

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 3 – 3rd October 2025



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our curriculum continues to be lively, exciting and purposeful through the use of lots of inspiring resources and it has been lovely walking around the school seeing and hearing the children laugh and play.

The school staff and I are so grateful for the incredible support of our parents and families so far during this half term and it has been lovely to see you all, especially at the Parent Consultation Meetings this week. Thank you for the lovely positive comments written and left on our 'Cupernham Shout Out board!' The staff were touched by your lovely comments.

We have a fantastic opportunity for a parent to join our incredible governing board as a parent governor, and to be part of something really special. If you feel that you can help in this capacity and would like to find out more information about becoming a governor at Cupernham Infant School, then please visit our website at www.cupernhaminfant.com/governors/ or come and speak to me.

Huge congratulations to all the FOCUS volunteers, children, and their partners for such a fantastic effort in walking the Test Way. Such an incredible achievement!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

Dates for Your Diary until Half Term



Please see the new details in this newsletter for **flu vaccination consent for Friday 14th November** and the **Family Portrait Day on Saturday 22nd November** together with the attached flyers. All key dates for all dates until Christmas are included on the Key Dates Schedule.

Event	Date
Year 1 Funky Hair Day	Friday 10 th October
Woodpeckers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Monday 13 th October @ 2.50pm
Autumn School Disco (details to follow)	Tuesday 14 th October after school
Kingfishers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 15 th October @ 2.50pm
Nightingales Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 16 th October @ 2.50pm
Owls Fabulous Finish Assembly	Tuesday 21 st October @ 2.50pm
Hummingbirds Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 22 nd October @ 2.50pm
Robins Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 23 rd October @ 2.50pm
INSET Day	Friday 24 th October 2025
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th to Friday 30 th October 2025
INSET Day	Monday 3 rd November – back to school Tues 4 th Nov



Hot Topic - Attendance



Attendance will be a regular feature in our newsletters as it's important to share with you why good attendance matters. Research shows that absence from school, for whatever reason, can disadvantage a child by creating gaps in learning, which affect a child's ability to succeed.

As such, we have a dedicated team who monitor all absence thoroughly and all attendance data is shared with the Local Authority.

We will make contact with you and arrange a meeting if we have any concerns regarding your child's attendance. If your child's attendance level is falling towards 90%, then we will contact you directly to raise our concern. Please support us by giving your child the best opportunities through good attendance at school.

I have attached links to some useful documents available to explain the use of penalty notices.

Useful Links:

[Hampshire Guidance on Penalty Notices](#)
[Should your child go to school today](#) - Guidance for parents when a child is

Attendance Ladder



Penalty Notices - As set down by the Department for Education, Penalty Notices can be issued for unauthorised absence. In Hampshire, Penalty Notices are issued when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent to five school days) of unauthorised absence, in the last 10 school week period.



We are committed to providing an education of the highest quality and work together to secure this for all our children. Every child has a right to access the education to which he/she is entitled. Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting and promoting excellent school attendance and punctuality for all.

If you are considering **any** type of absence for your child/ren from school, **you must contact the school office** who will be able to send you the appropriate Hampshire County Council forms. We will then be able to register your child/ren correctly.

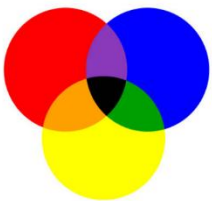
Our Learning This Week



Year R

What another fantastic week Year R have had! We have launched our topic about our families and have all enjoyed drawing and talking about who we live with. We have made self-portraits out of natural resources as well as artwork outside creating fingerprint families. We had our first visit to the pond in our Muddy Monday session where we got to explore this area.

We have loved our music lessons where we have been listening to all the sounds we can hear around us. We thought carefully about what sounds we could make on natural resources such as drumming on logs and even listening to our heartbeat after running and clapping the rhythm to this. Well done Year R for another fabulous week.



KS1

Year 1

Year One have been very busy again this week! We have been using our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our writing this week, we have been writing about our classes. In science we have been using the sense of touch to explore objects with different textures, and we enjoyed exploring lots of different textures of natural objects found in the woods. We have continued to explore colour in our artwork; we were amazed by all of the different colours that can be created using only the three primary colours. Well done, Year One and don't forget that next Friday (10th) will be 'Funky Hair Friday'

Year 2

Year 2 have had yet another incredible week of learning!! They have been putting into practice their learning around the -ed suffix writing all about Mary Anning and her life. They have been perfecting their letter formations and having a go at starting their sentences in different ways. In maths, they have been busy counting in tens from any given number forwards and backwards. They have been learning about the differences between abstract and figurative art and found out about 2 famous artists- Nick Macknan and Barbra Hepworth. Well done year 2 for another super week. We are very proud of you!

E-Consult for Nasal Flu Vaccination

School Age Immunisations



Today's Health, Tomorrow's Future

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is now due. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. You will need to input the School Code below to complete the form. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

- School Code: SH116048
- Session date: Friday 14th November 2025
- Link to website: [Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)
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The nasal flu vaccine contains products derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). To opt for the porcine gelatine free inactive flu injection, select NO to the nasal flu immunisation and you will be given further options. More information for parents is available from www.nhs.uk/child-flu.

