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Coppice Academy Newsletter

20th November 2026

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Term Dates

27/11/2026
School closed for Inset Day

18/12/2026
School closes for Christmas break at 1.30pm

04/01/2027
School reopens after Christmas holidays

11/02/2027
School closes for Half Term

12/02/2027
School closed for Inset Day

22/02/2027
School reopens after Half Term

25/03/2027
School closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30pm

12/04/2027
School reopens after Easter holidays

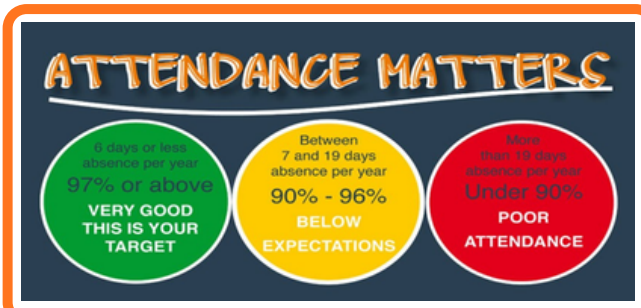
30/04/2027
School closed for Inset Day

03/05/2027
School closed for Bank Holiday

28/06/2027
School closes for half term

07/06/2027
School reopens after half term

21/07/2027
School closes for Summer holidays at 1.30pm



Reminder

Next week will be Blue week for all Key Stage 3 classes

BLUE WEEK

Reminder - Inset Day

Just a reminder that the Academy will be closed next Friday (27th November 2026) for an Inset Day.

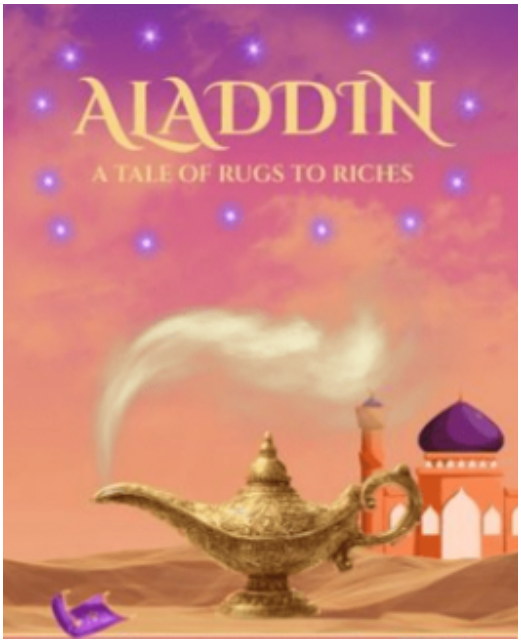


Reminder - Pantomime Visit on 02/12/26

You will have received an email from ParentPay on Tuesday 3rd November with details of a trip to watch the pantomime "Aladdin" at the Kings Hall in Stoke on Wednesday 2nd December. Please log onto ParentPay if you wish your child to take part.

We ask that full payment is received by Friday 27th November 2026.

All students were informed on Wednesday how the day works so that they are prepared for the event.



Anti Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week. We discussed this year's theme, Break the Silence, in Votes for Schools and in PSHE.

In Mrs Jones' KS4 English lessons, students wrote articles giving different sides of the argument about whether focusing on anti-bullying for one week a year is enough. Although the statistics, 'facts' and anecdotes are made-up, I'm sure you'll agree that these two students have produced excellent articles.

Is Anti-Bullying Tokenism?

It has been a recent conversation on whether anti-bullying week is not enough and should be taught constantly. It is estimated that around 95% of schools use anti-bullying week to bring awareness to bullying and zoom in more on its issues.

First of all, many people think that only a week of anti-bullying is simply not enough; Anti-bullying should be considered to teach all year round and constantly talk about the issues that come with it. For example: hateful names, hurting people and nasty online chats. Talking about chats, it is estimated that around 45% of bullying happens online, showing that that bullying can happen anywhere, which is why it should be talked about constantly. What do you think about anti-bullying week?

In addition to this, anti-bullying week can be seen as only a small gesture that brings light to a very important situation in a very short time. With this, thousands of people have been a victim of bullying, however, it is estimated that only 35% actually speak up about the situation. This shows that talking about anti-bullying consistently could help people speak up about it and get it reported. As you know, bullying is horrendous, so by more people speaking up, it can help prevent the bullying, and have people not forget about the issues.

On the other hand, it is a great thing to remind people yearly about bullying, that way, people would not forget about its issues. For example, David has been bullied by his peers, but when taking part in anti-bullying week, it made him more confident to speak out, showing that by doing a whole week about anti-bullying and what its about, people are aware of what it actually is. In a recent survey, 45,000 out of 53,000 workplaces, schools and colleges do anti-bullying week. However, some of them have anti-bullying policies in place.

Furthermore, having an entire week about anti-bullying lets teachers, bosses, and owners really zoom in on it more, and actually inform staff and students what it is and have a proper understanding of it. Bullying means persistent and targeted nasty behaviour towards a person. Around 2 out of 5 people have a real understanding of what bullying is. So, by having a whole week to learn about what bullying could look like and how to report it is a great thing. Do you think a week about anti-bullying is good?

