

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th
February,
2026

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

As we begin half term, I want to reflect on what fantastic learning opportunities your children have at Copthorne Junior—maths number day, RE week and Internet safety day, just to name a few. The children continue to show such enthusiasm for their learning, and the outcomes achieved demonstrate their developing skills and knowledge. During parent consultations, you are given the opportunity to look through your child's books first hand.

I continue to see cars pull up or park in unsafe places, and am encouraging you to report them. I have been given a new link for doing this— <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/parking-travel/report-a-parking-problem/>

I hope you all have a wonderful half term, let's hope the rain stops and we can all have wonderful days out to re-energise ready for our return.

Have a fantastic half term,

Mrs Denison

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **94%**.

We aim to be at or above 96%.



Thank you for the reduction in requests for unauthorised holidays and days out. It is important that your child attends school, and it ultimately is parent/carer's responsibility to ensure this happens. Since the start of the academic year, there have been occasions where parent/carers have reported their child sick when in fact they were away. This put's both your child and the school in a very difficult situation on their return, as the school promotes honesty. Please complete the necessary forms if needed.

Office Updates

Chartwell Meals

Please remember to order your meals at least 2 weeks in advance.

Updating your child's details

Please remember to let the office know if there are any changes so that we can update our records.

Medication

Please ensure that your child's medication is still in date. If you need to supply a new inhaler or other medication, then contact the office.



Dates for your diary

Spring term 2026

- 23rd February 2026—International day of languages
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- 6th March 2026—World Book Day NOTE CHANGE OF DAY—NO COSTUMES REQUIRED
- 6th March 2026—Girls biggest football event
- 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

Week beginning 9th February 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Zachary S
Rowan – Theo P
Chestnut— Caelan
Willow—Lina
Elm— Elyse
Sycamore— Ava P
Maple— Tupence
Oak— Eva

School Value Award of the Week— Curiosity

Beech—Mikaeel
Rowan – Archie
Chestnut— Harley
Willow— Amber
Elm— Adam
Sycamore— Jack R
Maple— Camille
Oak— Hugo

Week beginning 9th February 2026

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

Beech— Zachary S
Rowan— Brooke
Chestnut— Zachary
Willow— Olivia
Elm— Adhinav
Sycamore— Patrick
Maple— Younas
Oak— Leo

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 9th February 2026

Star Learner

Beech— Willow
Rowan— Zara
Chestnut— Jenson
Willow— Toby
Elm— Imogen
Sycamore— Nancy
Maple— Kai P
Oak— Ethan

Excellence in English Award

Beech— Harper
Rowan— Theo B-E
Chestnut— Quinn
Willow— Henry
Elm— Bobbie
Sycamore— Alex
Maple— Harry
Oak— Oscar

Mastery in Maths Award

Beech— Levi
Rowan— Thea
Chestnut— Sienna
Willow— Zayan
Elm— Teddy
Sycamore— Chloe
Maple— Myles
Oak— Charlie

Next half term, the school value being focussed on is 'Compassion'. 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 purple heart, the symbol for Compassion, onto our Value's Tree by the school entrance.





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GOODBYE

On Monday 23rd February, we will say goodbye to Mrs Dobson, who currently is an LSA in Year 3. She is moving to a school nearer to home. Mrs Dobson has been a real asset to our school, and has helped so many of our children throughout the school. We will all miss her, and wish her all the best in the future.

100 Club Draw

Congratulations to our January winners:



1st C Menniss 2nd S Batt 3rd S Batt

Contact the office to participate!

Sports News...



Indoor cricket

Last Friday, a group of year 6 boys went to the Triangle for an indoor cricket competition. The boys represented the school well and won their first game in a format that was completely new to them. Great work boys!

Football league 2025-26

Girls team:

Halsford Park v Copthorne 6 0

Copthorne v Ashurst Wood 4 2

Year 5/6 boys team:

The Meads v Copthorne 0 1

Copthorne v St Peter's 2 0

Well done to all those who played!



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

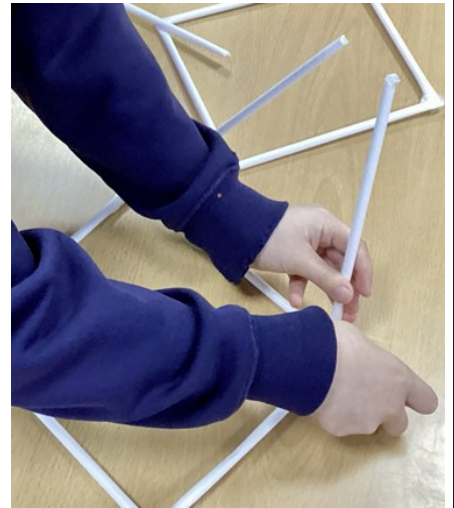


This bike and helmet have been in our bike rack for months. Does it belong to your child?

If you recognise it, please contact the office so that it can be returned to you.

Number Day across the school ...

Year 3 had a fantastic Number Day! We started by learning the different types of line (including 'perpendicular'), then investigated the properties of various 2D shapes. We finished the day with a really fun, practical activity, discovering the properties of 3D shapes and then constructing models of them out of straws. Lots of smiles while we showed our values of curiosity, creativity and confidence!



To celebrate Number Day, Year 4 enjoyed a range of fun and practical maths activities. We explored area and perimeter by working out the area of our names and learning a song about these concepts inspired by a mathematical story. In gymnastics, we then used our bodies to create and explore different shapes, linking movement with mathematical thinking.



Year 5 linked Number Day with their topic of the Ancient Greeks. They enjoyed learning about Geometry and the mathematician, Euclid. During the day, Year 5 learnt how to draw and measure angles and triangles using a protractor.



Children in Year 6 took part in a range of Number Day activities to support their understanding of shape and space. They took their learning outside the classroom and completed a shape hunt around the playground and field, locating and identifying shapes using coordinates on a map to locate them. They also explored the radius, diameter and circumference of a variety of circle and looked at the relationship between them.



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



Bikeability in Year 6 ...

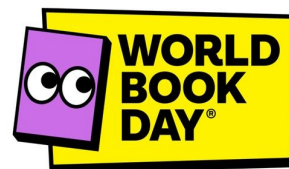
Year 6 have had a fantastic week learning how to ride their bikes confidently and safely on the roads. At the beginning of the week, they focused on developing their off-road skills such as learning to control their bikes, mastering signalling and observing their surroundings before heading out onto the roads of Copthorne with instructors from bikeability. The children demonstrated excellent focus, determination and confidence on the roads and developed their awareness of road safety. They enjoyed the experience and have learnt an important life skill.



Coming soon...

World Book Day!

This is in the planning phase, but **NO** costumes will be required. Please **DO NOT** buy anything for your child to wear. More details to follow soon...



Science Day—Indoor planetarium

Using the funds raised from the 100 club, all children will experience Wonderdome, an indoor planetarium, as part of science day.

