

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th
March, 2026

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

Message from the Headteacher

As we break up for the Easter holidays, I wish everyone a restful break and hope that you spend quality family time together. As always, it has been a busy Spring Term and the children have been involved in many different learning experiences.

This week, we had our school disco. The children's behaviour was impeccable and everyone had a super time, dancing and enjoying time with their friends. Thank you to the staff and fundraising group for making this event so successful. It was lovely to see how many parents come to our Easter Services too.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at the start of our summer term, and look forward to the sun shining and the warmer weather! Happy Easter!

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

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

Please remember to contact the school on the first day of absence due to illness and then every day that they continue to be poorly.



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



- 13th April, 2026—INSET day
- 14th April, 2026—Start of the Summer term
- 21st April, 2026—Year 3 trip to the British Wildlife Centre
- 23rd April, 2026 - World Cup Cricket Day
- 4th May, 2026—Bank Holiday Monday - no school
- 7th May, 2026—Pentacost Service (children only)
- 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, 2026—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 (dates TBC)
- 21st July, 2026—Year 6 Leavers Service
- 22nd July, 2026—Last day of term

Week beginning 2nd March 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Florence
Rowan – Dominic
Chestnut— Rahmah
Willow—Jadiel
Elm— Joey
Sycamore— Nancy
Maple— Fleur
Oak— Ellie

School Value Award of the Week— Compassion

Beech—Callum
Rowan – Dillon
Chestnut— Theo
Willow— Florence
Elm— Emelia
Sycamore— Sienna
Maple— Max
Oak— Honee

Week beginning 9th March 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Levi
Rowan – Hollie
Chestnut— Sienna
Willow—Jackson
Elm— Freya
Sycamore— Harry
Maple— Giuliana
Oak— Ollie

School Value Award of the Week— Compassion

Beech—Toby
Rowan – Sophie
Chestnut— Stella
Willow— Oliver
Elm— Bobbie
Sycamore— Sabena
Maple— Kai P
Oak— James

Week beginning 16th March 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Toby
Rowan – Olivia
Chestnut— Jenson
Willow—Toby
Elm— Zachary
Sycamore— James
Maple— Ella C
Oak— Skyler

School Value Award of the Week— Compassion

Beech—Mya
Rowan – Dylan
Chestnut— Ayden
Willow— Henry
Elm— Catalin
Sycamore— Alfie-Jay
Maple— Bronson
Oak— Archie

Office Updates



Non-prescribed medication

Please do not send your child in with any non-prescribed medication such as cough sweets, creams, eye drops.

Lost property

Due to the vast amount of lost property, please ensure that every item is named. This will enable us to return the items to your child when found.

Clubs

There are a few spaces available for Cricket and Multisports for next term. Please send your form in via email to the office over the holidays.

Year 6 reminders

Please remember to complete and send your secondary school admission forms, including council tax bill - refer to the information sent by your child's new secondary school.

Leavers hoodies are now available to purchase via the Mapac website.

Week beginning 23rd March 2026



Star Learner

Beech— Lucy
Rowan— Dillon
Chestnut— Audrey
Willow— Jessica-Rae
Elm— Chloe
Sycamore— Summer
Maple— Camille
Oak— Eva

Excellence in English Award

Beech— Harry
Rowan— Sadie
Chestnut— Piper
Willow— Lina
Elm— Adam
Sycamore— Alexa
Maple— Lewis
Oak— Theo

Mastery in Maths Award

Beech— Callum
Rowan—Skylar
Chestnut— Joshua
Willow— Jacques
Elm— Freya
Sycamore— Ava Sm
Maple— Max
Oak— Jason

Week beginning 23rd March 2026

Citizen Award—

Demonstrating all 5 school values at all times!

Beech— Hannelora
Rowan— Christopher
Chestnut— Daisy
Willow— Rosie
Elm— Mia
Sycamore— Alfie-Jay
Maple— Bronson
Oak— Ruben

Next half term, the school value being focussed on is 'Confidence'. 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 Gold Star, the symbol for Confidence, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.



Good Bye!

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Garcia, our School Business Manager. She has moved onto a larger school, closer to home. We wish her all the luck in her new role.

WONDERDOME

Every child in the school experienced the mobile planetarium 'Wonderdome' as part of our Science Day organised by Mrs Garrard. This was funded through the Governor run 100 club. It was an amazing experience enjoyed by all!

"Magnificent experience. It taught me a lot about space and the world around me." (Leo, Year 6)

"It was very cool and I enjoyed seeing the videos. It felt like I was in space." (Asa, Year 3)

"I liked how close up we got to the planets, like we were in space." (Olivia, Year 4)

"It was really exciting. I liked all of the big images. It wasn't just pictures, they were explained as well." (Bobbie, Year 5)



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

Year 4 had a brilliant Viking Day, full of hands-on learning and excitement.

