

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd
May, 2026

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

Message from the Headteacher

Well, we all made it to half term. It has been so busy and everyone has achieved so much. The learning that has been taking place has been superb—very interactive, exciting and fun!

The Year 6 did remarkable well during their SATs week, and every single child put in 100% for all of the tests—that is all that we can ask. Thank you to all of the teachers and LSAs within Year 6 for their hard work preparing them for the tests.

As a treat, I arranged a trip to Chessington for our Year 6 children and what a wonderful day we had. Against all of the weather reports, the sun came out and the rain stayed away.

Welcome to Mrs Chippington, our new LSA, who started just before half term, and to Mr Findon, our new School Business Manager who will be joining us after half term.

Have a lovely half term, see you on 2nd June!

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

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



Gates open at 8.45am and early morning work starts as soon as the children enter the classroom. The register is closed at 8.55am and any children entering school after this time will be recorded as late. If a child arrives after 9am, then it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

100 Club Draw



Congratulations to our April winners:

1st T Smart 2nd N Whitney 3rd J Dawson

The office will be in touch with the winners regarding their prize next week. Contact the office 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

Dates for your diary



- 1st June, 2026—INSET day
- 8th June 2026—whole school photograph
- 15th-19th June, 2026—RE week
- 15th June, 2026 — Year 4 Mayan Day and drumming and Y6 drumming experience
- 25th June, 2026—Athlete visit and fundraising day
- 1st July, 20256—Transition day
- 6th July, 2026—Year 6 Diocese Leavers service
- 6th July, 2026—Year 5 Imberhorne Day
- 7th July, 2026—Year 3 Tie-Dye session
- 8th July, 2026—Year 6 production (afternoon/evening)
- 8th-9th July, 2026—Year 3 Copthorne Prep experience
- Week beginning 13th July, 2026—Sports days morning (Y5/6 Tuesday, Y3/4 Thursday with reserve Friday)
- 21st July, 2026—Year 6 Leavers Service
- 22nd July, 2026—Last day of term

INSET DAYS 2026-27

These have been agreed between both Copthorne Junior and Fairways.

1st September 2026

2nd November 2026

4th January 2027

12th April 2027

7th June 2027

Week beginning 11th May 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Ava
Rowan – Helen
Chestnut— Theo
Willow—Amber
Elm— Amelia
Sycamore— Chloe
Maple— Charlie
Oak— Leo

School Value Award of the Week— Confidence

Beech—Thandi
Rowan – Sadie
Chestnut— Aurora
Willow— Bibo
Elm— Joey
Sycamore— Albie
Maple— Addie
Oak— Mollie

Week beginning 18th May 2026

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

Beech — Thandi
Rowan— Helen
Chestnut— Finn
Willow — Yaqub
Elm— Noah
Sycamore— Oliver
Maple— Elayna
Oak— Ronnie

Week beginning 18th May 2026

Star Learner

Beech— Noah
Rowan— Bronte
Chestnut— Caelen
Willow — Jadiel
Elm— Betsy
Sycamore— Sophia
Maple— Rossi
Oak— Mila

Excellence in English Award

Beech— Ivy
Rowan— Dominic
Chestnut— Lucy
Willow— Oliver
Elm— Willow Belle
Sycamore— Patrick
Maple— Addie
Oak— Skyler

Mastery in Maths Award

Beech— Vinnie
Rowan— Archie
Chestnut— Lorisa
Willow — Freya
Elm— Emilia
Sycamore— Eadi
Maple— Tupence
Oak— Honee

Next half term's value award...

Next half term, a child from each class will be recognised for demonstrating one of our school values — Courage, Creativity, Curiosity, Compassion or Confidence. Children will have the opportunity to hang a the symbol for the value onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.

Office Updates



Weather—be prepared

As it is becoming sunnier, please ensure that your child has a hat and apply suncream before school.

As the grass is now being cut more regularly and we are enjoying playtimes on the field, if your child suffers from hayfever or allergic reactions, please give antihistamine before school.

Label uniform

Please label all uniform as we still have a huge amount of lost property.

Lollies on sale—Wednesdays and Fridays

Ice pops will be on sale Wednesdays and Fridays after school (weather permitting) for only 50p. All proceeds will be used to purchase items for our spirituality garden and outdoor spaces.

