

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th
November,
2025

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

Well, our first two weeks of the second half term have passed, and we are now heading towards Christmas. The school has continued to be busy, with lots of learning, exciting activities and challenges in all year groups.

We have supported Children in Need, and worn odd socks to start off Anti-Bullying Week. In addition, RE week focused on our learning about Islam.

This week, we had our termly visit from our West Sussex school advisor, Helen Smith, and as always, she was very impressed with the school, its calm, purposeful atmosphere and of course your wonderful children. She commented on the focus in class, the exemplary behaviour and the well-ordered learning environments.

One of our long-standing governors, Aelwen Lavictoire has reached the end of her multiple terms as a parent governor. She has been working alongside me since I started here in 2021, and has supported the improvements that have taken place at Copthorne. I want to thank her for all of her hard work, support and diligence in her Governor role. We now have a parent governor vacancy and will be re-sending the information, and would love to fill this role with someone who wants to help continue with the school on its educational journey.

Hope you have a lovely weekend

Mrs Denison

Office Updates

IQ Christmas Cards If you ordered IQ cards, they have just been delivered to the school. These will be distributed next week. Thank you for all of your orders, as this has raised over £200 for the school.



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.

Wanted—Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers

If you have a pre-loved Christmas jumper that you can donate, please can you give this to the office. If you need a Christmas jumper in preparation for our Christmas events, then please contact the office and we can see if there is one available for a donation. Thank you!

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94.9%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



It is good to see that our attendance is continuing to rise. At present the national average attendance is 95.44% and it would be good to see our attendance rise to at least this.

Thank you....

For Children in Need we raised £229.89.



Thank you to Mrs Garrard and the School Council for helping to organise this. Please encourage your child to take part in the Children in Need competition.

Week beginning 3rd November 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Toby
Rowan— David
Chestnut— Callum
Willow—Dorothy
Elm— Mia
Sycamore— Alfie B
Maple— Addie
Oak— James

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

Beech—Harry
Rowan— Holly
Chestnut— Emelia
Willow— Olivia
Elm— Elle
Sycamore— Summer
Maple— Fleur
Oak— Brodie



Week beginning 10th November 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Daisy
Rowan— Archie
Chestnut— Harley
Willow— Rosie
Elm— Adam
Sycamore— Jack R
Maple— Bronson
Oak— Hugo

School Value Award of the Week— Creativity

Beech—Olivia
Rowan— Bella-Rose
Chestnut— Quinn
Willow— Jacques
Elm— Logan
Sycamore— Harry
Maple— Harry
Oak— Izzy

Dates for your diary

- 18th November 2025—Year 5 & 6 performance of Henry VIII and his 6 wives by Imberhorne Performing Arts group
- 19th November 2025—Open morning for prospective Year 3s
- 20th November 2025—Flu nasal vaccinations
- 21st November 2025—First aid for Year 4 & Year 6
- 25th November 2025—Year 3 Copthorne History Walk
- 2nd December 2025—Year 5 Bikeability (Year 6 is in Spring Term)
- 5th December 2025—Decorations Day and Reindeer Run
- 15th December 2025—Chartwells Christmas Lunch
- 15th Dcember 2025—Winning house movie afternoon
- 18th December 2025—Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 19th December 2024—Last day of term



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.

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

Achievements from outside school

Zachary (Beech) and Finley (Rowan) both participated in the second of their Pony Club winter triathlon series. It was a very close competition for Zachary, who placed 2nd, only 10 points behind 1st place. Finley ran and swam very well, even winning best swim for their age group. Both boys' team finished in 2nd place—What amazing achievements, well done!



Sophia (Sycamore) had the honour of being chosen to read a prayer on behalf of Brownies at the village Remembrance service. She spoke clearly and was a very proud moment. Others from the school also took part in the service, carrying flags or joining the march. This is true citizenship—thankyou! Well done Sophia for such fantastic reading!

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

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

This week the children of Year 3 have been investigating how Muslims show respect to Allah and obey the teachings of Islam during RE week. We have re-written the story of Bilal, the first person to call Muslims to prayer from the mosque minaret, investigated the steps of Wudu before prayer, as well as making fantastic clay models of Muslims at prayer, showing their submission to Allah. Everyone was full of ideas, enthusiasm and countless questions. Well done, everyone!



