



Newsletter

18th September 2026



Classroom News

Acorn Class have settled into big school so beautifully and are learning our classroom routines well. This week, we have been learning all about The Colour Monster and have made a happy jar. Acorn pupils are looking forward to learning about superheroes and all the wonderful people who help us.

Oak Class have jumped straight into Year 1 life and have settled in brilliantly! We are enjoying our class book 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have been working on using adjectives and alliteration to describe the settings and characters. The children have started our sculpture unit in Art lessons and have loved using different malleable materials, such as playdough and pipe cleaners, to create simple structures. We can't wait to make our clay models.

In Elm class we have had a fantastic start to Year 2, the children have shown independence and maturity in their new classroom environment. They have loved the responsibility of having a classroom job and are taking their roles very seriously; the dedication is wonderful to see. We have made a great start to our English unit 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and the children have blown us away with their fantastic ideas for their sentence writing. The children have enjoyed their science lessons so far and enjoyed being 'building inspectors' this week and testing the equipment around school. We are very much looking forward to our next step in our learning and all the amazing activities we are going to accomplish!

Ash Class have enjoyed their new topic in History all about Ancient Egypt. Children have been so engaged in their lessons asking so many curious questions about the pyramids. Children are excited to find out more about hieroglyphs and try it themselves.

This half term, in Maple Class, we are learning all about The Vikings and where they came from. We have already really enjoyed learning about the Digestive System in Science. We made a model to move some cereal through each organ involved in digestion - take a look at our photos on Tapestry. We are also looking forward to reading our new class novel, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo.

Elder Class have made a fantastic start to the new school year, settling in brilliantly and showing enthusiasm for their learning. We are really enjoying our class novel, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, and have also been busy in Science learning about the classification of living things. We are looking forward to lots more exciting learning, challenges and opportunities over the coming weeks!

School Lunches

In our school kitchen, we are currently in a time of change whilst Lancashire County Council recruits a new cook for our school. We have had temporary staff in place since returning to school and we look forward to welcoming our new cook when they arrive.

If anyone you know may be interested in the role of catering supervisor at school, please direct them to the following job advert.

<https://www.jobsgopublic.com/job/unit-catering-supervisor-coupe-green-i-schools-catering-i-coupe-green-hoghton-85873>

This week, the government has published an update about healthy school dinners, which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/healthier-school-dinners-as-government-delivers-major-reforms>

As always, please book lunches on ParentPay. Anyone is welcome to book lunches, either for the full week or just for occasional days. We have upcoming 'special' lunch menus on 22nd September, 1st October and 2nd October.

Helpful Hero Volunteers

We would like to thank one of our parents, Mr Ainscough, for offering his skills and time to support school. This week, our elderberry bush has been pruned, making the walkway clearer. We really appreciate this help and support. Thank you!

Also, following recent updated guidance that inhalers should not be stored in plastic bags, Mrs Diggle has kindly volunteered her time to make personalised medical bags for each child to store their inhaler in their classroom.



Thank you Mrs Diggle!

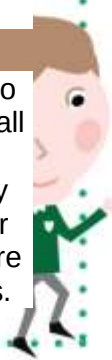
Spruce Up School

Parents, grandparents and friends of school will also have the opportunity to volunteer their time and skills at our upcoming Spruce Up School event. It is that time of year when we spruce up our outdoor planting areas, in preparation for Autumn. Many hands make light work and we would really appreciate offers of help to volunteer your time between 3:30pm and 5:00pm on Monday 5th October.

Please look out for the upcoming Spruce Up School form. The more helpers we have with planting and weeding, the better, so if you are able to support us, please simply complete the form. It would be wonderful if our volunteers could please bring a hand tool of their choice with them.

Central Venue League Football

Best of luck to our boys' football team, who are taking part in the Central Venue Football Competition. Matches will continue to be played from 3:45pm until 4:45pm at Withy Grove Park on Thursdays 24th September and 1st October. Parents and spectators are welcome to watch from behind the fences.



Friends of Coupe Green News

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Friends of Coupe Green over the past year. From our school fairs, discos, fun runs, competitions and bake sales, your support has helped us raise valuable funds for the school.

Take a look around the school grounds and you'll see the difference you've made. Your fundraising has helped provide the new outdoor art and reading studio, construction area, wildlife and nature signs around the wellbeing garden and Acorn outdoor area, playground markings, geographical and historical timeline signs, and the beautiful artwork in Reception. Inside school, funds have also gone towards reading schemes, ICT and PE equipment, classroom resources, enrichment activities and much more.

