

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd
July, 2026

"Creating Confident, Curious Learners with God's love"

Message from the Headteacher

What a 'different' few weeks we have had. The extreme weather definitely brought its challenges, but the children and staff have been amazing, ensuring that learning has continued, all be it at a slower pace. The school purchased a huge number of fans to support keeping the school as cool as possible, and these were hugely appreciated. I know that this weather is to become more common, so it has been good to see that our severe weather plan successfully kept everyone safe and the school open.

Thank you to those who have completed the parent questionnaire. If you haven't done so already, please see the link within this newsletter to access it. The questionnaire will end on Friday 10th July.

As we move towards the end of the academic year, I look forward to all of the events and activities that are still to take place.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **93.8%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



Our attendance has fallen below 94% for the first time this year. Many parents kept their children at home during the hot weather for the whole week which was registered as unauthorised as the school was open, plus many unauthorised holidays. The target set by the DFE for our school was 94.7%, which we will not be able to achieve. It is vital that your child is in school EVERY DAY and not having unauthorised days off or holidays.

Dates for your diary



- 6th July, 2026—Year 6 Diocese Leavers service
- 6th July, 2026—Year 5 Imberhorne Day
- 7th July, 2026—Year 3 Tie-Dye session
- 8th July, 2026—Year 6 production (afternoon/evening)
- 8th-9th July, 2026—Year 3 Copthorne Prep experience
- 10th July, 2026—Great Athlete visit **NOTE CHANGE**
- 13th July, 2026—Whole school photo
- Week beginning 13th July, 2026—Sports days morning (Y5/6 Tuesday, Y3/4 Thursday with reserve Friday)
- 17th July, 2026—SMARTIES Day
- 17th July, 2026—Annual reports to parents (opportunity for a phone call 20-21st July)
- 21st July, 2026—Year 6 Leavers Service
- 22nd July, 2026—Last day of term

Our school prayer



Dear God



Bless our school so that by working together, playing together and learning together, we may learn to serve you and each other.

Amen

INSET DAYS 2026-27

These have been agreed between both Copthorne Junior and Fairways.

1st September 2026

2nd November 2026

4th January 2027

12th April 2027

7th June 2027

Week beginning 15th June 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Mikaeel
Rowan – Asa
Chestnut— Harley
Willow—Jamiul
Elm— Mia
Sycamore— Ruby
Maple— Kai P
Oak— Eva

School Value Award of the Week— All 5!

Beech—Lucy (Compassion)
Rowan – Harry (Curiosity)
Chestnut— Jacob W (Compassion)
Willow— Joshua (Curiosity)
Elm— Adhinav (Courage)
Sycamore—Alfie B (Creativity)
Maple— Tupence (Courage)
Oak— Ruban (Confidence)

Week beginning 22nd June 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Coco
Rowan – Dylan
Chestnut— Piper
Willow—Rosie
Elm— Willow Belle
Sycamore— Tyrese
Maple— Owen
Oak— Hugo

School Value Award of the Week— All 5!

Beech—Allanah (Confidence)
Rowan – Louie (Confidence)
Chestnut— Jenson (Compassion)
Willow— Emelia (Creativity)
Elm— Gursikhya (Creativity)
Sycamore— Ava P (Creativity)
Maple— Charlie (Courage)
Oak— Ethan (Confidence)

Week beginning 29th June 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Toby
Rowan – Dominic
Chestnut— Jacob W
Willow—Lisa-Marie
Elm— Noah
Sycamore— Ava Sm
Maple— Ella C
Oak— Ava

School Value Award of the Week— All 5!

Beech—Alfie (Confidence)
Rowan – Vivaan (Confidence)
Chestnut— Sienna (Compassion)
Willow— Thea (Creativity)
Elm— Freya (Confidence)
Sycamore— Alex (Curiosity)
Maple— Alfie (Courage)
Oak— Oscar (Creativity)



Thank you to everyone who sold or bought raffle tickets. I am

pleased to announce that we raised £1957. This money will make such a difference to your child. Thank you to Mrs Hunter for gathering the prizes and to the staff and governors you helped sell the tickets on carnival day.

Our House Captains drew out the winning tickets:

1st prize—HP Desktop PC donated by Virtual IT — Catalin

2nd prize—DIY silent disco with food donated by Lazee Graze and Hush Hype Events — Misty

3rd prize—£50 Cherry Tree voucher — Marcus

Congratulations to the other winners!



What's been happening in Year 4...

