

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th
December,
2025

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

We are finally at the end of term. This has been one of the longest terms that I can ever remember—nearly 15 weeks, and we all, both children and staff, deserve a well earned rest. Over the last few weeks, there has been so much on, and all of the learning, activities and festivities have been enjoyed by all. I always enjoy having children come to see me with their work, so proud and wanting to share what they have achieved. This week, I have been inundated with those showing me their answers to the big questions in history and geography, which demonstrates all of their learning and understanding. I am going to have to restock my stickers!

As we neared Christmas, the Year 3s went back to Fairway to enjoy the Year 1/2 Nativity. They were so excited when they returned, both to have been back to their previous school and see the teachers but also because they loved the retelling of the Nativity. At Copthorne, we enjoyed decorations day, Christmas Dinner and the Christmas Service. It was so lovely to see the church so full for both services.

A final thank you to all those who were able to park and stride on the morning when we had a broken down van outside school. It made a real difference to the congestion outside school.

Have a fabulous Christmas, and enjoy this special time of year. See you in 2026!

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



When booking holidays, days out or activities, please book them in school holidays, weekends or INSET days.

Shackleton has won this term's house competition. They enjoyed their movie night this week. Well done Shackleton!



Office Updates

Chartwell Meals

Please remember to order your meals at least 2 weeks in advance. You will need to order now for the start of the Spring Term.

Updating your child's details

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



Today the school said their goodbyes to Miss Ash. She will be missed by everyone, and we thank her for her hard work, dedication and support. We wish her well in her new job!



We also sadly have to say goodbye to Mrs Tidy. She worked tirelessly for the school, and both the staff and children will miss her. Again, we wish her all the best for her new ventures.

Thank you.... On behalf of all of the staff, thank you for all of our Christmas Cards and gifts—we truly appreciated your kindness and appreciation.



Week beginning 1st December 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Harper
Rowan— Micky
Chestnut— Theo
Willow—Joshua
Elm— Bobbie
Sycamore— Sienna
Maple— Rossi
Oak— Bobby

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

Beech—Florence
Rowan— Bronte
Chestnut— Ayan
Willow— Chloe
Elm— Elyse
Sycamore— Jack W
Maple— Akshdeep
Oak— Izzy



Thank you to **Haskins Snowhill Garden Centre** for donating our school Christmas Tree. The Worship Leaders enjoyed decorating the tree, and it has been admired by all.

Week beginning 8th December 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Theodore
Rowan— Dillon
Chestnut— Lorisa
Willow— Oliver
Elm— Teddy
Sycamore— Sophia A
Maple— Chloe
Oak— Jason

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

Beech—Stormme
Rowan— Theo
Chestnut— Ollie
Willow— Lina
Elm— Willow Belle
Sycamore— Chloe
Maple— Elayna
Oak— Leo

Achievements from outside school



Emelia (Chestnut) has donated 12 inches of her hair and raise money for The Little Princess Trust. This amazing charity provides wigs to children to help restore their confidence and identity. She so far has raised £1155. If you

would like to donate, the link is below...

<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/emelia-s-fundraising-page>

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



Week beginning 15th December 2025

Star Learner

Beech— Coco
Rowan— Harry
Chestnut— Rahmah
Willow— Jackson
Elm— Elle
Sycamore— Sienna
Maple— Charlie
Oak— Archie

Excellence in English Award

Beech— Toby
Rowan— Holly
Chestnut— Elijah
Willow— Jamiul
Elm— Aidan
Sycamore— Alfie-Jay
Maple— Akshdeep
Oak— Brodie

Mastery in Maths Award

Beech— Alfie
Rowan— George
Chestnut— Theodore
Willow— Dorothy
Elm— Amelia
Sycamore— Ruby
Maple— Owen
Oak— Ellie

Week beginning 16th December 2024

Citizen Award—Demonstrating all 5 school values at all times!

Beech— William
Rowan— Sophie
Chestnut— Harley
Willow— Amber
Elm— Fletcher
Sycamore— Jack R
Maple— Arthur
Oak— James



Next half term, the school value being focussed on is 'Curiosity'. Each week a child in each class will be recognised for demonstrating this value during the school day. Children will have the opportunity to hang a magnifying glass, the symbol for Curiosity, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.

100 club Draw

Congratulations to our October winners:



1st L Whitney 2nd H Ivory 3rd S Batt

Congratulations to our November winners:

1st P Denison 2nd T Smart 3rd J Broadway-Mann

Contact the office if you would like to participate!



