

Copthorne C. of E. Junior

NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 25th
September,
2026

The 'buzz of learning' has continued over the last fortnight across the school. It has been so lovely having so many children come and share their learning. They talk with such enthusiasm and are desperate to share their new knowledge and skills. Moments like this make my day, and leaves me with a smile on my face. I also have witnessed the children designing their Christmas Cards, which will then be sent off next week. The opportunity will then be available for you to purchase their designs in a wide variety of products.

Year 6 have had a busy time, firstly with the circus skills workshop, closely followed by the residential to PGL Windmill Hill. I was lucky enough to spend the day with them, and witnessed the courage, compassion and confidence being displayed. Thank you to the staff that accompanied them and helped to make their experiences even more special. Those children back at school also showed curiosity and creativity as they embarked on learning about Anderson Shelters and undertook an art project!

Please can I remind you about our uniform expectations—I am seeing many children wearing trainers instead of school shoes, PE hoodies instead of PE sweatshirts, jewellery and colourful hair accessories. Please refer to the website for more information.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Denison

Office Updates

Health care plan reviews We are currently undergoing health care plan reviews. If your child has one, you will be contacted by Mrs Hunter to amend if necessary.



Absences Please can we also remind you, if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, please notify the School Office on the first day and on **every** day of absence before 9.30am. You can either call the School Office on **01342 712 372** or send an email to **office@copthornejunior.co.uk**.

Changes to collection If there are any changes to collection for your child please inform the office as soon as possible so that the message can be given to the teacher. Do not send to the class email as this may not be checked in time to ensure the message has been passed on.

Preloved Our preloved uniform will be out on Monday 5th October after school and at the start of the day on the 6th October. Please come and get any items that you require, donations welcome.

Individual and sibling photographs Please ensure that these are ordered before the deadline for free delivery to school.

Autumn Activities permission slips and payments Any outstanding forms will be chased over this week. For your child to take part, it is vital that this is completed. Please also check if payments have been made, as there are quite a number outstanding. If you need support with payments, please contact Mrs Denison in confidence.

Attendance Update...

Attendance Matters

Our attendance at present is **95%**. We aim to be at or above 96%.



At present we have 129 children who have 100% attendance. Well done, and thank you!

I do recognise that children get ill, and that there are medical appointments, and this is recorded accurately in the register.

However, already we have seen many children being taken out of school for holidays and other unauthorised absence. There have also been requests for later in the term. There is vital learning being missed.

There are many children who are also arriving late and missing being marked in the register. The child is marked with a 'L' at 8.55am. Consistent lateness can also lead to a fine. Learning in classes starts at **8.50am** so please ensure that they are in school promptly so that they don't miss the early morning learning session.

Thank you for your support with ensuring your



Week beginning 14th September 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Abby
Rowan— Isla
Chestnut— Teddy
Willow— Hannelora
Elm— Stella
Sycamore— Parker

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Joshua
Rowan— Rhys
Chestnut— Alfie
Willow— Peter
Elm— Jacob W
Sycamore— Rosie

There were no Year 6 awarded this week due to the PGL residential, but there will be double next week.

Week beginning 21st September 2026

Learner of the Week

Beech—Abby
Rowan— Isla
Chestnut— Daisy
Willow—Christopher
Elm— Zachary
Sycamore— Henry
Maple— Gursikhya and Adam
Oak— Harry and Mylee

School Value Award of the Week— Courage

Beech—Joshua
Rowan— Grace
Chestnut— Theo
Willow— Harper
Elm— Finn
Sycamore— Chloe
Maple— Eadi and Willow Belle
Oak— Freya and Imogen

Dates for your diary



- 29th-30th September 2026 — Year 5 Lodge Hill
- 30th September 2026—Year 6 WW2 day
- 5th October 2026—Year 4 Victorian school day
- 6th & 8th October 2026—Year 4 Preston Manor
- 14th October 2026—Year 5 Hever Castle
- Week beg 19th October 2026—Parent consultations
- 22nd October 2026—Flu nasal vaccinations
- 26th –30th October 2026—HALF TERM
- 2nd November 2026—INSET day
- Week beg 2nd November 2026—Parent consultations
- Week beginning 2nd November —RE week
- 11th November 2026—Remembrance Service (school only)
- 13th November 2026—Children in Need
- 17th November 2026—Year 4 & 6 First Aid
- 7th December 2026—Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability
- 4th December 2026 —Decorations Day and Reindeer Run
- 17th December 2026 —Christmas Service (Parents welcome)
- 18th December 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

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

Pupil Leaders

House and Sports Captains

I am pleased to introduce our new House and Sports Captains. These children are from Year 6 and chosen by all staff. They are expected to be good role models and responsible members of our school community as well as contribute to any school wide projects.



