



Cupernham
Junior School

The Cupernham Chronicle

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17th July 2026

Headlines

As we reach the end of another academic year, this edition marks the final Chronicle for 2025–26. Looking back, it has been a truly superb year for our school community and one filled with countless moments of pride, achievement and joy. From exciting educational visits and inspiring visitors to memorable residential experiences, our children have embraced every opportunity that has come their way. Whether representing the school at events, developing new skills, taking on particular roles within school or simply challenging themselves in the classroom each day, they have demonstrated the very best of what it means to be part of our school.

Alongside these wonderful experiences, we continue to see strong academic outcomes and excellent progress being made across the school. Our children work incredibly hard and are supported by a dedicated team of staff who go above and beyond to help every child flourish. We are proud not only of what our pupils achieve academically but also of the kindness, sense of responsibility, creativity and commitment they show each day.

A gentle reminder that our Parent and Carer Survey remains open for a few more days. If you have not yet completed it, we would be very grateful if you could spare a few moments to share your views.

[Cupernham Junior School - End of Year Parent Survey - 2025/26 – Fill in form](#)

Next week, during the final days of the term, I will be sharing my traditional 'Year in Review', reflecting on the many highlights, successes, challenges and memorable moments that have made this year all that it has been.

Finally, I would like to thank all our children, families, staff and governors for their support throughout the year. To our Year 6 pupils, as you prepare to take your next steps into secondary school, we wish you every success. We know you will be marvellous ambassadors for our school and we are confident that you will continue to achieve great things.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning, growth and opportunity.

Until then, I wish you all a wonderful summer break,
Mr Frost,
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Wednesday 22nd - Y6
Leavers assembly at 9.15am

**WEDNESDAY 22nd -
EARLY FINISH 1.20pm**

2026/27 INSET DAYS

**TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 2nd
SEPTEMBER**

**THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER
FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER**

MONDAY 4th JANUARY

SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 3rd - FIRST DAY
BACK**

Tuesday 8th - School photos

Tuesday 15th - PTA AGM

**Thursday 24th - Flu
immunisations - more details
to follow**

Year 3 Spotlight

Allotment



Our final allotment sessions have now taken place, with all three Year 3 classes enjoying one last visit to the allotment. A particular highlight was digging up the potatoes that the children planted earlier in the year and seeing the results of their hard work and care. Throughout the year, the children have learnt so much about planting, growing and looking after vegetables, whilst developing a real appreciation for nature and where food comes from. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Emery for generously giving up her time to lead these sessions. The children have loved every visit to the allotment and the



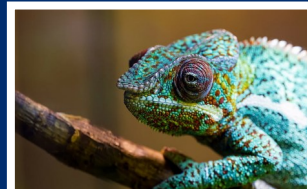
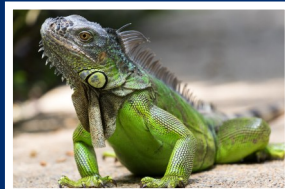
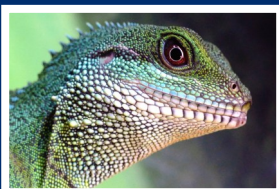
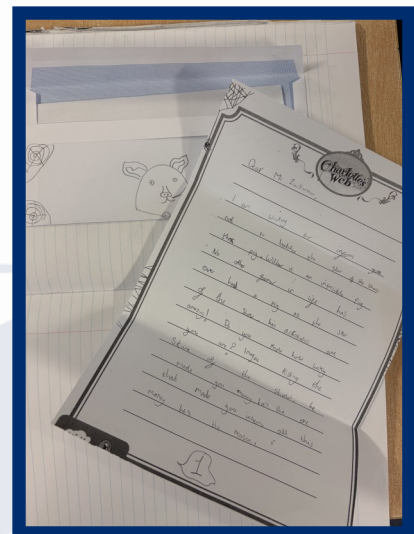
experience has been a wonderful and memorable part of Year 3 for all involved.

