



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 1st 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.

Coppice Eco Code:

Thank you so much to our children and families from Key Stage 2 who helped to write our Eco Code! We really appreciate all of your ideas and effort. We are currently applying for the **Green Flag Award** and working hard to make our school greener. This code will therefore help remind us all to do our bit for the environment - please look out for it displayed around the school.

Together, as a school community, we can make a positive, environmental difference to our locality and school every day and we thank you for all of your support with this.

The Eco Team



Pre-loved uniform giveaway:

Carrying on with the ECO theme, we ensure that we always have a very substantial stock of pre-loved uniform which is collected and organised by the school office staff, Mr Mace and The Coppice Parent and Teacher Association (PTA).

Last week and this, we put out all of our uniform stock out for Parents and Carers to look through and take on their way out of school. There were many, happy takers and lots of positive comments about what a great initiative this is.

We believe passionately, as does our school's ECO committee, which is made up of children from our school who are voted for by their peers, that we should not only provide second-hand uniform to help people financially but also because it is good for the environment from a sustainability point of view. We therefore also have regular uniform giveaways at Parents' Evenings and Induction Events for Parents and Carers of children starting our school, as well as being more than happy to deal with individual requests directly at the school office.

We are proud to say that we will NEVER charge anything for pre-loved uniform. If a Parent or Carer wishes to make a donation to School Fund, and is in a position to do so, we will accept this and ensure that every penny is put back into further supporting children in our school e.g. through the purchase of additional resources or play equipment.



We are extremely proud of the work that our Eco Committee is doing throughout our school and we fully intend to explore other ways of making a positive impact moving forward.

Hopefully all of our hard work will result in the Green Flag flying high on our school site in the not too distant future!

Sunny weather: protecting your children:

It has been a lovely feeling over the course of the last couple of weeks to have been blessed with some spring sunshine, which always gives everyone a lift and puts smiles on people's faces.

In advance of the remainder of the summer term, it is a good time to remind you all about protecting your children from the sun's harmful rays and, therefore, of the school's policy with regards to the application of sunscreen.

The school's policy is as follows:

- Parents/Carers should apply an application of the product before school and pupils should be taught, at home, how to apply a 'top up', should it be required.

- Children can bring in a bottle of sunscreen during the summer months. **This MUST be an SPF 30 or above.**

- Children are allowed to re-apply sun cream once before lunchtime (a five minute window will be given) if Parents/Carers wish them to do so, especially those children with sensitive skin and those who are at high risk of sunburn. Parents/Carers will remind their children to do this when the weather is particularly warm.

- **Sun cream bottles must be labelled** and will be kept in a safe place in the classroom. Sun cream brought into school should be left in school for the duration of the Summer Term – teachers/staff will not be responsible for reminding children to take sun cream home at the end of each day.

-Staff will assist Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) pupils with the application of sun cream by giving them guidance. However, they will not be able to apply this directly - the child MUST do this themselves. If they are not capable of this, Parents/Carers will need to come into school to provide the top-up. In other year groups the children are responsible for their own application.

- 'Roller ball' applications are particularly good for young children as they are easier to use. You can buy branded ones and there are also ones called 'solar buddies', which you fill with a lotion of your choosing.

- Staff cannot be responsible for sun cream applied incorrectly by a child.

- Children should be taught at home never to share sun cream and we will reinforce this in school as well.

- Sunscreen will be applied before lunch - it won't be the responsibility of Lunchtime supervisors to do this

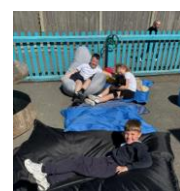
Thank you in advance for your cooperation with the above guidelines as it goes a long way to ensuring that we are a 'sun safe' school. Please also continue to send your child in with caps, sun hats and water bottles when the weather is warm as these all contribute to your child's safety and comfort.

OPAL 'Book Nook' and board games area proves a hit!

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago in the newsletter that we were extremely excited to be launching our OPAL Play 'Book Nook' and board game area.

As you can see in the photos below, this area is now very much up and running and is being greatly enjoyed by lots of the children.

We are always evaluating our OPAL Play provision and adding new options that appeal to our children. We want our playtimes to be the very best that they can be for all of our children



Year 2 have a wonderful day at Coventry Transport Museum:

Year 2 had a fantastic day at Coventry Transport Museum on Tuesday. The children went on a 'timeline trail', learning all about vehicles from different decades around the museum. Whilst journeying through time, the children also had to spot different vehicles as part of completing a timeline treasure hunt sheet. They saw the evolution of transport design over time which strengthened even further what the children had learnt in the classroom during their recent history topic.

The children also got to see everything from a huge Penny Farthing, to the Royal car used by King George and Queen Mary. Their day ended with seeing huge supersonic cars that broke land speed records, which truly wowed the children e.g. the 'Bloodhound' Land Speed Record (LSR).

There was so much to see on this trip that it is no wonder at all that they all greatly enjoyed their day and behaved fantastically. We are extremely proud of you all for representing our school so well children!



Celebration Time

Georgia completes her climbing challenge!

Last Saturday, Georgia from 6D, along with mum: Jen, Dad: Simon and brother: Sam completed her charity climb of Mount Snowdon in Wales to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Georgia climbed all the way to the summit in 8 hours. At the end of the day, they were all shattered with lots of aching limbs!

Georgia did the entire thing with a smile on her face, even in the more challenging parts, and her mum said that she was AMAZING!! She has had so much support and has raised £1,800 (including gift aid) and the donations are still coming in. Her family are so so proud of her and, as a school, we are too - you're a true shining star Georgia! Georgia and her family thank everyone who supported her from the bottom of their hearts!



Esme from Nursery sets herself a challenge - please support her if you can!

Talking of challenges, Esme from Nursery saw that there is a 100 mile challenge (walk, run or wheel) in May in aid of The National Deaf Children's Society. Peppa Pig's family is also taking part as George (Peppa's brother) is getting a hearing aid. Esme and her mum: Becky are now all signed up and they will get a George pig medal when the challenge is completed, which will be lovely!

Below is a link to Esme and mum's charity page to enable you to contribute if you'd like to. It's a fabulous charity to support and Esme and her mum would be incredibly grateful to you. Good luck Esme!



<https://ndcs.sync.giving/fr/cr-8xzo35wl6l87p#> =

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 20th - 24th April (last week)

	2T	99.00%
	5GB	99.35%

TOP ATTENDANCE 27th April - 1st May (this week)

	1D	99.31%
	4B	98.06%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Early 20th Century

- 1) Robert Johnson - Sweet Home Chicago (1936)
- 2) Ma Rainey - Runaway Blues (1928)
- 3) Ravel - Boléro (1928)
- 4) Édith Piaf - La Vie En Rose (1947)

Next week's playlist is:

Western Orchestral Strings

- 1) Paganini - Caprice No.24 (c.1810)
- 2) 2CELLOS - Thunderstruck (2014)
- 3) Leroy Anderson - The Waltzing Cat (1950)
- 4) Barber - Adagio for Strings (1936)

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 TUESDAY morning as Monday is the May Day Bank Holiday.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)