



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 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.

Safe adults for children

As you will all know, your child's happiness, safety and wellbeing is our number one priority here at The Coppice. Those of you who have heard me speak at induction events, open mornings and generally in conversation on the playground at the beginning and the end of the day will know that I always say that without a feeling of safety and happiness, children will find their learning very difficult.

Thankfully, the Parent and Carer survey which was carried out before the Summer term, showed that 97% of you felt that your child feels both safe and happy at The Coppice. In addition, the pupil survey that we carried out with Years 1-6 in the Summer showed that 98% of the children felt safe and 88% of them felt happy at the point the survey was taken.

Obviously, our aim is for 100% of the children in to feel happy and safe every day at The Coppice and this is why we are constantly making sure that children know that they have people both in school and out of school, who they feel that they can turn to for support if needed.

This week in school, all Class Teachers (Nursery will complete this activity next week) have spoken to their children about the vital importance of us knowing that they have this close support network, as well as reminding them who the adults are in the wider school that they can also turn to. This is why all of the children were asked to complete the following (younger children with support):

Your Name:	Class:
The two adults, who I know I can talk to in school, are:	The two adults, who I can talk to outside of school, are:
1.	1.
2.	2.

I hope you feel reassured of the way we approach things at school and please take time to talk to your children about who they chose and why so that you are aware.

Safeguarding Team at The Coppice:

Linked to the previous item, this is also a good time to remind all Parents and Carers about who the safeguarding team at The Coppice comprises of, in case you ever have a concern and need to speak to someone. For information, as existing Parents and Carers will know, Mrs. Woodyatt is our full-time safeguarding, attendance and Family liaison contact.

SAFEGUARDING THE COPPICE PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Coppice School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all our staff, volunteers and wider community to share in this commitment.

If you have a concern that any child or young person is at risk or is at risk of being harmed, please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS:



Mr W Huff

- Headteacher
- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Senior Mental Health Lead



Mrs L Ashwell

- Deputy Head
- DDSL
- Attendance Lead



Mrs K Woodyatt

- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Family Liaison Officer
- Educational Welfare Officer
- LAC



Mrs J Tomkinson

- Early Years & Year 1 Leader
- Early Years Safeguarding Lead

School Telephone: 01564 826 709

Because of the seriousness with which we take all of our children's and their family's safety, Mrs. Woodyatt is working on these aspects all day, every day, and is the first point of contact for any concerns. However, the rest of the team liaise closely with Mrs. Woodyatt on a day-to-day basis and are all available to be contacted if needed.

Our incredible PTA - look what they have achieved!

Last week I mentioned the £5,000.00 that our incredible PTA has spent on new reading books for our Early Years and Key Stage One children. However, in advance of our next PTA meeting on Monday 21st September (everyone welcome), I want to remind you of all of the projects achieved last year thanks to their dedication. We can't thank them enough!



So how was all this money raised?



Sounds-Write Phonics Information sessions for Parents and Carers of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children:

We are inviting Parents and Carers of Nursery, Reception, and Year One children to Sounds-Write information sessions and workshops during the Autumn term. **There will be two sessions for each year group, covering the same relevant content, so please sign up for one session only via the link on the app.**

These sessions aim 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. **We look forward to welcoming you to our information and workshop sessions.**

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery Welcome to Sounds-Write: Getting Ready to Read Parent and Carer session only.	Wednesday 14th October	9-930 215-245
Reception Welcome to Sounds-Write: The Initial Code Parent and Carer session only.	Wednesday 7th October	9-930 230-3
Year One Welcome to The Extended Code Class Teacher, children and Parents and Carers.	Friday 16th October	9-930 230-3

As you can see, our PTA puts on a huge range of events and activities in order to achieve such incredible results.

These events can't happen though without having enough members to run them. Therefore please volunteer if you can and make contact with Jen using:

thecoppiceschoolpta@gmail.com

Updated Phonics Information on the school website:

We just wanted to make you aware that we have now updated the Phonics information page on the school website:

<https://www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk/curriculum/phonics/>

This page is dedicated to explaining what our Sounds-Write Phonics approach at The Coppice entails through giving information on the following questions:

- What is Sounds-Write Phonics?
- What are the key concepts and skills are children taught?
- What do children learn in Nursery?
- What do children learn in Reception?
- What do children learn in Year 1?
- What phonics is taught with Years 2 to 6?
- When is Sounds-Write Phonics taught?
- What books or reading schemes are used?
- How can I support my child at home?