Science

In Science, the children have thoroughly enjoyed beginning our exciting new topic on Forces. We have been exploring push and pull forces and investigating how different forces affect the movement of objects. The children have especially loved carrying out practical investigations using magnets, making predictions and discovering which materials are magnetic. They have been true scientists throughout the topic, ensuring that they carry out fair tests, make careful observations and accurately record their results. It has been fantastic to see the children's curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm during our investigations. We are looking forward to continuing our learning as we discover even more about how forces work in the world around us.

English

In English, the children have been busy writing persuasive letters to Mr Zuckerman. We have been incredibly impressed by their thoughtful arguments and their use of persuasive language, including rhetorical questions and imperative verbs, to strengthen their writing. The children have taken great pride in publishing their finished letters beautifully before carefully placing them into envelopes to complete the task. They should all feel very proud of their hard work - well done Year 3!



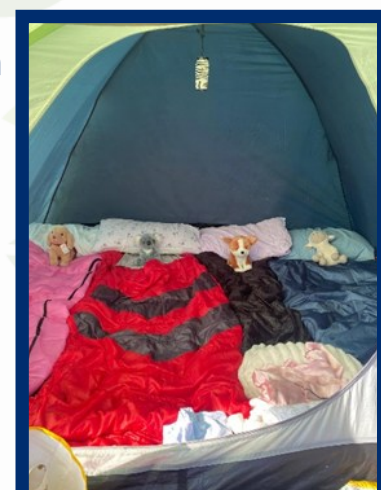
Year 4 Spotlight



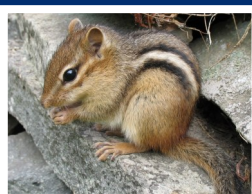
During week 5, it was finally time for Year 4 camp! We had a lovely 2 days where we took part in all sorts of activities. Tent building allowed us to see some amazing examples of collaboration and commitment as the children put the tents up as a team. In the forest school area, the children were able to sit in the shade making friendship bracelets which were very intricate. They did a fantastic job! Team games gave the children opportunities to show their creativity by making giant letters for house teams with their bodies. The children also enjoyed making parachute mushrooms, although it did get a little hot in there! In the evening, the teachers enjoyed seeing all of the children's amazing skills in our talent show!



Our days were interspersed with ice lolly, biscuit and crisp breaks, as well as having some s'mores for our evening treat.



The teachers are all so proud of how well the children behaved and we hope all the children had a wonderful time!



Year 4 Spotlight

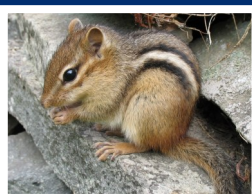
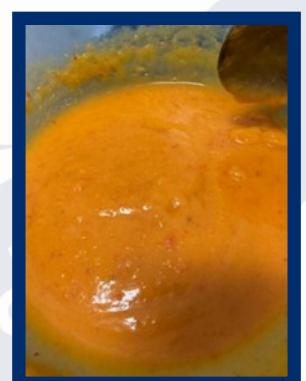
Last week, we were really lucky to have a visit from Will Rolt, a member of Romsey Beekeeper's Association, and ex Cupernham pupil James.

As part of our Science topic this half term, we wanted to find out about eusocial animals. Will and James showed us the different types of bees in a hive and explained what their roles were. We talked about special equipment needed to keep beekeepers safe.

Some of the children even had an opportunity to try on a beekeeper's outfit! We tasted some of the honey that Will's bee hive produced and looked at different products that can be made with beeswax. The best part of his visit was that he brought in a live observatory hive for us to watch!



In DT over the last few weeks, we have tasted soup, learnt how to make soup and written our own recipes ready to create our own soup. This week, we made our soup using seasonal vegetables. We used chopping and peeling skills to prepare our ingredients, thinking about how to do this in the safest way. We were really pleased with our final outcomes...some really enjoyed it, but others weren't so keen!



