

# Copthorne C. of E. Junior

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th  
February, 2025

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

What a half term it has been—we all can now enjoy a well deserved week's rest!

In the last fortnight, the children have been involved in Number day, RE week and Internet Safety day. During internet safety day, the children participated in a BBC live lesson, learning about scamming and phishing. As a school, we are constantly teaching about staying safe online, and it is important that these messages are also re-iterated at home.

Our new playground equipment has been a real success, and the children have been putting together a wish list of items which they would like to add. These are being ordered next half term, thanks to the funds raised from the Lazee Graze event.

The children in Gardening club are also making a real difference to our grounds, and Mrs Corp requested some new equipment to aid their hard work. Again, the fundraising efforts in school have purchased these.

Have a lovely holiday, and I enjoy seeing you all when we return on Monday 24th February.

*Mrs Denison*

### Dates for your diary

#### Spring term 2025

- 24th February 2025—International day of languages
- 25th February 2025—Parent consultations
- 4th March 2024—School class photographs
- 6th March 2025—World Book Day
- 7th March 2025—Girls biggest football event
- 11th March—Year 4 Viking Day
- Week beginning 17th March 2025—Book fair in school
- Week beginning 25th March 2025—Y6 Bikeability
- 2nd April 2025—Year 5 Greek Day
- 3rd April 2025—Easter Service (Parent welcome)
- 4th April 2025—Last day of term

### Parent Support Group

The next coffee morning and chat with Miss Ash will be taking place on 11th March 2025 9-10am. This will continue from last time discussing topics such as transition, anxiety and other areas of interest raised by parents/carers. Please see the e-mail for more information.



### Attendance Update...

#### Attendance Matters

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



During parents consultations, an attendance overview has been shared which states the amount of learning time missed when attendance is below 96%. You also have been told if your child currently has excellent attendance (96%+) or cause for concern attendance (90-95%). If your child's attendance falls below 90%, then this is reported as persistent absence and you will be receiving a letter outlining concerns. At times, there are justified reasons for lower attendance such as a serious illness, and this will be stated in the letter.

**Week beginning 3rd February 2025**

## **Learner of the Week**

Beech—Daisy  
Rowan— Caelen  
Chestnut— Lafeya  
Willow—Sophie  
Elm— Bobby  
Sycamore— Charlie  
Maple— Isabella  
Oak— Charlotte

## **School Value Award of the Week— Curiosity**

Beech — Zayan  
Rowan— Jake  
Chestnut— James  
Willow— Felix  
Elm— Lola  
Sycamore— Max  
Maple— Alex  
Oak— Zoe



**Week beginning 10th February 2025**

## **Star Learner**

Beech— Lucy  
Rowan— Sienna  
Chestnut— Mia  
Willow— Alex  
Elm— Jason  
Sycamore— Ollie  
Maple— Aasiya  
Oak— Edie

## **Excellence in English Award**

Beech— Ayan  
Rowan— Jenson  
Chestnut— Harriet  
Willow— Ava  
Elm— Kai  
Sycamore— Eva  
Maple— Miley  
Oak— Ollie

## **Mastery in Maths Award**

Beech— Rhys  
Rowan— Daisy  
Chestnut— Noah  
Willow— Harry  
Elm— Skyler  
Sycamore— Rossi  
Maple— Leo  
Oak— Ludana

**Week beginning 10th February 2025**

## **Citizen Award—Demonstrating all 5 school values at all times!**

Beech— Dorothy  
Rowan— Caelen  
Chestnut— Willow Belle  
Willow— Eadi  
Elm— Louisa  
Sycamore— Addie  
Maple— Jack  
Oak— Britani



Next half term, the school value being focussed on is 'Compassion'. 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 purple heart, the symbol for Compassion, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.

## ***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*

## Office Updates



**Changes to details** If you have changed address, phone number, work number or email address, please let the office know. We can then ensure that all of the details that we have on our system are correct.

**Changes to medical information** If any medical information changes, including allergies or medication, then it is vital that you update the school so that we can ensure our records are correct.

**Headwear** Please ensure that your child's hair accessories are plain and preferably blue or black. We are starting to see a range of headbands and bows of all sizes, shapes and colours.

**Letters home** All letters that have been sent home can also be found on the website, under the parent tab/ letters home.

### Our Lazee Graze fundraising event...



Thank you to all who attended our fundraiser—what a lovely, relaxed evening. All of the cheese platters looked amazing!



Thank you also to Steph, for her knowledgeable and skilful guidance.



All money raised is going towards adding to our playground equipment.

## **Coming soon...**

### **World Book Day**

This year's world book day theme will be based on being detectives. Mrs Corp, our English lead, is creating an exciting day. More information will follow in after half term. Your child will not be expected to dress up, but instead can wear or bring an accessory!



