

Coppice Academy Newsletter



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11th October 2024

Dates:

25/10/2024

School closes for Half Term

04/11/2024

School reopens after Half Term

06/12/2024

School closed for Inset Day

20/12/2024

School closes for Christmas break at 1.30pm

06/01/2025

School reopens after Christmas holidays

13/02/2025

School closes for Half Term

14/02/2025

School closed for Inset Day

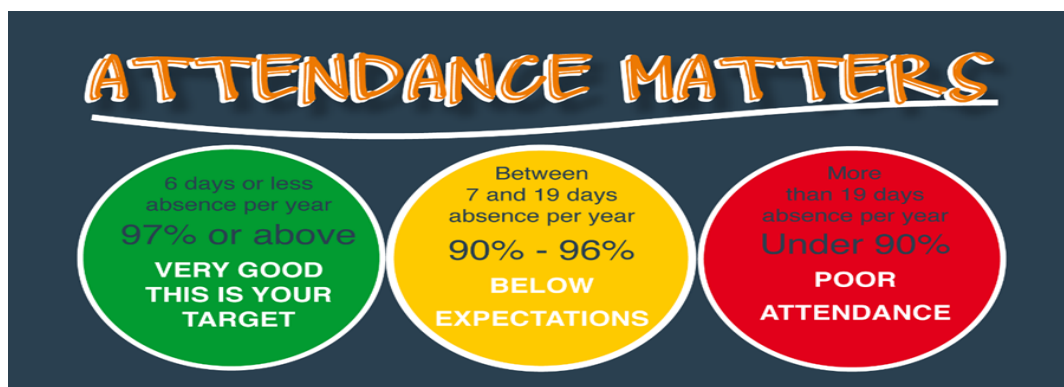
24/02/2025

School reopens after Half Term

11/04/2025

School closes for Easter Holidays

Attendance Matters



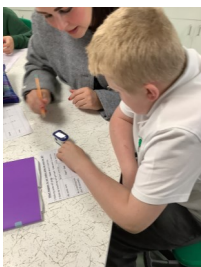
Meet the Tutor Team

A big thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Meet the Tutor event on Wednesday for Key Stage 3 students and Thursday for Key Stage 4 students. We hope you found it useful and informative; it is also good to put faces to names.

Meet
THE TEAM

Science with Sycamore

This week in science Sycamore class discovered what happens to their pulse and breathing when they exercise. Students recalled that both go up to move more oxygen around the body. Oxygen is needed for the cells to make energy from the sugar we eat. They used pulse meters and stethoscopes to listen to their hearts and breathing.



Visit from the Army

On Thursday we had Andy from the local army recruitment department visit to talk to the students about the wide range of jobs available in the army. Andy had a lots of information about different routes into the army and the jobs and careers that you could do. Students were amazed to find out that it's not just about being an infantry soldier. They learned about engineering, logistics, catering and civilian jobs on army bases. Students also asked lots of lots of questions about day-to-day life in the army, training, routes into the army and if there were any local colleges and courses that could help. Andy had a lot of information and expressed at the end of the talk how amazing our students were, how engaged they were, and that he would love to come back any time. Students left with leaflets and links to local colleges and cadet groups.



Poppies Needed

Each year for Remembrance Day we create a beautiful poppy display outside. This year in order to be more sustainable we were hoping that parents and grandparents and carers could knit or crochet poppies so we can use them again and again. Royal British Legion have a knitting pattern you could use or any pattern is okay for us. Lets get knitting!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppy knitting patterns

Patterns kindly provided by the Arnold & District Branch



Knitting pattern 1

Easy garter / knit stitch pattern

Colour A - Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies)
Colour B - Black - (either scrap of wool or black button)

Step 1: Body of poppy

- Using colour A cast on 120 stitches
- Rows 1-4 knit
- Row 5 knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)
- Rows 6-9 knit
- Row 10 knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches)
- Rows 11-14 knit
- Row 15 knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches)
- Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm
- Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight
- Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.


Step 2: Centre of poppy

- Using colour B cast on 16 stitches. Cast off.
- Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use black button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy
- Add pin to rear of poppy

Tips

- For the best yarn finish, knit with a Cotton Double Knit (DK yarn) as shown in the pictures.
- The size of needle you use will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9). If you have different yarn available just use that and the appropriate needle size.
- If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns and you have access to the internet - you will find lots of tutorial videos on YouTube.






ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppy knitting patterns

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Knitting pattern 2

Easy ribbed poppy pattern



Colour A - Red
Colour B - Black

Step 1: Body of poppy

- Using colour A cast on 60 stitches
- Rows 1-10 K2, P2 across whole row (for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).
- Row 11 knit 2 stitches together across the row (30 stitches).
- Row 12 slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stitch over...repeat across the whole row (10 stitches).
- Break off yarn with a long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch.

Step 2: Centre of poppy

- Using colour B cast on 16 stitches. Cast off.
- Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre Or use black button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.
- Add pin to rear of poppy.

Student Photo Proofs

Your child should have brought home their proof photo with them today from Academy Photography.

If you wish to order the photo via school then the deadline for ordering is **9am on Monday 4th November 2024.**



Reminder—Careers Event

Just a reminder that we will be holding a careers morning on Tuesday 15th October. This event will be for current Key Stage 4 students only.

Further details were sent to parents/carers of Key Stage 4 students on Tuesday 8th October via ParentMail.



Sora Superstars

Our Sora Superstar this week is:

Riley (Ash class) for reading for 1 hour 19 minutes last week.



Issue of the week

The week beginning 14th October we will be discussing the following Issue of the Week during tutor time:



As part of our focus on health and wellbeing, voters will be learning about their bodies and how physical exercise is important

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

Shropshire

Referral Team: 01743 254 259

Initial Contact Team: 0345 678 9021

Outside office hours: 0345 678 9040

LUNCH MENU WEEK COMENCING 14TH OCTOBER 2024

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Available Daily: -Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna fillings - Freshly made sandwiches with a choice of Cheese, Ham, Egg Mayonnaise or Tuna fillings | Main | Cheese Whirl with Mashed Potatoes | Penne Bolognaise with Garlic Bread | Roast Chicken with Roast or Mashed Potatoes and Gravy | Greek Chicken Wrap with Rice, Tzatziki and Salad | Fishfingers with Chips |
| | Vegetables | Baked Beans | Vegetables of the Day | Vegetables of the Day | Salad | Mushy Peas Baked Beans |
| | Dessert | Sponge and Custard | Apple Crumble with Ice Cream | Chocolate Krispie Cake | Iced Vanilla Sponge | Vanilla Shortbread |
| | | Or a choice of Fruit Bags or Yoghurt available daily | | | | |