The Coppice Whole School Newsletter
Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half-term break and are looking forward to the weekend with your children. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and to see them looking smart in their winter uniforms.

Very important information regarding our forthcoming Ofsted report:

As you all know, we had our most recent Ofsted inspection during the last week of the last half-term and we are now eagerly waiting our finalised report. Just to remind you all, it can take up to eighteen working days (which doesn't include half-term) to receive the report. Therefore we most likely still have at least two more weeks after this one before the full report can be released to you all.

In advance of the report, I think it is very important for me, as Head, to prepare you all fully for what the new report will include and how it is to be interpreted. As many of you will know, the whole inspection framework changed in November 2025 and a new 'Report Card' style report was introduced. **To use Ofsted's own words:**

'Ofsted has improved how we report the findings of education inspections.

We've designed our new-look report cards with Parents and Carers in mind, to give you a clearer picture of what's working well and where the next steps for improvement are in your child's school'.

Below, I have explained more about the new report cards and the grades that Ofsted give in them.

New Ofsted grading system:

The main change is that Ofsted no longer give one overall judgement, such as 'good', 'outstanding' or 'requires improvement'.

Instead, the report cards show colour-coded grades for different areas – the aspects of education that matter most to you: 'Attendance and Behaviour', 'Personal Development and Well-Being', 'Inclusion' (meaning how well the school or other provider meets the needs of **all** children, including those with SEND), 'Achievement', 'Curriculum and Teaching', 'Early Years', and Leadership and Governance.

Ofsted now grade all areas on a new scale:

- **'Exceptional'**
- **'Strong Standard'**
- **'Expected Standard'**
- **'Needs Attention'**
- **'Urgent Improvement'**

Ofsted also tell you whether Safeguarding responsibilities are 'met' or 'not met'.

It's important to understand that the new grades can't be compared to the old ones: this is a different approach to inspection and a new way of reporting.

What the new Ofsted grades tell you:

The 'expected standard' is just that – it means the school is doing everything that it should be doing, so you'll see the green colour coding on the report card. It's a high standard, to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve.

Moving up the scale, 'strong standard' marks out excellent, consistent work that's making a real difference for children and learners.

And finally, there's 'exceptional'. Ofsted only award this grade when they see practice that is among the very best nationally, which should be shared with other schools or providers to help them improve. These are rarely given.

'Needs attention' is an indication that there is work to be done to reach the 'expected standard'. It's not a 'fail' but it highlights where issues can be addressed before they become bigger problems that need 'urgent improvement'.

You may see a mix of grades across a report card: it's perfectly possible to achieve highly in some areas, and require a little more focus in others.

Alongside the grades, you'll also see detailed descriptions of what inspectors found. This helps you to understand why different grades were awarded, and what it's like to be a child at this school.You can also see important data that will give you some context when you're reading the report card. We hope the new report cards give you clear and useful information to reassure you that your child is receiving the support and education that's right for them.

In-person Parent and Carer Meetings for Nursery through to Year 6:

We are really looking forward to holding our in-person Parent and Carer meetings, to discuss your child's progress so far this academic year, on Wednesday 11th November and Wednesday 18th November. These are extremely important meetings and we would like to urge every Parent and Carer to make an appointment with their child's teacher if you haven't done so already. By doing this, it means that school and home can work closely in partnership to ensure that your child is fulfilling their potential and you are aware of what they need to do to progress further.

Wednesday 11th November	**Nursery / Reception: (Class teachers only)**	**2.00pm - 5.30pm**	**Church Hall**
	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	**2.00pm - 5.30pm**	**Church Hall**
	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6)	**4.00pm - 7.00pm**	**Main Hall**
Wednesday 18th November	**Nursery / Reception: (Class teachers & Key Workers)**	**4.00pm - 7.00pm**	**Church Hall**
	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	**4.00pm - 7.00pm**	**Church Hall**
	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6)	**2.00pm - 5.30pm**	**Main Hall**

NB. Enter through school office for all appointments.