### **Girls Biggest Football Event**



On Friday 7th March, all girls across the school will be involved in the biggest football event. On this day, all girls are to come to school in PE kit. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

## Achievements from outside school...



Congratulations to both Giuliana (Elm) and Max (Sycamore) for being awarded Player of the Match for the Copthorne Younths U10s. What an 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](mailto:head@copthornejunior.co.uk)

## 100 club

Congratulations to our January winners:

1st H Ivory      2nd J Shaw  
3rd J Broadway-Mann



## Book you Chartwell Easter lunch...

**EASTER TREATS**

Thursday 3rd April 2025

**MAINS**

Beef Burger  
Chilli No Carne  
Jacket Potato & Beans

**SIDES**

Spring Vegetables  
Seasonal Salad

**DESSERT**

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Order via ParentPay no later than Thursday 20th March 2025

Please Note: Special diets will remain in place.

## Sports News...

### Football League results from February:

Year 5/6 Boys Team:

Estcots v Copthorne **6 0** Copthorne v HalsfThe Meads **5 1**

Girls Team:

Copthorne v St Peter's **1 3**

Well done to all those who played in these league matches.

### Inter-house Football Tournament

As all year groups have had a football unit of learning for Games, we finished off this half term with an inter-house football tournament. Everyone played remarkably well and demonstrated their new and improved skills.

The results were:

Year 3: 1st Fiennes & Shackleton 3rd Drake 4th Thayer

Year 4: 1st Thayer & Shackleton 3rd Drake 4th Fiennes

Year 5: 1st Shackleton 2nd Thayer & Drake 4th Fiennes

Year 6: 1st Thayer & Shackleton 3rd Drake 4th Fiennes

Overall final scores: 1st Shackleton 2nd Thayer 3rd Drake 4th Fiennes

**Congratulations to Shackleton—you are our well deserved inter-house football winners!**



### What's been going on in Year 3...

What a busy and exciting half term Year 3 have had!

Our new topic on the Romans and our class book 'Escape from Pompeii' has allowed us to investigate the events surrounding the eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD, with us dramatizing the eruption to feel and think like the characters.



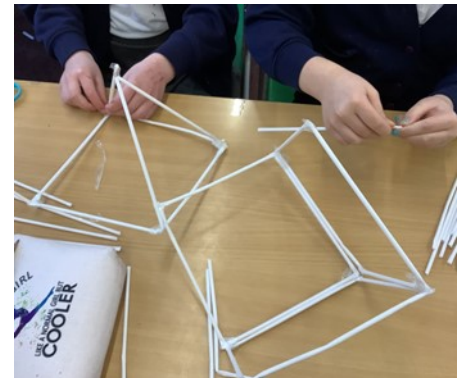
We also became geologists with our science topic, with practical investigations to discover the properties of rocks and soils, as well as acting out the formation of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock.



While in Art, Year 3 learnt all about ancient and modern mosaics, with opportunities to make our very own designs.



And let's not forget Number Day, where we investigated the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including making models out of straws.



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

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons this term and worked together to create an Anglo-Saxon settlement.



On Number Day, they explored area and perimeter through songs and drawings, and in the afternoon, they took part in triangle problem-solving activities during outdoor learning.

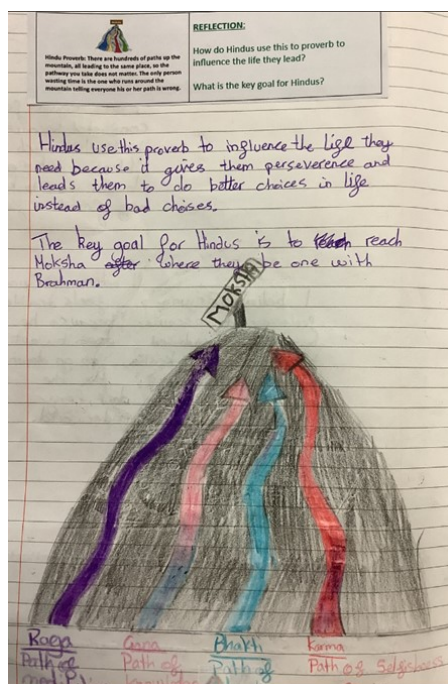


During RE Week, they learned about the celebration of Raksha Bandhan by making Rakhi bracelets and retelling the story of Rama and Sita with puppets.

It has been a fun and exciting term so far!



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



This term we have been learning about Ancient Greeks. As part of our history learning, we have explored Ostracons, an ancient Greek method of voting out tyrants.

During number day, we moved our learning to outside and had to use directions to get across a grid.

Finally, during RE week, we created paths to achieving Moksha, the ultimate goal for those who practise Hinduism.



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



Zoolab visited Year 6 for a hands on lesson about Charles Darwin - and the voyage of the Beagle. They were able to handle a range of animals linked to our evolution and adaption topic in Science.



Year 6 took part in a range of learning outside the classroom activities as part of Number day. They completed a shape hunt, locating and identifying shapes around the playground and field using coordinates on a map to locate them. They also explored the radius, diameter and circumference of circles and the relationship between them.