Friends of Coupe Green AGM

Please come along to our AGM on Thursday 8th October at 6:30pm in The Oak to hear what we've achieved over the last year, share ideas for future events and meet other parents.

To keep our much-loved events going, we really do need some new volunteers. We're looking for people to carry out a range of roles from simply helping out at events to a new Chairperson. Whether you can give a little or a lot of your time, every bit of help makes a huge difference. Most of our planning is done through Messenger, making it very easy to get involved.

Join our Facebook group to keep up to date with events, volunteer opportunities and reminders:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1HBXcqrHJ5/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Spooky and Sparkly Silent Disco

Wednesday 21st October

Our annual Spooky & Sparkly Disco will be held, after school, on Wednesday 21st October for all pupils, including Pre-School.

More details will follow soon.

We're also looking for volunteers to help decorate and set up the hall, as well as help during the disco. Even if you can spare just an hour, we'd really appreciate your support, please.

If you can help with the disco or have any questions about the AGM, please email friendsofcoupegreen@gmail.com

Autumn Term Information on Our School Website

If you would like to learn more about what your child will be learning in school, this half term, so that you can fully support them at home, please click on the links below, which should take you to the relevant updated pages on our school website.

[Meet the Teacher Presentations](#)

[Medium Term Plans for Autumn 1](#)

[Reading Spines for Autumn 1](#)

[School Calendar](#)

Open Events for Prospective Parents

If you know someone with a child due to start Reception in September 2027, please make them aware of our two upcoming open event sessions. The first will be an Open Evening on Wednesday 7th October from 5:00pm – 6:00pm and the second will be an Open Morning from 9:30am – 11:00am on Thursday 8th October. Each session will begin with an introductory talk from Mrs Littlewood.

In order for us to plan ahead for the correct number of parents, we politely request that those planning to attend should please email enquiries@coupegreen.lancs.sch.uk to book their place at either session.

If anyone you know is looking for a Pre-School place next September and will have a child who will be three years old at 1st September 2027, please note that they are also very welcome to email us to book on to an open event session.

Medical Needs

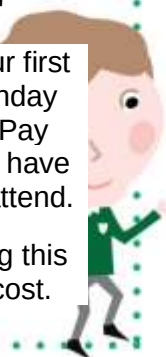
Please can all families ensure that if their child is diagnosed with asthma, that they have an in-date inhaler which can be kept in school, along with a complete asthma medical form, which can be requested from the school office. If children have had an asthma review, the paperwork should also be shared with the school office please.

Whole School Pantomime

"Oh no he didn't. Oh yes he did!"

We are extremely excited to attend our first whole school pantomime trip, on Monday 23rd November. Today is the ParentPay payment deadline. Please login if you have not already paid for your child/ren to attend.

A huge thank you to FOCG for making this possible by funding half of the total cost.



Attendance and Punctuality

Our classroom doors open at 8:40am, with the school day starting at 8:45am and the school gates and registration closing at 8:50am. Well done to all those whose attendance and punctuality has helped us to meet our school targets so far this term.

Attendance Percentage Achieved – 97%
Percentage of Late Marks Recorded – 0.02%

Making Payments on ParentPay

To assist with the smooth running of school, please can we ask that all our families read and follow the information given below.

When making any payments directly, via ParentPay, please always choose the '**add to basket**' payment option. This means that payments clear immediately.

Please do not use the 'pay by 1 click' option, as this is a bank transfer which takes 3-7 working days to clear, depending on your bank, and can result in failed payments.

Tax free childcare payments can be used to pay for Breakfast Club, After School Club and Preschool fees. When making payments through Tax Free Childcare, please always email a screenshot of your payment to enquiries@coupegreen.lancs.sch.uk, so that we know to credit your payment to your ParentPay account. Please only send a screenshot when the payment is showing in your '**Money Out**' column.

Please always keep your Kids Club accounts in credit on ParentPay. Our Kids Club contracts do state that '**Payment is required two weeks in advance**', please.

Thank you to all those parents who already follow all the above.

Applying for School Places September 2027

School admissions for places in September 2027 are now open. It's quick, easy and secure to apply online at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

You must apply, even if you already have siblings in the school.

The closing dates for applications are:

31st October 2026 for secondary applicants
15th January 2027 for primary applicants