

NEWSLETTER

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Another busy week has flown by, with plenty happening across the school!

Years 2 and 3 have been out and about on their exciting trips, and we were delighted to hold our first new entrants meeting, welcoming families at the start of their journey with us.

There is lots more to look forward to over the coming months, and you'll find details of many of our planned events in this week's newsletter. Get those diaries at the ready, there are lots of dates you won't want to miss!

Finally, a reminder that we have our first Inset Day on Monday so school will be closed to our children.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Matt Johnson
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week



28th - INSET DAY 1 - School Closed

29th - Year 4 - Watson Class - Trip to Southsea

30th - Reading in Class - 8.35 - 8.55 your weekly opportunity to read in class with your child.
Year 4 - Elba Class - Trip to Southsea

1st - Year 4 - Atkinson Class - Trip to Southsea
Year 6 Girls - Dodgeball Taster Session

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



It's been another busy week full of exciting learning opportunities! Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Butser Ancient Farm, bringing their classroom learning to life, while Year 2 headed to Eastney Seafront for their own adventure.

A brilliant week of learning beyond the classroom!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"The world is full of magic things,
patiently waiting for our senses to grow
sharper."

W.B Yeats

ATTENDANCE

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
KS1	97.80%	96.70%	95.25%	95.31%
KS2	95.85%	96.10%	95.54%	96.12%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	Mary Rose	Victory	Alliance	Warrior
This week	938	751	869	930
Total	938	751	869	930

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 models our school values, building a stronger school community.**

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
1	Adeola	Hallie
	Field	Violet-Eve
	Gravett	Imaan
2	Nightingale	Primrose
	Pankhurst	Penelope
	Seacole	Rosie
3	Fender	Leah
	Hill	Zeke
	Styles	Anna-Maria
4	Atkinson	Luna
	Elba	Ella
	Watson	Theo
5	Banksy	
	Blake	Elvin
	Hockney	George
6	Brownlee	Trinity
	Hamilton	Samuel
	Russo	Ashton



NOTICES



CHANGE OF MENU - CENSUS DAY

There is a change of menu for **Thursday 1st October**.

Children can select from the following:

- Chicken Sausage in a roll and chips, baked beans and sweetcorn
- Vegan Sausage in a roll and chips, baked beans and sweetcorn
- Jacket Potato with beans or cheese with sweetcorn.

If your child is currently waiting for, or already has a special dietary menu from Caterlink, please contact the School Office for further information on selecting a meal choice for this day. If you have already pre-ordered a meal for this day, please re-order from the new menu on your child's ScoPay account.

YEAR 5 - BIKEABILITY REMINDER

If you would like your Year 5 child to take part in the Bikeability national cycle training programme, please register by the deadline date of **Friday 2nd October**.



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 **'Social Pressures linked to Friends and Followers'**.

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



YELLOW PHOTOGRAPHERS



On **Tuesday 3rd November**, Yellow photographers will be back in school to photograph:

- **Year R children** (individual photos)
- **Year 1 - 6 children** who **missed** today's session
- **Siblings** (Please note: sibling photos are for children who currently attend Copnor Primary School)

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Congratulations also to **Rhiannon** in Seacole Class for completion of the Summer Reading Challenge.

Well done Rhiannon! Keep up the great reading!



PTA EVENTS 2026



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:



We'd appreciate as much or as little help as you can offer.

BOOKSY BEAR WINNERS



The KS1 class with the most children who have read 4 times or more at home is **Nightingale Class** with 19 children.

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

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



KS2 READING WINNERS



The KS2 class with the most children who have read 4 times or more at home is **Blake Class**.

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

Keep up the great reading!



PASTORAL TIP OF THE WEEK



Tip no 4 - Grounding techniques

Everyone experiences big emotions sometimes and this is a perfectly natural response from our body to tell us that something doesn't feel quite right. This may be feelings of anger, excitement, worry or upset.

Next time you or your children are feeling some big emotions, try using some of these grounding techniques to help you to regulate. Grounding techniques are proven to bring you back to the present moment and can provide immediate relief from big feelings and emotions.

It is really beneficial to use these techniques regularly so you are well-rehearsed to use them in times of emotional distress.

Grounding Techniques



Colours & Shape

Find 5 items in the room which are a certain shape or colour (eg. 5 items which are square). Try to find things that are not too obvious, or things you haven't noticed before.

Flow activities

Flow activities take our full attention, we "lose ourselves" in them and don't notice the time passing. Some examples: drawing, colouring, reading, watching TV, playing music

5, 4, 3, 2, 1



5 things you can see,
4 things you can touch,
3 things you can hear,
2 things you can smell (or like the smell of),
1 thing you can taste (or like the taste of).



ABCD...

Think of a subject and name something to do with that subject for each letter of the alphabet (eg. name animals: ape, bear, cat...)