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

A message from the Chair of Governors

This term, governors have been reflecting on the vision and values of the school to ensure we are supporting staff in the best way we can. We have monitored different areas of school, and it has been wonderful to see excellent teaching and learning, and effective Health & Safety practices. We are always so impressed with the children's attitude to learning.

The governors would like to thank Miss Ash for all she has contributed to our school. She has had such a positive impact and will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new role.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I joined the children for their Christmas lunch this week. It was lovely to see them enjoying each other's company and sharing their Christmas cracker jokes! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Anita Findon



Centrepiece Workshop

This year we ran another successful Festive Centrepiece workshop. The atmosphere was lovely, and everyone went home very proud of their unique creations.



Sports News...



Football league 2025-26

Year 6 team:

Copthorne v Baldwins Hill 3 0

Halsford Park v Copthorne 2 0

Year 5/6 team

St Mary's v Copthorne 0 3

Copthorne v West Hoathly 2 0

Well done to all those who played, including our new players for Y5/6 team.

Cross Country

Well done to Mila (Oak) who has progressed to the Cross Country Finals in January!



Congratulations to Mrs Garrard for passing her National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL). She has been working towards this qualification for the last eighteen months, and because of her hard work and dedication, she has been successful.



Dates for your diary

Spring term 2026

- 5th January 2026— INSET DAY
- 6th January 2026—First day back for children
- 13th January 2026—Y3 study for those signed up
- 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
- Week beginning 10th February 2025—RE week
- 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

Reindeer Run—Thank you for all of your sponsorship/ donations. We raised **£1054.14 for St Catherine's Hospice!**



Children in Need Competition...

The School Council have decided that the winners of the Courageous Character Competition are as follows:

Rowan: Dylan

Beech: Ava

Willow: Freya

Chestnut: Sienna

Elm: Bobbie

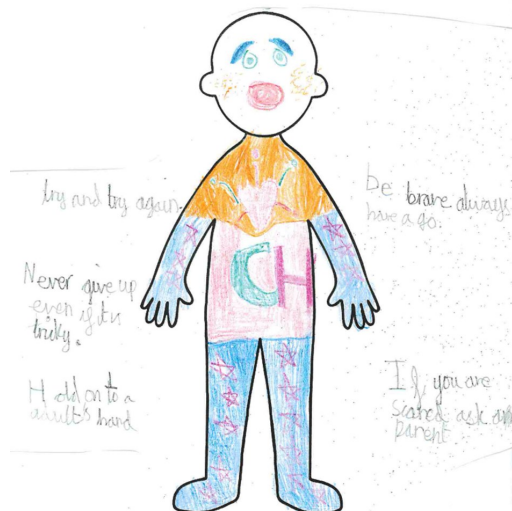
Sycamore: Ava P

Oak: Ava

Maple: Addie



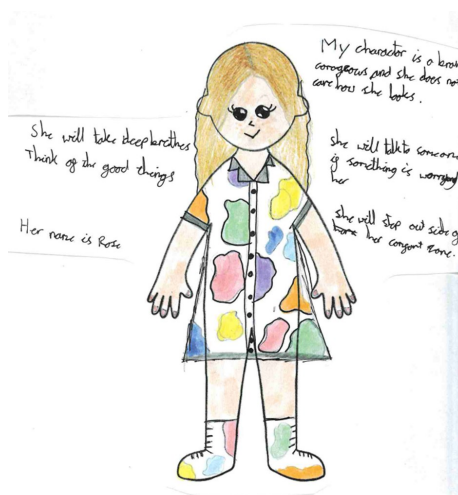
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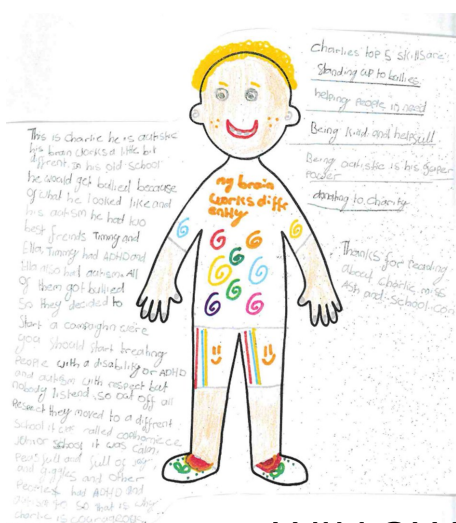
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MAPLE



CHESTNUT



WILLOW



SYCAMORE



BEECH