In conclusion, anti-bullying week is an amazing reminder about what bullying is, what it looks like and how to report it. However, anti-bullying should be taught wherever necessary, included in policies and bought up constantly. The week is good to zoom in, and over 45% of people have spoken up after anti-bullying week. But really, it should be talked about for the rest of the year too.



MH (Holly)

Anti Bullying Week Con't



Is focusing on Anti- Bullying one week per year tokenism?

Anti-Bullying week is a time for people to be encouraged to stand up against bullying and how to prevent it. The week mainly focuses on what you can do if you are or seen someone getting bullied. It's a good idea but does it actually stop bullying?

Firstly, it's to make people more aware about how much of a problem bullying can be especially when it leads to: bad mental health, depression, and isolation due to fear. It's a good way of also teaching new things of bullying to people. In a school that had recently taken part in Anti-Bullying week, 75% of students said they learnt something knew about bullying which they hadn't known before.

In addition, it teaches students what to do if they encounter bullying as an example these three steps were told to students: Identify if it's banter or not, if it doesn't feel like banter anymore tell them to stop, if they don't stop tell a trusted adult. It also let students know there's someone to talk to about it (if they are going through it or have questions about the subject).

On the other hand, since the event only lasts a week, it gets forgotten quicker than intended. Bullying still also would happen only a week after the event sometimes it was during the event! 70% of students said they'd forgotten about the event and what was said in it and another 45% said they were bullied during Anti-Bullying week. This raises a bit of concern and might have you wondering, is there any plans for the event to go longer for a week? No. One school said, "there are no current plans for the event to go longer than a week". This outraged a lot of parents, causing chaos on school reviews with bad ratings.

Furthermore, it's not just schools with victims of bullying; it's also happening in workspaces for adults as well or just in public. Recently at an office, a woman tweeted online how she was being bullied by a group of individuals and even the boss! She said how it got so horrifically out of hand, she left the job. About 65% of adults said they had been bullied in a workspace or in public by the same people repeatedly. Does Anti-Bullying week discuss this kind of bullying? No. It only focuses on the topic of bullying in school. Continuing with bullying not just in school, it happens in real life, it happens online; even if there was a proper way to stop bullying in school, the bullies can still go online and pick on the person for anything. Examples are something they like, how they look, who they follow etc; the list can go on forever.

Do you think Anti-Bullying week should go longer than a week? As well as covering bullying outside of school?

If you don't fully understand the word "bullying" here is the definition of it so you can better understand this article.

Bullying= the act of repeatedly hurting someone physically or mentally, intentionally and targeted towards them to make them unhappy.

OR (Holly)

Dates for your diary!

Please see below a list of important dates, further details to follow, please check Parentmail.

27/11/26 School closed for Inset Day

04/12/26 Progress Reports sent home

10/12/26 Parents' Evening from 3.30pm - 6.30pm

11/12/26 Christmas Jumper Day

17/12/26 Christmas Church Service at 11.15am and Christmas Lunch

18/12/26 School closes for Christmas break at 1.30pm



Christmas Jumper Day





NO JUMPER? NO SWEAT!

All Dougie Mac shops will be selling Christmas jumpers from 2nd November so pop into any of our shops and pick up a new (to you!) jumper and help raise even more cash for your local hospice.

Find details of your nearest shop on our website: www.dougiemac.org.uk/our-shops

Form Group Weekly Attendance

Our winning form group for this week is Cherry, well done!

Form Group Weekly Attendance

10/11/26 — 16/11/26

Cherry 99.2%

Ash 99.1%

Oak 98.5%

Birch 98.2%

Elm 98%

Sycamore 95.7%

Nutmeg 92%

Holly 90%

Spruce 90%

Roswood 89.1%

Whole School 94.96%

Free Cricket Sessions

Please see flyer opposite for more information regarding free cricket sessions.



Issue of the Week

The week beginning 23rd November we will be discussing the following Issue of the Week during tutor time.



Safeguarding Contact Information
Staffordshire
Staffordshire Childrens Advice and Support Services (SCASS) : 0300 111 8007 Option 1 Outside office hours: 0345 6042886
Stoke-on-Trent
Advice and Referral Team: 01782 235100 Outside office hours: 01782 234234
Cheshire East
Referral Team : 0300 123 5012 Option 2 Outside office hours: 0300 123 5022

Lunch Menu Week Commencing 23rd November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Big Breakfast, back bacon, pork sausage, egg, baked beans and hash brown	Chicken and Sweet Potato Curry, with rice, vegetables and naan	Meat and Potato Pie, with mashed potatoes and vegetables	Margherita Pizza, wedges and beans	Fish Fingers, chips and mushy peas or baked beans

Daily

Sandwich options - brown or white Ham/Chicken/Tuna or Cheese
Filled Jacket Potatoes - Beans/Tuna and Mayo/Cheese/Cheese and Beans or Main of the day
Selection of fruit
Salad bar