



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 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.

Ofsted Inspection this week:

I want to start off by saying a huge thank you for all of the good wishes that we received during this week on notification of our latest Ofsted Inspection. Obviously, an inspection is a very important milestone in the life of a school and, for so many of you to wish us luck, both before and during the inspection, meant a great deal to all of the staff.

I also want to thank all of you who took the time to complete the Parent/Carer survey. This is a very important component of the inspection process, so to have as many of you complete it as you did was hugely appreciated. The Lead Inspector commented to me on their surprise at just how many responses had been received and stated that this was unusual from their vast experience in carrying out inspections. I have to say as well that I was bowled over by some of the lovely comments that were written. The comments are not published but do inform part of the Inspectors' overall judgements. Unfortunately, though, we are not allowed to read them! However, the Lead Inspector was kind enough to read some of them to me during one of our meetings. I'm not lying when I say that they made me feel extremely emotional about how you feel about the provision we have created here for your children. Your support of both the school, its staff, and me personally, was incredible and I can't thank you enough.

With regards to the inspection itself, we are not allowed to state or publish the judgements in the eight different areas that we were given, as this must remain confidential until the official report is published. This must be within eighteen working days of the end of the inspection itself. Therefore, there will be a little bit of a wait I'm afraid, which I know can be frustrating. Nevertheless, those are the rules and we have to abide by them. What I will say though is that, overall, we are very happy with how the inspection process went and the judgements that were made. The team that visited us were extremely thorough and the process very intense and challenging. However, the team of inspectors were very fair, respectful and allowed us, as a staff, to have our voice. They truly wanted to capture the many wonderful things that we do here, as well as accurately identifying points for development that will help us to move even further forward.

Finally, and most importantly, your children, throughout the inspection, were an absolute credit to their school, their Parents and Carers and themselves. It was regularly commented on what wonderful children we have at our school, that they love what we offer here for them, and that we are clearly producing very happy and well-rounded children.

The inspectors were hugely impressed by our 'Coppice Way' behaviour culture and noted that this was a huge strength of the school. All of the children, from Nursery through to Year 6, showed this off through their conduct and learning and I am incredibly proud of them all - a massive well done children!

Uniform for after half-term - very important:

Just a reminder to all Parents and Carers that after the half-term break, children will be expected to be wearing the standard school uniform - Summer uniform is no longer an option. A reminder of what these expectations are, can be found by clicking the link below to the page on our website:

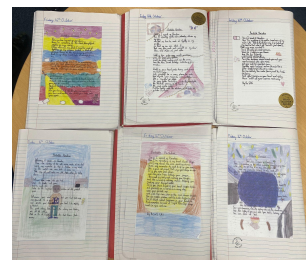
[The Coppice uniform expectations](#)

Thank you in advance for ensuring that your child is set up for the colder months ahead and please remember that we have lots of spare pre-loved uniform should you need anything. Just ask at the school office.

Year 5 share beautiful poetry writing:

It was really lovely to be able to end the week by spending some time with a group of Year 5 children, from 5RG: Flo, Havana and Maddie (back row from left), and Rosie, Cali and George (front row from left) who came to share their published 'Portable Paradise' poetry writing with me (photos below).

As was recognised by our team of inspectors, I was blown away by our children's creativity, vocabulary and maturity with their writing - well done children!



Celebration Time



Congratulations go to Sienna, from 6D, who attended the British Vaulting Championships a couple of weekends ago. Sienna was placed 5th overall in her category across the whole country and all ages. This was a remarkable achievement, especially considering that it was a national competition over two days, and against fourteen others who had qualified. We are super proud of you Sienna!

It was a joy to meet with Amelia, from 2P, today in order to celebrate her achieving her first belt (red) in kickboxing. Amelia, who attends Temple Martial Arts (TMA) is obviously rightly thrilled to have gained this award, and she passionately talked about how she practises her punches and kicks at home on a regular basis on her punch bag. She also explained



how sometimes she also practises on her Mum and Auntie - please be careful Amelia! :-) A huge well done Amelia!



Finally, a massive well done to Isobel, from 5B, who has achieved her 'Wave 5' swimming award from George's Swim Academy recently. To achieve her award, Isobel had to swim ten lengths non-stop and also learn to 'dolphin' with both flippers and without. Isobel is now working hard towards her 'Wave 6' award. Good luck Isobel - I'm sure you will smash it!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 12th - 16th (last week)

	2P	100%
	4B	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE 19th - 22nd (this week)

	1B	100%
	3K	100%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was: Halloween

M - [Kate Bush - Running Up That Hill \(Lyrics\) | From Stranger Things Season 4 Soundtrack](#)

T - [Rockwell - Somebody's Watching Me \(Official Music Video\)](#)

W - [Patience and Prudence - Tonight You Belong To Me](#)

Th - [Rock Lobster](#)

That just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable week's break with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on the morning of Monday 2nd November 2026

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)