

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th
May, 2026

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

Message from the Headteacher

It's unbelievable to think that we are nearly at half term, this year is going so fast.

I must take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children. They have worked so hard in the last few weeks to be fully prepared for the SATs next week. Thank you also to all the staff who have been working hard alongside them, helping them polish their skills and knowledge. They are ready for the week ahead!

I have had a steady stream of children visiting my office to show me work. I love having this opportunity to talk to individuals and small groups about their learning and understanding. The pride they demonstrate is immense.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

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

Please think **before** booking any long weekends away. Fridays and Mondays are just as important as the rest of the week, and can affect the continuity of your child's learning.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Good Bye!

It is with great sadness to inform you that Miss Cole is leaving at half term. She has successfully secured a role which enables her to use her degree qualification as a project co-ordinator for a company who refurbishes schools. She will be greatly missed. We wish her all the luck in her new role.

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



- 11th-14th May, 2026 – Year 6 SATs week
- 19th May, 2026—Year 6 Chessington trip
- 25th-29th May, 2026 - Half term
- 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
- Week beginning 6th July—Year 6 production
- 6th July, 2026—Year 6 Diocese Leavers service
- 6th July, 2026—Year 5 Imberhorne Day
- 7th July, 2026—Year 3 Tie-Dye session
- 9th-10th 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

Week beginning 27th April 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Noah
Rowan – Louie
Chestnut— Abigail
Willow—Yaqub
Elm— Betsy
Sycamore— Summer
Maple— Myles
Oak— Brodie

School Value Award of the Week— Confidence

Beech—Hannelora
Rowan – Finley
Chestnut— Elijah
Willow— Rhys
Elm— Patrick
Sycamore— Ethan
Maple— Tyler
Oak— Jason

Week beginning 4th May 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Allanah
Rowan – Holly
Chestnut— Sienna
Willow—George
Elm— Ethan
Sycamore— Oliver
Maple— Harry
Oak— Charlie

School Value Award of the Week— Confidence

Beech—Vinnie
Rowan – David
Chestnut— Quinn
Willow— Thea
Elm— Aidan
Sycamore— Andi
Maple— Alfie
Oak— Ethan

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.

Office Updates



PGL payments for Year 5

The next installment of £70 was due on 9th May. Please ensure that if this payment hasn't been made unless you are on a payment plan, as next payments are due to the company.

Summer permission slips

Those without completed permission slips were giving a paper copy at the end of last week. Please complete as a matter of urgency and return to the office.

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 regurly and we are enjoying playtimes on the field, if your child suffers from hayfever or allergic reactions, please remember to give antihistamine before school.

Label uniform

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

A message from the Chair of Governors

The Summer term is always a great combination of work and play. The sunnier days mean our children can enjoy even more outdoor activities, and governors are very aware of the fabulous learning that occurs outside of the classroom. There is so much for the children to enjoy and experience, and every minute in school is used to its fullest. Governors are always impressed with the children's work ethic, and we see keen learners when we go into classrooms. Staff and children are working hard to achieve as much as they can before the end of the academic year, whilst also playing rounders and making daisy chains on the field at playtime – because that's what summer is about too.



Anita Findon

Screen-Free Day

On Thursday 7th May, our school took part in Screen-Free Day by reducing the amount of screen time used throughout the day. During the day, the children reflected on the impact screens can have on our lives and here are some of their thoughts and quotes from the day:



"I liked having less technology, I even used less at home on screen free day" - Year 3

"I preferred Screen Free Day because it was better than looking at the board all day" - Year 4

"I found it hard because I am used to the smart board but I liked it because it is good to not look at screens all the time" - Year 4

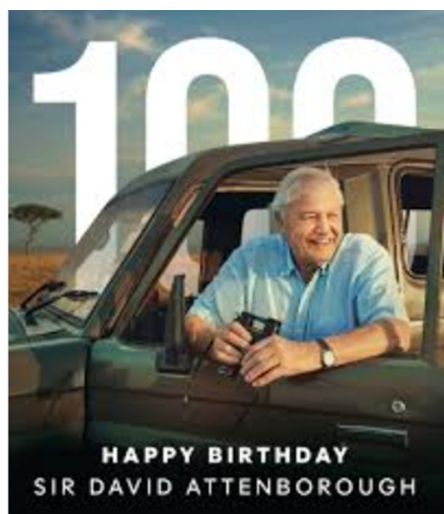
"It sometimes was hard not using screens but we made it through the day. I think it is helpful so people don't use screens" - Year 5

"It was amazing having no screens so your eyes will not hurt" - Year 5

"I found screen free day really good as it made me be more creative" - Year 6

"I found screen free day hard because I use the screen to help me get information" - Year 6

What's been going on in Year 4?



