



The Coppice Whole School Newsletter

Friday 16th 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.

Open Mornings for prospective Nursery and Reception Parents & Carers:

The week after the half-term break we will start to host our Open Mornings for prospective Nursery and Reception children, for intake in September 2027.

As always, we are very much looking forward to these events because they give us (and me personally) a chance to show off our wonderful school and what we can offer here in terms of both our Nursery and Reception provision.

These sessions are always really well-received by those who come to them. Therefore, if you are looking at a place for your child in our Nursery or Reception, please do come and see us.

Lots of prospective Parents and Carers have already enquired about these events, which is great.

Please be aware that we can only accommodate adults at these sessions.

The Coppice has achieved its Primary Science Quality Mark!

I am thrilled to announce that The Coppice has achieved its second Primary Science Quality Mark, and has been awarded the highest level of award: Gilt!

This is an amazing level of award to have achieved and is fantastic recognition for the incredible work that Science Lead: Miss. Dixon, has done with this subject and Quality Mark application. This is the second time that we have achieved this award and illustrates that we have continued to build on the work done previously.

Science is a huge strength of our school and this is because of the passion and sheer hard work that has gone into it. We have brilliant science teaching here at The Coppice, as well as a plethora of extra-curricular science opportunities, plus fabulous support from our PTA. Obviously, I am thrilled that the hours and hours of hard work have been rewarded in this way. Well done everyone!

Below you will see the logo that we will be able to proudly display on our letters and website. We will also receive a certificate for our school entrance hall.

PSQM

Primary Science
Quality Mark

PSQM Gilt

Valid 2026 – 2029

Over the page, you will find the wording from the email we received to confirm our award, plus some further quotes from our report - they make for really lovely reading!

Details of the sessions are opposite. Should you wish to attend, or know anyone in the community who does, please contact Karen White in the school office on 01564 826 709 and she will make sure that you are registered to attend one of the sessions.

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SCHOOL & NURSERY

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INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2027

OPEN DAYS

We look forward to welcoming you to our school. To allow for focused discussion, we kindly request our Open Day sessions remain an adults-only event.

Thank you

Nursery Tour
Thursday 5th November 09:15-10:30
Friday 20th November 09:15-10:30

Reception Tour
Friday 6th November 09:15-10:30
Thursday 19th November 09:15-10:30

Nursery & Reception Tour
Thursday 26th November 13:15 - 14:30

Doors open from 9am/1pm with teas & coffees upon arrival

BOOK ONLINE NOW

Shawhurst Lane, Hollywood, B47 5JN

01564 826 709

www.coppice.worcs.sch.uk

Applications for Nursery and Reception places for September 2027 are now open!

We warmly invite you to attend our Open morning and Open Afternoon sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet our Headteacher, Mr Hutt and our Leadership Team, see our school in action and explore our inspiring Early Years setting.

'We are delighted to inform you that your submission for the Round 25 Autumn Primary Science Quality Mark Gilt (PSQM) has been successful. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

The reviewers who judged your application have been extremely impressed by the high quality of the submission that they received from you. The commitment demonstrated in leading and developing science education within your primary school over the past year has been outstanding and the positive impact on curriculum design and teaching and learning is clearly evident.

Further quotes of note were:

'Reviewing the whole submission there is ample evidence which shows that the hard work and enthusiasm of the Science Leader has had a positive impact across the school, ensuring that pupils have a great curriculum that supports their engagement and understanding of science. As noted by the Headteacher, "we have observed a positive increase in pupils' confidence, enthusiasm and engagement in Science.'

'The evidence in the slides and reflections show the school has built upon their previous PSQM experiences and that these strategies have had a positive impact across the school. As noted by the Headteacher, "pupils are becoming more confident in sharing their reasoning and observations, showing greater curiosity and excitement for science, particularly during exploration in the classroom'.

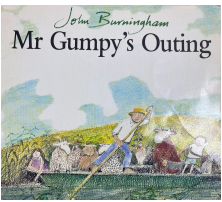
'The school has deepened and broadened their Science curriculum and made it more inclusive and engaging. One great development has been utilising the wider school community in promoting and supporting science. For example, lunchtime supervisors and office staff enthusiastically participating in the weekly science questions, and discussing ideas with children during lunch times and play times in the Phiz club. Furthermore the school's Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) are always happy and willing to support science events e.g. by running the Science 'Gadget Shop' in Science week. The school Trustee with responsibility for Science: Jack Stables is also an excellent support to the science Leader. These are all great features of a scientific culture at The Coppice'.

