

Copthorne C. of E. Junior Newsletter

Friday 13th June
2025

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

Message from the Headteacher



Now that summer is definitely here, we have introduced our playtime arrangements for the field. It has been so lovely to see everyone having fun, playing with the equipment, running around with their friends, sitting and chatting quietly in the gardens and sitting colouring in Arthur's place.

Last week, I delivered to each class caterpillars for them to nurture into Butterflies... more to follow.

I look forward to seeing you cheering on your child at Sports Day on Monday and Wednesday.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Denison

Attendance Matters



Attendance Update...

Our attendance at present is **94.2%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.

Our attendance figure is currently decreasing. Please think before arranging appointments, to ensure that your child is in school so that they can access the learning taking place.

Dates for your diary



- 16th-20th June, 2025—RE week
- 16th June, 2025 —Year 3&4 sports day
- 18th June, 2025 —Year 5&6 sports day
- 24th June, 2025—Reserve sports day
- 30th June, 2025 Year 6 Diocese Leavers service
- 7th July 2025—whole school photograph
- 2nd July, 2025—Transition day
- 8th July, 2025—Year 5 Imberhorne Taster Day
- 9th July, 2025—Year 6 production
- 10th-11th July, 2025—Year 3 Copthorne Prep experience
- 18th July, 2025—Last day of term

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL IS NOT OPEN ON MONDAY 21ST AND TUESDAY 22ND JULY.



Year 3 & 4 Sports Day — Monday 16th June

9.15am start until approximately 10.30am.

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day — Wednesday 18th June

9.15am start until approximately 10.30am.

Reserve date—Tuesday 124th June

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

Week beginning 2nd June 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech— Ayden
Rowan— Jacques
Chestnut— Mia
Willow— Gurudas
Elm— Mila
Sycamore— Ronnie
Maple— Isabella
Oak— Ludana

School Value Award of the Week— All 5!

Beech — Thea (Confidence)
Rowan — Omid (Courage)
Chestnut — Zachary (Courage)
Willow — Grace (Confidence)
Elm — Akshdeep (Courage)
Sycamore — Rossi (Confidence)
Maple — Arthur (Creativity)
Oak— Toby (Compassion)

Week beginning 9th June 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech— Rhys
Rowan— Abigail
Chestnut— Layefa
Willow— Tyrese
Elm— Alfie
Sycamore— Sanuja
Maple— Robert
Oak— Hamid

School Value Award of the Week— All 5!

Beech — Oliver (Courage)
Rowan — Piper (Courage)
Chestnut — Imogen (Confidence)
Willow — Edie (Creativity)
Elm — Harry (Confidence)
Sycamore — Eva (Courage)
Maple — Abbie-Mai (Confidence)
Oak— Woody (Curiosity)

Office Updates



Pick up arrangement messages –

Each class received their end of day messages at 3pm. Please ensure you call or email before this time so that your message can get to your child. The office becomes extremely busy after 3pm.

Preloved sale - Apologies for not holding the pre-loved sale as advertised. An alternative date will be advertised soon. In the meantime, if you need anything, email the office with sizes and we will find the items for you.

Changes of details—if any details have changed, such as address or phone number, please ensure that you update the office.

100 club

Congratulations to our April winners:

1st J Bennett 2nd P Denison
3rd J Broadway-Mann



We are running the raffle at the Copthorne Carnival for a third year, with all proceeds going to the school. This will enable us to continue with enhancing our IT equipment and improving our learning environment and outdoor curriculum.

We have secured many wonderful prizes including...

1st prize—HP Laptop (donated by Virtual IT)

2nd prize—Afternoon Tea for 10 people from Lazee Graze

3rd prize—£50 Cherry Tree voucher

Tickets were sent home last week with your child. Please return the money collected and the ticket stubs, plus any unsold tickets to the office before Friday 20th June.

If you need additional tickets, contact the office.



Year 3 and Year 4 were visited by Caroline Smethurst, from the David Shepherd Wildlife Trust, where they learnt all about endangered animals and how the Trust is raising money and working to protect them. The children listened intently, and learnt lots of new facts and figures.

Here are a few thoughts from our Year 3 children:

"I felt good that someone is out there helping critically endangered animals" – Piper

"Animals should always be protected and kept safe, wherever they are in the world" – Rosie

"It was good to learn that there are rangers to stop the poachers from harming the rhino, elephant and wild dogs" – Daisy

"We should stop destroying animal habitats and try to all live happily together!" – Abigail



Our Year 5 commented:

"I liked learning about animals that are going to be extinct. I liked doing the colouring activity." - Ethan

"I learned about a charity to stop the extinction of endangered animals. I enjoyed making a 3D background for a tiger." - Addie

"We learned that Black Rhinos have black bobbles on their mouths and White Rhinos do not." - Mollie



Year 4's Mayan Drumming Experience

To introduce our exciting new English book *The Journey of the Nightly Jaguar*, Year 4 took part in a fantastic Mayan drumming workshop run by Daniel Gilmore. The children explored a range of instruments, using rhythm and sound to bring the atmosphere of the narrative poem to life. It was a brilliant way to set the scene and spark our imaginations for the half term ahead!



Year 6 also participated in a Stone Age drumming experience and really enjoyed the afternoon.



Year 6 visit from the Magistrates

Year 6 had a fantastic morning with the Magistrate; they learnt about the age of criminality, how the magistrates court is run and what to do if they are worried about something.



The children then had the opportunity to act out an example court case that would be taken to the Magistrates court. They learnt the roles of the different people within the court including: legal advisor, winger, defence, solicitor and presiding judge. They then had the opportunity to decide if the defendant was guilty or not guilty, giving their justified reasons.



What an informative and engaging morning—thank you again to the Magistrates for giving up their valuable time.

Achievements from outside school...



Eleanor (Beech) took part in the West Sussex Brownies Canoe Regatta, where her team won their heat in the open race. She also was presented with her Primary Ballet exam, earning a merit. In addition, she received her Chief Scout Bronze Award at Cubs!



On another note, she took part in the Easel if you Try workshop, producing this wonderful Stitch painting. What a lot of amazing achievements Eleanor!



Felix (Willow) competed in the East Grinstead Athletics Club Championships, receiving a certificate. Well done Felix!

Miley (Maple) competed in a talent show whilst on her half-term holiday, treating the audience to her dance routine, which gave her a win, win, win! The prize was a family weekend away, and a place in the semi-finals in October. What a superstar!



Robert (Maple) and Sofia (Oak) took part in the 7 mile Midnight Walk with their mums, in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. They raised an incredible £2,100 in memory of Robert's nan, Kay. What a superb achievement in aid of a really worthwhile charity—we are all proud of you both!

Daisy (Rowan), as part of her Elite training with Sussex Storm, was invited to attend a special behind-closed-doors training session with the Great Britain Women's Basketball Team. This opportunity came just before the team departed for their international duties. This was a once-in-a-lifetime event enabled Daisy to be inspired by the very best in British women's basketball. Wow! This is incredible!



Please email your child's achievements to Mrs Denison at head@copthornejunior.co.uk or via the School Office. I look forward to celebrating more outside achievements in future newsletters.