walking, cycling or a picnic,
- Get creative with arts and crafts or baking,
- Play some classic board games or puzzles.
- Use the time to learn some new skills
- Or simply tidy up and organise your space – the list is endless!



Build a Fort



Bake Together



Build with
Cardboard Boxes



Dress Up



Ride a Bike



Make an Ant Farm



Water Balloon Fight



Scavenger Hunt



Make Friendship
Bracelets



Learn Origami



Make Playdough



Make a Dream
Catcher



Run Through the
Sprinklers



Climb a Tree



Have a Picnic



Create an
Obstacle Course

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We are looking for several co-opted governors to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles.

- **Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.**

The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.

- **Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.**

The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.

- **Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.**

Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available, and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone who can attend six full governing body meetings per year and six committee meetings per year. Meetings are held in school on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more, please email clerk@copnorprimary.co.uk for an application form.

To be eligible for this role you must be the parent of a child at Copnor Primary School or be caring for/have cared for a child at the school.



ENSEMBLE OPPORTUNITIES

Portsmouth Music Hub ensembles provide fantastic opportunities for young people to develop their musical skills, build confidence, make new friends and enjoy making music together.

There are a range of groups available, including choirs, bands and orchestral ensembles, with opportunities for musicians of different ages, abilities and instruments.

Best of all, all of the ensembles are fully funded by the music hub, so are free to join and we warmly welcome young people from across Portsmouth to get involved.

Further information about each ensemble, including age ranges, instruments and experience levels, can be found on the website below:

<https://www.portsmouthmusichub.org/about-our-ensembles>

A promotional poster for Portsmouth Music Hub. At the top is the logo for Portsmouth Music Hub, featuring a stylized blue and yellow musical note. Below the logo is a dark blue banner with the text "Join Our Hub ENSEMBLES" in white and yellow. Underneath the banner are five circular icons, each representing a different ensemble: a microphone for "The BASE Vocal Groups", a trumpet for "Ocean Wind Community Band", a guitar for "Build A Band", a brass instrument for "Top Brass!", and a violin for "Portsmouth Plays Orchestra". Below these icons is a yellow banner that says "FREE TO JOIN". Underneath that is a smaller banner with the text "All ages, standard and instruments welcome! Find the right ensemble for you by scanning the QR code or visiting www.portsmouthmusichub.org/about-our-ensembles". At the bottom right is a QR code. At the bottom left are logos for "THE GUILDHALL TRUST" and "THE BASE GUILDHALL". At the bottom right is a logo for "Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND".

OTHER NOTICES

Calling all Portsmouth Students!

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16th September 2026

Discover The Portsmouth Academy at our Open Event – Thursday 1st October 2026

Dear Year 5/6 pupil and family,

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions you'll make for your child. Here at The Portsmouth Academy, we understand you'll want to find a school where they'll feel happy, inspired and supported to achieve their best.

That's why we'd like to warmly invite you to join us at our **Open Event on Thursday 1st October 2026, from 6pm-8pm**, where you'll have the opportunity to experience life at our school and meet our diverse community.

At The Portsmouth Academy, we're proud to provide an education which helps every student **Aspire and Achieve**, in a culture built on **Respect**. We nurture our young people to develop confidence through a strong sense of belonging so they can reach their full potential.

We're proudly part of **Thinking Schools Academy Trust**, and to be Portsmouth's only secondary 'Thinking School'. This means we help students develop the skills to think independently, solve problems and approach challenges with confidence. Regardless of their background or ability, we're proud to support every child to create their own success in an ever-changing world.

At our Open Event, you'll be able to tour our facilities, see our school in action and enjoy some free food from our cafeteria. There will also be an opportunity to see a short presentation which I will lead, while our students and staff can answer any questions you have.

There's no need to pre-register, but our Open Event is always well attended so we encourage you to arrive promptly where our friendly staff will be on hand to greet you. If you're unable to attend, you can always visit our website, which contains information and videos which tell you more about our wonderful school.

Whether you're already considering The Portsmouth Academy or are just beginning to explore your options, we'd love to welcome you.

We look forward to meeting your family.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Dedman

Headteacher, The Portsmouth Academy

ROTARY APPEAL 2026

Wessex Rotary CIO Shoebox Scheme



www.wessexrotaryshoebox.org.uk

Rotary is a worldwide voluntary organisation of people who are dedicated to "service above self", helping others throughout the world, promoting all that is good in our society and peace the world over.

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Final date for receipt of shoeboxes:
by the 18th of October

AGE 1 - 3 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Small soft toy, picture book, hat, gloves, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, plus any other suitable small items.

AGE 4 - 7 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Pictorial educational book and game, simple jigsaw, ball, lego, crayons and colouring book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, toy vehicle, small doll, skipping rope.

AGE 8 - 11 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Pictorial educational book and game, jigsaw, ball, card game, felt tip pens, pencils, pencil case, drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, sports item, skipping rope, hair accessories.

AGE 12 - 15 YEARS (Boy or girl)

CHOOSE FROM

Pictorial educational book and game, playing cards, geometry set, pens, pencils and case, pencil sharpener, rubber, writing/drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, wide toothed comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, washbag, hair accessories, sports item.

THINGS TO PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

- International Customs require items which must be for education, health and hygiene purposes
- All items must be new or in 'as new condition'

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food of any kind
- Liquids of any kind
- Sweets of any kind
- Battery powered items
- War related items, toys, books, guns, knives etc
- Large items of clothing or shoes
- Books of a religious, racial or political nature
- Medicines
- Large toys
- Sharp items

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR HELP**

HOW TO MAKE UP YOUR SHOEBOX

We know that children receiving our Shoeboxes value the box itself to store their treasures in. Make up the supplied box using the diagram overleaf. Decorate the box with stickers (available from High street stationers and retail outlet craft stores) and/or your own colouring. Please ensure the lid can be opened for checking and customs purposes.



Do not wrap individual items
- just place them in your box.

Include a Christmas card and maybe a letter or photo if you wish.

Ensure that you have clearly marked the age group and whether it is intended for a boy or girl.

Please sellotape to the top of the box a donation of £2.00 towards transportation & administration costs.

Any surplus will be used for the benefit of disadvantaged children worldwide.