

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 12th
September,
2025

Welcome Back!

What a lovely start to the new school year. Everyone has returned with enthusiasm, ready to learn and I have enjoyed talking with the children, hearing all of their news. Welcome to all of our new children and families—it has been lovely getting to know you, both on the gate and around the school. Welcome back to Mr Wood (Sycamore) and welcome to Mr Pullan, our new LSA.

At Copthorne we have an open door policy, and there are opportunities to have a quick word with a member of staff at the end of days. However, if you would like to arrange a meeting or discuss an issue or concern, then please email the teacher via the class email to arrange either a phone call or meeting. Please remember though that the email may not be seen until after the school day. If there is an urgent matter then contact the office so that a message can get to the teacher, but be aware that the teacher is in class and it may not be possible to call until the end of the school day. If needed, contact myself or Miss Ash directly.

Please ensure that your child has their coat in school, as we will be going out when possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Denison

Contacting your child's class teacher



To support parents communicating with class teachers, email accounts are set up for each class. Please use these if you have a specific query or information for the class teacher. Please continue to use the school office email for reporting absence and general enquiries. Emails will be responded to, if required, within 48 hours.

Year 3: Beech and Rowan

beech@copthornejunior.co.uk

rowan@copthornejunior.co.uk

Year 4: Chestnut and Willow

chestnut@copthornejunior.co.uk

willow@copthornejunior.co.uk

Year 5: Elm and Sycamore

elm@copthornejunior.co.uk

sycamore@copthornejunior.co.uk

Year 6: Maple and Oak

maple@copthornejunior.co.uk

oak@copthornejunior.co.uk

If you wish to contact Miss Ash, our Inclusion Manager, please use sen@copthornejunior.co.uk.

Office Updates

Medical Updates and Communication Please ensure that you inform the office if there are changes to addresses, phone number, emergency contacts or any medical details.



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.

Naming property Please ensure that all clothing and belongings are named so that they can be returned if found. This includes water bottles, lunch boxes and coats. We already have a number of unnamed jumpers which are clearly new.

Jewellery Please ensure your child is NOT wearing necklaces, bracelets or other jewellery other than medical bracelets, religious bands discussed with Mrs Denison, and stud earrings (hoop earrings are not allowed)

PE and Earrings If your child has earrings, we expect them to either be removed or covered during PE. If you would prefer your child to cover their earrings, please send them in with some micropore tape to use. This can be kept either in their bag or tray.

Learner of the Week



Each week, the teaching staff will award a member of their class with the Learner of the Week Award. These children will be rewarded by coming to afternoon tea with Mrs Denison.

School Value Award of the Week

This half term, the school value being focused on is 'Courage'. Each week a child in each class will be recognised for demonstrating this value during the school day. Children will have the opportunity to hang a bell, the symbol for Courage, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.

Half-termly Award Celebration

At the end of each half term we award the 'Star Learner', 'Excellence in English', 'Mastery in Maths' and 'Citizen' certificates. This celebration worship will be held in the church and parents of those receiving awards will be invited. Parents will receive an email in the previous week to invite them, and we ask that it remains a surprise.

Week beginning 8th September 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech—Harry
Rowan— Amelia
Chestnut— Piper
Willow—Rhys
Elm— Mia
Sycamore— Andi
Maple— Ella K
Oak— Ollie

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Zachary
Rowan— Skylar
Chestnut— Theodore
Willow— George
Elm— Mylee
Sycamore— Sophia S
Maple— Charlie
Oak— Ellie

Weekly certificate winners will be posted on the website—parent's tab/learner of the week and school value of the week.

Improvements to our school...

Over the summer, Mr Felton, our Premises Officer, has been working hard to help improve our school environment. As well as general maintenance, he has been busy decorating and overseeing the laying of the base and the build of the new outdoor classroom. This has been something that I have wanted at the school since arriving in 2021, and because of the fundraising that has taken place, we finally had the funds to achieve this. Some classes have already been in it, and I look forward to its use within the school day.

We also have updated all of our IT in the school, and our computer suite now have 16 new computers. This will make a real difference to our computing lessons.