Our House Captains 2026-27

Drake: Noah and Nancy

Fiennes: Henry and Bobbie

Shackleton: Harry and Willow Belle

Thayer: Adam and Mylee



Our Sports Captains 2026-27

Drake: Jack R and Ava P

Fiennes: James H and Mia

Shackleton: Fletcher and Elle

Thayer: Ethan and Sophia S

School Council

Our school council act as a voice for our school by contributing to decisions, leading our road safety project, organising fundraisers and promoting democracy.



Our School Councillors for 2026-27 are:



Beech - Jack and Molly

Rowan - Thomas and Isla

Chestnut - Dillon and Noah

Willow - Theo B-E and Thandi

Elm - Ayden and Audrey

Sycamore - Yaqub and Toby

Maple - Alexa and Chloe DG

Oak - Amelia and Elyse

Worship Leaders

Worship leaders help discuss, create and lead pupil-led collection worship and organise the prayer and reflection areas.

Our Worship Leaders for 2026-27 are:



Beech - Matilda Rowan - Connie Chestnut - Thea Willow - Lucy

Elm - Jake Sycamore - Jackson Maple - Alex Oak - Zachary



Autism Ambassadors

Autism Ambassadors help themselves and their peers develop an understanding of the impact of having Autism Spectrum Disorder



Our Autism Ambassadors for 2026-27 are:

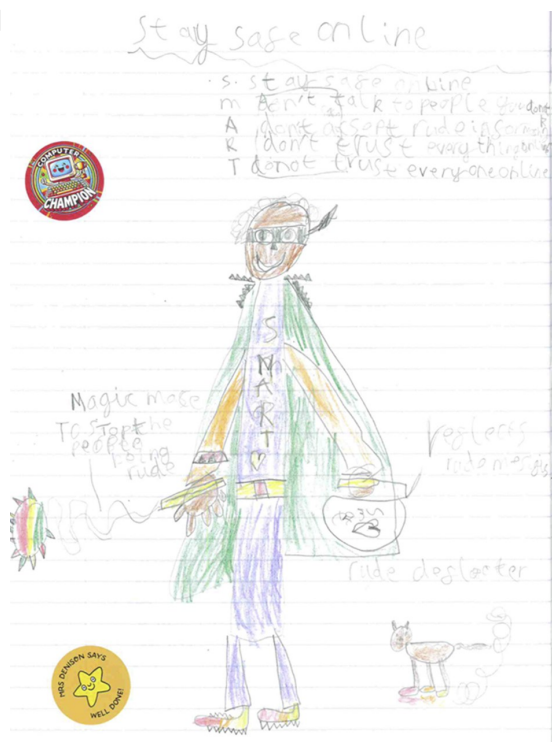
Year 6—Jacob, Hope, Summer; Year 5— Lucy, Theo, Lily, Florence, Jacob W;

Year 4—Sophie, Amelia, Christopher, Florence

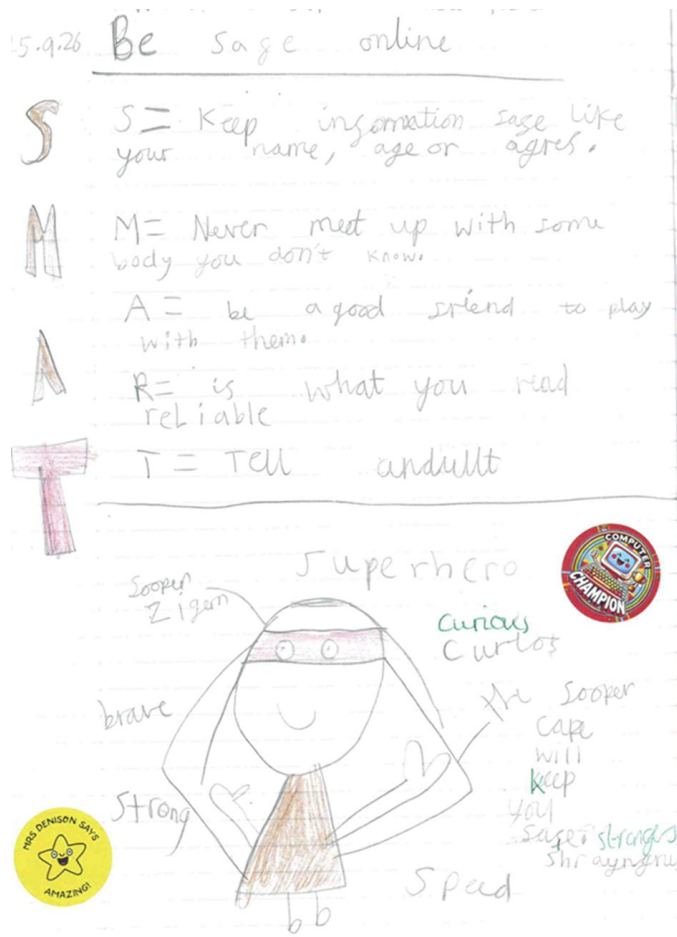


What's been going on in Year 3...

