



Cop Lane C.E. Primary School

A welcoming Christian community, committed to one another, giving our very best at all times.

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Our Christian Value is: forgiveness



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Headteacher's Message

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the bingo last night. It was very well supported and a great success.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Y3 Ministry of the Word service on Tuesday due to the weather. This has now been rescheduled for **Wednesday 15.04.26** at St Mary's Church.

In staffing news, Ms Almond will be leaving us and the school office at May half term as she enters full retirement. We wish her all the very best and know she will enjoy many wonderful holidays and adventures ahead!

As we finish for the Easter break, I would like to thank you for your support this term. As our world faces many uncertainties, may this Easter bring you and your family moments of peace, happiness, and togetherness.

Best wishes,

Mr Ian P. Ashmore



Dates for your Diary



27.03.26—School closes at 2pm for the Easter break

13.04.26—School reopens for the summer term at 8:45am

15.04.26—Rescheduled Y3 Ministry of the Word Service at St Mary's Church

1.05.26— School photographs (class)

04.05.26-Bank Holiday (Closed)

PTFA News

Details about events in the summer term coming after Easter.



Rescheduled Y3 Ministry of the Word Services

Due to the weather, the Y3 Ministry of the Word Service was cancelled on the 24th March 2026. It has now been rescheduled for Wednesday 15th April at 9:30am at St Mary's Church. As always, parents and carers are welcome to join us for the service.



Governor Update

A meeting of the full governing body was held on the 23rd March 2026. The impact of the meeting was:

- Governors discussed attendance and the impact good attendance has on pupils.
- Governors discussed work done with subject leaders.
- Governors received an update on the financial position of the school.

Governors lived out the Christian vision by discussing and making key decisions that support the school team and ensure the school and its stakeholders flourish.

Reading: Did you know?

 <p>What can 10 minutes of reading a day really do?</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>Studies show it can literally strengthen the brain!</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>Reading strengthens the white matter in the corpus callosum, which enhances communication between the two brain hemispheres.</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>
 <p>This allows you to process information more efficiently, helping you learn faster.</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>It exposes children to nearly 600,000 words a year</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>It reduces stress levels and improves mood</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>
 <p>It broadens vocabulary</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>It improves general knowledge</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>It develops creativity and imagination</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>
 <p>It improves critical thinking skills</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>It improves memory</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>	 <p>'Reading is to the brain, what exercise is to the body' — Joseph Addison</p> <p>@Phonics Family</p>

South Ribble Food Waste Truck Competition



**LITTLE CADDY
BIG
DIFFERENCE**

HELP NAME OUR NEW FOOD WASTE TRUCKS!

We're getting a brand-new fleet of food waste collection vehicles — and we need your imagination to help name them. We're inviting primary school children across the area to come up with short, snappy and exciting names for our new trucks.

Think bold, funny, clever or eco-inspired. The winning names will be proudly displayed on the sides of the vehicles as they travel around our communities collecting food waste and helping the environment.

Whether it's a pun, a character, or something completely unexpected, we want names that make people smile and remind everyone why recycling food waste matters.

The best entries will be chosen by a judging panel, and the winners will be invited to see their named vehicle up close before it hits the road.

If you wish to take part, send your child's suggestion and name to socialmedia@coplane.lancs.sch.uk.

Please note that by taking part, you are consenting to your child's name being shared with South Ribble Borough Council.





An exciting opportunity for all of our KS2 budding authors!



The Royal Mint museum is holding a short story competition for children aged 7-11. See below for details. (Taken from the Royal Mint website).

For the sixth year running, we are holding our popular annual Short Story Competition.

The competition is open to children aged 7 to 11.

Students are invited to submit a story of no more than 500 words based on Gold. From buried treasure to secret vaults filled with gold bars and coin hoards, we are asking students to engage their imagination and write about glistening gold.

You can read our inspiration page to find out more about what gold is, how it is used and how it has captured people's imagination. We hope it will inspire you to write your own original story. If you would like to, you can download our [Story Guidance Worksheet](#) to help plan and write your story.

The competition is open for entries from **16th February until 17th April 2026**. Simply submit your entries here or you can also post your entries to us following the guidance in our FAQs.

The winner will receive a gold coin, £5,000 for their school or local library, and their story illustrated by an artist.

Winners will be announced on our website in May. Please note that due to the very high numbers of expected entries, we will only be able to contact you if you have won a prize.

Contact us here: storycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk





Our class attendance figures this week are:

EYFS	93.5%
YR 1	94.1%
YR 2	95%
YR 3	97%
YR 4	94.7%
YR 5	97.9%
YR 6	97.5%



Well done to YR 5 this week!



TAKEHOME

23rd - 29th March



What makes someone a champion?

In the news this week

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level. Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Who do you find inspiring in sport? Ask someone at home about who they find inspiring.
- What does being a champion mean to you?
- What helps people overcome challenges? Talk with someone about their experiences.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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