

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th
March, 2026

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

What a busy fortnight it has been! It seems so long ago that we were on half term. Last week was RE week, where the school learnt about Hinduism, and also visited the prayer room to reflect on some bigger, spirituality questions. We also celebrated International Mother Tongue Day, by watching extracts of Paw Patrol in many different languages and discussed how we felt when we were listening and trying to understand, when it wasn't in our own language.

We celebrated World Book Day alongside the Biggest Girl's Football Day—the school was alive with talk of football, and there was a sea of colour with everyone in their football kits. Thank you to Mrs Corp for organising this.

Our Easter services are taking place on Thursday 26th March at St John's Church. Year 3/4 will be at 1.30pm and Y5/6 at 2.15pm. All are welcome to join us.

Over the half term, a team from Carter Lauren Construction Ltd (currently building the care home in Copthorne), transform our school gardens as part of the considerate constructors scheme —more information within the newsletter.

Have a fantastic weekend

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters



Our attendance at present is **94.1%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.

It is important that we see evidence of medical and dental appointments. Most will be authorised, unless it is a dental check up. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Currently we have 11% of pupils with 100% attendance and 75% with attendance above 96%. Well done to those children and families.

Office Updates



Pre-loved uniform

Our pre-loved uniform will be available to browse during the book fair days. Donations are welcome for items taken.

Disco

Please remember to complete the ticket order for the disco. Additional forms are available in the office.

100 Club Draw

Congratulations to our February winners:

1st C K Carey 2nd E Marshall 3rd M Gurton

The office will be in touch with the winners regarding their prize. Contact the office to participate!



Dates for your diary

Spring term 2026

- 10th March 2026—Science day with indoor planetarium
- 11th March 2026—Class photographs
- Week beginning 16th March 2026—Book fair in school
- 16th March 2026—Y4 Viking Day
- Week beginning 23rd March 2026—Autism Awareness Week
- 24th March 2026—Y5 Greek Day
- 26th March 2026—Easter Service (Parents welcome)
- 27th March 2026—Last day of term

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



Week beginning 23rd February 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—William
Rowan – Vivaan
Chestnut— Joshua
Willow—Jadiel
Elm— Harriet
Sycamore— Gurudas
Maple— Mollie
Oak— Megan

School Value Award of the Week— Compassion

Beech—Willow
Rowan – Olivia
Chestnut— Daisy
Willow— Freya
Elm— Imogen
Sycamore— Sophie
Maple— Oscar
Oak— Owen

Achievements from outside school



Zachary, Finley and Louie (Rowan and Beech) took part in their final winter triathlon for their pony club, Old Surrey and Burstow. Zachary finished winner of their age group.

This was the final competition out of a series of 7, so with the final results totalled, Zachary finished 2nd, Finley 3rd and Louie 4th. What fantastic results—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

Coming soon...

Our book fair will be available Friday 13th March, Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March. Cash payments please.

All books purchased, will help the school get free books.

Sports News...

Cross Country Finals

Mila (Oak) was successful in making it to the cross-country finals, and ran really well. She came 37th! This is a huge achievement—well done!



Football league 2025-26

Y6 Boys Team:

Crawley Down v Copthorne 2 1

Copthorne v Baldwins Hill 0 1

Year 5/6 boys team:

Copthorne v Blackwell 7 1

Copthorne v Estcots 0 1

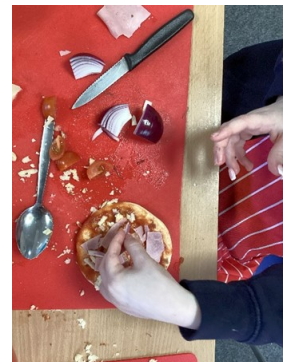


What's been going on in Year 3...

This week year 3 have had great fun designing and making pizzas. We have practiced lots of skills including, cutting peppers, tomatoes, onions and peeling mushrooms. We also grated lots of cheese!!



The lovely smell of the pizzas filled the corridor.

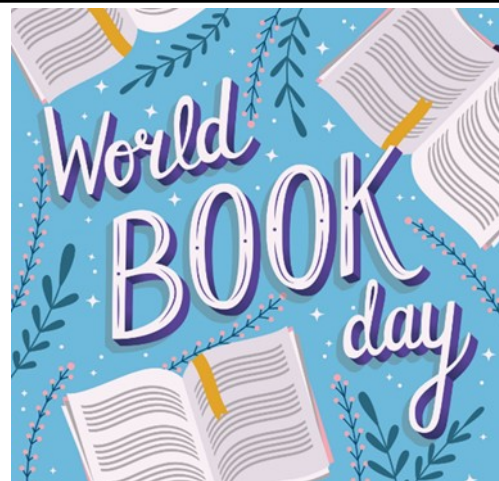


A pizza was also delivered to Mrs Denison—made to order and yummy!



This year, our World Book Day has a theme of Football and 'Go All In'.

2026 is the National Year of Reading and this campaign is calling on everyone to make time to 'Go All In' and read about the everyday things they love – from playlists and football to films, food and family time – in whatever way that works for them, whether reading a novel, an e-reader, a comic, or an online blog.



During the day, the children had the opportunity to take part in quizzes, design a football kit, write a football themed short story and make a zine about something that they are into!



What are You into?

Read About It

Write About It!





The FA's aim is for girls to have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to influence and drive change, showing that football can and should be played by girls. It is bringing together a growing community of people of all genders, ages and backgrounds who want to champion equal access for girls, helping create independent, resilient young girls who will be a force for good in all local communities.



Miss Hickman ran a football session for each class, so that all girls learnt new skills and then were able to apply these in a short game. Every girl played well and enjoyed this opportunity. Below are some quotes...

"I really enjoyed playing as a team."



"I really enjoyed passing the ball in the circle. Everybody had a go and it's fast."

"I learnt that passing the ball is better than keeping the ball."

"Football gives inspiration. I want to keep playing as a hobby—it's fun!"

"I was so close to scoring a goal!"



"It's great for the girls to be able to show what they can do."

"I want to join the girl's football club now."

"Some people haven't really played football as a game before. Everyone tried hard and they should join the school football club with me."



"I'm sorry it's over! It's great we get cards as well, thank you."

"I'm definitely asking my mum if I can join the school club!"



The transformation of our Pond and Gardens through community partnership...

The school are celebrating the transformation of our pond and sensory garden area thanks to the generous support of Carter Lauren Construction Ltd, who completed extensive clearance and restoration work at no cost to the school. This was through the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

Over the course of one week, a team of skilled workers cleared and restored the entire area, transforming it into a vibrant, welcoming outdoor learning space.

The rejuvenated area now features a clear and healthy pond to support local wildlife, a restored sensory garden with sculptures and reflective seating areas and newly installed raised beds for gardening activities.



The staff and children's response on Monday morning was of amazement, excitement and plans were already being considered. Some quotes from the children were:

"It looks beautiful and we are looking forward to being in the wonderful garden."

"We are enjoying looking out of the window over the garden."

"It is clearer and tidy and we have much more space to sit and relax."

"The brambles have gone, so it is safer."

"I like how it is set up."

"There is room to plant fruit and vegetables."



During the Easter Holidays, they are returning to paint the fences. Everyone is looking forward to enjoying these new spaces during the summertime!