



# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## Class News

This week, Acorn Class have been discovering the key features of a castle. We have learned some extremely impressive new vocabulary words, such as turrets and portcullis! We cannot wait to create our own castles, using junk modelling, next week. Acorn Class are also very much looking forward to our Royal Banquet on Tuesday. We have made some brilliant flags to show off during this session and cannot wait to share our learning with our grown-ups.

Oak Class have been fantastic detectives in literacy, working on their inference skills.

They have been exploring how different characters could be feeling at different parts of the story. The children have been loving our computing lessons, this half term, learning all about algorithms. Oak Class have been creating their own algorithms and programming our bee-bots to move to their chosen destination. During our history lessons, we have been learning who Rosa Parks is and why she is so significant. We used lots of role play to learn about the Bus Boycott.

In Elm Class, we have loved writing our own stories inspired by the Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies. Some of our characters included scurrying squirrels, spiky hedgehogs and waddling ducks! We have been further exploring what impacts plant growth and have conducted an experiment in which we have planted seeds and given them different variables of how much water and light the seeds have. So far, two of our pots have sprouted shoots! We can't wait to record their progress over the next few weeks.

Ash Class have been planning and sketching a tower for our Art clay project next week. We have been conducting research about Houghton Tower and were excited to find out lots of facts about our local area. Ash Class are also excited for our Eureka trip, on Tuesday, next week.

We have been painting aboriginal art, in Maple Class, using cotton buds and bright colours. In

Science, Maple pupils have been learning about the life cycles of different animals and plants. We have even dissected some lilies and tulips, which was so interesting to do!

It's been a busy and really enjoyable few weeks in Elder! We've had some fantastic discussions around human rights and the rights of the child, including learning about the inspiring story of Malala Yousafzai. In Music, we've continued developing our understanding of musical notation and have started learning to play *Here Comes the Sun* by The Beatles, which the children are really enjoying. We've also been making the most of the sunshine, during our Tuesday afternoon cricket sessions, with Coach Dan.

## Tax-Free Childcare

Many of our parents now use Tax-Free Childcare to help with the cost of paying for childcare. Tax-Free Childcare can be used to pay for Breakfast Club, After School Club and Pre-School Fees.

In order to use Tax-Free Childcare, parents must firstly set up a childcare account, which both parents and the government will pay into. For every £8 parents pay into the account, the government will top this up by £2. Further details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Each and every time parents make a payment to School, using Tax Free Childcare vouchers, we ask that parents wait until the payment is showing in the 'Money Out' column, and then please take a screenshot of the payment, with the amount paid showing under 'Money Out'. Please then email that screenshot to us here at [enquiries@coupegreen.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@coupegreen.lancs.sch.uk) and we will apply the payment as a credit to your ParentPay account. Thank you.

Please note that Tax-Free Childcare **cannot** be used to pay for school meals, visits or FOCG events.

## Non- Uniform Day

Please note that Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March will be a Non-Uniform Day, so that pupils can wear their disco clothes in preparation for the disco for Acorn, Oak and Elm Classes starting straight after school. Thank you.

## ParentPay Payments

When making payments, on ParentPay, parents should find that they have two options. Parents can either choose 'add to basket' or choose 'pay by 1 click'.

Please can we ask that, whenever possible, parents choose 'add to basket'. Parents should then be able to click on the basket, choose proceed to checkout, and choose a payment method, such as a debit card. If parents choose this option, payments clear immediately and show as 'paid' on ParentPay.

However, if parents choose 'pay by 1 click', this is a bank transfer which can take three to seven working days to clear, depending on your bank. These payments show as 'pending' on ParentPay and can occasionally result in failed payments.

Therefore, it would be very much appreciated is parent choose the 'add to basket' option. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to parents evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We hope you all enjoyed hearing about your child's progress and now feel even more equipped to support your child's learning at home. It was really lovely to see so many happy faces leaving school.

## Lancashire Music Service

Thank you also to all those parents who attended Mr Brid's Assembly on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We hope you all enjoyed your children's musical performances.

If any other children are interested in learning to play the keyboard, guitar or ukulele with Mr Bird, please sign up for lessons using the following links:

<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/parents/find-lessons/>

<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/parent-direct-payment-pdp-scheme/>

Lessons to learn other instruments, and vocal lessons, are also available from The Lancashire Music Service with other specialist teachers.



## Summer Term Activities

Our online bookings system 'Forms' is already busy with opportunities for you to book for your child to take part in curricular and extra-curricular activities next term. Please continue to look out for emails and texts to book places, as details of more clubs will be released soon.

We are delighted that Dan from Kick On will continue to run before school and lunchtime activities throughout The Summer Term.

A football club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 boys and girls will run from 7:45am - 8:45am on Monday mornings from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April up to and including Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Dan will also be running a new multi skills club for Reception, Year 1, and 2 from 7:45am - 8:45am on Friday mornings from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April up to and including Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Multi skills will involve learning a range of fundamental movement skills, which pupils can use in a variety of sports, such as football, cricket, tennis, tag rugby and hockey.

Twist and Flip Gymnastic Club, with Head Coach Faith, will also continue on Tuesdays from 14<sup>th</sup> April - 19<sup>th</sup> May for Reception, Year One and Year Two. Booking details were emailed on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## Friends of Coupe Green News Easter Egg Decorating Competition

Our annual Easter egg decorating competition is back! On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, children are invited to bring in their decorated eggs. This could be a hard-boiled egg, polystyrene egg or any type of egg you choose, with your child's name underneath, please. All entries need to be dropped off in the school hall on the Monday morning, as they will then be judged by school staff and winners selected, from each class, to receive a prize. Eggs should be collected after the disco on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, once everyone has had a chance to see them.

## Easter Disco

Our next disco is coming up next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Today is the deadline for booking tickets so we can order the correct amount of food. The disco will be an extra special Easter themed party with children's entertainer, Taz, who will bring comedy, magic, games and dancing!

## FOCG Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 3:30pm in The Oak. Children are welcome. We'd love your help planning events for the rest of the school year, please.

Thank you for your continued support from everyone at FOCG.