

# Cupernham Infant School

## Newsletter 9 – 16th January 2026



*Together we care, we learn and we achieve!*

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and I am incredibly proud of the progress the children have already made. Across the school, classrooms have been buzzing with curiosity, determination, and a real love of learning. Whether it's our youngest children exploring new concepts with excitement, or our older pupils challenging themselves with more complex ideas, it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow day by day.

What stands out most is not only the quality of the work the children are producing, but the way they approach their learning. Our teachers have shared countless moments of pride: children using new vocabulary in their writing, applying problem-solving strategies in maths, supporting one another through challenges, and showing genuine joy in discovering something new.

Thank you, as always, for the support you give at home. When school and families work closely together, children thrive—and we can see the impact every day in their progress, confidence, and smiles.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

### Dates for Your Diary until Half Term



Event	Date
Parent Forum	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January @ 9am
Woodpeckers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February @ 2.50pm
Kingfishers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2.50pm
Nightingales Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2.50pm
Year R "Junk Fest" (parents invited in at 2.15pm)	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2.15pm
Owls Fabulous Finish Assembly	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2.50pm
Dress to Express Non-Uniform Day	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Valentine's Disco (details to follow)	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Robins Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2.50pm
Hummingbirds Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February @ 2.50pm
Mid-Year Reports	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Last day of Half Term	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term Holiday	Monday 16th to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Back to School	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February



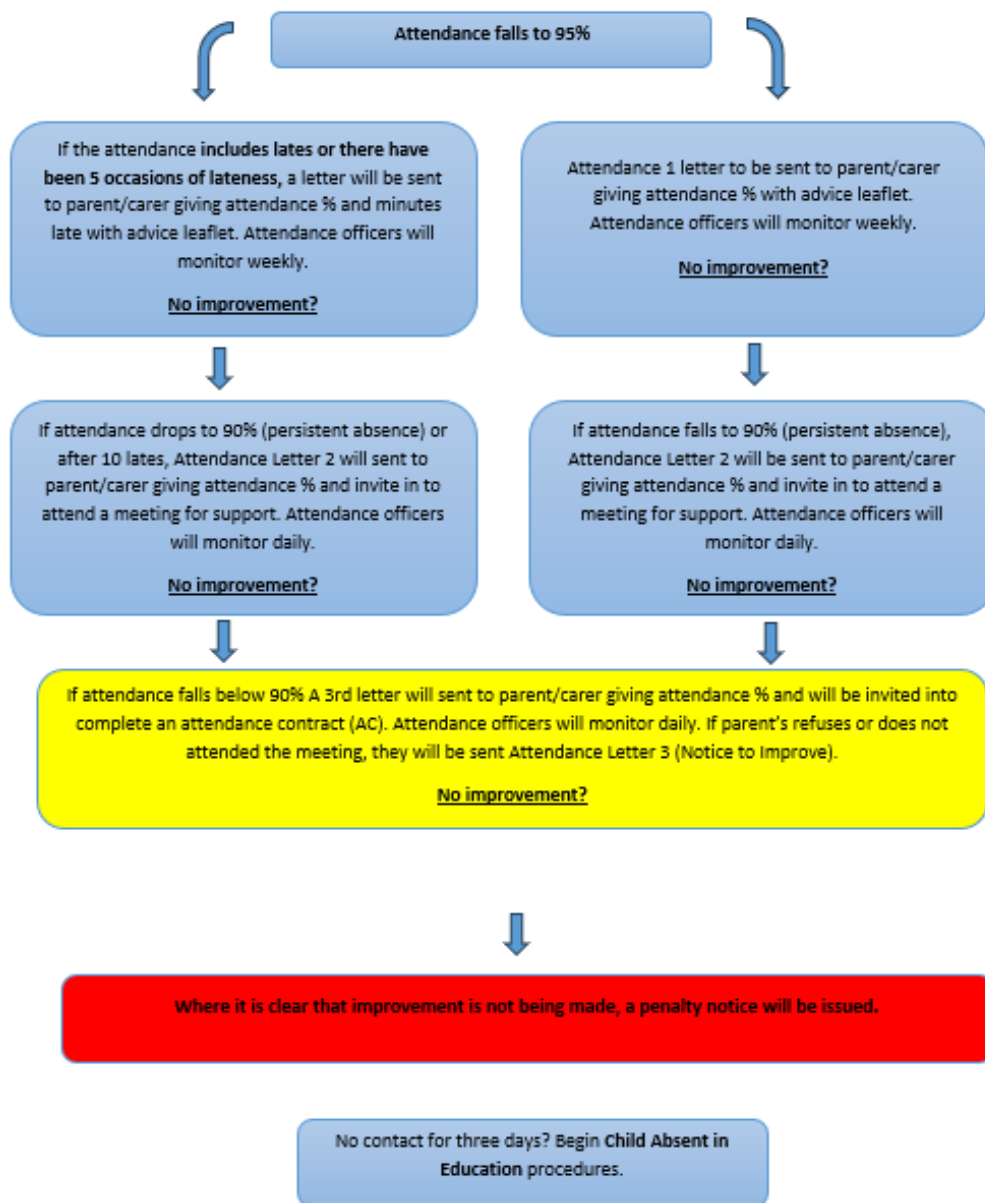


# Hot Topic - Attendance



At Cupernham Infant School we believe that regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential. We value the attendance of all pupils. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind and can put them at risk of wider harm. Working in partnership with families is crucial. We will work with families to identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties at the earliest opportunity.

