



# The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

## Friday 19th June 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.

### Drowning Prevention Week:

I want to start by mentioning that, as we did last year, all of our children have received age-appropriate Water Safety messages this week to mark Drowning Prevention Week.

This vital safety learning is something that we are passionate about at The Coppice. Therefore, we use the materials from The Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) to ensure that our children receive the best quality information.

### Sports Days:

It was wonderful this week to see Parents, Carers and visitors coming onto the school field to support the children in such large numbers! Although we had one wet day that led to the unfortunate cancellation of the EYFS sports events (now rearranged for w/c 13th July - see the App for details), we were still blessed with three dry days that allowed the Year 1-6 events to take place when we had scheduled them for - a great feeling for everyone!

The atmospheres were superb and your children were once again amazing! We had everything: competition, sportsmanship, encouragement and support for one another, smiles and laughter, determination, courage, resilience, empathy and most importantly fun!

At The Coppice, we all agree that competition is a part of life so we don't avoid it but embrace it. However, what we do in conjunction with this is to ensure that every single child's effort is valued and that 'trying your best' and not giving up are the most important qualities. In this way I believe that we get the balance just right.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of year group Teachers and support staff for ensuring that these events were such a success and that the children were so well prepared. In addition, I want to thank: our wonderful Parents' and Teachers' Association (PTA) for providing refreshments and selling raffle tickets and our site team: Mr. Mace and Mrs. Boyd for setting up the gazebos and PA system and escorting Parents and Carers. A huge shout-out must, of course go to Mrs. Bell, Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Wright for organising the events themselves. I must also mention our fabulous PE Ambassadors who scurried around for a whole afternoon.

They made sure that the equipment needed was in the right place at the right time - well done children, you are a huge credit to our school! Thank you to all of you for your fantastic support of your children at all of the events, which contributed hugely to their success. As I said at the events, the events really had a big family feel. I hope though that there weren't too many aches or pains after the Parent and Carer races! Hopefully you enjoyed the 'Mexican Wave' too!

Finally, I want to thank your amazing children - they certainly did the school and you proud and I loved every minute of watching them compete! **The results for all events were:**

#### SPORTS DAY 2026 SCORES (Y1 - Y6)

| Year 1 / 2 | Eagles | Falcons | Hawks | Owls |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| Score      | 367    | 376     | 417   | 497  |
| Position   | 4th    | 3rd     | 2nd   | 1st  |

| Year 3 / 4 | Eagles | Falcons | Hawks | Owls |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| Score      | 429    | 551     | 461   | 486  |
| Position   | 4th    | 1st     | 3rd   | 2nd  |

| Year 5 / 6 | Eagles | Falcons | Hawks | Owls |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| Score      | 449    | 443     | 431   | 445  |
| Position   | 1st    | 3rd     | 4th   | 2nd  |

#### OVERALL POSITIONS

|          | Eagles | Falcons | Hawks | Owls |
|----------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| Score    | 1245   | 1370    | 1309  | 1428 |
| Position | 4th    | 2nd     | 3rd   | 1st  |



### Mizpah School Thank yous!

I'm sure that you will all remember well the whole school toy and activity donation that the children of our School Council organised a few months ago for the children of Mizpah School in Zimbabwe. It was a wonderful surprise therefore, on Tuesday morning to receive an email from Pastor Steve Crosthwaite from Hollywood Christian Life Church on Simms Lane which included both photos and videos of the children receiving their gifts at school. The photos and videos were wonderful to see and also very humbling.

There was also a letter of thanks from the school's founder: Tapiwa, which I have included over the page for you to read. We are hugely grateful to her for taking the time to do this.

I am so happy that we have impacted the children of Mizpah School in the positive way that we have. Our children have genuinely been touched by the Mizpah children's story and have themselves learnt a great deal about sharing, compassion, empathy and friendship through our connection with them. Due to the close bond that we have with the Mizpah School, we will again look to support them in some way during the next academic year.

16 JUNE 2025  
Coppice Primary School  
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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Dear Headmaster, Staff and Learners of Coppice Primary School,  
On behalf of the administration, Staff, learners and the community of Mizpah Primary school in Zimbabwe, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donations you provided to our school.  
Your kindness and willingness to support our learners have made a significant impact on our educational environment. The donated items have been received with great appreciation and excitement, and they will greatly assist in enhancing the learning experience of our students.  
Your generosity is more than just a donation of material resources; it is a demonstration of compassion, friendship and a shared commitment to education. The support you have shown has inspired our learners and reminded them that there are people who care deeply about their future and success.  
We are sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness and for choosing to partner with our school. Your contribution will leave a lasting positive effect on the lives of young people. We hope that this act of kindness marks the beginning of a strong relationship between our two schools.  
Please convey our sincere thanks to everyone involved in organizing and contributing to this wonderful donation.  
Thank you once again for your generosity and support.  
Yours faithfully  
TAPIWA ROSE KAJIAMA  
DIRECTOR | MIZPAH PRIMARY SCHOOL ZIMBABWE



On the children's return, there were lots of happy, excited but exhausted faces...on the staff as well!! It was also fabulous to hear that the Malvern instructors had commented on how lovely their groups of children had been. As you know, comments like this always make us very proud as a school - a massive well done children!