Post box and slips

Please use the post box to deposit slips/money for the office. There are also copies of all forms that may be required in the entrance hall for your convenience.

Save the date...



Our next parent/carer coffee morning is on Thursday 18th June at 9am. The theme is '**Supporting children to understand a change in family dynamics**'. This interactive session explores the impact that changes within the family can have on children, while also recognising the potential positive outcomes these changes may bring. It covers how to identify shifting family dynamics, understand their possible effects on young people, and develop strategies to help them navigate and manage these transitions.

For those who have not attended one before, this is an information group that is open to everyone, sharing experiences and finding solutions together. Kate Bignall, our dedicated school officer, who has a wealth of knowledge, experience and connections to other agencies, will be running this session. If you would like to attend, then please email sen@copthornejunior.co.uk.

Year 6 visit Chessington World of Adventures

After a week of SATs, Year 6 went on a memorable and well deserved trip to Chessington World of Adventures. Throughout the day, it was lovely to see the children supporting each other as they faced their fears whilst riding the thrilling, stomach-churning rides. Everyone also enjoyed the calmer rides such as the Gruffalo experience and Tomb Blaster. We also sneaked into the newly opened Paw Patrol Land!



What a great day, full of smiles, screams and superb behaviour!



What is happening this half term...



Coming Soon!
A truly unforgettable
10 day experience...



We are going to hatch some rare grey partridge chicks,
to help a national conservation project!

Arriving at school on
Monday 15th June, 2026.

Expected **hatching** days
Wednesday 17th/
Thursday 18th June, 2026.

Leaving the school on
Thursday 25th June, 2026.

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day — Tuesday 14th July

9.15am start until approximately 10.30am.



Year 3 & 4 Sports Day — Thursday 16th July

9.15am start until approximately 10.30am.



Reserve date—Friday 17th July

ALL WELCOME!

We are running the raffle at the Copthorne Carnival again this year, with all proceeds going to the school. This will enable us to continue with enhancing the curriculum offer, school learning environments and resources.

We have secured many wonderful prizes including...

1st prize—HP Desktop PC (donated by Virtual IT)

2nd prize—DIY silent disco with food donated by Lazee Graze and Hush Hype Events

3rd prize—£50 Cherry Tree voucher

Tickets will be on sale after half term and the draw will take place on Monday 29th June, 2026. Every child will bring home an envelope containing tickets to sell. Please return the money collected or the unsold tickets to the office before Friday 19th June.



Sports News...



Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival

Last week a group of 10 Year 5/6 girls went off to East Grinstead Sports Club for a morning of footballing fun! The session was run by coaches from the Chelsea Football Foundation and Crawley Football Club. We moved around different stations and gave everything a go and had a great time.

Year 5/6 Cricket Competition

On Wednesday, 16 Year 5/6 children went with Mr Wood to a cricket tournament at East Grinstead Sports Club. Both teams showed how far cricket has come this year with the help of the Sussex Cricket Foundation coaching in the Spring term. Although we just missed out on a top 3 place, both teams we entered played really well and got better as the day went on.



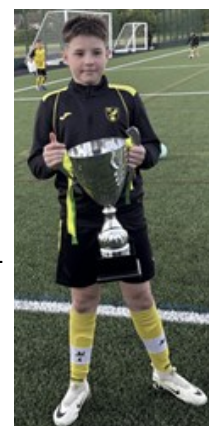
Achievements from outside school



Ava and Ava (Sycamore) and Elle (Elm) all performed in another Cheerleading competition, achieving 1st place with their team Panthers (Wildcats Athletics). Congratulations on an amazing win!



Jacob (Elm) played in an in-house Norwich tournament and was victorious. He also is competing in the cup final for the Mid Sussex League. Well done on this fantastic achievement and Good luck!



Jack (Sycamore) played in a tournament at Crawley Town, and was on the winning team, playing to a great standard. What an superb achievement!

Toby and Callum (Beech) and Dylan (Rowan) completed in the Mid Sussex U8 cup final.

They did brilliantly and made it to the final. Unfortunately they lost 4-3, but all of the boys equipped themselves brilliantly—well done, what an achievement to be proud of!



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

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