



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend with your children.

The Coppice boys are County Indoor Athletics Champions for the 4th year running!

On Monday, 15 Year Five and Six boys went to RGS in Worcester to represent Redditch and The Coppice at the district County Indoor Athletic Championships.

After qualifying to represent Redditch a few weeks ago, the boys pulled out all the stops in their track and field events, consistently coming back with first, seconds and thirds. We were crowned the county's champions for the fourth year running against six other schools in the Worcestershire District. Mrs Bell and Mr. Edwards are very proud of them. Well done to Cooper, Myles, Zecky, Albie, Harley, Rohan, Logan, Curtis, Arlo, Harlen, Hughie, Caleb, Joseph, Andrew and Oscar B.



W.E.S.T. (Worcestershire Emotional Support Team) Parent and Carer Sessions:

Just a reminder that next week, on the 30th April, we have our W.E.S.T. Parent and Carer launch event, in the form of a coffee morning. This will take place in our Junior Hall and it would be great to see you there if you are able to make it - everyone is welcome!

Just in case you missed the first set of communications that I sent out a couple of weeks ago, W.E.S.T. is an NHS service which aims to support young children aged 5 - 18 years who are experiencing low level mental health concerns such as anxiety, low mood and some behavioural difficulties.

As a Thrive school, we are passionate about ensuring that all of our pupils are supported socially and emotionally. Therefore, we are always looking for additional ways to be able to do this. This is why we engaged with and secured the services of a W.E.S.T. Education and Mental Health Practitioner called Lisa. She will begin working with our school for half-a-day a week during the first half of the Summer term and beyond., carrying out 1-1 intervention sessions.

If you feel your child would benefit from this support please discuss this with your child's class teacher, Mr. McGarry or Mr. Hutt. Please be aware though that support will be identified on a priority needs basis. However, our aim will always be to support as many children as possible.

Following the initial introductory coffee morning mentioned earlier, W.E.S.T. will then also be hosting a number of online sessions for Parents and Carers on topics such as: "Building resilience in your child" and "Helping your child with transitions". Details for these will be sent out on the school app on Monday 27th April so please look out for these.



Year 1 enjoy a Florence Nightingale experience!

On Monday, each Year 1 class enjoyed travelling back in time with the famous 'Lady with the Lamp: 'Florence Nightingale'. Through an immersive drama workshop, the children learnt about her life, career and how she transformed nursing and the sanitation of our hospitals.

The day started with Florence taking the children back to how life was in the Victorian era to show how she cared for soldiers in the Crimean War. All of the children were very imaginative and engrossed in the experience, which was lovely to see. The children completed the session by learning how to care for wounded soldiers by dressing their teddies with bandages. Luckily, they all recovered! As you can see, everyone had a fantastic time bringing their history curriculum to life.



Lily wows us with her empathy and kindness:

Earlier this week, Lily (3L) and her mum came across a video shared by a mother in America about her young daughter, Kory, who had been struggling to make friends at school.

Despite the school attempting to organise an event to help children form friendships, Kory was ultimately unable to attend due to limited spaces. Understandably, she was left heartbroken. In response, her mother later set up a PO Box, inviting children to write letters to Kory so she could begin forming connections in a different way. Lily was deeply moved by Kory's story and wanted to do something.



Without any prompting, Lily immediately said she wanted to be her friend because it made her feel sad that Kory was alone. She sat down at her dining table and wrote a thoughtful and heartfelt letter (**pictured**), which is now being sent to America. Lily's mum: Katie was rightly bowled over by her daughter showing such natural empathy and kindness and so was I as Headteacher. Empathy and kindness are such beautiful qualities, which is why we promote them so much as a school. Everyone at The Coppice is incredibly proud of you Lily!

Sounds to Stories - Reading session for Reception families

We are delighted to invite you to our Sounds to Stories session, a reading session for Reception families.



At our reading session, you will have the opportunity to:

- Explore how we teach reading using our Sounds-Write approach
- Learn how to support your child at home - modelled by trained Sounds-Write teachers
- Take part in fun, practical reading activities with your child
- Enjoy sharing stories

The session will be in two parts:

1. Parents and Carers to watch simple, practical modelling of reading with your child, discuss top tips for reading at home and have time to ask questions.
2. Your child will join you to take part in fun, practical reading activities.

This reading session aims to build confidence for both children and Parents and Carers so that reading becomes a joyful part of everyday life. At The Coppice, we value the partnership between school and home and recognise that working together helps us to fulfil our mission that every child is provided with every opportunity to have the best possible start in reading.

We look forward to welcoming you to our reading session!

Please note: The session will be repeated so please choose just one session to attend.

Celebration Time



Talented athlete: Ava from 5W, has continued her progress over the last few weeks. On Thursday 16th, she achieved her personal best in long jump with a jump of 2 metres 71 cm for BRAT (Birmingham & Redditch Athletics Team) in a competition against other teams, earning Ava a fabulous bronze medal. Then, last Sunday, she ran 100 metres for her Club: BRAC in an incredible 16.56 seconds and jumped 2 metres 31 cm. We are so proud of you as always Ava and will continue to follow your progress!

We are hugely proud of Ivy from 2W who was given the honour of carrying the Rainbows Flag at the Flag Parade on the evening of Tuesday 22nd. She got chosen to carry the flag for her division and had to walk down the aisle of the church carrying it with the Brownies and Guides! Well done Ivy!



It is fantastic to be able to celebrate sisters: Lillie (5BG) and Phoebe (4DR) who both chose to complete projects as extra homework. Lillie produced an amazing and informative project on bees and Phoebe produced a fabulous one on rabbits. We are incredibly proud of your excellent attitude to learning girls!



A huge well done to Finley from 5GB who represented his Camp Hill Rugby Team in a competition last Sunday. Finley's team won all of their games and he also scored a try. He is pictured proudly showing off his medal.



Congratulations goes to Charlotte from 5GB who was awarded 'Player of The Tournament' at her recent football camp competition, which was held over the course of the Easter break. Charlotte also scored a goal during the tournament! Well done!



Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 13th-17th April (last week)

	2P	99.33%
	5GB	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE 20th-24th April (this week)

	2T	99.00%
	5GB	99.35%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

[St George's Day - 23rd April](#)

- 1) Angela Morley - Kehaar's Theme (1978)
- 2) Ron Goodwin - Miss Marple Theme (1961)
- 3) Hubert Parry - Jerusalem (1916)
- 4) The Albion Band - Hopping Down in Kent (1977)

Next week's playlist is:

[Early 20th Century](#)

- 1) Robert Johnson - Sweet Home Chicago (1936)
- 2) Ma Rainey - Runaway Blues (1928)
- 3) Ravel - Boléro (1928)
- 4) Édith Piaf - La Vie En Rose (1947)

That just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable weekend with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)