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

Year 4 had a fantastic time investigating which materials made the best sound insulators. The children designed and created their own sound-proof boxes, carefully choosing and testing a range of materials to see which reduced noise the most. Their teamwork, curiosity and problem-solving skills were brilliant throughout the lesson, and they worked incredibly well together from start to finish. A big well done to Fiennes who were the most successful!



Year 4 also had a fun morning taking part in a maths carousel, moving around different stations to practise key skills including Roman numerals, rounding, comparing numbers and working with negative numbers, as well as written addition, subtraction and problem solving. The children tackled the

challenges, working together and explaining their thinking.



What's been going on in Years 5 & 6...

THE LIONS ROAR PROJECT

Year 5 & 6 have been taking part in a UK-wide competition, to encourage children to develop and present a 'world-changing idea'. The project's aim is to develop creativity, teamwork and communication skills by working in teams to solve a problem, create a prototype and develop an advertising campaign.

The Lions representatives said that the ideas presented by Copthorne were the most innovative from all the schools that they have judged this year!

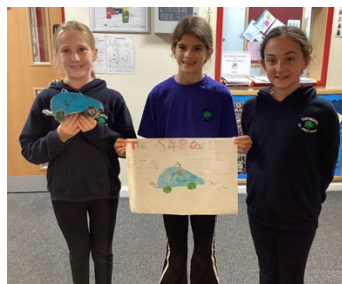
The designing and making phase begins...



The final prototypes from across the classes...



The semi-finalists—these groups, one from each class, presented their idea to the whole school and the judges from East Grinstead Lions.



And the winners are...



The Seed Separator will now represent the school in the district finals. The winning team have created their advertising video and received medals for their excellent concept, prototype and presentation.

Well done and good luck to Addie, Camille, Guiliana and Megan!



A message from the church...

Are you a storyteller? Or maybe a performer? Then why not join us?

We are a team of volunteers from St John's church who visit the school once a month (during term time) on a Thursday morning, to enact a story from the Bible. As we have lost key members of our team, who have moved away from Copthorne, we would love to have more volunteers join our team to provide us with more resources and cover for sickness so that we don't disappoint the children by being unable to perform through lack of numbers.

Our stories are taken from the Lion Book of the Bible with excellent related themes, messages and performance advice documentation from the Bible Society.

There is no requirement to learn any lines as we read the stories, but we do dress in costume and act out the story.

We find the children are more engaged when we are in costume and with props, including a wooden donkey on wheels, which is very popular and appears in many of the stories!!

Some of the stories also involve one or more of the children in non-speaking roles.

So, if the actor/storyteller in you feels you can give something back to the community, for only 2-3 hours per month, by joining our friendly team, please contact either the school office or the church office (01342 712063) so we can provide you with more details.



Remembrance



As a school we remembered all those who have been affected by war in the past and present. Our worship was held in school with reflections taking place in class.

Thank you to everyone for your donations for our poppy collection.

Finn (Chestnut) produced this wonderful and thoughtful picture at home.



St. Johns
Community
Fundraising

Children's Craft Workshop

Saturday 6th December
2pm - 4pm
Copthorne Parish
Hub



Book Online TODAY!
At,
Copthornechurch.org



Christmas is coming...

Copthorne's Celebration of Christmas—Saturday 29th November 3pm-5pm

The school will be running a stall at this event—our very popular sweet treat tombola. We will be asking for sweet treat donations — chocolate, sweets, biscuits—to put into the tombola. More information to follow next week.

Secret's room

Our secret's room will be running, but in a slightly different way. Nearer Christmas, your child will have the opportunity to select and wrap a gift for either mums, dads or other special adults for a small cost. Again, watch this space for finalised date, cost and details.

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.

Sponsorship forms and information about the just giving page will be sent out following our worship led by St Catherine's Hospice on Monday 24th November.

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!

Festive Centrepiece workshop — Tuesday 9th December

This popular workshop is taking place again run by Billie, from Into the Wilderness Floristry. A percentage of takings will be donated to the school.



Christmas centrepiece making workshop

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 6:00 - 7:30PM
AT COPTHORNE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Get into the Christmas spirit with an evening of creativity and fun! Learn how to make your own festive centrepiece to take home and to decorate your table this Christmas.

£5 from each ticket will be donated to the school.

Just bring yourself and a pair of scissors and we'll provide everything else!

Limited spaces available.



TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS:

Please email office@copthornejunior.co.uk to book.

Payment can be made by cash at the school office or BACS transfer.