We are sure that as Parents and Carers, you will all be equally thrilled that we have been recognised in this way.

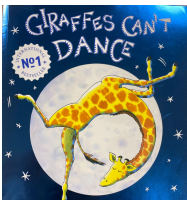
Nursery Celebration assemblies:

We held our first Nursery celebration assemblies on Tuesday and Thursday of this week and it was a joy for both Mrs. Ashwell and I to present certificates to our youngest children. The pride on the children's faces when they hear their names called out and they get to come and stand in front of their peers and hold their certificates, is always a really special moment. Some of the reasons given for why children had received certificates on this occasion were simply wonderful: 'being a great role model for others', 'always being a really enthusiastic learner' and 'always being such a kind friend'.

We will be having many more Nursery celebration assemblies over the course of the academic year and greatly look forward to presenting many more certificates then! Not only did we present certificates, but we also each read a story each to the children, which they absolutely loved. Our choices of story are below:



Mr. Hutt's choice: Mr. Gumpy's Outing.



Mrs. Ashwell's choice: Giraffes Can't Dance!

Introducing Our New Eco Ambassadors!



We are delighted to announce that our new Eco Ambassadors have been selected!

Children who wished to be nominated shared information about why they felt they would be great for the role and how they could help make a positive difference to our school environment. In line with our **British Value of Democracy**, each class then had the opportunity to vote for their chosen representatives, ensuring that everyone had a voice in the selection process. The children elected were:

Maisey: 3L; Cora: 3K; Louis: 3B; Lily T: 4B; Jessica: 4DR; Mia-Rose: 4TR; Reece: 5B; Rosie: 5RG; Isla: 5C; Krish: 6D; Alice T: 6G; and Helen: 6L

We are really excited to be working with these children over the course of the year on our upcoming Eco projects. We look forward to seeing their enthusiasm and commitment, and to hearing their ideas as they help us to make our school a greener and more environmentally friendly place. Our first Eco meeting will take place after half-term and we can't wait to get started! A huge thank you and well done goes to all of those who applied and those who were elected. **Written by: Mrs. Lennon, Mr. Ruffles and Mrs. Douglas - Eco Team.**

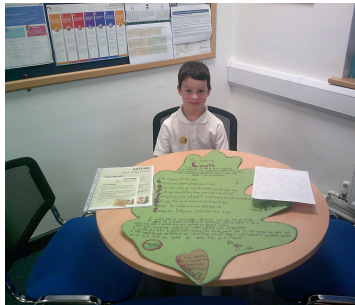
Celebration Time



It is lovely to be able to celebrate both Rosie and Cali from 5RG who were rewarded with a medal for their excellent participation in the Wythall Library Summer Reading Challenge. The requirement of the challenge was to read a chapter book a week for the whole of the Summer break.

Both girls successfully managed to complete the challenge, which illustrates just what passionate readers these two girls are, and that was very clear to see when I was talking to them. Rosie stated that her favourite read had been: 'Selfie Queen' by Lisa Williams, whilst Cali stated that hers was 'The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks' by Katie Kirby. We are very proud of both of these girls for their achievement - keep on reading girls! :-)

A huge well done goes to Louis, from 3B, for producing the most stunning application to be an Eco Ambassador. The effort that Louis put in truly showed just how passionate he is about protecting the planet and its environment.



As you can see from the photo of Louis above, he truly walked the extra mile with his application, producing a beautiful poster and speech outlining all the reasons he should be chosen. He also produced professional looking accompanying Eco factsheets as further support. I was honestly wowed by the effort Louis had put in and the quality he had produced - I am so proud of you Louis!

The great news is that Louis was then chosen by his classmates for the position - truly deserved Louis! :-)

Star of the Week - Hot Chocolate



Attendance Figures

TOP ATTENDANCE 5th- 9th (last week)

	RTK	100%
	4DR	99.33%

TOP ATTENDANCE 12th - 16th (this week)

	2P	100%
	4B	100%

Music Listening and Appreciation

Last week's playlist was different for each year group and was a selection put together by the staff

Next week's playlist is: 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 weekend with your children. We look forward to seeing all of the children, and you, bright and early on Monday morning for the last week of this half-term.

Kind regards,

Mr.Hutt (Headteacher – The Coppice Primary School)