Mayan Drumming Experience

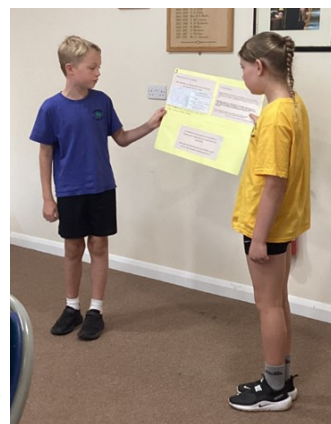
As part of our learning linked to The Journey of the Nightly Jaguar, Year 4 took part in an engaging Mayan drumming workshop. The children explored a range of instruments, experimenting with rhythm and sound to recreate the atmosphere and themes of the narrative poem. The workshop brought our learning to life, deepened the children's understanding of the text, and provided plenty of inspiration for their own poem writing.



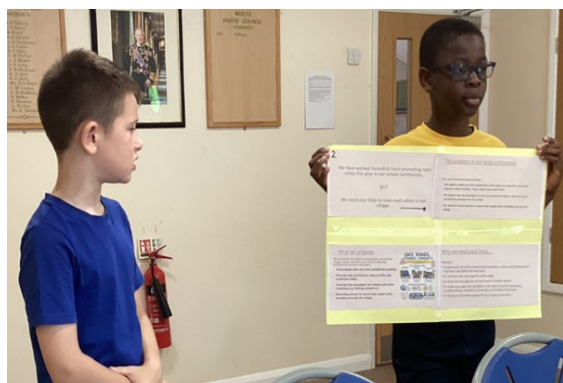
What has our school council been up to?

On Thursday 25 June, Copthorne School Council met with the Parish Council to discuss road safety concerns raised by pupils within our school community. They presented and pitched an exciting campaign aimed at improving road safety and helping local residents feel safer. As part of the initiative, pupils plan to design and create road safety signs for the local area.

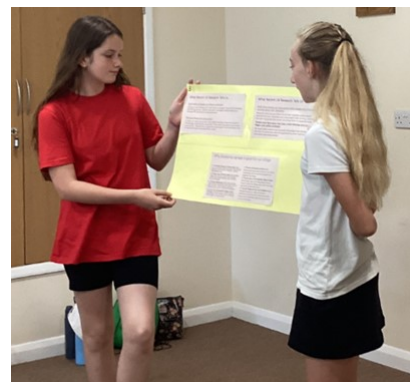
During the meeting, School Council members asked the Parish Council to support the project by providing funding for the signage. The Parish Council was impressed by the pupils' ideas and enthusiasm and was keen to help them make a positive difference in our community. We are delighted that they have agreed to support the campaign.



This was received by the Parish Council after the meeting—**'The Copthorne Working Party would like to thank the children that attended today a huge well done for their well thought out and wonderfully presented presentation.'**



This is just the beginning of an exciting project and we look forward to sharing further updates as the campaign develops...



Sports News...

Area sports ...

On Tuesday, children from Year 3 all the way up to Year 6 went to Sackville to compete in Area Sports. The children competed in a variety of athletics events such as long jump, broad jump, sprinting and even a relay race. Everyone represented Copthorne brilliantly! A special shoutout to the Year 4 8x50m relay team for winning their race. Although we did not win the event, everyone had a great time and did the school proud. Great work everyone!



Year 5 & 6 Sports Day — Tuesday 14th July
9.15am start until approximately 10.30am.

Year 3 & 4 Sports Day — Thursday 16th July
9.15am start until approximately 10.30am.

Reserve date—Friday 17th July
ALL WELCOME!

Welcome to Ms Roberts,
who has joined our LSA
team. She currently is
working in Elm Class.

WELCOME

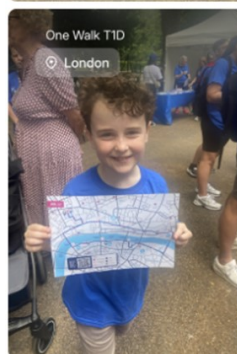
Parent Questionnaire 2026

This year, the focus of our parent questionnaire is regarding home/school communication. As always, we strive to ensure that we listen to feedback and make improvements where necessary. To make access easier, we have used google forms, and the link is below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-f9HitJECnjQiaSXdWP4KTX6kC-TnBF1pjaMopCSIEwxBA/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

The questionnaire will close on Friday 10th July, 2026.

Raising awareness of and vital funds for Type 1
Diabetes—well done Theo (Rowan)!



Theo walked a whopping 30K to raise money for this amazing charity. Not only did Theo and family complete the 10K loop, he continued with his route around London.

In addition, the sale of Lollies raised **£144** for the charity too. Thank you to everyone!



Incredible Eggs...

As a school, we became proud owners to 17 partridge chicks which became the centre of school life for 10 days. Everyone found it amazing how quickly they grew and how their personalities became apparent. For those who were in school on their last afternoon, the chicks were let loose in the hall, where they amused us with their antics—some even starting to fly! It was so lovely watching the children enjoying visiting the chicks, and they definitely made themselves heard during the school day.



Office Updates



Weather—be prepared

As the weather is going to become hot again, please ensure that your child comes to school prepared. They are able to wear PE kit, apply suncream and bring a hat!

