Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

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

A Message from Mrs Denison

What a fantastic half term we have had at school! It has been wonderful to see all the children settle quickly into their new year groups and enjoy their learning. The experiences they have had are really enhancing our exciting and ambitious curriculum, providing so many opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

I was lucky enough to spend time at Lodge Hill with our Year 5 children. They challenged themselves and showed real courage during the activities. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied them and made this such a wonderful experience. I also accompanied Chestnut class on their visit to Preston Manor. It was a real treat to see the children immerse themselves in the interview process, exploring the different servant positions on offer. Alongside these experiences, the children have enjoyed external visitors, trips and visits, and two residentials.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our first parent consultation evening. It is always a pleasure to see you talking with teachers about your children and how well they are doing, and I look forward to meeting more of you on Tuesday 3rd November.

As we reach the end of the half term, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, spending quality time together as a family and making the most of the autumnal days. Please remember that Monday 2nd November is an INSET day, so all children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Enjoy your holiday!

Mrs Denison

Office Updates



Awareness of children outside school

There have been some occasions recently where cars picking up have reversed with little awareness of pedestrians. Please can you take extra care when driving around the school.

Helmets If coming to school on either a bike or a scooter, it is vital that your child wears a helmet. There is an information poster regarding helmets at the end of the newsletter.

Changes to collection If there are any changes to collection for your child please inform the office as soon as possible so that the message can be given to the teacher. Do not send to the class email as this may not be checked in time to ensure the message has been passed on.

IQ cards Your child has brought home their design and ordering information this week. Don't forget to order! By 10th November.

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters
Every Day Counts....

Our attendance at present is **95.2%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.

At parent consultations, the teacher will share your child's attendance with you. I am happy to discuss this with you at that time if you have any concerns.

Please can you provide an appointment letter or show the appointment text for any dentist and medical appointments due to the excessive number of requests that we are receiving. With regards to dentist, no check-up appointments will be authorised.

Week beginning 28th September 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Matilda
Rowan– Neve
Chestnut— Sophie
Willow—Lucy
Elm— Jenson
Sycamore— Yaqub
Maple— Chloe D-G
Oak— Aidan

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Louisa
Rowan– Casper
Chestnut— William
Willow— Brooke
Elm— Piper
Sycamore— Jessica
Maple— Sienna
Oak— Zachary

Week beginning 5th October 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Oscar
Rowan– Ethan
Chestnut— Zachary
Willow—Dominic
Elm— Harley
Sycamore— Olivia
Maple— Summer
Oak— Henry

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Frankie
Rowan– Connie
Chestnut— Ava
Willow— Stormme
Elm— Audrey
Sycamore— Florence
Maple— Ethan
Oak— Fletcher

Week beginning 12th October 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Lorenzo
Rowan– Myla
Chestnut— Vinnie
Willow—Dylan
Elm— Lorisa
Sycamore— Dorothy
Maple— Alex
Oak— Betsy

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Karl
Rowan– Aurora
Chestnut— George
Willow— Skyler
Elm— Daisy
Sycamore— Freya
Maple— Chloe I
Oak— Elyse



A message from the foodbank:

"I wanted to reach out and say a huge thank you for collecting the harvest donations for us. Your support truly makes a massive difference to our work and the community.

We have now weighed everything in, and your collection came to an incredible 110.1kg! Thanks to your efforts, we will be able to provide 220 meals for clients in need."