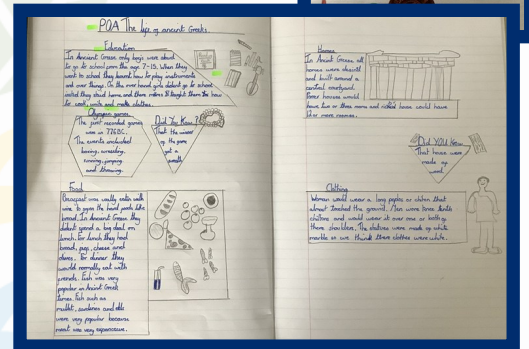
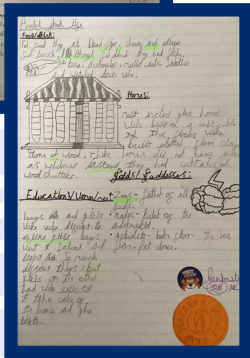
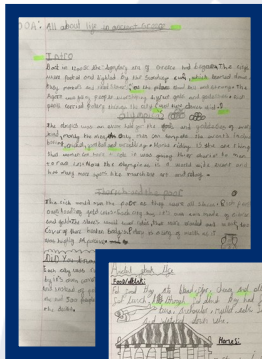
Year 5 Spotlight

Swimming

Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their time in swimming this half term, making fantastic progress in the water. Pupils have been practising each stroke with growing confidence, moving from widths to half-lengths and finally full lengths. They have also embraced the fun challenges of jumping in safely, floating with control and working as a team - all while soaking up the glorious sunshine that has made their sessions even more memorable.

Ancient Greece

The children's Ancient Greece learning continues to inspire across History, Writing and Reading. In History, pupils have delved deeper into Greek life, discovering how democracy first began and how the Olympic Games were created - even trying out their own mini-Olympics on the playground. In Writing, they have produced beautifully presented non chronological reports packed with facts and flair. Meanwhile, in Reading, they are exploring the characters and main events in *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans, taking part in hands-on activities such as a lively debate, dramatic freeze frames and a fast paced relay race to bring the story to life.

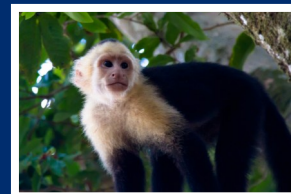
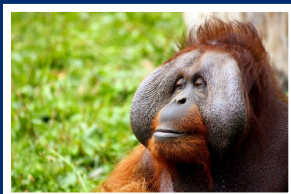


Music

In Music, Year 5 worked hard to refine their drumming pieces ahead of this week's concerts. Their focus, rhythm and teamwork shone through each rehearsal as their excitement built for the performance. We hope you all enjoyed hearing their fantastic work in action.

PSHE

In PSHE, Year 5 have been thinking carefully about what it means to grow up and the mixture of excitement and worries that can come with it. They have shown real maturity when discussing increased responsibility and how to find solutions to nerve-racking prospects, including the big idea of becoming "top of the school". Through thoughtful conversations, they explored how to recognise their strengths, manage their worries and step into new challenges with confidence.



Year 5 Spotlight

As we reach the end of another fantastic year in Year 5, we would like to take a moment to celebrate everything our children have achieved. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, showing resilience, determination and a wonderful attitude to learning. We are immensely proud of every single one of them and all that they have accomplished.

This final half term has certainly been a warm one, but the children have taken the heat in their stride and continued to give their very best. Their absolute highlight has, unsurprisingly, been swimming! It has been wonderful to see their confidence and enjoyment grow in the pool it has been a fantastic way to finish the term.

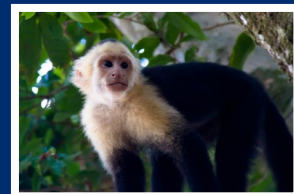
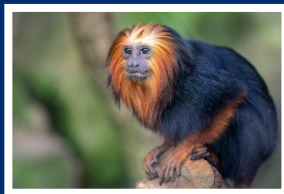
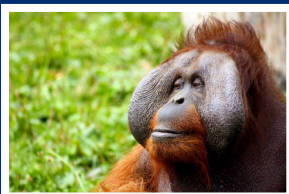
The children also thoroughly enjoyed their enrichment and transition to Romsey School for Languages Day. They had the opportunity to experience lessons in German, Arabic, French and Spanish, with Spanish emerging as the clear favourite! It was a fantastic experience that gave them a taste of secondary school life and helped build excitement for the future.

As they prepare to move into Year 6, we know the children are more than ready for the challenges and opportunities ahead. We encourage everyone to keep reading regularly and practising their times tables over the summer so they can return in September feeling even more confident and ready to shine.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful, supportive families. Your encouragement and partnership have made such a positive difference throughout the year and we are incredibly grateful.