Lost Property

Please label all uniform as we still have a huge amount of lost property. Lost property will be outside school whenever able—please check!

Lollies on sale

Ice pops will continue to be on sale Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school (weather permitting) for only 50p. Apologies for the break in sales, but this was due to the extreme heat and a broken freezer! All proceeds will be used to purchase items for our spirituality garden and outdoor spaces.

Bags to school

Thank you for all of your bags! Once weighed, I am please to say that this raised £100 for the school.

Athlete sponsorship money

All forms and money MUST be returned to the school by Friday 10th June.

Achievements from outside school



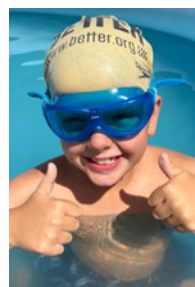
Zachary (Chestnut) won player of the year, his first ever medal, for his team Reigate Priory FC. What an achievement - Well done!

Dominic (Rowan) had his first holy communion at the end of May, and had been preparing for this for 6 months. Both the service and celebrations were lovely. Relatives flew over from Belfast and his Godparents came from Macclesfield. Congratulations Dominic!



Joey (Elm), as a birthday present, had the amazing opportunity to drive three different supercars and completed two laps in each one - a Lambo super Leggera, Camero and a Ferrari California. He absolutely loved every minute of it. What a wonderful experience!

Lucy (Beech), Bobbie (Elm), Sophia S, Alexa and Hope (Sycamore) performed brilliantly in the West End Stage Stars 2026 Summer Show “Born to Shine” at



the Leatherhead Theatre. They gave a superb performance with not a missed step or forgotten line in sight. What an achievement to be proud of!

Elijah (Chestnut) passed his silver swimming award and is now working towards his gold—well done, what a fantastic achievement!

We would like to celebrate your child's achievements and share these on future newsletters. Please email a picture and information to head@copthornejunior.co.uk



Librarian's Corner...

This term the librarians have worked very hard, making sure that the library is very tidy. We have sorted out the book shelves, sorted the cupboard and donated some children's books. We are also visiting different classes to help organise the class bookshelves. We are asking everyone to keep the library tidy and care for the books.

The librarians are also excited about the Summer Reading Challenge. We found out lots of information when East Grinstead library visited our school. We will be visiting classes to make sure everyone knows how to get involved.

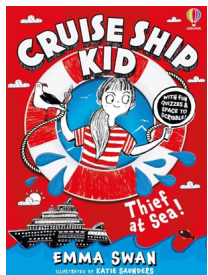


Thank you

From all of the librarians!

Librarians recommend ...

Two great reads! Why not give them a try!



This book is about a girl called Silver. She lives on a cruise ship with her mum. She has never had a friend her own age. All the friends she has are a group of old people who always go on the same cruises together. The old people are in a group called THE GANG.

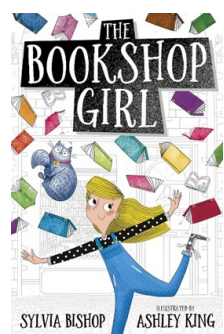
When a girl (called Yana) comes on the cruise with her aunt and uncle, Silver wants to be friends with her. Yana's aunt and uncle, have some amazing, sparkly globe watches. When Yana and Silver find out the globes are missing, they become 'Definitely – Not –

Detectives' and try find them.

Silver has a BIG secret. She *CAN'T SWIM* even though she *LIVES ON A CRUISE SHIP!*

This book is a great read. It's well written and all ages will enjoy it. The author is Emma Swan who actually grew up on a cruise ship - just like Silver!