Week beginning 19th October 2026

Star Learner

Beech— Jack B

Rowan— Florence N

Chestnut— Michael

Willow — Holly

Elm— Elijah

Sycamore— Jenson

Maple— Grace

Oak— Zachary

Excellence in English Award

Beech— Mia

Rowan— Florence E

Chestnut— Allanah

Willow— Olivia M-S

Elm— Harley

Sycamore— Florence

Maple— Joey

Oak— Harry

Mastery in Maths Award

Beech— Joshua

Rowan— Louie

Chestnut— Sophie

Willow — Harry

Elm— Theo M-B

Sycamore— Thea

Maple— Ava St

Oak— Gurudas

Week beginning 19th October 2026

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

Beech — Rex

Rowan— Thomas

Chestnut— Alfie

Willow — Olivia Mc

Elm— Theo K-D

Sycamore— Lisa-Marie

Maple— Sophie

Oak— Catalin

Dates for your diary



- 26th –30th October 2026—HALF TERM
- 2nd November 2026—INSET day
- Week beg 2nd November 2026—Parent consultations
- Week beginning 2nd November —RE week
- 4th November 2026—Year 3 Walk around Copthorne
- 11th November 2026—Remembrance Service (school only)
- 13th November 2026—Children in Need
- 17th November 2026—Year 4 & 6 First Aid
- 7th December 2026—Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability
- 4th December 2026 —Decorations Day and Reindeer Run
- 10th December 2026—Christmas Lunch
- 17th December 2026 —Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 18th December 2026—Last day of term

Next half term, the school value being focussed on is 'Creativity'. Children will have the opportunity to hang a flower, the symbol for Creativity, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.

What's been going on in Year 5...



Lodge Hill

Year 5 made the trip all the way to Lodge Hill to have 2 days of outdoor fun. There was a lot of excitement on the way there and a lot of tired faces on the way back, which is a sign of just how good it was! The children were resilient and courageous as they had a go at everything Lodge Hill had to offer. They pushed themselves to climb as high as possible, ran everywhere to tick off all the checkpoints in orienteering, hurled themselves down the zipwire, displayed laser accuracy in archery, great teamwork on the low ropes and built some brilliant towers on the crate stack.







Those who weren't at Lodge Hill immersed themselves in the Mary Rose, finding out facts about this famous ship, as well as building their own version.

Hever Castle

On Wednesday, Year 5 went to Hever castle for a day to learn all about the childhood home of Anne Boleyn. They had a tour around the castle, had lunch in the gardens, a workshop on what life would be like in Tudor England and we finished it off by walking down to the lake. A great day full of learning and intrigue.









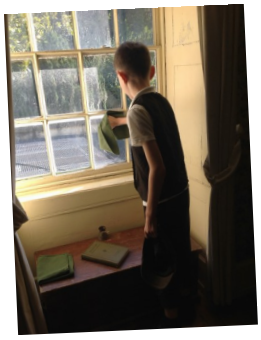
What's been going on in Year 4...





Preston manor

Year 4 have been immersing themselves in Victorian life through a range of exciting historical experiences. To start the week, the children stepped into the shoes of Victorian pupils, practicing their handwriting on slates, creating nature-inspired artwork and learning traditional rhymes and playground games. To round off their Victorian learning this week, the children visited Preston Manor, where they discovered what life was like for Victorian servants. They explored different areas of the house, including the kitchens, laundry rooms and bedrooms, and had a go at a variety of household tasks, from grinding spices and polishing cutlery to folding napkins and laying the grand dining table. Dressed in their Victorian costumes, the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing history to life!









Sports News...





The football league started again with the Year 5 boys taking the trip to East Grinstead Sports Club for the first fixtures of the school year. They started off with a brilliant 5-0 win, followed it up with a 0-0 draw and finished the day with a great 2-0 victory. The boys did really well and did the school proud. It will be the girls and Year 6 boys turn after the half term to follow in their footsteps. Great work boys!



Over 40 children participated in the East Grinstead cross country competition. The races were tough, and the children showed true resilience to complete it. Every child completed the course, and should be extremely proud of themselves.

We had some children within the top 20:

Year 4 —Archie (Willow) 6th, Coco (Chestnut) 12th, Allanah (Chestnut) 16th

Year 5/6— Jack (Maple) 7th

Achievements from outside school

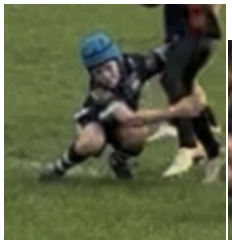
We were also pleased to read your ideas about reducing waste, reusing and recycling materials, and encouraging friends and family to learn more about these issues. Small actions can make a difference, especially when lots of people take part.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. It is clear that you care deeply about farmers, communities and the natural world. Please continue to learn about these important topics and to speak up for the causes you believe in.

