



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the half-term break with your children - thankfully it looks like we are going to have a lovely week of weather which will be most welcome I think we all agree!

Parent and Carer survey - very important!

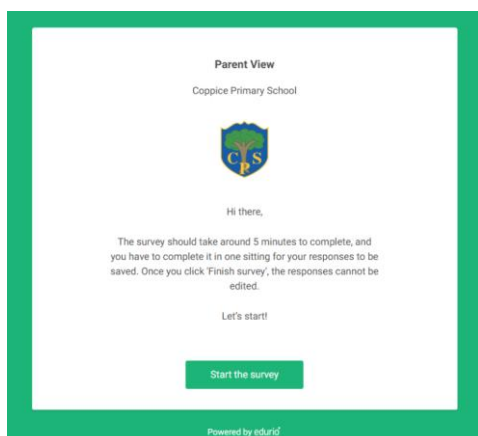
As a School Leadership Team we are constantly evaluating our school and reflecting on the experience that we provide to you and your children here at The Coppice. We are therefore continually looking for areas where we can improve further and your feedback is an absolutely key component of this process.

So that we can get your views, opinions and suggestions, there is a link to a Parent and Carer survey below. We would therefore really appreciate it if as many of you as possible could complete this survey because your opinions about our school truly are valued and extremely useful to us in moving forward.

The survey comprises of fifteen questions and will only take approximately 5 minutes to complete unless you choose to add comments as well, which you are more than welcome to do - in fact we positively welcome them!

The link to the survey is below and no log-in details are needed. Just click on 'Start the survey' on the survey homepage (as pictured below) and you can begin.

Parent & Carer Survey



OPAL Open mornings for Parents and Carers

On both Thursday and Friday mornings, it was a lovely feeling to be able to welcome Parents and Carers to our second OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) Open Morning.

Following a chance to have refreshments and a chat with each other in the Junior Hall at drop-off time, all Parents and Carers went outside to play with their children and engage in the range of OPAL Play activities on offer.

Year 5 and 6, along with their Reception and Year 1 buddies, had their session first on Thursday and it was really lovely to see our oldest children playing and interacting with our youngest children. This was followed by Years 2, 3 and 4 on Friday.

As the pictures over the page show, these were joyous occasions and everyone had a wonderful time. Thankfully it remained dry (even though the rain never stops the OPAL Play fun from happening) and this just added to the feel-good atmosphere.

I want to thank all who attended for their enthusiasm and greatly appreciated positive comments. We will continue to hold more of these sessions in the future so please try and attend next time if you weren't able to this time. Thank you also to Mrs. Ashwell, Miss. Carter and our wonderful Play Rangers (pictured below) for organising this event.

As you might know, our fantastic Play Team (Lunchtime staff below) do an incredible job in ensuring that our children have a great lunchtime experience. For logistical reasons, they weren't at these events. However, they truly need recognition for the amazing job they do day in day out.



Our special team of Play Rangers (see above) also had a meeting with Miss. Carter on Wednesday in order to plan and prepare for the above events - they truly do a fantastic job organising and liaising with classes - OPAL wouldn't happen in the amazing way it does with them!

Some photos from Thursday - so much fun had!



Some photos from Friday - another wonderful time!



On the left, you can see some of our wonderful Play Rangers and Lunchtime Play Team viewing the amazing feedback we received!

Sounds to Stories newsletter write-up:

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who joined us for our first Sounds to Stories Reception Early Reading workshop this week. We were delighted by the fantastic attendance and truly appreciated the engagement and support throughout the sessions.

During the sessions, we explored how Sounds-Write phonics is taught and shared key phrases and error-correction strategies to support reading at home. Families also had the opportunity to explore recommended books for Reception-aged children and read decodable texts together. The sessions were filled with enthusiasm for reading and a strong sense of family engagement, which was fantastic to see. We greatly value the partnership between home and school and recognise the important role it plays in ensuring every child has the best possible start to reading. The slides from the session are now available on Reception's newsletter page. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Russell.



Stunning Year 2 artwork wows!

I was absolutely blown away when I was visited by a number of Year 2 children who had created some absolutely stunning artwork as part of their recent

Artsweek project. The children all displayed incredible technique, care and teamwork to produce such high quality work. A huge well done goes to Edward, Skylar, Phoebe and George (2P - pictured), and Xander, River, Ellie and Louisa (2T) who produced the pieces below.



Celebration Time

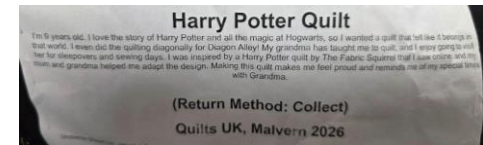
A huge well done to both Oliver and Louis from 4TR who both won awards at the Wychall Wanderers end-of-season presentation. Oliver was presented with the 'Players' Player' of the season award and Louis received the 'Parents' Player' of the season. Huge congratulations go to both boys!



It is wonderful to be able to celebrate Zara from 3B, who came an incredible 1st place in her debut Aquathlon last weekend, which was held at the Kenilworth Triathlon Club.



Zara had to swim 50 metres and then run 800 metres in her event, so to come 1st in her age category is an incredible achievement. Zara was also awarded the 'Star of The Week' trophy from her club which, considering her success, is no surprise! A huge well done to you Zara!



It was an absolute pleasure to meet with and celebrate Helen, from 5W, this week. Helen came 1st place in the Under 16 category at the Malvern Quilting Competition last

weekend. As you can see, Helen produced a stunning quilt on the theme of Harry Potter. The quilt demonstrated incredible technical skill and thought. It had taken Helen a year to complete which also demonstrates a huge amount of resilience and patience. I loved hearing about the fact that Helen had been taught the skill by her Grandmother, which showed how it was being passed down the generations. You are clearly very talented Helen and can be very proud of your achievement.



Congratulations go to Edie, Heidi and Annie, all from Year 4, who won their recent football tournament. Playing for Leafield girls, they beat Kenilworth in the final, winning it 3-2 on penalties after a 0-0 draw. Annie scored the winning penalty! Well done girls!

Finally, a huge well done goes to Theo, from 4B, who won the recent Kidderminster Harriers Under 9's tournament. Theo plays right wing for the Harriers and scored in a 2 - 1 victory. He is clearly a talented footballer and we look forward to more achievements in the future.



Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 11th -15th (last week)

	1T	98.77%
	5RM	100%

TOP ATTENDANCE 18th - 22nd (this week)

	1LR	97.59%
	4B	97.74%

Music Listening and Appreciation

This week's playlist was:

Alternative Strings

- 1) Ramy Adly - Stairway to Heaven 2017
- 2) Ravi Shankar - Raga Mala 2011
- 3) Cecile Corbel - Arrietty's Song 2010
- 4) Béla Fleck & the Flecktones-Stomping Grounds 1996

That just leaves me to wish you all an enjoyable half-term break with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on the morning of Monday 1st June.

Kind regards,

Mellett (Headteacher - The Coppice Primary School)