

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Wednesday
3rd December,
2025

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

What a busy term! There have been so much going on at school, with so many opportunities for your children to participate in.

I can't believe that we are in December, and Christmas is around the corner. On Friday we have our annual decorations day and Reindeer run. Don't forget that it is own clothes (suitable for the run) with a Christmas or Winter jumper. We do have a limited number of pre-loved jumpers if needed—contact the office.

I do apologise that the newsletter has been delayed, but it has enabled me to include the tombola from the weekend and this week's activities so far!

I hope you continue to have a good week, and I look forward to Christmas truly beginning on Friday—hohoho!

Mrs Denison

Office Updates

Chartwell Meals and Christmas Lunch



Please remember to order your meals at least 2 weeks in advance. As much as we possibly can, the school is giving at least 2 weeks notice of any trip or sporting event so that it gives you the opportunity to cancel any ordered meals. Don't forget to log on to Chartwells and order your Christmas lunch.

Dates for your diary



- 5th December 2025—Decorations Day and Reindeer Run
- 15th December 2025—Chartwells Christmas Lunch
- 15th December 2025—Winning house movie afternoon
- 18th December 2025—Christmas Service (Parents welcome - 1.30pm Y3/4, 2.15pm Y5/6)
- 19th December 2024—Last day of term

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94.3%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



Our attendance has dropped considerably over the last few weeks due to days out and holidays. Please can I remind you that your child is expected in school every day, and not miss learning for days out and treats. I do recognise that it is near Christmas and with this brings opportunities for celebrating, however, please book these for the Christmas holidays or week-ends.

Can I also ask that if arranging dental check-ups, that these are booked in the school holidays and not during school time. I understand that dental work and orthodontist appointments are required during school time, but 6 monthly check-ups can be arranged out of school hours.

A message from St John's Church...



St John's Church is running a family Christmas crafting event on Saturday 6th December 2-4pm in St John's Copthorne Parish Hub (next to the church).

Children aged 4-11 years with their parents/carers, are invited to make Christmas tree decorations and other fun crafts.

Tickets £12.50 per child including all craft material and festive refreshments! To book your place please visit our website copthornechurch.org or click [here](#).

Week beginning 17th November 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Teddy
Rowan—Zara
Chestnut—Daisy
Willow—Parker
Elm—Zachary
Sycamore—Grace
Maple—Kai P
Oak—Louisa

School Value Award of the Week—Creativity

Beech—Zachary K
Rowan—George
Chestnut—Zachary
Willow—Zayan
Elm—Catalin
Sycamore—Oliver
Maple—Giuliana
Oak—Ollie



Week beginning 24th November 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Peter
Rowan—Sadie
Chestnut—Jake
Willow—Bibo
Elm—Willow Belle
Sycamore—Albie
Maple—Younas
Oak—Ruban

School Value Award of the Week—Creativity

Beech—Levi
Rowan—Asa
Chestnut—Lucy
Willow—Yaqub
Elm—Harriet
Sycamore—Henry
Maple—Kai H
Oak—Eva

Our PCSO came in to see me last week and asked that all children are reminded how to use the school crossing patrol correctly. It appears that some children are following our Lollipop person into the road and not waiting to be beckoned. Please can you also speak to your child about this at home if they walk to school on their own.



If you would like to help with fundraising for our school, then join our fundraising committee. Contact the office to be invited to our next meeting.



As we are nearing Christmas, if you need a referral to the foodbank, please get in touch with Mrs Denison, who can

help. To support, the hours have been extended and there is a Christmas room open so families can enjoy a little extra.



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

What's been going on in Year 3...

Year 3 - Copthorne Detective Village Walk

This week, Year 3 took their Copthorne Detectives history topic out onto the streets of Copthorne Village to compare photographic primary sources of evidence (old black and white photographs) with what the streets of Copthorne look like today.

The children tried to stand exactly where photos had been taken over 100 years ago and identified what had changed ... and what had stayed the same.

The children had a lot of fun on their walk, with some fantastic ideas, questions and discussions thinking about the reasons why changes they spotted might have taken place.



Sports News...

Inclusion Festival

Pupils from across Year 3 and 4 participated in an Inclusion Festival at Imberhorne's upper school. They were introduced to Boccia and New age Curling. The children were a credit to our school showing great enjoyment, sportsmanship and willingness to learn and develop throughout their morning session. Well done to all!