Alternatively, if you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please complete the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

Fun Family Photo Day on Saturday 22nd November

On the morning of Saturday 22nd November, we will be hosting Photographic Family Portraits sessions for MAKE photography. Please call the school office on 01794 514494 to reserve your time.

Please refer to attached flyers for full information and pricing.



Pupil Voice



On behalf of everybody at Cupernham Infant School, we would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all those children who took part in our pupil voice elections today. We are so very proud of every single one of you for standing up and reading out your speeches to everyone in your class. We will announce the results in Monday's assembly. We can't wait for you to take on these amazing roles.

Harvest Festival



Thank you so much for all your donations for our Harvest Festival, your support has been overwhelming. Thank you to all the children for sorting and bagging up all the food ready to take to the Romsey Food Bank on Monday.



We would like to send huge congratulations to Miss Kempen and her newborn son.



Gymnastic Festival

We are very proud of our KS1 children who took part in the Starlight Gymnastics Festival this week. They did incredibly. They were all encouraging each other, listening to each other and supporting each other to be the very best they can be.

FOCUS – Walked The Test Way!

Huge congratulations to all the FOCUS volunteers, children, and their partners for such a fantastic effort in walking the Test Way.

Also, the children walked 5 miles which is no small feat, and it was inspiring to hear how determined and cheerful the children were throughout. They've certainly done Cupernham Infant School proud!

They all raised an amazing £2,000 including Gift Aid! That's an amazing total and a real testament to everyone's hard work and spirit. Thank you!



New Catering Partner- Aspens Catering

We are delighted to say that along with Cupernham Junior School, and 6 more schools in the local area, we have awarded our school lunch catering to Aspens for the next 3 years.

Keep an eye out for new menu, and new ways to book your child's lunch. We are excited to work with this fantastic local partner!



Wraparound Care Corner



This week, Wraparound has been buzzing with artistic energy as the children explored a variety of mediums to create beautiful pumpkins and leaves for our seasonal autumn display. From crayons, pencils and oil pastels, each child brought their own flair to the artwork, celebrating the colours and shapes of the season. One of the highlights was using large sheets of paper for bold, expressive mark making—giving the children space to experiment with scale and movement in their drawings.

Alongside our artistic adventures, the children have been busy constructing imaginative structures using colourful construction straws. They've enjoyed the challenge of joining pieces together, developing their fine motor skills and teamwork as they built everything from tall towers to boats. It's been wonderful to see their creativity and problem-solving skills shine through in both art and construction play.



Fabulous Finish Class Assemblies



You are invited to come and join us celebrating the children's achievements throughout their class topic. Assemblies will be held on the following dates and be no longer than 20 minutes.

Date	Year	Class	Time
Monday 13 th October	2	Woodpeckers	2.50pm
Wednesday 15 th October	2	Kingfishers	2.50pm
Thursday 16 th October	2	Nightingales	2.50pm
Tuesday 21 st October	1	Owls	2.50pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
Thursday 23 rd October	1	Robins	2.50pm
Tuesday 11 th November	R	Wrens	2.50pm
Wednesday 12 th November	R	Penguins	2.50pm
Thursday 13 th November	R	Sparrows	2.50pm

Safeguarding Newsletter



In today's ever-evolving technical world, keeping our pupils safe online is always at the forefront of our minds. As a school, we play a vital role in keeping our pupils safe online. Parents/carers also have an important role to play. We appreciate that it can be difficult to know exactly what you can do to help your children navigate this world safely – especially as changes and advances are happening all the time. Please read our monthly newsletter (attached) and refer any enquiries to a member of the senior leadership team.

Parent Forum

Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Forum on Tuesday. I found it really useful to understand how we could best communicate with the wider community.

Next parent forum is Tuesday 18th November @ 9am to discuss strategies to support parents with their children's learning.



Don't forget to let us know if there are any changes to your contact details.

Parenting Puzzle Workshops



Please see below information on our fantastic offer of Parenting Puzzle Workshops by the Centre for Emotional Health - Family Links. These no judgement workshops and provide parents/carers with strategies to manage tricky behaviour, support big feelings and family mental wellbeing.

We are so lucky to be able to provide these workshops for free so please feel free to take advantage of them if you can.

If you would like to sign up, please email Catherine Richards our Family and Child Support Co-ordinator at: c.richards@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk



We'd like to invite you to our... Parenting Puzzle Workshops

When: (4 weeks) Tuesday 4th - 25th November 2025

Where: Awbridge Primary School

Time: 9:15am - 11:30am (after school drop off)

"This is a great programme, that we have found so useful at home"



"I found it very helpful for self awareness and as a forum to share. Particularly as a dad!"

"Would definitely recommend- nothing to lose, all to gain!"

"It's a great group, lots to learn and fun every week"

Come and gain ideas that support children's behaviour, feelings and emotions.

An opportunity to support your family's emotional wellbeing.



FREE refreshments provided!



To sign up or for more details please contact:

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Is your child starting school in
September 2026? Come and visit us.

Cupernham Infant School

Open Days

Headteacher led tours

Mon 22nd Sept 6.15-7.30pm

Wed 15th Oct 9.30-10.30am

Wed 5th Nov 9.30-10.30am

Wed 3rd Dec 9.30-10.30am

Book your tour by
scanning the QR code

