

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th
January, 2026

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

The school continues to be a busy, purposeful place of learning. Over the last few weeks, we have had many visitors interested in our Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo roles touring the school. Each and every one was really impressed and commented on the focussed, calm atmosphere.

ON Tuesday 4th, we have our 'My digital child' parent workshop which is open to all. Please come along if you are able!

Following on from the school supporting the Christmas Santa Sleigh, I want to announce that last week we received our contribution from the funds raised. We received £500, and this money will continue to help support your child.

This week, we welcomed Miss Hickman to our LSA team and next week our new Mid Day Meal Supervisor, Ms Abu Mosa, will be starting.

I can't believe that we are almost at half term,

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Denison

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.

Spring Activities

Please return your signed Spring Activities forms. There are copies in the office if needed, and all letter have been added to the school website.

Earrings

A reminder that children can only wear small studs, as per our uniform policy. These either need to be removed or covered for PE. Please ensure that your child has micropore tape in their bag to do this.

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **93.9%**.

We aim to be at or above 96%.



Our attendance figure is continuing to go down. I do recognise that there has been a lot of illness over the last few weeks, but there are still some families who are having unauthorised absence.

Please can I remind you that your child is EXPECTED to be in school every day, and that it is parent/carers responsibility to ensure that they attend. This also includes ensuring that your child is on time and in school before they are classed as late.

Attendance will be discussed again at the upcoming parent consultations, and I will be sending out attendance letters for all children with under 90% attendance plus notices to improve for those below 80%.

Week beginning 19th January 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Willow
Rowan – Brooke
Chestnut— Emelia
Willow—Jenson
Elm— Harry
Sycamore— Henry
Maple— Kai H
Oak— Alfie

School Value Award of the Week— Curiosity

Beech—Alfie
Rowan – Helen
Chestnut— Callum
Willow— Jamiul
Elm— Bobbie
Sycamore— James
Maple— Tupence
Oak— Ronnie



Week beginning 26th January 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Mya
Rowan— Christopher
Chestnut— Zachary
Willow— Olivia
Elm— Chloe
Sycamore— Ava Si
Maple— Tyler
Oak— Ruben

School Value Award of the Week— Curiosity

Beech—Mikaeel
Rowan— Amelia
Chestnut— Piper
Willow— Parker
Elm— Mia
Sycamore— Gurudas
Maple— Lewis
Oak— Ava

What's been going on in Year 6...

On Tuesday, Year 6 was thrilled to welcome ZooLab for an exciting and hands-on animal workshop that brought our science to life! We had an amazing opportunity to meet a fascinating range of creatures up close, including a tarantula, a leopard-spotted lizard, a royal python, a giant snail and a millipede. The visit linked perfectly with our class learning about explorers, evolution and Charles Darwin's discoveries. Our Year 6's asked thoughtful and purposeful questions about each animals habitat, diet and adaptations, which demonstrated our value of curiosity! Well done Year 6!

I liked it because the person told us the stories of Charles Darwin and his adventures before showing us the animals. (Mila)

My favourite thing about Zoolab was that he showed us the animals and told us where they came from. I enjoyed getting to touch the animals. (Louisa)



It was interesting listening to the story of Charles Darwin. He told the story in the order of the places he had been and how all the animals linked up. (Skyler)

I learnt lots about Charles Darwin and the animals we met. I also getting to meet and touch some of the animals. My favourite were the snake and the Leopard Gecko. (James)



Dates for your diary

Spring term 2026

- Week beginning 2nd February 2026 —Y6 Bikeability
- 4th February 2026—My digital child parent workshop
- 6th February 2026 —Number day
- Week beginning 9th February 2026 —RE week
- 11th February 2026—Internet safety day
- 11th February and 24th February 2026—Parent consultations
- 23rd February 2026—International day of languages
- 6th March 2026—World Book Day NOTE CHANGE OF DAY—NO COSTUMES REQUIRED
- 6th March 2026—Girls biggest football event
- Week beginning 9th March 2026—Science day (TBC)
- 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

Achievements from outside school



Bobbie (Elm) performed in the Copthorne Players pantomime , Peter Pan. It was a great show and Bobbie was fantastic. Congratulations, and well done!

Freya (Willow) was awarded Player of the Match in her last two football games, playing for Walton Warriors Girls U10s. What an superb achievement!



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

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

Sports News...



Year 4 Basketball Festival:

Last week, a group of 8 year 4 children went to Haywards Heath College to participate in a basketball festival. They learnt how to shoot, dribble and pass a basketball and got to play plenty of fun games. The group had lots of fun while learning new skills that they can take into their own future PE lessons.



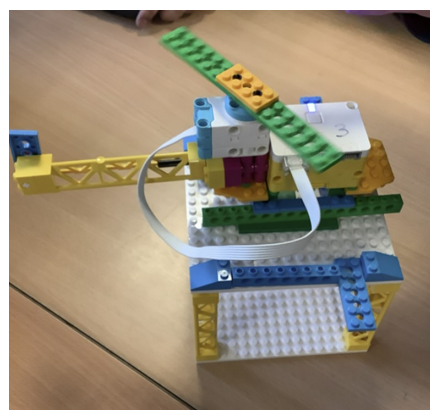
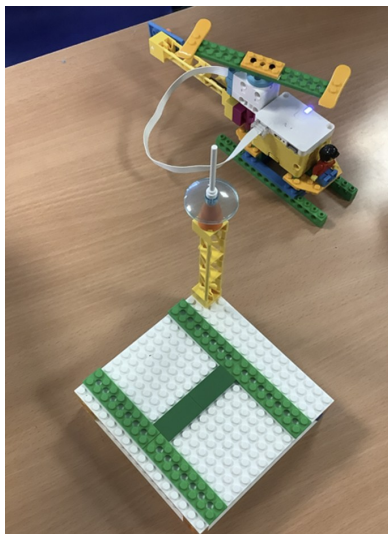
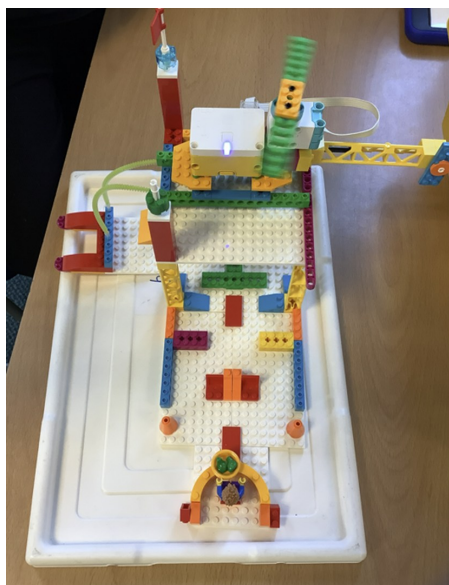
Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Festival

To finish last week off a group of year 5/6 girls went to the triangle to give cricket a go. The cricket festival was lots of fun and the girls got to do an array of fielding exercises, batting drills and bowling challenges. At the end the girls played a fun game and hit the ball to all parts of the sports hall - a great afternoon of cricket.



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

Year 4 have been using Lego Spike to design, build and code helicopters. They programmed their models to start, move and respond when tilted, using trial and error to improve their designs. Year 4 showed great problem-solving skills and enjoyed testing and refining their ideas.



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

As part of their learning on Materials, Year 5 investigated chromatography this week.

They were intrigued to see colours from Smarties and Skittles separate in water. During this lesson, the children also investigated the colours in a felt tip pen using filter paper and water to see the ink separate. Both Sycamore and Elm Class enjoyed the afternoon and were able to record detailed observations.



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...