Yours sincerely,

Ministerial Contact Unit

Freya (Sycamore) sent a letter to the Prime Minister, following work from Year 4 on Fairtrade. Last week, she received a reply, stating that it has been passed to Defra. It is so good to see how our learning in school has encouraged you to contact the government.





Zachary and Finley have competed in their first full contact rugby tournament, having played tag for the past 4 years. It's good to hear how both faced the opposition head on and didn't shy away from the tacklers coming their way. Well done!

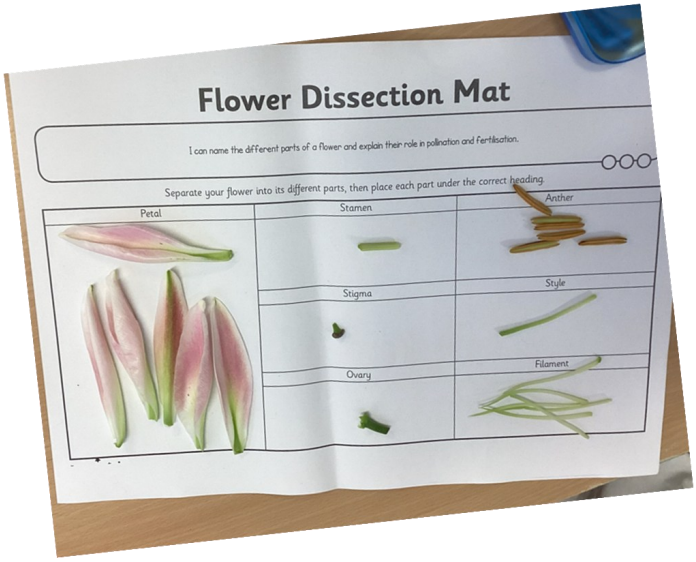


Louie (Rowan) proudly showed all at school his golf trophy. What an achievement, and keep it up!

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...

In science, Rowan and Beech have been learning about plants and finding out about each part. As part of this learning, they dissected a lily. The children were excited to share their understanding of the parts of a flower and could name them.



Why should your child wear a sport helmet?

A sport helmet will help protect your child from brain injury or death if they have a bad fall or crash.

Step 1: Choose the **right helmet**

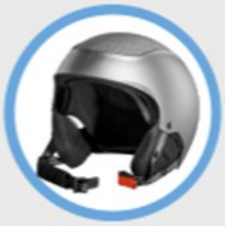
Different sports call for different types of helmets.
Some helmets are still good after several falls or light crashes. Others need to be replaced after a single fall or crash. Check the owner's manual for more information.



Bicycle/Scooter Helmet
Replace after one crash or fall



Skiing/Snowboarding Helmet
Replace after one crash or fall



Multisport Helmet
Still good after several soft falls or light crashes



Hockey/Skating/ Sledding Helmet
Still good after several soft falls or light crashes

Step 2: Make sure the **helmet fits**

Use the **2V1** rule



Two fingers between eyebrows and helmet
The helmet should cover the top of the forehead.



Straps form a V under the ears
The buckles on the side strap should fit right under the ear.



One finger under the chin strap
Tighten the chin strap until you can fit only one finger between the strap and chin.

Dos and **Dont's**

DO choose a helmet that is CSA approved.

DO fasten the chin strap every time the helmet is worn.

DO make sure the helmet is snug and does not slide back and forth.

DO NOT wear anything under the helmet that changes the way it fits the child's head.

DO NOT put stickers or decals on the helmet.

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English

100 club Draw



Congratulations to our September winners:

1st H Ivory

2nd S Batt 3rd L Whitney

Contact the office if you would like to participate!



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