

Copthorne C. of E. Junior Newsletter

Monday 12th May
2025

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

Message from the Headteacher



Wow, what a busy term it has been so far. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at half term already. The weather has been glorious, and has enabled us all to enjoy playing on our field, enjoying the trim trail and the bigger space to run around.

Last week, was internet safety week which was planned by Mrs Garrard (RSHE lead) and Mrs Long (Computing lead). Year 5 and 6 also had a visit from PC Tichband, the Neighbourhood Youth Officer, to talk about the law and e-safety. During the week, the children were learning how to stay safe online and have all produced a poster to share the learning with you, and what you can do to help your child keep safe. These posters will be coming home this week. Please take the time to share these with your child and take on board the advice.

Our Year 6 have their SATs this week, and we wish them all the best!

Enjoy the sunshine over the next few weeks.

Mrs Denison

Dates for your diary



- 12th-15th May, 2025 – Year 6 SATs week
- 20th May, 2025—Year 6 Chessington trip
- 26th-30th May, 2025 - Half term
- 2nd June, 2025— Year 4 Mayan Day and drumming and Y6 drumming experience
- 5th June—Ascension service (children only)
- 13th June—Year 6 Magistrates experience
- 16th-20th June, 2025—RE week
- Week beginning 23rd June, 2025—Sports days (dates TBC)
- 30th June, 2025 Year 6 Diocese Leavers service
- 7th July 2025—whole school photograph
- 2nd July, 2025—Transition day
- 9th July, 2025—Year 6 production
- 10th-11th July, 2025—Year 3 Copthorne Prep experience
- 19th July, 2025—Last day of term

Office Updates



Lost Property - We are finding an increased amount of un-named lost property in school. Please can you ensure your child's clothing and any items they bring to school are named so that they can be returned to the right person.

Contact details/medical information update - If any details have changed, please inform the office so that we can update the information.

Preloved sale - We will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on Friday 16th May at the end of the school day. We have summer dresses available.

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 21st April 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech— Iris
Rowan— Jacques
Chestnut— Teddy
Willow— James
Elm— Elayna
Sycamore— Megan
Maple— Miley
Oak— Dexter

School Value Award of the Week— Confidence

Beech — Ayden
Rowan — Piper
Chestnut — Chloe
Willow — Oliver
Elm — Ava
Sycamore — Bradley
Maple — Leo
Oak— Frank

Week beginning 28th April 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech— Quinn
Rowan— Lisa-Marie
Chestnut— Aidan
Willow— Alexa
Elm— Skyler
Sycamore— Bradley
Maple— Summer
Oak— Willow-May

School Value Award of the Week— Confidence

Beech — Lily
Rowan — Stella
Chestnut — Elyse
Willow — Alex
Elm — Arthur
Sycamore — Ollie
Maple — Elsie
Oak— Lenny

Week beginning 5th May 2025

Learner of the Week

Beech— Amber
Rowan— Omid
Chestnut— Freya
Willow— Henry
Elm— Jason
Sycamore— James
Maple— Tamtam
Oak— Aina

School Value Award of the Week— Confidence

Beech — Sofia
Rowan — Harley
Chestnut — Noah
Willow — Alfie-Jay
Elm — Ella
Sycamore — Ellie
Maple — Farrah
Oak— Katey

Achievements from outside school...



Andi (Willow) has achieved his Stage 3 certificate from Puffins Swim School. He is now working towards gaining his stage 4. Well done Andi, keep up the good swimming!



Leo (Elm) was awarded the Cub Scouts Silver Award at an awards ceremony in East Grinstead. This was presented by the Mayor of East Grinstead. What an achievement—well done!

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.

100 club

Congratulations to our April winners:

1st P Denison 2nd J Dawson
3rd D Mathieu



Thank you!

Following our really successful book fair last term, Mrs Corp has been able to order a substantial number of books for the children to enjoy. Many thanks for supporting the school by purchasing the books.



Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

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



Please look carefully at the term dates and INSET days for next academic year **BEFORE** booking a holiday. They can be found on the website — parents/term dates

A message from the Chair of Governors

This academic year we have had a change in our governors. We said goodbye to Mario Monella and Fionna Thomson, and we thank them both for their work and support they gave to the school over the years. We have welcomed three new governors – Cheryl Shirley, Stuart Ansell and Kirsty Gifford – and they have already had an impact in the time they have been with us.

Alongside providing support to the school and celebrating successes, governors hold the school to account. One way of doing this is through monitoring. This year, governors have been in school to look at and question different aspects of school life, including curriculum areas and Health & Safety. This is essential to ensure that high standards are met and progress continues to happen. We have been very impressed with the school, and thank the staff for their continued dedication and commitment to providing quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.

Governors took their serious hats off and joined the children on key days. We have seen the children: being engaged and enjoying World Book Day; participating in the Easter service in church; and enjoying dancing with their friends at the school discos.

We always end governor meetings reflecting on how the school vision has been met, and what the impact on pupils has been. We feel this is important as it puts our shared vision of 'Creating confident, curious learners with God's love', and the pupils' wellbeing and educational progress at the heart of our thinking. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the Summer term brings for our children.

Anita Findon



Next week is 'walk to school week'....



Walk to School Week in 2025 will take place from May 19th to 23rd. This annual five-day event encourages children to walk or wheel to school to promote physical activity and healthy habits.

More information to follow...

The Smart Brothers Road Safety Shows

The children experienced road safety shows by The Smart Brothers. This was funded by the Copthorne Road Safety Group. The children loved the performance, with them saying:

"I loved the performers; they were really entertaining! The show helped me to remember how to stay safe at the roadside. I liked the juggling and how it showed the dangers of the road"

"I enjoyed the show and how they were explaining in a fun way how I need to 'ditch the distractions' and be safe and seen at night. This will be useful for me when I walk home in the darker months of the year, especially when I go to secondary school! "



The staff also found the shows brilliant, a few comments are below::

" An excellent, informative show with key messages to stay safe at the roadside. An additional message was tailored to the Year 5 and 6 classes to ensure they stay safe when they are travelling to school, on the bus and walking to school, and 'being safe and seen' in the dark. There was great coverage of the 'stop, look, listen and think' when at the roadside, discussing different types of crossings, using visuals, juggling and interactive participation from the pupils and the performers. It was engaging and informative for all learners and inspired the children to have sensible conversations at break time around road safety"

"Engaging and interactive show. Asking and prompting questions around road safety. Great visuals and the children were really captured by the performance. They were talking about how they stay safe online and had a catchy song to remind them how to stay safe at the roadside with a 'stop, look, listen and think' song. The performance really allowed children to discuss road safety and there was a 'buzz' around the topic of ensuring that they stay safe when playing.



Year 3's visit to the British Wildlife Centre

Year 3 had a lovely trip to the British Wildlife Centre. We got to meet many different types of animals that we can find in the UK. We met a hedgehog called Groggu; a Tawney owl called Yoda and a white fellow deer called Norman. We were all very enthusiastic about everything that we saw and learnt as well as having lots of fun in the sun.



Sports News...



Tennis Festival

Children from Year 4 took part in a locality tennis festival at East Grinstead Tennis Club. There was a range of activities that helped improve their skills, culminating in short matches to put these in action.

The children had great fun and participated with lots of enthusiasm.



Our Year 6 children represented the school on 8th May, when the Parish Council had organised to raise a flag to commemorate the 80 year anniversary of VE day.

The Parish Council sent their thanks to our House Captains, who read the proclamation, saying that they did an 'amazing job'.