Please see below information about all the whole school events, learning project events and parent events planned for this academic year. Further information will be sent to you closer to the time of each event.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Whole School	Meet the Teacher 08/09/26 3.30pm	Christmas Carols on playground 17/12/26 3pm		Science Week Family Event 10/3/27 3.30pm		
EYFS		Christmas Singing Tues 15/12/26 (times to be confirmed)			Artwork Exhibition Tues 25/5/27 2.45pm	Year R Celebration Mon 19/07/27 (times to be confirmed)
Year 1	Messy Map Exhibition Fri 16/10/26 2.45pm	Christmas Nativity w/c 7/12/26 (times to be confirmed)			Art: Paper sculptures Thurs 06/05/27 2.15pm	
Year 2		Geography: Map-making Thurs 26/11/26 2.15pm		Art: Clay tile houses Thurs 25/03/27 2.15pm		Castle Project Exhibition Thurs 24/06/27 2.45pm
Year 3		Volcano Exhibition Wed 9/12/26 2.45pm		DT: Egyptian Scrolls Wed 24/03/27 2.15pm		Art: Drawing Skills Thurs 08/07/27 2.15pm
Year 4			Mayans Exhibition Thurs 11/02/27 2.45pm	Art: Still life painting Mon 15/03/27 1:30pm		DT: Nutrition (Food) Fri 09/07/27 1:30pm
Year 5		History: Tudor Portraits Tues 08/12/26 2.15pm	Solar System Exhibition Wed 10/02/27 2.45pm			Textiles: Stuffed Toys Tues 06/07/27 2.15pm
Year 6		DT Day: Sewing Wed 16/12/26 2.15pm	WWII Exhibition Fri 12/02/27 2.45pm			Yr 6 Production 14 th and 15 th Jul 27 (times to be confirmed)

Keeping Up with the Kids - School Maths

This course offers a fantastic opportunity to explore how children are learning maths in school today and how you can effectively support them. It's also a great chance to refresh your own maths skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

Strong numeracy skills can open doors to new job opportunities, lead to higher earnings, and prepare you for further study. They're also incredibly useful in everyday life - whether it's helping with homework, managing household budgets, or boosting your confidence with numbers.

Free - 4 Sessions

Monday 9:30am - 12:00pm

5th, 12th, 19th October

2nd November

To find out more information, Contact us at:

The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End, PO2 8HH.

call (023)92 621860 or email: thelearningplace@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

COPNOR PRIMARY

**TUESDAYS
8-8.45AM**

**BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.FUNKDDANCE.CO.UK**

£5 PER SESSION
(PLEASE NOTE PAYMENTS
ARE MADE IN HALF TERMLY
BLOCKS TO RESERVE
YOUR CHILDS SPACE)

WHY ARE WE DIFFERENT TO OTHER DANCE CLUBS?

- WE PROVIDE INCLUSIVE AND AFFORDABLE DANCE FOR CHILDREN WHO SIMPLY LOVE TO DANCE AND PERFORM
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- FREE AND LOW COST OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILD TO PERFORM IN SCHOOL AND LOCAL THEATRES

YEAR 3 - BUTSER ANCIENT FARM

The children stepped back in time as they explored Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age houses, discovering what life was like during these fascinating periods of history.

Throughout the day, they took part in a range of hands-on activities, including making string from dried nettle stalks, creating a wattle fence by weaving hazel saplings between oak stakes, and carving pictures into chalk using flint before adding colour with green dock leaves.

The children fully embraced the experience, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity as they learned about life in prehistoric Britain. It was a fantastic day of immersive learning, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



YEAR 4 - TILE BARN - PART 2



YEAR 4 - MORE FROM TILE BARN



Prospective Year R families are invited to join us for our

Open Morning Tours 2026

October

Wednesday 7th
6.00pm
Monday 12th
9.30am
Wednesday 21st
1.30pm

November

Friday 13th
1.30pm
Wednesday 18th
6pm
Monday 23rd
9.30am

December

Friday 11th
9.30am

All welcome! Please book online.

www.copnorprimary.co.uk/new-entrants/



PARENT HUBS




PARENT HUB

A safe space where parent carers can connect, share feedback and access support for their families

SLEEP WORKSHOP

For parent carers of St George's C of E Primary School

Does your child have difficulties with sleep?

Come and find out what support is available in the city and how you can access it.

Thursday 15 OCTOBER 2026
9.00 – 10.30am

St George's C of E Primary School
Hanover Street,
Portsmouth
PO1 3BN

St George's Beneficial C of E Primary School

Enquiries
ppvadmin@hspportsmouth.org.uk




NEURODIVERSITY PARENT HUB

A safe space where parent carers can connect, share feedback and access support for their families

SUPPORTING FRIENDSHIPS

A workshop delivered by MHST

JOIN US TO EXPLORE STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT RELATIONSHIP BUILDING IN CHILDREN AND HELP THEM MANAGE FRIENDSHIP CHALLENGES BETTER.

Monday 28 SEPT 2026
3.30pm – 5.00pm

Mayfield School,
Mayfield Rd,
Portsmouth
PO2 0RH

Mayfield School
Infant • Junior • Senior

Enquiries
ppvadmin@hspportsmouth.org.uk




PAULSGROVE COMMUNITY SEND DROP IN

Open to Parent/Carers of children and young people living in or attending school in the Paulsgrove area

Come along for a chat with the SENDIASS and PPV who will be on hand to listen to your views and answer questions.

Wednesday 14 October 2026
9.00am – 10.30am

The Victory Primary School
Allaway Avenue,
Portsmouth
PO6 4QP

Enquiries
ppvadmin@hspportsmouth.org.uk



MHST PARENT WORKSHOPS




MHST Parent Workshop: Supporting Your Young Person with Anxiety

Come along to the MHST Parent Workshop on:
Thursday 22nd October 4pm

We will look at what anxiety is, when it becomes a problem and what keeps it going.

Hopefully, parents/carers will come away with some ideas and skills to help manage their child's anxiety.




Portsmouth MHST and Neurodiversity Team Workshop: Neurodiversity and Anxiety

Come along to two Workshops on:
Wednesday 23rd September 9am – 11am
Wednesday 30th September 9am – 11am
At: Portsdown Primary School

The two workshops contain different content. Please ensure you are able to attend both.

Hopefully, parents/carers will come away with some ideas and skills to help support Neurodiverse young people presenting with anxiety