I look forward to you coming into school to see all of our improvements for yourself!



If you would like to join our fundraising group, then please contact the school office and we will add you to the invites for our next meeting, which will be coming up soon!

Dates for your diary



- 15th September 2025—Year 6 Circus skills
- 17th-19th September 2025— Year 6 PGL
- 25th September 2024 —Harvest Festival (school only)
- 26th September 2025—Year 6 WW2 day
- 30th September-1st October 2025 — Year 5 Lodge Hill
- 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
- 5th December 2025—Decorations Day and Reindeer Run
- 18th December 2025—Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 19th December 2024—Last day of term

Harvest Festival



On Thursday 25th September, the school will be taking part in our Harvest Festival, which will be held at St John's Church. This gives us the opportunity to give

thanks for all the good things that God gives us.

It also allows us to share with others who are not so fortunate. This event unfortunately is only for the children.

We would welcome donations of non-perishable food—please see the poster from the East Grinstead Food Bank stating the items that they are needing. These items can be brought into school from Monday 22nd September.



Celebrating birthdays

Recognising how important birthdays mean to children, we at Copthorne want to celebrate this by there being a special birthday treat of coming into school in non-uniform for the day.

If their birthday falls on a weekend, then they may come into school either on the Friday or Monday in their own clothes. If it is during a school holiday, they may choose either the first day back or the last day of school before the holiday.

If your child has already celebrated their birthday since returning this term, then they can chose a day next week to wear non-uniform if they haven't done so al-



PE Days 2024-2025

Year 3—Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Monday and Friday

Year 5 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday



On PE days, your child is to come to school dressed in full school PE kit.

100 club Draw



This week we had the draw for July and August months of the 100 club.

Congratulations to our July winners:

1st J Shaw 2nd J Searle 3rd H Ivory

Congratulations to our August winners:

1st Z Wheeler 2nd H Ivory 3rd J Searle

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



Achievements from outside school...

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Daisy (Chestnut) took place in her first pony camp over the summer, and took part in her first Dressage and jumping competitions. Wow, we can't wait to hear about your future achievements. Well done!

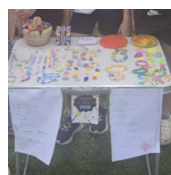
(Oak) and Dylan (Rowan) both have collected £40 in their charity pot by adding some of their pocket money each week. They then donated this to the Easter Team, who

gives food parcels to those in need. They both found out what food was needed and then headed to Asda before returning to warehouse with the shopping. What a wonderful and thoughtful gesture—thank you!



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Whilst camping, a group of pupils from both Copthorne and Fairway made loom band bracelets to sell. They then held a stall on the green and raised £72 to donate to St Catherine's Hospice. What a fantastic idea and great fundraising effort. Those involved were: Sienna (Sycamore), Rex (Fairway), Ava P (Sycamore), Thea (Rowan), Elle (Elm), Coco (Beech), Sophia (Sycamore), Summer (Fairway), Sophie (Sycamore) and Holly (Rowan).



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

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
10 IN 10
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4 **2ND TIME**
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Attendance Update...

As a school, we improved school attendance significantly over the last academic year. We thank you for your continued support. I do however want to remind you of the new rules that came into place last year.

The guidance has been updated and from September, penalty notices can also be issued if a child has fewer than 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised holiday. This could apply, for example, if:

- Parents deliberately take 8 or 9 sessions to avoid reaching the 10 session limit.
- Absence falls during an INSET week or directly after a bank holiday.
- Multiple shorter holidays are taken that still affect attendance

The Local Authority has the discretion to issue a penalty notice in these situations.

Attendance Matters



 East Grinstead
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Harvest appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 100 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.
Donate online -
givetoday.co.uk/egfoodbank/

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.
Donate online -
eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/harvest-appeal/

Shopping list

Tinned meat

Tinned veg

Tinned fish

Tinned custard/rice pud

Tinned fruit

Coffee

Long Life Milk (UHT)

Fruit juice (long-life)

Instant mashed potato

Microwave rice

[East Grinstead.foodbank.org.uk](http://EastGrinstead.foodbank.org.uk)

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