Football league 2025-26

Girls team:

St Peter's v Copthorne 0 0 Estcots v Copthorne 1 0 Copthorne v The Meads 4 0

Well done to all those who played.

Sports Crew

A group of Year 5 children went along to Sports Crew Training and learnt how to lead a sporting activity. These skills be transferred to school life over the next two terms.

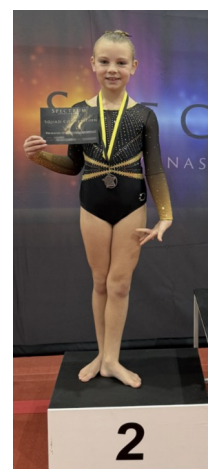


Achievements from outside school



Bibo (Willow) has passed his bronze level in both maths and English in his Kumon learning. This is fantastic—well done!

Harley Neill (Chestnut) took part in her Squad Gymnastics Competition competing on Bars, Floor, Vault & Beam. She came 2nd place overall getting a silver medal! That is amazing—well done!



Emilia (Elm) has achieved her 50m swimming medal and certificate—well done, fantastic swimming!

Callum (Chestnut) has achieved his white belt, which he received after passing his grading with Absolute Martial Arts Kickboxing. 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

Christmas is coming...

Secret's room

Our secret's room will be running, but in a slightly different way. An email with information on how your child can purchase Christmas tokens will be going out this week. Each gift will cost £3. In the last week of term, your child will be able to visit the secret's room with their tokens, to select and wrap a gift for either mums, dads or other special adults.



Decorations Day — Friday 5th December

During this day, all children will be creating decorations to make our school look festive. They also will be taking part in the Reindeer run.

Children are invited to **wear their own clothes with a Christmas/Winter jumper**. As they will be taking part in the sponsored run, please ensure they wear appropriate clothing and trainers.

Please donate online for the reindeer run, or get sponsorship—all proceeds to St Catherine's Hospice.

You can donate online using the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/copthorne-junior-school-5>



Other days for Christmas/Winter jumpers...

Monday 15th December - Christmas Dinner day. Christmas/Winter jumpers with school uniform or PE kit.

Friday 19th December—as its our last day, everyone can wear their own clothes and Christmas/Winter jumpers for one last time!



Thank you....

Thank you for your chocolate and sweet treats donations. At the Copthorne Christmas Celebration, our tombola raised £338.50.



What's been going on in Year 4...

Year 4 have been busy designing, measuring and sawing, to produce their hinged box. By working together in groups, they have successfully created the frames for their box, and now they are in the process of building it, by gluing the jinx frames together.



What's been going on in Years 4 & 6... first aid

As part of our RSHE curriculum, all children in Year 4 and Year 6 had a first aid session. Year 4 learnt basic first aid including bandaging, and Year 6 advanced to CPR. Our first aid instructor, was really impressed with the enthusiasm but also the learning behaviours exhibited during all the sessions.



What's been going on in Year 5—Level 1 Bikeability



Year 5 had the opportunity to take part in Level 1 Bikeability training. The training develops cycle handling skills in traffic-free environments and includes the core functions for safe and responsible cycling.

There were 4 competencies that they practiced and then were assessed on:

Preparing for a journey; Checking the cycle is ready for the journey; Setting off, slowing down and stopping; Pedalling.



The instructors were very complimentary about the groups, their behaviour and the learning behaviours.



Imberhorne's Performance of Henry VIII

Students from Imberhorne came and presented their examination piece on Henry VIII to our Year 5 and 6 children. All of enjoyed the drama and singing, and this helped to bring to life their history learning from the Tudor unit.

"I loved the performance! It was funny, cheerful and immersive."

"I liked how they were in character the whole time."

"It was creative but still told us the facts and information."



Miss Coffey, the Performing Arts Lead at Imberhorne wrote following the performance, "Thank you so much for having us last week. Our students got so much out of it and loved performing for your students – they were all so lovely. I am so glad they were positive about it and enjoyed it."

Connells

FAMILY CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Pop into Connells on Copthorne Bank to pick up an entry form for
a chance to win a £50.00 Book shop voucher ☺

Entries must be received in branch by 15th December 2025
The winner will be announced on Wednesday 17th December 2025