I also want to extend my thanks to the staff: Mr. Lampard, Mrs. Chivers, Miss. Danby, Mrs. Ashwell, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Abbotts, Mr. Ruffles and Miss. Lowry for spending two nights away from their families in order to ensure that the children had this fantastic experience.



**Nursery have great time visiting Mini Minds Play Village:**

This week, our Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their first trip to Mini Minds Play Village on Shawhurst Lane. The children had the chance to explore different job roles, shops and places that they may visit such as a hospital or police station. This linked to our learning of 'People who help us' and also gave the children the opportunity to practise their language and communication skills and provided us with lots of opportunities for imaginative and pretend play. Well done children!



**Fabulous off-site visit for many of our Year 6 children:**

Our Year Six children headed off to their residential on Wednesday and returned on Friday last week. Staff and children have had a fabulous time, even if the weather was a bit mixed!

This trip was a fantastic reward for the children after completing their SAT tests last month. The children participated in a range of activities across the 3 days: archery, high ropes, hill walking, zip wire, quad pole, orienteering and the famous King Swing.

Many children faced new challenges and were able to overcome their fears which is exactly why we love our children taking part in off-site adventurous activities, such as the ones mentioned – well done children!

**A great few days for Year 6 children not at Malvern:**

The children who remained at school during the Malvern residential had the opportunity to take part in a range of fun and engaging activities. The week was filled with creativity, teamwork, and plenty of smiles, ensuring that the children who stayed at school had a memorable and enjoyable experience also. Some of the highlights included:

**Caricaturing with Andy Doodles** – The children had great fun creating a caricature of Mr Hutt, with plenty of laughter along the way.

**Pottery Workshop with Bob** – The Year 6 children have never been so quiet as they concentrated on crafting name plaques and pen pots from clay.

**Swimming** – The children visited GSA to enjoy a swimming lesson led by expert instructors, developing their confidence and skills in the water.

**Baking** – The delicious aroma of freshly baked biscuits filled the Phizz Lab as the children baked, decorated, and enjoyed their tasty creations.

**Fashion Show** – Pupils designed and created items of clothing using bin bags before showcasing their imaginative designs in their very own fashion show.



## Celebration Time

A massive well done to Katie, from 5GB, who achieved her Green belt in kickboxing recently. Katie goes to The Elite Kickboxing Academy and had to shadow box, punch, defend, kick and spar in order to achieve the belt. Katie attends the club with her Dad and brother Jamie and is passionate about her sport. Congratulations Katie!

It was great to be able to celebrate Hughie, from 5W, who won the Midland Junior Premier League with his Saturday team: FDC. They won a number of games on their way to the final, which they won 3-2. Hughie also won the final for his Sunday team: Hollywood United. They beat Studley in the final 3-0 and Hughie scored one of the goals. A huge well done Hughie!

Huge congratulations also go to Josh, from 2T, who won the Golden Boot at his football tournament two weeks ago. Josh plays for FDC Under 8s and was thrilled to score one of the penalties in a 2-0 shootout, after the final had finished 0-0. The team had got to the final after playing five games including a semi-final, which shows what a great achievement this was. We are very proud of you Josh!

We are also extremely proud of Emelia from RKB who performed at the Born2Perform dance competition in Coventry recently. - a brand new group lyrical, a group jazz and her own solo. She received 4 trophies: 1st for their group lyrical dance, 1<sup>st</sup> for jazz, Top Notch Novice Special award for their group Jazz dance from one of the judges and 1<sup>st</sup> for her solo (out of 7 in her category).


We were told just how amazing Emelia was and that she showed so much confidence. She has now also qualified to compete again in the Grand Finals for the National Championships! Wow!

## Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate




## Attendance Figures

### TOP ATTENDANCE 8th - 12th June (last week)

|  |          |        |
|--|----------|--------|
|  | 2T       | 99.33% |
|  | 3K<br>6D | 99.33% |

### TOP ATTENDANCE 15th-19th (this week)

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|  | RKB | 99.29% |
|  | 5GB | 99.35% |

## Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

### 1970s

- 1) Gloria Gaynor - I Will Survive (1978)
- 2) ELO - Don't Bring Me Down (1979)
- 3) The Real Thing - You To Me Are Everything (1976)
- 4) Elton John - Crocodile Rock (1972)

Next week's playlist is:

### 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)

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)