Face-to-face appointments can still be booked via the school app: Just go to the booking icon, click on it and then follow the instructions to book your appointment. **If you have difficulties making an appointment please contact either the school office or your child's class teacher, who will be able to help.**

Celebration assemblies:

We began this week with our Celebration Assemblies for Years 1 to 4 where we celebrated all of the excellent learning that took place over the first half-term of this academic year and they were wonderful occasions.We firstly awarded our half-termly 'star' trophies to a child in each year group for the following categories: 'The Coppice Way', Writing, Reading, Maths, Science, Sport, Computing, the Arts and Humanities (Geography, History, Religious Education, Spanish).

Through these trophies, we recognise the many and varied talents of our children and ensure that all children feel that they have something to aim for. This very much fits in with our vision of wanting The Coppice Primary School to be a school where, by the time a child leaves us in Year 6, there has been 'none of their talents left undiscovered'.

I also want to recognise all of the children for all of the team points that they earned last half-term. Every team point counts towards the total and every team point represents something that a child has achieved, which is always a cause for celebration! To remind you all, our School Team Point system greatly values and recognises the achievements and hard work of our children on a day-to-day basis. All children earn team points across the days and weeks and these are added up across each half-term. During the Celebration Assemblies at the beginning of each half-term, we award bronze, silver and gold medals to the top three team point earners in each class. The team that earns the most team points wins the team point trophy for that half-term.

You can see in the tables later on in this newsletter who the team point medal winners and trophy winners were and I'd like to say a huge well done to all of the children who were given these awards on this occasion. I'm already excited to see who will get them next time!

Mrs. Ashwell and I are now looking forward to holding the Year 5 and Year 6 celebration assemblies over the course of the next two weeks, and to presenting celebration certificates and reading stories to our Reception children next week.

Year 4 Rivers Trip before half-term:

On Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October, Year 4 had a fantastic day out in Bewdley as part of their Geography river study! During their visit to the museum, the children learned all about the River Severn, including its different names and how it changes along its journey. They also explored the risks of flooding in Bewdley and discovered the different flood defences and measures that have been put in place to protect the town. The children even had the opportunity to learn how to make our own rope! To finish the day, they enjoyed a river walk along the banks of the River Severn, spotting local wildlife and looking closely at the different flood defences in action.

It was a brilliant hands-on learning experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing their Geography learning to life!






Celebration Time



A massive well done to Maeve, from NF, who was named 'Star Dancer' at Stardust Dancing Academy just before half-term, and was awarded with a trophy. It was only her third lesson and she was so proud! Wow Maeve - we are so proud of you too - what a little superstar you are!



Madison, from 5RG, achieved great success in her horse riding competitions before half-term. Representing Solihull Riding Club, Madison's team came first place in both the 60cm and 70cm jump competitions.

To win, the teams were required to complete two rounds in the fastest time and with the least faults. Due to her team's amazing success, they will now go on to compete in the Arena UK Championships in April or May. Huge congratulations Madison and good luck for the finals!



Congratulations go to Claudia, from 4B, who was awarded the 'Acro Star' Trophy from Alison's School of Dance recently. Acro is a combination of Dance and Gymnastics and it is clear from talking to her that she is passionate about this style of dance. Well done Claudia!



Zara, from 4B, had more triathlon success recently when she came a fantastic 4th place in the Torbay Junior Triathlon just before half-term. To achieve her medal, Zara had to swim 50 metres, cycle 200 metres and run 1000 metres - wow!

To follow up this brilliant achievement, Zara then came 4th in a cycling race last Sunday. What an athlete you are Zara - a huge well done!



Finally, a huge well done goes to Austin, from 4B, who recently achieved the 'Player of the Term' award from FDC Coaching. This award recognised Austin's passion and determination as a defender. We are very proud of you Austin! Keep up the great work!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 19th - 22nd October (week before half term)



1B	100%
3K	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE 2nd-6th November (this week)



2S	99.31%
3K	99.67%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was: Remembrance

M - It's a Long Way To Tipperary / Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag - Robert Mandell
T - PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTING - Spitfire
W - We Remember (a song to honour the soldiers) - Cassandra Star ⭐
Th - Amazing Grace #militarymonday

Next week's playlist is: An emotional rollercoaster

M - Daryl Hall & John Oates - You Make My Dreams Come True (Lyrics)
T - Lord Huron - The Night We Met (Lyrics)
W - Verdi's Requiem: II. Dies Irae
Th - Peripetie - Arnold Schoenberg

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)