Throughout the day, the children explored what life was like for Vikings, including where they came from, how they lived, what they wore, and how they travelled, traded and raided. A real highlight was getting stuck into practical activities, including chopping "Anglo-Saxons" (cabbages), which they absolutely loved! The children also worked together to form their own shield wall and enjoyed playing a range of games using the shields. It was a

fun, memorable day that really helped bring their learning to life.



Year 4 took part in an exciting role-play activity where they became Viking raiders travelling to Lindisfarne. Using their chairs as longships, they imagined setting off from Norway and braving a long, exhausting seven-day journey across the sea to reach England. Upon arrival, they discovered a monastery filled with valuable treasures, setting the scene for a raid. The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the experience, using drama to explore this moment in history in a lively and memorable way.



We are pleased to share that our school has begun working towards the NCCE Computing Quality Mark.

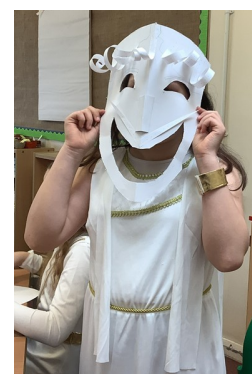
This is a long-term process and we are still at an early stage of the journey. Since receiving our Certificate of Commitment in October, our Computing Lead, Mrs Long, has been working behind the scenes to review and develop the computing curriculum, as well as begin gathering the evidence required for the award.

Achieving the Quality Mark will take time, but it reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a high-quality computing education for all pupils. We look forward to sharing updates as the work progresses.



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

Year 5 enjoyed a fun filled Greek Day this week and the children looked fantastic in their costumes. In the morning, after some Greek games, the children learnt about theatre in Ancient Greece and busily made Greek masks. They also learnt more about the beginning of democracy and had the opportunity to cast votes on terracotta pieces. Later in the day, everyone enjoyed taking part in the Olympics and learnt how to throw a discus. In the afternoon, creativity was bubbling in both classrooms as the children made the Greek sandals that they had designed this term. As the day was packed with activities, the Greek salad was made the following morning and was a huge success with many children trying out new flavour combinations.



Sports News...

Football league 2025-26

Girls Team:

Blackwell v Copthorne 0 3

Copthorne v Crawley Down 3 1

Congratulations to our Y5/6 Boys team who came 2nd in the league and our Girls team who came 3rd. All children who played in these teams were awarded with medals.

Hockey festival

On Wednesday, a group of year 4 students went to East Grinstead Sports Club to take part in a hockey festival. They did passing, shooting and dribbling activities and improved greatly as the day went on - even breaking the high score on the shooting activity. A lovely morning in the sun trying new skills and displaying a great 'have a go' attitude!



Interhouse Competition

Over the last few weeks, each year group have been competing in interhouse competitions. The results are as follows:

Year 3— 1st Drake, 2nd Fiennes, 3rd Thayer, 4th Shackleton

Year 4— 1st Shackleton, 2nd Fiennes, 3rd Drake, 4th Thayer

Year 5— 1st Thayer, 2nd Fiennes, 3rd Drake, 4th Shackleton

Year 6 — 1st Fiennes, 2nd Drake, 3rd Thayer, 4th Shackleton

Well done to everyone who participated!

Achievements from outside school

Louisa (Oak) took part in her black belt re qualification. It was a full on weekend where she had to complete a 10k run, show all her Katas and sparring skills, filled by a whole day of fitness training including 1000 kicks, 1000 push ups, and 1000 sit ups! Louisa what an amazing job - well done!



Elle (Elm), Ava P and Ava S (Sycamore) took part in a Cheer competition with their club, Wildcats Athletics. They worked really hard and managed to get 2nd place with their team Panthers. What an achievement—well done!



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

Easter Gardens and Easter Egg competition...

Each class has produced an Easter Garden. These are going to be displayed in St John's Church during the Easter period. They all look wonderful, and it is so lovely to see how each class have made their designs unique.



Rowan



Beech



Willow



Chestnut



Elm



Sycamore



Maple



Oak

Thank you to all those who made a hanging decoration for our Easter tree. All of the entries deserved showed creativity and originality and the competition was tough! Congratulations to our 12 winners:



Year 3— Callum, Zara and Florence

Year 4—Dorothy, Elijah and Olivia

Year 5—Teddy, Amelia and Jack W

Year 6—Giuliana, Arthur and Camille



DESIGN A WASTE FREE LUNCH POSTER

WE
ARE
FROM
OMLETS!

(Not eggs!)

Do Your Bit!

Hand in your
entries to your
teacher

We will be
competing
against 7 other
schools!

Let's go home
with!!!

Hand in by
Wednesday after
EASTER!

What could the
poster include?

- Bright and colourful
- Healthy snacks and food
- No wrapping
- Include leftovers (Pasta, tortilla, quiche)
- include a message about what waste is doing to the world.

NEWS FLASH!

- 1.90 billion pieces of plastic are are wasted yearly in the U.K!
- 1.3 billion tonnes of rubbish, such as food are thrown away in the U.K!