We wish you all a happy, restful and well deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming our amazing Year 5 children back as confident and enthusiastic Year 6 pupils in September!

The Year 5 Team



Year 6 Spotlight

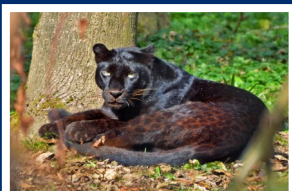
Well Year 6 have really ended this year in the most brilliant way! Firstly we started last week by digging up the potatoes we planted in March with Mrs Emery. Having left them to do their magic under the soil, we were delighted to find a brilliant crop of potatoes waiting for us. It seemed only right to then turn them into potato wedges so we could see what they tasted like - they were delicious!

In order to get our activity week off to an amazing start, after watching the brilliant England game, the children took part in a treasure hunt to test their geography knowledge and ability to find the clues around the field. They were brilliant and managed to find all the clues to decipher the message. In the afternoon, they were excited to play water polo which showed their brilliant collaboration skills.

Tuesday saw the children taking part in the now infamous Year 6 den building challenge. Having brought in from home a whole range of equipment to help them, from blow up airbeds to clothes racks, the children set to work on creating their dens on the field.

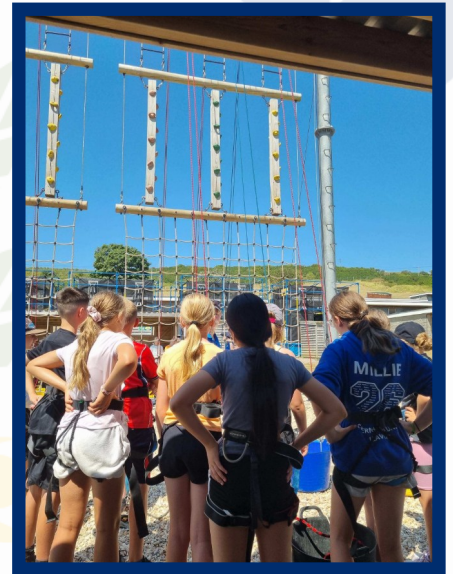
We were very impressed with their creativity, resilience and ingenuity which made judging the winning ones very hard!

Well done Year 6!

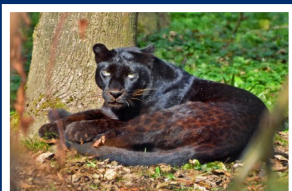
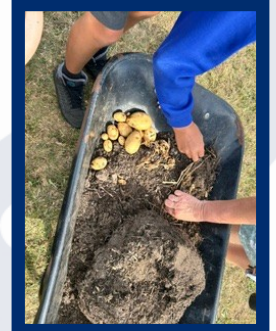


Year 6 Spotlight

On Wednesday, those children going off to Osmington Bay set off on the coach trip to Weymouth ready to start their three days of adventure. Across the three days, the children took part in so many different exciting activities including abseiling, archery, a zip wire, and raft building down at the sailing centre. The children were able to test their resilience, team skills, face some fears and most importantly create some brilliant memories. During the evening the children were able to take part in a game called "All around the world" which involved them racing all over the site to find clues. Needless to say, it tired them out ready for bed!



For those children who didn't go, they had an equally exciting time back at school. They baked some amazing treats with Mrs Gibbs and Ms Roberts before having an afternoon tea and hide and seek on the field. They also went to Golden Gecko where they were able to show courage and determination on the climbing wall to get to the top. Finally they enjoyed the school grounds on Friday with Mrs Emery and Mrs Roberts, creating nature art from what they found.



Science Leaders



Each teacher has recently nominated a talented scientist from their class to represent them as a Science Leader. This is a new role within our school and the selected children will continue their role in the next academic year. These children have been noticed as being curious, excited science learners who apply their knowledge to problem solving and practical investigations brilliantly.

Our new leaders are:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Geckos - Rishi Chameleons - Jack Iguanas - Isaac	Squirrels - Tobias Chinchillas - Autumn Chipmunks - Sophia	Tamarins - Jude Orangutans - Cole Capuchins - Will

For our first meeting, we went to a fabulous event held at Mountbatten School last week. We looked at the forces of buoyancy and weight to float and sink an object. After a bug hunt, we looked at some of the creatures we found under the microscope and then we focused on magnetism and renewable energy. It was a fantastic day and our Science Leaders were full of ideas and questions!