Year 3 have been learning how to stay safe on line in their computing lessons. James and Frankie enjoyed sharing their learning both with Mrs Denison and

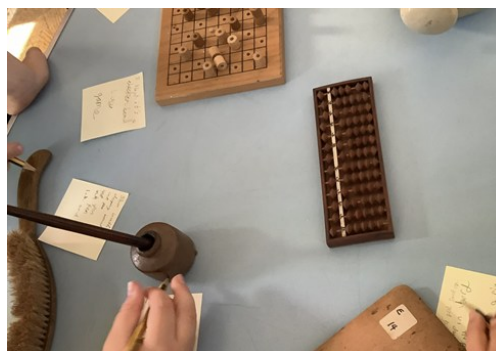


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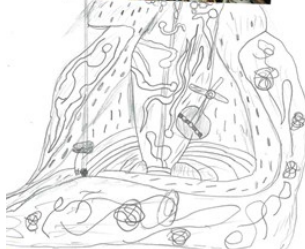
What's been going on in Year 4....

Year 4 had a wonderful start to the new term exploring a range of Victorian artefacts. The children used their inquiry and inference skills to examine the different objects and make predictions about what they might have been used for. They then discovered the purpose of each artefact and enjoyed learning about how they would have been used in everyday Victorian life. Miss Gladstone and Mrs Long also demonstrated how some of the artefacts were used, including using a traditional carpet beater. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to bring their learning about the Victorians to life!



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

As part of their Tudor art work, the children have used excellent observation and drawing skills to continue the portrait of Queen Elizabeth. Mrs Denison was treated to an art exhibition in her office by Theo MB, Jacob S and Elijah!



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

Circus Skills

Year 6 had an amazing time learning a range of circus skills and tricks. They developed their juggling skills, practised balancing a feather, walked confidently on stilts and challenged themselves to balance on a wire. These activities helped to build their confidence, resilience and determination. Year 6 then worked together to practise their skills and create their own routines, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, creativity and perseverance. Well done, Year 6!

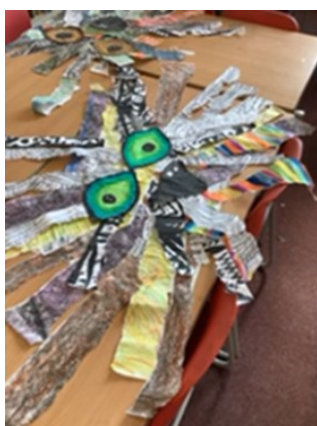


PGL – Windmill Hill

Year 6 had an amazing experience at Windmill Hill. We took part in adventurous activities such as - climbing, fencing, buggy building, orienteering, problem solving, zip wire, sensory trail and the giant swing. Everyone developed a greater confidence in each individual challenge and working together. Well done Year 6!



Non- PGL



Year 6 had a fun 3 days at school, where they were researching and finding out all about Shelters that people would have used in WW2. They also produced an abstract art piece which included a variety of pattern and texture.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the Harvest Donations. The East Grinstead Food Bank are picking it up next week, and are really grateful that as a school we chose them as our charity. The items that have been collected, will really help all our local families in need. The school all went to St John's Church for our Harvest Festival Service, where we all had the opportunity to thank God for all that we have and think about those who are less fortunate than us.



Sports News...



On Wednesday, East Grinstead Rugby Club hosted a rugby festival and we sent a group of year 4 children in the morning and a group of year 5 children in the afternoon. Everyone had a great time and learnt a lot more about the game of rugby by doing all sorts of fun activities. A medal was given to all those who attended and we have been given a shield to put in our trophy cabinet too!



If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please ensure they have a helmet. Anyone not wearing a safety helmet will not be able to bring them to school. It is vital that everyone stays safe when

coming to and from school. Those with bikes or scooters will be coming out of school after those walking to ease congestion and stop injury.

Concentration Aids (Fidgets) are being provided to those who need them by Mrs Bennett, our SENCO. Please do not encourage your child to bring in any from home, unless agreed by Mrs Bennett.

