

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th
January, 2026

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

What a start we have had to 2026 weatherwise... if it is not snow and ice then it is rain! Whatever the weather, the children have settled and have been excited by their new topics. I have already had many visitors with their learning, and they love to share their new knowledge with me.

It has been lovely to welcome Ms Hatton to Copthorne. She has been spending time with the children and has started working with parents. She is monitoring sen@copthornejunior.co.uk alongside myself.

Over the holiday, our new road safety sign has been put on the railings outside school. Many thanks to Copthorne Road Safety Group for supporting this important initiative.

On 22nd December, myself, staff, parents, children and governors joined The Copthorne Players in escorting the Santa Sleigh. We are awaiting the amount raised, but thanks must go to the volunteers who helped.

Please check the date list carefully, and make a note of key events. This term is busy, with so much to look forward to.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Denison



Office Updates



Chartwell Meals

Please remember to order your meals at least 2 weeks in advance.

Updating your child's details

Please remember to let the office know if there are any changes so that we can update our records.

Spring Activities

Please return your signed Spring Activities forms. There are copies in the office if needed, and all letter have been added to the school website.

Earrings

A reminder that children can only wear small studs, as per our uniform policy. These either need to be removed or covered for PE. Please ensure that your child has micropore tape in their bag to do this.

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94.1%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



We will now need to see evidence of medical appointments—this could be a copy of the letter, a text message or reminder. No dental check-ups will be authorised, as these could be booked out of term time.

All East Grinstead schools are working together to improve attendance. This includes liaising about absence requests and agreeing exceptional circumstances which can be authorised. This approach will help parents get the consistency they want from all schools when requesting absence for siblings.

Reminder: Children are marked late at 8.55am in the register but if arriving after 9, this becomes unauthorised.

Week beginning 5th January 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Stormme
Rowan – Theo B-E
Chestnut— Elijah
Willow—Zayan
Elm— Emelia
Sycamore— Ava Sm
Maple— Max
Oak— Ethan

School Value Award of the Week— Curiosity

Beech—Teddy
Rowan – Zara
Chestnut— Abigail
Willow— Jessica-Rae
Elm— Jacob
Sycamore— Ruby
Maple— George
Oak— Theo



Week beginning 12th January 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Olivia
Rowan— Thea
Chestnut— Theodore
Willow— Henry
Elm— Mylee
Sycamore— Eadi
Maple— Akshdeep
Oak— Timothy

School Value Award of the Week— Curiosity

Beech—Theodore
Rowan— Theo P
Chestnut— Finn
Willow— Jadiel
Elm— Ethan
Sycamore— Tyrese
Maple— Krista
Oak— Mila

What has been going on in Year 3...

Year 3 have started our new science topic of rocks. Last week we learnt about the 3 rock types and how each are created. We used starburst sweets to show the different types.



Sedimentary rock

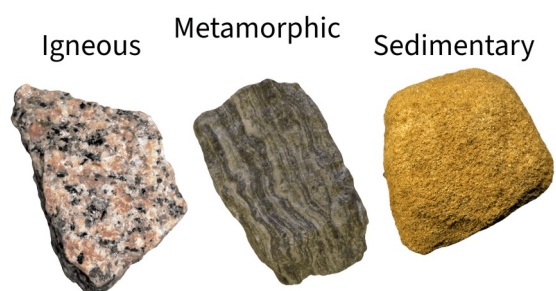


Metamorphic rock



Igneous rock

All in year 3 are really demonstrating our value of curiosity, and can talk about the different rocks with knowledge. What an ingenious way and creative way to teach about the formation of rocks!





Dates for your diary

Spring term 2026

- 27th January 2026—Zoolab visit for Y6
- Week beginning 2nd February 2026 —Y6 Bikeability
- 6th February 2026 —Number day
- Week beginning 9th February 2026 —RE week
- 11th February 2026—Internet safety day
- 11th February and 24th February 2026—Parent consultations
- 23rd February 2026—International day of languages
- 5th March 2026—World Book Day
- 6th March 2026—Girls biggest football event
- Week beginning 9th March 2026—Science day (TBC)
- 11th March 2026—Class photographs
- Week beginning 16th March 2026—Book fair in school
- 16th March 2026—Y4 Viking Day
- Week beginning 23rd March 2026—Autism Awareness Week
- 24th March 2026—Y5 Greek Day
- 26th March 2026—Easter Service (Parents welcome)
- 27th March 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

Sports News...



In the final weeks of last term, Interhouse competitions took place in every year group. The results are...

Year 3: joint first Drake and Fiennes, Joint 3rd Shackleton and Thayer

Year 4: 1st Drake, 2nd Shackleton, 3rd Fiennes, 4th Thayer

Year 5: 1st Fiennes, 2nd Thayer, 3rd Drake, 4 Shackleton

Year 6 : 1st Fiennes, 2nd Thayer, 3rd Drake, 4th Shackleton

Overall school results:

1st Fiennes, 2nd Drake, 3rd Thayer, 4th Shackleton

Congratulations Fiennes!

Achievements from outside school

Amelia (Elm) performed in the pantomime , Jack and the Beanstalk, at Leatherhead over December. She had a great time, and is looking forward to auditioning again next year. Congratulations, and well done!



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

100 club Draw

Congratulations to our December winners:



1st J Searle 2nd C Ansell 3rd P Denison

Contact the office if you would like to participate!

Spirituality

As a school, we have been developing our understanding of Spirituality.

We have created our spirituality statement, and then developed our progression of spirituality—all of which can be found on the school website. Spirituality is woven through everything we learn. We celebrate our achievements and ‘break-through’ moments, and we also learn from the times that feel challenging.

We explore how to make the most of each moment, stay present and feel calm, stillness and a sense of completeness in our day.



At Copthorne CE Junior School, we recognise that developing the spirituality of our children and adults, is a fundamental aspect of enabling our school community to flourish. Provision for developing spirituality is well-planned and of high quality so that the whole community is engaged on a journey of discovery.

The understanding of Spirituality differs from person to person and is a very personal experience. For this reason, it is difficult to put into words. Spirituality is not the same as having a religion or faith; a person can be spiritual without having a particular faith.

For Christians, spirituality is about developing a deeper awareness and connection with God. Through this, we are able to respond to the loving nature of God as revealed through the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A school is not a church forum, but it is a collection of people who come from a variety of backgrounds for the purpose of education. We recognise inclusivity and spiritual development must take account of the varied beliefs and circumstances of staff, pupils and families.

As a church school, we develop children and adults’ mind, body and soul and spirituality should influence all area of education and life and therefore we aim that all areas of the curriculum contribute to spiritual development.

Spirituality is about becoming more aware of our own natural and innate spirituality, our relationship with our self, others and the beauty of our world as well as opportunities to explore beyond and connect to their relationship with God.