Look out for our Science Leaders around school. They will be proudly wearing their badges and helping their class with exciting investigations and organising resources.

CUPERNHAM GROUNDS

As you can see from the photos, we have had a busy week in the allotment. Apart from all the usual maintenance of weeding, watering, strimming and planting, there has been some harvesting of produce. Following on from planting the seed potatoes in spring, linking with their topic of WW2, Year 6 harvested and cooked their new potatoes. Well done Year 6!

This week Year 3 have also been gathering their potatoes. Digging them from the ground is very satisfying and, to some, quite a magical experience. To think that all those "spuds" come from a small seed potato is amazing!

Sadly the front garden flowers are suffering in the heat. Priority watering is given to the allotment and any new planting around the grounds, so the front garden has to fend for itself. When I started to plant up this plot I realised how baked it was in the summer. Consequently, only plants that I knew could tolerate the hot, fry conditions were put in. However, the heat and drought have been extreme, so I'll see what can be saved and what needs a rethink in the autumn.

I am always keen to have volunteers to help in the grounds. Indeed, we already have a couple of excellent friends who give their time. If you would be interested in lending a hand, please contact me via the school reception. It would be great to see you.

Happy gardening!

All the best, Lynda Emery



As well as the tubs, we grew some potatoes in the garden...in case the tubs failed to produce! There were 2 ovens on the go filled with potato wedges.



Year 6 harvested potatoes which were grown in tubs and then turned out into wheelbarrows. We had four tubs of lovely new potatoes.



Baby cucumber plants these were grown from a seed planted a couple of weeks ago and germinated in the propagation hot space. Some runner beans have reached the top of their canes.



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Year 3-6

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**Child Protection
in Sport Unit**





Cupernham Junior School



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15TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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6PM

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SCHOOL HALL

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*Join us for
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FROM
CJS PTA
TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY...

THANK YOU!

Here are some of the ways we've raised money...

								
Christmas fayre £1757	Discos £550	Plant Sale £245	Cup- er- licious £354	Bake Sales £2035	Marathon £2200	Secret Santa & Xmas cards £1514	Sports day £600	Leavers Performances £500

How your donations have been spent...

						
Year 3 Romans Day & subsidised trip to Butser Ancient Farm	Year 4 subsidised trip to Winchester Cathedral & Zoolab	Swimming Pool cover & winch	Team sport kits for events coming 26/27	Rainy day games for each year group	Year 5 subsidised trip to the Mary Rose	Year 6 subsidised trip to the Harry Potter Studios

**Thank you for your incredible support and
generous donations this school year.**

*provisional figures: final totals available in September 2026 and released at the AGM

Let's Celebrate!

Let's celebrate the children of Cupernham Junior School who have shown exceptional commitment to our school values,

SILVER CERTIFICATE WINNERS



JOY - Abby MW, Freya E, Oli B, Bailey K, Lily T, Bella D



KINDNESS - Casey D, Ellie G, Penelope D, Theo P, Henry S, Lyra T, Theo W, Belle H, Autumn C, Morgan F, Hero J



ASPIRATION - Lenny O, Georgia S, Phoebe W, Chloe W, Harley B, Daniel H, Theo P



RESPONSIBILITY - Eloise H, Will F, Jacob A, George K, Reion G, Louise T, Lara W



CURIOSITY - Charlotte M, Max VDB, Arin A, Raph M



COLLABORATION - Millie L, Eden K, Eli W



CREATIVITY - Martha C, George D



COURAGE - Jack G, Eli G, Alfie M, Mollie F, Noah T, Esme A



COMMITMENT - Danny S, Dylan IE, Logan H, Aayush J, Corey J, Esme M

And Finally....

HOUSEPOINTS

This Fortnight

BIRCH - 4298

OAK - 4409

WALNUT - 3472

PINE - 4377

This Term

BIRCH - 17,122

OAK - 17,767

WALNUT - 14,869

PINE - 16,512



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