



Newsletter

17th January 2025



Preschool Applications

Applications for preschool places in September 2025 are now being accepted. If you know anyone who is interested in a September preschool place, please let them know that application forms can be requested from the school office or can be downloaded from the preschool page of our school website:

<https://coupegreen.co.uk/about-coupe-green/preschool>

Reading Spines

Our Spring Term Reading Spines indicate which books will be read by each class this term. These are now available to view on the reading page of our school website.

<https://coupegreen.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/english>

Classroom News

This half term, Acorn Class have been busy stepping into the land of fairy tales, castles and dragons. The children have enjoyed going on a magical dragon egg hunt, making fairy doors for our fairy garden, baking delicious jam tarts for the queen of hearts and transforming our classroom into a castle kingdom!

Oak Class are currently enjoying travelling back to 1666 to learn all about The Great Fire of London. Pupils have loved painting houses to place in their Pudding Lane role play area and have created a timeline of Great Fire of London events. Year one are now looking forward to learning all about Samuel Pepys and his famous diary.

Elm Class have been learning to name and describe some very tricky 3D shapes. Year 2 pupils have loved constructing 3D shapes from polydron and even midget gems and cocktail sticks to count the faces, edges and vertices of these shapes. Elm Class are currently shape obsessed, so please ask Year 2 what they know and we are sure they will blow you away!

The Great Plague is the new topic for Ash Class. Children have loved their dance lesson where they have travelled back in time and have become victims of The Plague.

Children's acting has been fantastic and they have begun creating solo dances all about The Plague. Ash Class are now looking forward to finding more out about The Plague in History and also working with clay in their Art lessons.

In Science, Maple Class are learning about how sound is created. This week, learning about vibration, we experimented with hitting rice on a drum and sent rice flying across the classroom! Meanwhile, in English, Maple Class pupils are really enjoying their new class novel, Operation Gadgetman by Malorie Blackman. Pupils are now looking forward to developing their painting skills in Art lessons.

It's been a great start to the new year in Elder Class, where pupils have enjoyed finding out all about Sir Isaac Newton in Science. Elder pupils have started designing and making their own Pac Man games in Scratch and are looking forward to inviting Ash Class to come and play them once they're finished. Our oldest pupils have also started their new class novel, 'The Boy in the Tower' and can't wait to find out what happens!

Sports Hall Athletics

On Monday 20th January, please can pupils in Oak, Elm, Ash, Maple and Elder Classes all come to school wearing their PE kit. These five classes will all have the opportunity to enjoy a session of athletics in the hall with a specialist coach from South Ribble Borough Council.

On Tuesday 14th January, eighteen of our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented school in Sports Hall Athletics. Jensen reports:

'We all went to a big sports hall at Lostock Hall High School. We did various events, such as vertical jump, javelin, long jump, sprinting, speed bounce and a lot more. We did very well and hope to get our results soon.'

Acorn Class Royal Banquet

The EYFS Team invite Acorn Class to a Royal Banquet on Wednesday 22nd January. Pupils can come dressed as their favourite fairy tale character or royal. If pupils could also please bring in a named paper plate of snack food to enjoy at the banquet, that would help to make their day extra special.

Swimming

We have been informed by Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre that the swimming pool changing rooms are being refurbished and works will commence on 27th January. There is a clear plan in place, provided by Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre, identifying how the works will be managed so that all swimming lessons can continue without disruption. A part of this plan requires our children to attend swimming lessons 'pool ready', with their swim suits under their uniforms. Please could we ask that all children swimming attend school 'swim ready' on 29th January and thereafter.

Each week we have had a number of children attend swimming without a cap. Please can we remind all families to send children with swim caps, as the pool has a limited number that can be borrowed.

Online Safety

We know that many of our children were very lucky this Christmas and received new phones, Ipads and tablets as gifts. Using online platforms can be a wonderful way to learn and socialise. However, they can also cause concern. Please see below a useful link with lots of top tips on how to keep your children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety#advice>

Maple Class Visit

As part of their Science curriculum, Maple Class are looking forward to a visit to Blackpool Zoo on Tuesday 4th March. Thank you to all those who have already made their contribution towards the costs of this visit. Please can all further contributions be made, on ParentPay, by the deadline of Friday 7th February. Thank you.

Year 6 Residential Visit

This year's residential visit to Borwick Hall will take place from 11th June – 13th June. The second payment instalment for this visit is due by Friday 31st January, please. Thank you to those Year 6 parents who have planned ahead and already made this second payment contribution.



Jewellery

Please can we politely remind all families that jewellery, such as necklaces, earrings and bracelets, should not be worn for school.

Special Lunches

Two upcoming special lunches are now available to book via ParentPay: Lego Day on Tuesday 28th January and Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 11th February.

Diary Dates

Please continue to view the calendar on our school website to keep up to date with our diary dates: <https://coupegreen.co.uk/calendar>

FOCG News

Valentine's Silent Disco

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Valentine's Silent Disco! This fun and unique event will take place on Wednesday, 12th February.

This is a special event where children wear wireless headphones to dance to their choice of music.

Event Details:

Infants: 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Juniors: 4:45pm – 6:00pm

Tickets are just £4 per child and can be purchased through ParentPay. Please note, children attending After School Club do not need to pay. Food is included in the ticket price and allergy alternatives will be provided.

We are seeking volunteer helpers for the discos, please. If you can help set up between 2:00pm and 3:15pm, help during the discos or help tidy away, please contact a member of the FOCG team or email

friendsofcoupegreen@gmail.com

50th Anniversary Celebration Ball

This year marks a momentous occasion for Coupe Green Primary School – our 50th Anniversary!

To celebrate, the Friends of Coupe Green (FOCG) are organising an Anniversary Ball at Beeston Manor on Saturday, 27th September.

The evening will include:

- A delicious three-course dinner
- Fantastic live entertainment by The Deadbeats Party Band

Save the Date! Tickets will go on sale soon, so book your babysitters and get ready to join us for a night of celebration and memories.

Thank you for your continued support.