



# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> March 2025



## Staffing

On Wednesday, we gathered together in our school hall to wish Miss McConkey all the very best, as she now begins her maternity leave. Miss McConkey would like to thank parents so much for all your well wishes, thoughtful cards and generous gifts. She is very touched by all your kindness and will miss her little Acorns very much.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we look forward to officially welcoming Mrs Bateson to our school family, as she begins teaching Acorn Class covering Miss McConkey's teaching days. Mrs Bateson has already been in to school to meet Acorn Class pupils and work alongside Miss McConkey, Mrs Bates and Mrs Byrne to ensure a smooth handover within our fabulous Acorn teaching team.

We are also thrilled to announce that Miss Chester is expecting a baby. We hope that you will all join us in congratulating Miss Chester on this very special news.

## Art Gallery Day

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Art Gallery Viewings, this week, and to all those who have bought art work both on Monday and who have placed orders later during the week. We hope you all enjoy your child's framed art work for years to come. Thank you also to Miss Littlefair for all her time and effort in organising this special, successful event.

## Maple Class Visit to Blackpool Zoo

Once we had arrived at Blackpool Zoo, we dropped our bags off at the schools' lunch hall. Next, we went to see the capybaras, which loads of people liked. Then we had our workshop, which explained about animals' diets and teeth. After lunch, we saw the monkeys, red pandas, elephants and giraffes. Finally, we went to the sea lion show, where the sea lions did backflips and a sea lion called Luna was very cheeky!

by Hannah and George

## World Book Day

It was great to see so many children and adults dressed up to celebrate World Book Day yesterday. Pupils enjoyed a variety of literature themed lessons and activities throughout the day. This included Elm Class reading their favourite books in the sun and enjoying hot chocolate and biscuits together, Ash Class enjoying a nature walk, linked to the book *The Wild Robot*, and Elder Class creating their own fictional characters by describing the world's worst children! Thank you to everyone who, as always, made such a fantastic effort with their costumes and thank you to Friends of Coupe Green for offering everyone the opportunity to leave school with a bag bursting with pre-loved books!

## Star Authors

Congratulations to Haneefah in Maple Class, Isaac in Elder Class and Neytiri in Elder Class for being chosen as our new Star Authors.

These three children were selected for producing an excellent piece of writing and demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards their work. Their writing is on display, on our Star Author board, near Mrs Littlewood's office.

## Girls' Football

Good luck to our girls' football team who are taking part in the 'Biggest Ever Girls' Football Event' at the Lancashire FA Headquarters, this afternoon. This is part of a national initiative to get more girls enjoying and playing football. We know you will represent our school well girls and hope you have a really enjoyable sporting afternoon.

## Medium Term Plans

For information and details of the knowledge and skills our pupils will be studying this half term, so that you can discuss your children's learning and support them, at home, please view our new Medium Term Plans, which have been uploaded to our school website at:

<https://coupegreen.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overviews>

## Classroom News

Acorn Class have been immersed in their new theme 'On the Farm'. They were left mystery clues around school which formed a 'who am I?' riddle, that they needed to solve to discover the main character from our new class book 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'. The children have also enjoyed learning about special days such as World Wildlife Day, Pancake Day and, of course, World Book Day. Acorn children are very much looking forward to learning about life on a farm and exploring where food produce comes from.

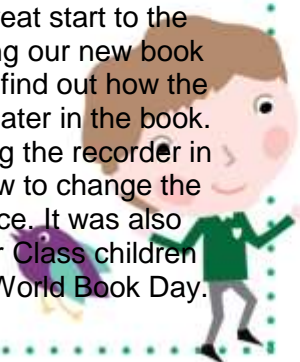
Oak Class have been thoroughly enjoying reading all about The Smeds and The Smoos. Linked to this book, year one have been learning all about materials and are looking forward to making their own rockets to soar into space! Oak class have also been learning about Rosa Parks, including learning what segregation means and how people have been treated differently and unfairly in the past.

Elm Class have embarked on a journey to The Lake District learning all about its outstanding natural beauty and wildlife. In English, we have been reading lots of different Beatrix Potter stories, making inferences and predictions about what the characters will do next. In Geography, we have been learning to use our map skills to locate Lake District towns, lakes and mountains. Year two have even planned a day out thinking of the adventures we would have if we spent the day in Windermere.

Our new class topic in Ash Class is earthquakes and we have already enjoyed using our chrome books to research key vocabulary and earthquake disasters. We are now looking forward to writing our non-chronological report about natural disasters.

This half term, in Maple Class, we will be looking at The Shang Dynasty in History. We are loving our new book 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo, which is set in an African veld. We can't wait to develop our multimedia skills in our computing sessions later this half term.

Elder Class have had a great start to the new half-term. We are loving our new book 'Thornhill,' and can't wait to find out how the two stories merge together later in the book. We have also started playing the recorder in music and investigating how to change the power in a circuit in science. It was also great to see so many Elder Class children dressed up, yesterday, for World Book Day.



## FOCG News

### Cake Sale and Free Books

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale for World Book Day yesterday. This special event raised a fantastic £101.11. We hope the children enjoy reading their pre-loved books!

### FOCG Donation Announcement

We are thrilled to announce that the Friends of Coupe Green (FOCG) have presented a cheque to the school for an incredible amount of £2130.00!

These funds will be instrumental in purchasing much-needed Reading Scheme books and enhancing pupils' literacy resources. Additionally, the donation will help support Dan's Kick On lunchtime provision, ensuring our children have enriching activities during their breaks.

All of our children benefit significantly from these contributions, and without you, these additional resources would not be possible! A heartfelt thank you for your ongoing support.

### Paddle & Picnic - Save the Date

Get ready for this year's Paddle & Picnic at Rock and River on Saturday 28th June. Mark your calendars — times and booking information will be shared soon. Last year's event was fantastic, and we're hoping to see even more families join us this time around!

### Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to help us plan future events and share fundraising ideas. Our next meeting will be at 6:00pm on Tuesday 18th March at The Oak. Your input and support would be greatly appreciated and attending doesn't commit you to anything!

### Easter Events

Exciting news! We will be hosting our egg decorating competition again this year, so start brainstorming design ideas. Also, our beloved 'Scrumdiddleyumptions' Golden Ticket chocolate bars will be returning soon, with lots of fantastic prizes to win. Stay tuned for more details!

### Diary Dates

Please continue to keep up to date with our diary dates using the following link:

<https://coupegreen.co.uk/calendar>

### Lunch Bookings

Lunches can be booked on ParentPay through to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, including special lunches for Be Happy Day and an Easter lunch. Please book ahead, whenever possible.