Year 4 had the exciting opportunity to take part in a live lesson celebrating the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, featuring adventurer and wildlife expert Steve Backshall. The children loved learning about the importance of protecting our planet, with a special focus on the rainforest and its incredible animals. This linked perfectly to our current topic, Mysterious Maya, helping the children deepen their understanding of the significance

of rainforests both in the past and today. Happy 100th Birthday, Sir David Attenborough!

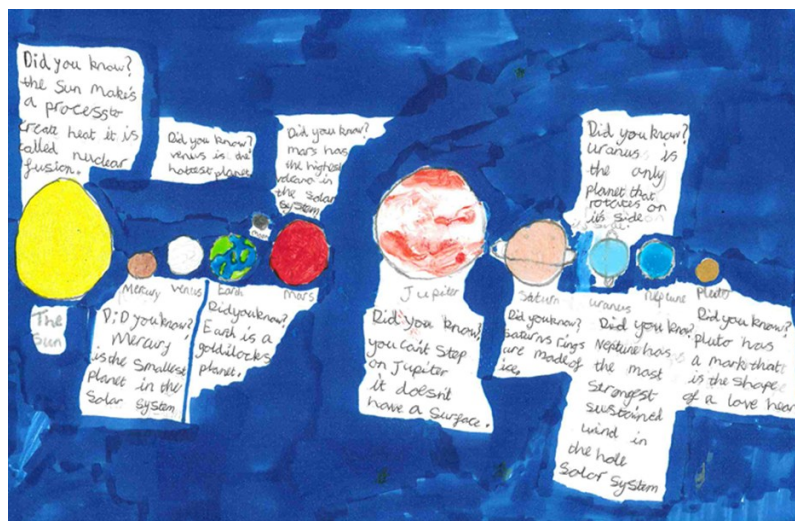


What's being going on in Year 3's RE?

In Year 3, they have been designing and then creating crowns which represent the creation. Each crown is based on one of the seven days that God created the world. The children were very creative and looked amazing in their masterpieces!



Mylee (Elm) came and shared some work she had completed at home based on learning at school. Amazing!



Care UK Francis Court suite naming project



Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas for suite names for the new care home being built in Copthorne. Each suite contains its own dining room, activities room and set of bedrooms and each suite will be named after a local landmark or famous figure.

The eight names that we submitted were...

Famous Celebrities:

Eric "Winkle" Brown - A Royal Navy Test Pilot WW2 who retired to Copthorne and spent his time in a care home.

Fatima Whitebread - Connections to Copthorne and she got married in St Johns Church.

James Alfred "Bill" Cox - English professional golfer who designed 4 holes at Copthorne Golf Club.

George "Pop" Maynard - English folk singer and marbles champion.

Nature Spots:

Wakehurst

Nymans

The Green

Worth Way

As a thank you, Care UK are donating £250 worth of book vouchers to enhance our reading corners and library.

Sports News...



Virtual Year 3 Multi Skills Competition

Last term, all Year 3 children competed in this virtual competition during the PE sessions. We submitted the results at the end of term, and were overjoyed to hear that Copthorne came 4th out of all the schools that entered across Mid Sussex. Well done to everyone!

Year 3 Athletics Competition

Six students from Year 3 attended Ardingly Athletics, competing against eight schools in a morning of events including running, long jump, shot put, vortex, and an obstacle course. Their determination, teamwork and brilliant attitude carried them through every event. Our school proudly secured 1st place, bringing a trophy back to school. We couldn't be prouder of how each child supported one another and pushed themselves to do their best.



Year 4 Tennis Festival

A group of Year 4 attended the tennis festival, participating in a circuit of activities to develop their tennis skills. Behaviour was exemplary and the activities were enjoyed by all.



Mid Sussex Marathon Schools Challenge

All children in the school completed 5 laps of our weekly mile course. Well done to everyone!



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

On sale from after Friday ...

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.



Achievements from outside school

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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