



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all coped with the extremely hot weather and are looking forward to the weekend with your children when hopefully things should start to get a bit cooler.

Coppice children find a way to cope with the heat:

Despite the all of the downsides of the hot weather, we still managed to ensure that the children were able to get outside but still keep cool.

Thankfully, the addition over the last couple of years of our OPAL Play shelters, plus the decision to leave the gazebos up from Sports Day, meant that the children had plenty of options for shade. When combined with the shade provided by the trees in both the Forest Rangers area and the Quiet Area, lots of water play in the 'Waterworld' area and the chance to design and build their own own shady creations using the range of building materials, the children still had a really great time relaxing with their friends.

Below you can see some really lovely pictures of the children making the most of the options on offer. As you can see, there were lots of smiles to be seen and many, many happy children. OPAL Play and its ethos truly has changed the quality of the lunch provision at our school and impacted our children so positively.



Fabulous headline Parent and Carer survey results!

A huge thank you goes to all of the Parents and Carers who filled in the Parent and Carer survey that I have had open for the last few weeks. I was absolutely thrilled to end the survey with 355 responses and elated that 100% of you said that you would recommend our school! Amazing!

As you know, I wanted a minimum of 300 responses so to get fifty-five more than that was fantastic. With many respondents having at least two children at our school, I am estimating that we have had responses that cover at least 500 of our 683 children. This means therefore that the results produced give an extremely strong flavour of how you all feel about the service that we provide your children at The Coppice, which is overwhelming positive. We will now reflect on all of the feedback given and use this to help inform our development planning moving forward. **Some of the key headline results are below. We will publish more survey results in the coming weeks.**

19) Would you recommend this school to another parent?

328 responses

Yes	327 (100%)
No	1 (0%)

Average
5.0

Positive Responses
100%

1) My child is happy at this school.

359 responses

Strongly agree	225 (63%)
Agree	121 (34%)
Neither agree nor disagree	9 (3%)
Disagree	3 (1%)
Strongly disagree	0 (0%)
Don't know	1 (0%)

Average
4.6

Positive Responses
97%

2) My child feels safe at this school.

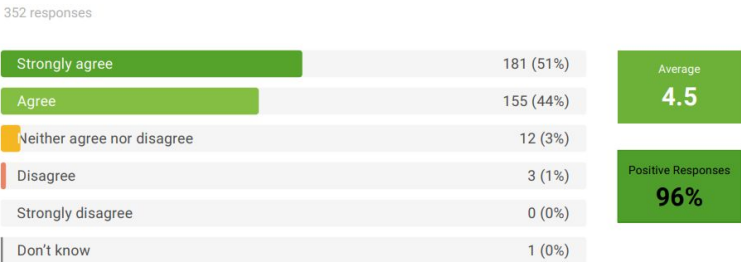
355 responses

Strongly agree	237 (67%)
Agree	108 (30%)
Neither agree nor disagree	7 (2%)
Disagree	3 (1%)
Strongly disagree	0 (0%)
Don't know	0 (0%)

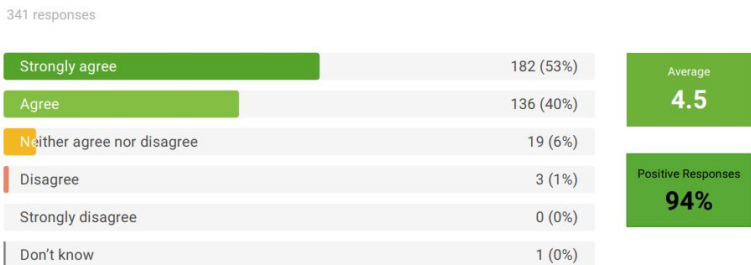
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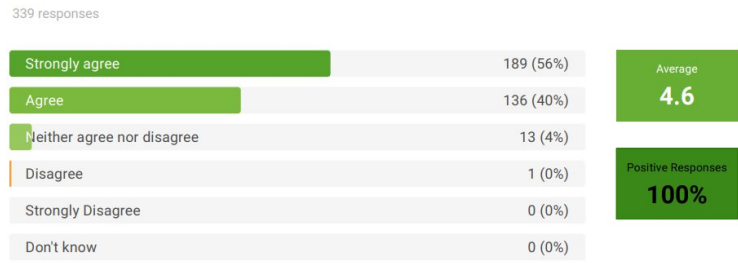
3) The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



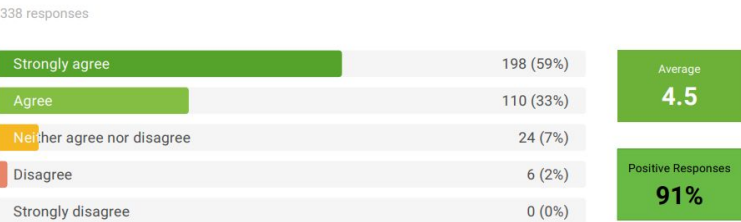
8) The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well and to succeed.



