

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

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

Monday 13th
October, 2025

What a fantastic fortnight we have had at school. The experiences that the children are having, really are enhancing our exciting and ambitious curriculum. Over the last two weeks, we have had another residential—Year 5 at Lodge Hill, Year 4 becoming Victorian servants at Preston Manor, cooking and then a Victoria school day. Year 3 have been learning co-ordinates, and Year 6 continuing their WW2 learning by writing a fantastic description of the Blitz.

I have put both sets of pictures from the Year 5 and Year 6 residentials on the website—Children's resources then the year group. Enjoy looking at the pictures with your child.

I was lucky enough to spend time at Lodge Hill with our Year 5 children. They challenged themselves and showed real courage on the activities. Thank you to all of the staff who accompanied them, enabling the children to have such a wonderful experience. I also accompanied Willow on their visit to Preston Manor. Again, it was a real treat to see the children really immerse themselves into the interview process of the different servant positions on offer.

Yesterday, I had the absolute pleasure of spending the afternoon at East Court in East Grinstead with 29 of our Year 4, 5 and 6. They all participated with enthusiasm and grit in the cross country. The Year 4 course was 1500m long with the Year 5/6 extended to 2300m. Every single child tried their best and strived to do the best they could do. It was so lovely to see our children support their peers, even going to run with some who were struggling.

As we move into our last two weeks before our half term break, please can I remind you all about the importance of attendance. It would be so good to see our school attendance increase and move towards 95%.

Have a good few weeks

Mrs Denison

Office Updates

Absences Please can we also remind you, if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please notify the School Office on the first day and on **every** day of absence before 9.30am. You can either call the School Office on **01342 712 372** or send an email to **office@copthornejunior.co.uk**.



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.

Parent consultations If you have requested an appointment next week, you will be informed this week. If your request was for after half term, you will be informed next week. If you haven't returned your form, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94.5%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



Our attendance rate has continued to drop and it is not even the first half term holiday.

Only 70% of the school has attendance over 96%.

At present 13% of the school has attendance under 90% and unless their attendance improved in the next fortnight will be receiving an attendance letter.

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.

Week beginning 29th September 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Lucy
Rowan— Sanjay
Chestnut— Caelan
Willow—Amber
Elm— Amelia
Sycamore— Alex
Maple— Krista
Oak— Ava

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Ivy
Rowan— Thea
Chestnut— Sofia
Willow— Jackson
Elm— Noah
Sycamore— Hope
Maple— Ella
Oak— Ruben

Week beginning 6th October 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Alfie
Rowan— Finley
Chestnut— Stella
Willow—Freya
Elm— Aidan
Sycamore— Sophie
Maple— Lewis
Oak— Archie

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Harper
Rowan— Dominic
Chestnut— Jenson
Willow— Lisa-Marie
Elm— Betsy
Sycamore— Nancy
Maple— Megan
Oak— Charlie

Dates for your diary

- Week beg 20th October 2025—Parent consultations
- 27th –31st October 2025—HALF TERM
- 3rd November 2025 INSET DAY
- Week beg 3rd November 2025—Parent consultations
- Week beg 3rd November 2025—RE week & Year 5/6 Lions Roar project
- 5th November 2025—Inclusion coffee morning
- 11th November 2025—Remembrance Service (school only)
- 14th November 2025—Children in Need
- 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
- 2nd December 2025—Year 5 Bikeability (Year 6 is in Spring Term)
- 5th December 2025—Decorations Day and Reindeer Run
- 18th December 2025—Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 19th December 2024—Last day of term

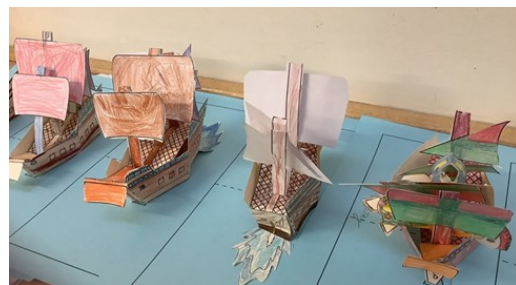


What's been going on in Year 5...

The Year 5 trip to Lodge Hill was enjoyed immensely by everyone who took part. All the children had the opportunity to try out different adventurous activities. These included challenging themselves on the Rock-Climbing wall, aiming with accuracy in Archery and searching the beautiful grounds of Lodge Hill for clicks on an Orienteering trail. Every group also worked together in a stack challenge with the highest crate stack reaching a record- breaking tower of 14 crates! It was fantastic to see the children develop independence and resilience as well as enjoying themselves, encouraging one another and having great fun. Everyone enjoyed being together for meals and a regular supply of cakes and biscuits. The children had a fantastic time sharing their bedrooms especially when we woke up to see a magnificent sunrise over the Downs. It was a fabulous trip and the children climbed onto the bus at the end of it - tired, proud and happy.



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.



Year 5 enjoyed a guided tour around Hever Castle on Wednesday. They discovered a lot about the history and features of the castle. From learning about the defence systems that they used to keep enemies out, to why Anne Boleyn was executed with a sword and not an axe, the children learnt plenty of fun and interesting facts. The children also participated in a workshop that informed them all about the differences between royals, nobles, merchants, servants and peasants. A great day and a lot was learnt.



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



Year 4 had a memorable visit to Preston Manor, where they experienced life as Victorian servants. They explored the kitchens, laundry rooms, and bedrooms, taking part in tasks such as grinding spices, folding napkins, polishing cutlery, and setting the grand dining table. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed stepping back in time.

Later in the week, they took part in a Victorian school day. The children practised handwriting on slates, created nature-themed artwork, learned traditional rhymes and games, and finished the day with Victorian dancing and a taste of homemade Victoria sponge cakes.



Achievements from outside school



Zachary and Finley (Beech and Rowan) participated in a minis festival at the Allianz Stadium, Twickenham. They both were super excited and had a great time. Finley scored a try and Zachary played brilliantly taking tags from the other team to stop them scoring. Afterwards they stayed to watch South Africa vs Argentina play on the same pitch. It was a brilliant experience seeing the best rugby playing on the same pitch as them and watching

their father's home team South Africa win the championship. What an experience—well done!

Henry (Sycamore) has reached the high belts level in Karate at his recent grading. He has successfully graded up from blue belt to second blue belt and is now only 5 belts away from black belt! Wow- This is a fantastic achievement!

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



Sports News...

Football final



Our Year 6 football team took part in the East Grinstead Schools football finals. They competed exceptionally well, showing great teamwork, collaboration and sportsmanship. Well done.



Cross country

29 children from Year 4, 5 and 6 completed in the East Grinstead Cross Country this weekend. Everyone tried their best, and successfully completed the challenging course. Well done to Rhys who came 7th and Theo 21st in the Year 4 boys race, Dorothy who came 18th and Lucy 23rd in the Year 5 girls race.



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.

100 club Draw

Congratulations to our September winners:



1st J Bennett

2nd D Mathieu 3rd A Lavictoire

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