We hope you find this updated page even more informative and useful in helping to understand our approach and also to support your child at home with their reading.

Mrs. Bell accomplishes her challenge for Diabetes!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, a huge well done goes to our Year 4 Teacher and Leader: Mrs. Bell, who accomplished her Three Peaks Challenge in aid of Type 1 Diabetes. She has kindly written a report for you all below - what an achievement Mrs. Bell!!!!

On Saturday 12th September, eight family and friends and I took on the National Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for a charity very close to my heart: Breakthrough T1D. We had a brutal start on Snowdon at 8am, with torrential rain and 80mph winds making the climb much harder than expected. Despite the conditions, we reached the summit and were back in the car by 12:30pm, heading to Scafell Pike. Although Scafell Pike is the smallest of the three mountains, it certainly didn't feel that way! We started the climb at 5:30pm, reaching the summit at 8pm in complete darkness, before heading back down to begin the six-hour journey to Ben Nevis.

At 3:30am, we were ready to tackle our final mountain. We split into two groups, with one aiming to complete the challenge within 24 hours and the other focusing on reaching the summit safely before the deadline. Ben Nevis was brutal! Thankfully, the weather was much kinder, but four hours of climbing in the dark took its toll. Group 1 reached the summit at 6:30am, while Group 2 made it to the top at 7:55am — just five minutes before the 24-hour deadline!

Aidan, an ex-Coppice pupil and childhood friend, realised the group wouldn't make it back to the car park in time unless they picked up the pace. In true commitment-to-the-cause fashion, he ran down Ben Nevis, reaching the car park with just six minutes to spare and becoming the only member of our group to complete the entire challenge within 24 hours!

The rest of us finished in 25 hours 20 minutes and 27 hours 5 minutes. Although the conditions on Snowdon put us behind schedule, we were incredibly proud of what we achieved. We're all feeling the effects now, but it was completely worth it for such an important cause. Most importantly, we have raised an incredible **£2,450 for Breakthrough T1D**, smashing our original £2,000 target!

Celebration Time

A massive well done goes to **Oonagh, from 5B** who took part in the 10 year anniversary of her 'Class Act Theatrics' Company. Oonagh loves acting and can be seen proudly wearing her medal!



Congratulations to **Eva, also from 5B**, who took part in the Stardust Dance Academy's Summer cheerleading show. At the event, Eva was chosen for the Star Performer 'Commitment Trophy for her dedication!

It is lovely to celebrate **Amelia, from 5M** who achieved a 'highly commended' award in her recent Freestyle Dance Exam with Lyntone dancing - well done Amelia!



Congratulations also go to **Rosie, from 5RG**, who achieved a 'Gold' with honours award in her recent Freestyle Dance Exam with Lyntone dancing - well done Rosie!

A big well done to **Hughie, from 6L**, who plays for Hollywood Lions. Last weekend, his team won 9-2 against Knowle and Hughie scored a hat-trick and also won 'Parents player of the match for his all round play. He's now aiming to get Parent's Player of the season and score lots of goals!



Congratulations go to **Scarlett, from RB**, who has achieved her Level 2 Gymnastics Award from Fundamental Movement Academy. Scarlett had to perform jumps and cartwheels on the beam to get the award. We are very proud of you Scarlett!

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 7th - 11th Sept (last week)		
	RTK 2S	100%
	3L 3K	99.67%

TOP ATTENDANCE 14th -18th (this week)		
	RTK	100%
	3K	99.33%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was: Music from films

- [Sunflower - Post Malone, Swae Lee](#)
- [Ocean Man - Ween](#)
- [Vois sur ton chemin - Les Choristes](#)
- [The Avengers Theme Song - Alan Silvestri](#)

Next week's playlist is: World Peace Day 21/09/26

- [One Vision - Queen](#)
- [Waiting On The World To Change - John Mayer](#)
- [Peace Train - Dolly Parton, Ladysmith Black Mambazo](#)
- [Down By The River Side - Mahalia Jackson](#)

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)