



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 15th May 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 achieves Eco Green Flag Award!**

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our school has achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Merit in recognition of our commitment to environmental awareness and sustainability across the school community.

This is an achievement we are incredibly proud of, and it reflects the enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication shown by our pupils, staff, families, and wider community partners throughout the year. From introducing recycling in every classroom to taking part in hands-on environmental projects, our children have shown a genuine passion for protecting the world around them and making a positive difference.

One of the highlights of our journey has been ensuring that pupil voice remains at the heart of our work. Children voted for the environmental topics they most wanted to focus on, helping to create meaningful projects that inspired engagement and ownership across the school. Pupils explored important themes through books such as *The Tree and the River* by Aaron Becker and *Stella the Seagull*, which encouraged thoughtful discussions about conservation, pollution, and the importance of caring for our planet.

Our pupils have also enjoyed practical learning experiences, including creating terrariums during Science Week to explore ecosystems and the water cycle, as well as working alongside local community groups such as Rubbish Friends to help care for our environment and strengthen community connections.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us on this journey. Your encouragement, participation, and commitment have helped make this award possible.

Although we are proud to celebrate this success, we know that our environmental journey does not end here. We are excited to continue building on this work, developing new ideas, and empowering our children to become responsible, environmentally aware citizens who understand the positive impact they can have on the world around them.



Above you can see our Eco Committee and Eco Leaders: Mrs. Lennon, Mr. Ruffles and Mrs. Douglas proudly celebrating their fantastic achievement - a huge well done to all of you!

### **Churchill Foundation donate £1,000.00 for Eco and SEND initiatives!**

We were thrilled last week to learn that we have been donated £1,000.00 from The Churchill Foundation to put towards our many Eco initiatives, including supporting the development of our outdoor SEND learning areas, adding sensory aspects to our 'Quiet Zone' on the playground, upgrading our pond and Forest School areas further, and our upcoming vegetable plot.

Many of our children benefit from time away from the classroom to explore muddy and multi sensory experiences outdoors but they sometimes need a calming outside area to self regulate. The funding that has been so kindly donated will play a big part in making all the above developments happen for all of our children, including those with additional needs and for that and we are so grateful to the Foundation - thank you so much Faye and Annie!

## Nursery and Reception Celebration Assemblies:

Mrs. Ashwell and I had a lovely time presenting certificates and Team Point medals at the celebration assembly we held for Reception children on Tuesday morning. There were lots of excited children who were very rightly proud of their achievements.

From the Reception assembly, we went straight to Nursery to present more certificates, and to also read a story. As always, this was a joy to do and the children loved the stories that we read. Well done to all of the children who received certificates this time!

## A huge well done to our Year 6s this week!

As Headteacher, it is important to state just how proud we are of our Year 6 children this week as they completed their SAT assessments. We couldn't have asked any more of you children - a huge well done!



## Coppice Gymnasts do us proud at Nationals!

Over Bank Holiday weekend 14 Coppice Gymnasts travelled to Stoke-on-Trent to represent the West Midlands at the British Schools Gymnastics National Floor and Vault Finals. The gymnasts competed against twelve regions from across the country and once again demonstrated that Coppice can stand proud amongst the best schools for gymnastics in the country. Our pupils ranged from Year 2 to Year 6 and for many it was their first National competition. It takes dedication and commitment to training, alongside the courage and discipline needed to perform individually in front of spectators to compete at this level.

We are very proud of what they have achieved and grateful to their coaches Kirsty, Kieron, Alana, Ella and Dougie. Well done to the Girls Team (Millie, Poppy, Beth, Alice, and Raye) and the Mixed Team (Finley, Lando, Isobel, Isla and Aria) both of which came 7th. A special congratulations to Lando, who stepped in at the last moment and learned his routine over 4 sessions in order that the mixed team could compete. And well done to our Boys team (Myles, Isaac, Leighton and Cian) who won bronze medals by coming third - what an achievement! As well as competing in the Boys Floor and Vault Team, Cian also entered the tumbling competition for the first time and came 9th.



