

Copthorne C. of E. Junior NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th
July, 2026

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

Message from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another year! The hot weather has definitely brought its additional challenges, but everyone—staff and children—have been so resilient and continued with excellent learning experiences.

Thank you to those who completed the parent questionnaire. I am currently going through the responses and will report of these and any response in the new academic year. Overall, there was real positivity. Every child also completed a questionnaire which gave us a positive insight to life at Copthorne.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

Our attendance at present is **93.7%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.

This attendance data is the lowest it has been at Copthorne CE Junior. We have seen a huge rise in children leaving before the end of the term to go on holiday. There is a belief that over the last few weeks of term there is no learning happening, that is **untrue**.

Please when booking holidays for next year, ensure that they are within the school holidays as it is vital that your child is in school and learning.

Attendance Matters



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

Dates for your diary

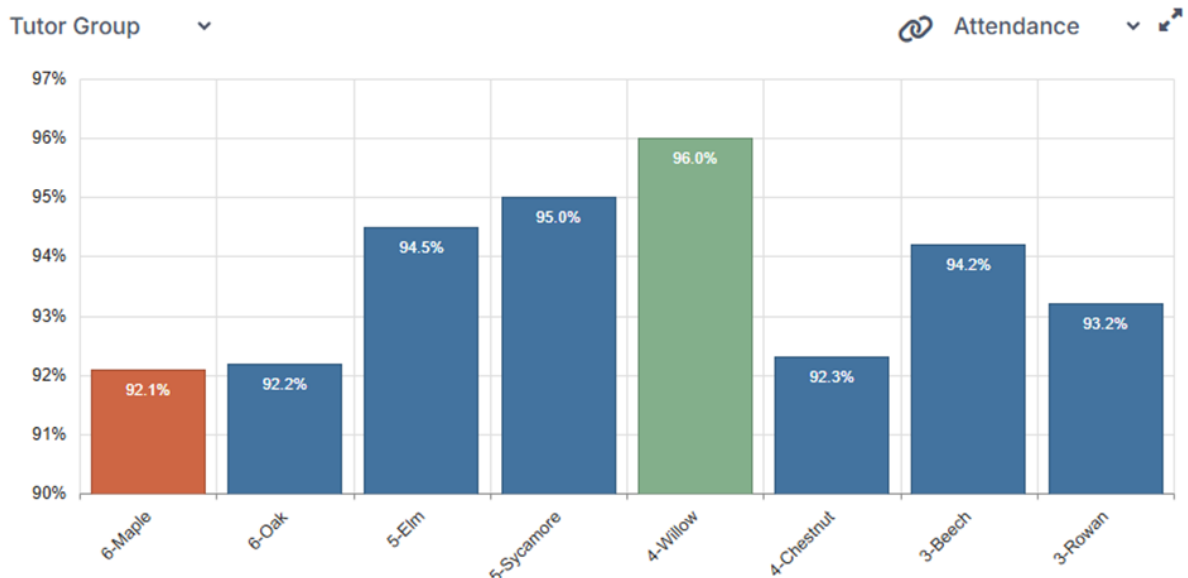
- 21st July, 2026—Year 6 Leavers Service 2pm at St John's Church

- 22nd July, 2026—Last day of term

Autumn Term begins on Wednesday 2nd September, 2026



Well done to Willow for the best attendance in the school.



Week beginning 6th July 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Mikaeel
Rowan – Holly
Chestnut— Zachary
Willow—Lina
Elm— Mylee
Sycamore— Jack R
Maple— Max
Oak— Bobby

School Value Award of the Week— All 5!

Beech— Alexia (Creativity)
Rowan – Micky(Courage)
Chestnut— Sofia (Creativity)
Willow— Freya (Compassion)
Elm— Ethan (Courage)
Sycamore—Harry (Curiosity)
Maple— Myles (Compassion)
Oak— Ellie (Courage)

Week beginning 13th July 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Willow
Rowan – Amelia
Chestnut— Caelen
Willow—George
Elm— Aidan
Sycamore— Sophie
Maple— Bronson
Oak— Archie

School Value Award of the Week— All 5!