Our school target for attendance is 97+%. The attendance looks at all children who are at risk of falling below 95% each half term and actions are implemented as per our attendance flow below. The school will use this analysis to invite parents to meetings of support in the initial stages when attendance falls below 95%.



# Our Learning This Week

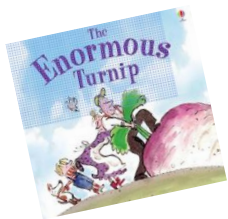


## Year R

Year R have loved the launch of our new topic all about vehicles. We had the best time on our scooter day and loved getting to whiz around the playground as well as navigating obstacles. We have done amazing writing this week using our stem sentence 'It has'... write about our scooters too. In maths we have introduced the numbers 6,7 and 8 and the composition of these numbers.

We are so excited for the launch of Tiny Top Gear next week and for all our vehicles to arrive. We have used our knowledge this week too to label parts of different vehicles and also think about how vehicles have changed over the years.

Well done to all of Year R.



## KS1

### Year 1

This week year 1 have been busy writing their own versions of the story of the Enormous Turnip. Some of us have changed the characters or the vegetable and we are looking forward to sharing our wonderful stories with Year 6 next week. In DT we have begun to think about eating vegetables in different ways. We have tasted different types of soup and chose our favourite, next Friday we are going to be making our own class soups. As mathematicians we have been learning about shapes and this week we have begun to explore numbers to 20, including the role of the 10 in the teen's numbers. Well done on another great week, year 1.

### Year 2

This week Year 2 have enjoyed starting our new topic of the Great Fire of London and had a special visit for the day from 'Jane the Baker' when they went back in time to 2nd September 1666 – the date that the Great Fire of London started. In English, after watching "Marshmallows" video clip everyone wrote a fantastic diary entry. We also learnt all about portrait and landscape photos and had a go at using the ipads to take photos in different ways. As mathematicians we have also been learning about money and looking at finding totals and comparing amounts. What an amazing week Year 2 have had! Well done!

# Fabulous Finish Class Assembly



Date	Year	Class	Time
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	2	Woodpeckers	2.50pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	2	Kingfishers	2.50pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	2	Nightingales	2.50pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	1	Owls	2.50pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	1	Robins	2.50pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	R	Wrens	2.50pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	R	Penguins	2.50pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	R	Sparrows	2.50pm

## Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week 2026 will take place from 9-15 February 2026. The theme for 2026 is 'This is My Place' and the aim is to **support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong.**

Throughout the week, the classes will be taking part in activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing. Any parents who would like more information on Children's Mental Health can visit: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families>

As part of our recognition of Children's Mental Health Week, we are inviting all children to '**Dress To Express**' on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. As a **non-uniform day**, children are invited to wear their favourite colour, a range of colours, or a whole unique outfit to express how they are feeling. Also, for Year R children who will be attending the school disco straight from school; they will be dressed and ready to go and will not need a change of clothes. Details of the Disco and how to buy tickets will be available soon.

## Tennis Sports Club



Minis Tennis School Club will be held on a Friday night after school. Aimed at 4-10 yrs olds from 16th Jan-27th March.

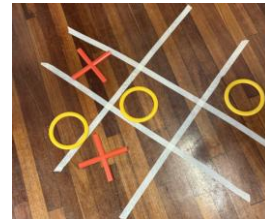
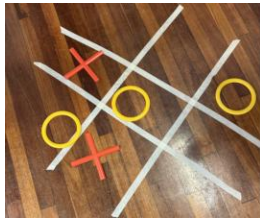
An ever-popular mixed group school club where the fun and learning continue after school! Sign up with friends or make new ones, and develop those ABCs (agility, balance and co-ordination) which are essential for tennis and helpful for other sports - all overseen by our fully qualified coach.

Please sign up here: <https://tennishampshire.com/book/coaching/12629>

# Wraparound Care Corner



In Wraparound, we've returned after Christmas feeling refreshed and full of energy. We kicked off the term with a lively Junk Jamboree, crafting fantastic creations to take home and share. We've also been enjoying some old-school fun with noughts and crosses, table tennis, and table football. These activities aren't just entertaining—they're helping us build important skills like turn-taking, communication, and problem-solving, all while having a great time together.



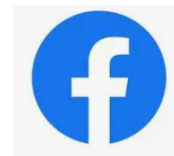
## Stay Connected –

## Follow Us on Facebook & Instagram!

We're excited to share that Cupernham Infant School is now even easier to stay connected with! Our official Facebook and Instagram pages are updated regularly with snapshots of school life, important reminders, celebrations, and community news.

By following our pages, you'll be able to:

- ✦ See what your children have been learning and enjoying in school
- ✦ Celebrate class achievements and special events
- ✦ Stay informed about upcoming dates, clubs, and announcements
- ✦ Feel part of our warm, caring school community



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- Facebook: Search "Cupernham Infant School"
- Instagram: @CupernhamInfantSchool



We'd love our families to follow, like, and share our posts to help strengthen our school community. Thank you for supporting us as we grow our digital presence!