## Reception Maths workshops are a great success!

This week, Reception hosted maths workshops. These workshops were designed to help prepare children for the Early Learning Goals by giving Parents/Carers and children a clear understanding of how maths is taught in school. We created a carousel of practical, hands-on activities that the children experience in continuous provision and focused family time sessions in the classroom. This allowed families to explore number, shape, pattern and problem-solving in a fun and engaging way. This was also a valuable opportunity for Parents and Carers to speak with the Reception teachers and Miss Thurston, ask questions, and gain ideas for supporting learning at home. We thank all of those who attended.



## Sounds to stories: Reading session for Reception families.

We are delighted to invite you and your child to our first Sounds to Stories session, a reading session for Reception families. Sessions are on **Tuesday 19th May, 2pm-3pm**, or **Wednesday 20th May, 9am-10 am**. Please register your place using the link in the app or the QR code outside your child's classroom.

### **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
- Enjoy sharing stories with your child and take part in fun, practical reading activities with them.

This session aims to build confidence for both children and Parents/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 provide every child with the best possible start in reading. You can sign up via the link on the app or on the newsletter website. This session will be repeated. Please choose one session to attend. We look forward to welcoming you to our reading session.

## Nursery 'Getting Ready for Writing' Workshop:

We had a fantastic turnout this week when Parents/Carers were invited in to find out more about how we teach handwriting in Nursery, involving introducing some elements from our Kinetic Letters programme. We introduced the monkeys 'Bounce' & 'Skip' and the writing tree, and then 'Magician Turtle', who has passed on '6 magic moves' for us to learn. The children demonstrated their gross motor skills and showed their Parents/Carers these before then writing some of the moves on their boards.

## Celebration Time

It is fantastic to be able to celebrate three of our amazing gymnasts: **Isaac (5GB)**, **Cian (5W)**, and **Leighton (5GB)** who experienced great success when representing Wythall Gym Club at the invitational event against other



clubs last weekend. In the Under 11, Level 3 competition, Cian achieved a Bronze on high bar, Gold on the floor and came 3rd overall from the six pieces, achieving a Bronze medal. Isaac, in the same competition as Cian, achieved Gold on high bar, silver on rings and came 4th overall. Leighton, in the Under 11 competition achieved Bronze on pommel, Bronze on floor, Silvers on floor, rings and vault and came 3rd overall, achieving Bronze. A huge well done goes to all of the boys - we are very proud of you all!



**Willow from (5GB)**, was thrilled to receive 'Player of The Match' last weekend when playing for her Alvechurch FC team. Her team lost 5-3 but she still managed to score two goals. Not only that, but she was also awarded three medals at her recent club presentation for achievements she has had, as well as two more from her recent football camp. We are extremely proud of you Willow!



**Jackson (3C)** and **Ronnie (3K)** recently went on an invitation-only football tour to Barcelona with Solihull Academy. It was an incredible few days for both boys and their Dads! Jackson scored the only goal against Barcelona's Under-8s team, making the experience even more memorable. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play against Spanish teams, including the world-renowned Barcelona academy! We are so proud of you both boys!

## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



## Attendance Figures

### TOP ATTENDANCE 5th - 8th May (last week)

	2W	100%
	5GB	99.60%

### TOP ATTENDANCE 11th-15th (this week)

	1T	98.77%
	5RM	100%

## Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

[Geographical Focus: Europe](#)

- 1) Sergei Prokofiev - Peter and the Wolf (Main Theme) (1936)
- 2) Carl Orff - O Fortuna (1935)
- 3) Toni Kitanovski - Show Me (2011)
- 4) Amália Rodrigues - "Grândola, Vila Morena" (Audio 1974)

Next week's playlist is:

[Alternative Strings](#)

- 1) Ramy Adly - Stairway to Heaven (2017)
- 2) Ravi Shankar - Raga Mala (2011)
- 3) Cecile Corbel - Arrietty's Song (2010)
- 4) Béla Fleck and the Flecktones - Stomping Grounds (1996)

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)