Beech—Allanah (Creativity)
Rowan – Theo B-E (Compassion)
Chestnut— Aurora (Confidence)
Willow— Olivia (Creativity)
Elm— Zachary (Confidence)
Sycamore— Sophia S (Compassion)
Maple— Fleur (Creativity)
Oak— Charlie (Compassion)

Celebration of music...

Miss Armstrong, our music lead, led a special music celebration worship. Everyone had a lovely time listening to the children celebrate their musical talents with us. They all did amazingly.

The Copthorne Silver Band performed for us this week—what a treat!



Office Updates

Lost Property

Please check the pile of lost property for any of your family belongings. At the end of term, items will either be put into our pre-loved, school spare items or disposed of.



Medication

Please ensure that all medication in school is collected for Year 6 children and other leavers at the end of the day on Wednesday 22nd July. If any medication for children in the other year groups is expiring, Mrs Hunter will contact you to arrange a replacement.

PGL and Lodge Hill medical and consent forms

Please ensure that these are returned before the end of term.

Plastic bags for children's books

Your child will be bringing home their books from this year. Please send in a carrier bag for them to transport them in.

School reading books

Please return any school books that you have at home, so that they can be put back in the library.



On Friday we had our long-awaited afternoon with Courtney Orange. We were very lucky as he was joined by 2016 Rio Olympic badminton player Heather Olver, and the two of them ran a fun fitness session during the afternoon. Afterwards, Courtney did a motivation assembly, performing some tricks and telling us all about his life and afterwards he answered plenty of questions. A

brilliant afternoon of fundraising for the schools' PE equipment. Thank you to everyone who donated, it is very much appreciated and will be put to good use.



Value: £1,680.60



Well done and thank you!

Drake won this term's house competition. On Monday they will enjoy their movie night. Well done Drake!



Thank you from Fairway!

Both Miss Singleton and Miss Garner have spoken to me about our wonderful Sports Captains and Sports Crew on helping at Fairway's Sports Day. Both said they were exception, not only at scoring but supporting and cheering on the pupils, but also modelling to children how to be great sports people. Thank you for being a real credit to the school. Thank you also to Mr Wood, Mrs Lindup and Miss Hickman for accompanying them.



100 club Draw for June

Congratulations to our winners:

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2nd S Batt 3rd C Menniss

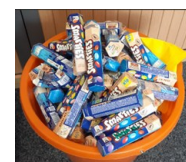
Contact the office if you would like to participate!



Thank you!



We raised nearly over £100 from our ice pop sales this half term for our spirituality garden. We also raised just over \$435 for Smarties day. This will be used for updating our playground equipment in the Autumn term.



Congratulations to Sophia (Sycamore) and Jake (Chestnut) for winning one of the prizes from the OMLETs Waste-Free lunch box poster competition. From across all of the East Grinstead schools, they came joint 3rd and joint 2nd respectively. Thank you to Bobbie, Alexa and Noah from Year 5 who represented the school over the year at the OM-LETs events over the academic year. Thanks also to Mrs Boakes, who supported them.



The House Captains went to visit the new Care UK St Francis Court to officially name the suites that are currently being built. These names were chosen from our selection. Care UK are kindly donating £250 worth of book vouchers to the school as a HUGE thank you!

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



Last week Year 3 undertook an exciting 2-day sporting experience at Copthorne Prep School. The children had swimming lessons in the pool each morning, then spend the afternoons learning golf skills on the field and tennis skills on the courts. Add into this some great fun with parachute games, quick cricket ... and, of course, the inevitable building of junk model spaceships to protect or real egg pilots.



The weather may have been crazy hot ... but the wonderful behaviour, sportsmanship and positive attitude of every single child in Year 3 was truly something all the staff (and every one of the instructors) were proud of.