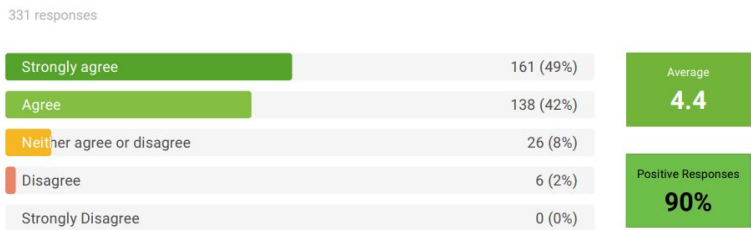
10) My child does well at this school.



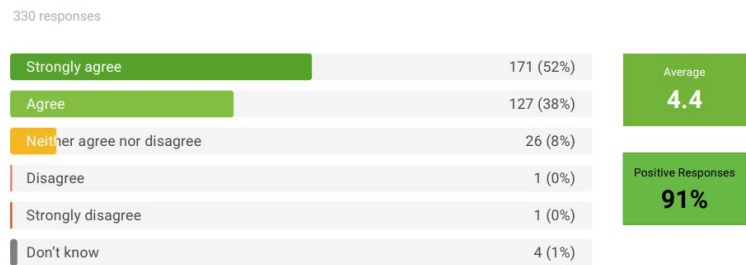
11) My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.



16) The school has high expectations of my child/children.



17) When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart.



Reception Celebration Assembly and stories

Mrs. Ashwell and I had a lovely time in the New Hall at the end of last week when we presented celebration certificates and Team Point medals to some of our youngest children in school. Seeing the reaction of these children when they heard their names read out was an absolute joy.

It was a bumper occasion with lots of children receiving certificates for many varied reasons linked to learning. Many wonderful things had been written on the children's certificates by their class teachers and it was a great feeling to read them out. We are hugely proud of all of the children who received certificates on this occasion.

Nursery Celebration assemblies to be rearranged:

Due to the extreme heat, we had to postpone the Nursery celebration assemblies that we had planned for this week. However, please be reassured that these will still take place over the course of the next couple of weeks.

Fabulous writing from Year 4 and Year 6!

It has been a real highlight this week to have so many Year 4 children bringing their fabulous writing to me this week.

Writing has been a real focus for us over the course of the last couple of academic years and, as I have mentioned previously in this newsletter, we changed our approach to teaching writing two years ago in order to make it more authentic, purposeful and engaging for the children.

We will be entering Year 3 of our 3-year writing development plan in September and over the course of the last two years, we have seen huge changes across the school in the quality of our children's writing, their enthusiasm for it and the individuality and creativity that they are demonstrating in it.

All of the above points were in evidence in the writing brought to me this week and also in the comments made by our external moderators during the statutory moderation of our Year 6 children's writing this week. They said:

'There was an excellent range of authentic writing opportunities and a very-well planned curriculum. It's very clear that the children have enjoyed every opportunity. Purpose and audience was very clear and every piece was original. Subject knowledge was excellent across the board and very well-articulated. You know your children inside out! Trust yourselves because what you are doing is fantastic! Every piece was completely original!' This was music to my ears:

Over the page you can see some of the superb Year 4 work and a couple of the Year 6 pieces as well:

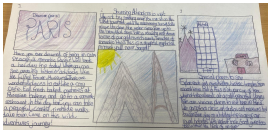
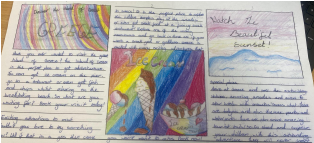
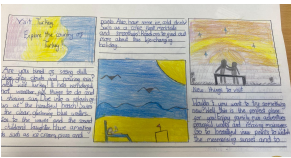
Year 4 writing:



From left above: Belle, Isla, Alice, La-Miya and Hannah.



From left: Theo, Lucas, Ariana and Oonagh



Year 6 writing:

Chapter 1: The Legend of the Lost Treasure

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Celebration Time

Willow comes close in football final:



It is lovely to be able to agin celebrate passionate footballer: Willow, from 5BG, who played for her Alvechurch FC team in a Birmingham County Football Association tournament last weekend. After five games, Willow's team got to the final where they played Leafield. Unfortunately they lost the final on penalties but at least Willow scored her penalty. We are sorry that your team lost Willow but we are super proud of you all the same. Hopefully next time will be a victory!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate

Due to the extremely hot weather this week, we were unable to hold our usual Star of the Week hot chocolate celebration. This week's children will instead be celebrated next week - they won't miss out. :-)

Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 15th - 19th June (last week)		
	RKB	99.29%
	5GB	99.35%

TOP ATTENDANCE 22nd - 25th June (this week)		
	RPB	97.12%
	5GB	94.35%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

- 1980s
- 1) Whitney Houston - I Wanna Dance With Somebody (1987)
- 2) Kenny Loggins - Danger Zone (1986)
- 3) Prince - Purple Rain (1984)
- 4) Madonna - Holiday (1983)

Next week's playlist is:

- 1990s
- 1) Bjork - Play Dead (1993)
- 2) Oasis - Wonderwall (1995)
- 3) The Rembrandts - I'll Be There For You (1995)
- 4) The Fugees - Killing Me Softly (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 hopefully a cooler Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)