This book report was written by Elle Warner

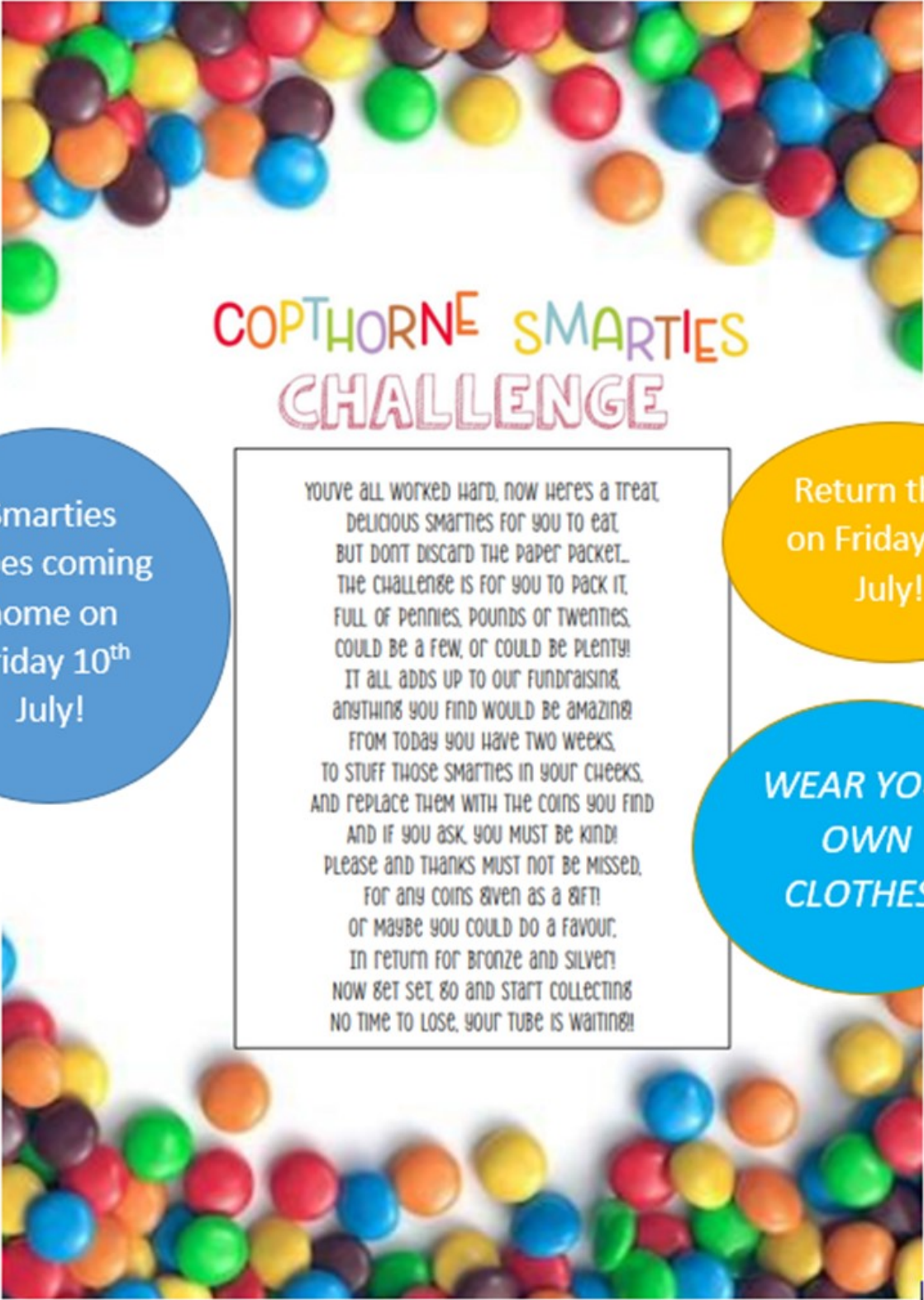


It all started with a girl called Property Jones whose parents left her in a lost property cupboard in a bookshop. Property has a BIG secret. Even though Property lives in a bookshop, she can't even read!

Property has been living with the Joneses for six years when they have the chance to win a huge, magnificent new book shop. Property goes to live there with Netty and Michael. She has to stand up to the suspicious man called Montgomery who seems to be up to no good.

It is an exciting read to find out whether property will be able to save the book shop!

This book report was written by Willow Belle Dart



COPTHORNE SMARTIES CHALLENGE

Smarties
tubes coming
home on
Friday 10th
July!

YOU'VE ALL WORKED HARD, NOW HERE'S A TREAT,
DELICIOUS SMARTIES FOR YOU TO EAT,
BUT DON'T DISCARD THE PAPER PACKET...
THE CHALLENGE IS FOR YOU TO PACK IT,
FULL OF PENNIES, POUNDS OR TWENTIES,
COULD BE A FEW, OR COULD BE PLENTY!
IT ALL ADDS UP TO OUR FUNDRAISING,
ANYTHING YOU FIND WOULD BE AMAZING!
FROM TODAY YOU HAVE TWO WEEKS,
TO STUFF THOSE SMARTIES IN YOUR CHEEKS,
AND REPLACE THEM WITH THE COINS YOU FIND
AND IF YOU ASK, YOU MUST BE KIND!
PLEASE AND THANKS MUST NOT BE MISSED,
FOR ANY COINS GIVEN AS A GIFT!
OR MAYBE YOU COULD DO A FAVOUR,
IN RETURN FOR BRONZE AND SILVER!
NOW GET SET, GO AND START COLLECTING
NO TIME TO LOSE, YOUR TUBE IS WAITING!!

Return them
on Friday 17th
July!

**WEAR YOUR
OWN
CLOTHES!**

Fundraising...

All money raised through bringing in 'filled' smarties tube (or a donation) on Friday 17th July will be used to update our playground equipment. As a thank you, you can wear your own clothes. Year 4 and 6 please wear clothes and trainers suitable for PE.