Last week, Year 3 experienced a 'Tie Dye Masterclass', learning how to create truly unique and spectacular tie dye t-shirts step-by-step. All the children learnt many new skills and used their imaginations to great effect, recounting the method with confidence many days later!

On Friday was the 'Grand Reveal', with all the children receiving back their finished masterpiece. Each tie dye shirt looked amazing and was worn around the school and back home with pride.



This week, the children of Year 3 used their mathematical measuring skills (mass and capacity) to follow the recipe for the perfect Egyptian pita bread.

Working in small groups, they carefully mixed ingredients, then spend more than 10 minutes taking turns to knead the dough to smooth springy elastic!

The following day, the groups then divided up their risen dough and rolled into pita shapes. Each child then flavoured the bread with their own personal twist - herbs, spices or some dried tomatoes and olives.



Sports News...



Sports Day...



After two fantastic sports days, the final results were...

1st Drake

2nd Shackleton

3rd Thayer

4th Fiennes

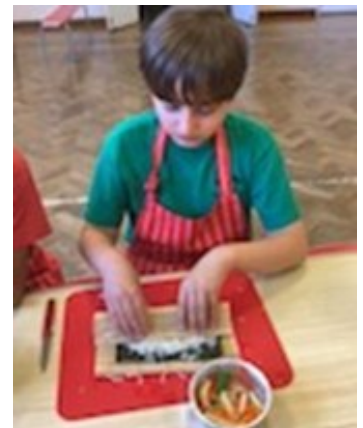
On Tuesday morning a group of Year 5 children made the journey to St Pauls for a morning of sporting fun in the sun. They took part in a range of sporting activities to gain points for their team. The children showed great teamwork when working with others and a great attitude to do their best, even in the hot conditions. It was a brilliant morning full of fun activities.



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

Last week, Year 5 had the opportunity to make sushi rolls as a part of their DT project. They were given a brilliant demonstration by Mrs Dart, who came in to share her knowledge with the children.

After this they got stuck in, putting together some well rolled sushi rolls and gave them a taste. Some mixed reviews on if they like sushi but everyone enjoyed the experience and the process of making sushi.



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

Book return...

Please check your book shelves at home for any school books. Our library numbers have dwindled by books not being returned.

Please return any you find before the end of term.

Thank you from Mrs Corp and the Librarians!



Achievements from outside school

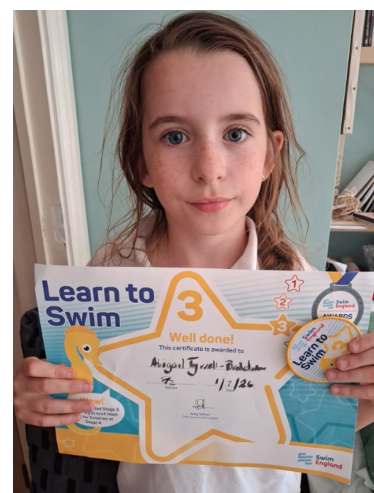
Oscar (Oak), who has been practising hard on his tennis skills, won his first LTA tennis tournament. How amazing—bring on Wimbledon! Congratulations.



Ava, Alexa, Imogen and Hope (Elm and Sycamore) all received their Brownies Gold Award. This is a huge achievement, and showed all of the hard work

on earning badges, completing activities and also leading an activity for other Brownies. The award was presented at a special celebration for all of Sussex Central County, where there was entertainment by a magician and everyone received a special golden goody bag. Well done!

Abigail (Chestnut) achieved her Group 3 Swimming certificate. Swimming is such an important life skill—well done, what a fantastic achievement!



Albie-Lee (Sycamore) has been accepted for the Pro Football Academy, Crawley. At the coaching session, the feedback was that 'Albie's behaviour and attitude were excellent. He showed real positivity throughout the session and interacted well with the other players.' Albie has already received a medal and Player of the week. Well done, you should feel so proud of yourself.

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