

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 26th
September,
2025

What a wonderful fortnight we have had. As I go around the school, I can only describe the atmosphere as a 'buss of learning'. Already this term, I have had many children come to show me their learning, and the pride that they display as they talk through the activity and the work within their book. Moments like this make my day, and leaves me with a smile on my face.

Year 6 have had a busy time, firstly with the circus skills workshop, closely followed by the residential to PGL Windmill Hill. I was lucky enough to spend the day with them, and witnessed the courage, compassion and confidence being displayed. Thank you to the staff that accompanied them and helped to make their experiences even more special. Those children back at school also showed curiosity and creativity as they embarked on learning about Anderson Shelters and undertook an art project! This week, they stepped back in time to become evacuees, participating in an interactive experience with the Rainbow Theatre.

Please can I remind you about our uniform expectations—I am seeing many children wearing trainers instead of school shoes, jewellery and colourful hair accessories. Please refer to the website for more information.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Denison

Office Updates

Health care plan reviews We are currently undergoing health care plan reviews. If your child has one, you will receive a copy to read, amend if necessary and return. Please can you do this as soon as possible, so that our records and procedures can be updated.



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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.

Preloved Our preloved uniform will be out on Monday 6th October after school and at the start of the day on the 7th October. Please come and get any items that you require, donations welcome.

Individual and sibling photographs Please ensure that these are ordered before the deadline for free delivery to school.

Christmas Cards Please return the checked Christmas Cards produced by your child on Monday, so that these can be sent off to the company. They will then produce an order form for you.

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

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



Already we have seen many children being taken out of school for holidays and other unauthorised absence. One class already has an attendance rate of under 90%, which is not good enough.

There are many children who are also arriving late and missing being marked in the register. The child is marked with a 'L' at 8.55am and 'O', which is an unauthorised late at 9am. Consistent lateness can also lead to a fine. Learning in classes starts at 8.50am so please ensure that they are in school promptly so that they don't miss the early morning learning session.

A reminder of the new attendance fine rules:

Each parent will only get up to 2 fines for the same child in a 3-year period. If you get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If you do not pay the fine in 28 days you may be taken to court. If your child is off school 3 or more times within the 3 years, you will not be fined but may be taken to court.

Week beginning 15th September 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Callum
Rowan— Harry
Chestnut— Aurora
Willow—Thea
Elm— Fletcher
Sycamore— Alexa

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Mya
Rowan— Olivia
Chestnut— Joshua
Willow— Rosie
Elm— James
Sycamore— Ava

There were no Year 6 awarded this week due to the PGL residential, but there will be double next week.

Week beginning 22nd September 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Carter
Rowan— Sophie
Chestnut— Ayden
Willow—Lily
Elm— Adhinav
Sycamore— Patrick
Maple— George and Alfie
Oak— Harvey and Ronnie

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Toby
Rowan— Christopher
Chestnut— Rahmah
Willow— Toby
Elm— Gursikhya
Sycamore— Alfie-Jay
Maple— Arthur and Owen
Oak— Mollie and Skyler

Dates for your diary

- 30th September-1st October 2025 — Year 5 Lodge Hill
- 2nd October 2026—Year 6 Height and Weight NHS
- 8th October 2025—Year 5 Hever Castle
- 8th-9th October 2025—Year 4 Preston Manor
- Week beg 20th October 2025—Parent consultations
- 27th –31st October 2025—HALF TERM
- Week beg 3rd November 2025—Parent consultations
- Week beg 3rd November 2025—RE week
- 11th November 2025—Remembrance Service (school only)
- 14th November 2025—Children in Need
- 20th November 2025—Flu nasal vaccinations
- 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



Over the summer holiday, we purchased new chairs for some of the classrooms. We have approximately 15 red and blue small chairs available

for anyone who can use them. Please contact the office if you can give these chairs a new home.



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

Pupil Leaders

House and Sports Captains

I am pleased to introduce our new House and Sports Captains. These children are from Year 6 and chosen by all staff. They are expected to be good role models and responsible members of our school community as well as contribute to any school wide projects.



Our House Captains 2025-26

Drake: Leo and Louisa

Fiennes: Harry and Camille

Shackleton: Jason and Izabella

Thayer: Ollie and Addie



Our Sports Captains 2025-26

Drake: James and Ella C

Fiennes: Owen and Ronnie

Shackleton: Elayna and Max

Thayer: Mila and Myles

School Council

Our school council act as a voice for our school by contributing to decisions, organising social events and fundraisers and promoting democracy.



Our School Councillors for 2025-26 are:



Beech - Callum and Levi

Rowan - Asa and Sophie

Chestnut - Theodore and Harley

Willow - Bibo and Amber

Sycamore - James and Sophia

Elm - Ethan and Willow Belle

Maple - Megan and Tupence

Oak - Ethan and Archie

Worship Leaders

Worship leaders help discuss, create and lead pupil-led collection worship and organise the prayer and reflection areas.

Our Worship Leaders for 2025-26 are:



Beech - Coco Rowan - Olivia Chestnut - Joshua Willow - Jessica

Sycamore - Gurudas Elm - Emelia Maple - Krista Oak - Eva



Autism Ambassadors

Autism Ambassadors help themselves and their peers develop an understanding of the impact of having Autism Spectrum Disorder



Our Autism Ambassadors for 2025-26 are:

Honee, Fleur, Kai, Harriet, Jacob, Hope, Summer, Lucy, Theo and Lily





Year 4 spent the morning exploring Victorian artefacts. They learnt about how the Victorians lived and what each artefact was used for. They were excited that the artefacts were really used by The Victorians!

Achievements from outside school...



Giuliana (Maple) won Player of the Match last weekend playing for Crawley Down U11s. Her manager said "excellent tackling and real composure of the ball". This is an even more amazing achievement as it was only her second game back after injury, Well done Giuliana!

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

Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the Harvest Donations. The East Grinstead Food Bank are picking it up next week, and are really grateful that as a school we chose them as our charity. The school all went to St John's Church for our Harvest Festival Service, where we all had the opportunity to thank God for all that we have and think about those who are less fortunate than us.



What's been going on in Year 6...

Circus Skills

Year 6 had an amazing time learning a range of circus skills and tricks, these included juggling, plate spinning and tightrope walking. Everyone learned a variety of difficult moves, which built up their confidence and resilience. Well done to all of Year 6!



PGL – Windmill Hill

Year 6 had an amazing experience at Windmill Hill. We took part in adventurous activities such as - abseiling, archery, survival and den building, raft building, sensory trail-ing, and the giant swing. Everyone developed a greater confidence in each individual challenge and working together. Well done Year 6!



Non- PGL

Year 6 had a fun 3 days at school, where they were researching and finding out all about Shelters that people would have used in WW2. They also worked together to produce an abstract art piece which included a variety of pattern and texture. The pupils also practiced their circus skills and reflected on how this will help them build confidence and resilience. Well done.

Rainbow Theatre – Evacuee Day

Year 6 were immersed what it would have been like to be an Evac-uee at the start of World War II. Year 6 really enjoyed taking part in live action scenes of the Blitz, rationing, and the end of WWII which also included singing the songs 'We'll meet again' and dancing the Lambeth walk. We all had a marvellous time!

