



Cupernham
Junior School

The Cupernham Chronicle

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Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this edition of the Chronicle finds you safe, well and a little cooler as the week has gone on.

The levels of heat we have all been experiencing this week have proven to be record-breaking and, despite all we could do, closing the school was our safest (and last resort) option. Thank you to the many parents and carers who have shared words of support and understanding during this time. We appreciate that closing will have presented challenges for collection but the safety of the children and staff must always come first. **With the weather forecast to cool and settle next week, it is crucial that children are back in school if they have been absent.**

Before the heat wave was in full flow, it was great to see so many parents turnout for our New Intake Evening ahead of what will be our new Year 3 children joining us in September. At this time of year, so much transition work - whether from the Infants to the Juniors, within the school itself or from our Year 6 children looking to move on to secondary - takes place as we look to ensure the children are confident and excited about change and the future ahead. We are all looking forward to next Wednesday (1st July), Shuffle Up morning, where the children will get to have time in their new classes and with their new teachers.

Two weeks ago, I recall writing in the Chronicle to say let's hope the weather clears up (following the rain!) but, until next time, let's hope that the weather cools so that we can enjoy and safely take part in all that the rest of the Summer term has to offer.

With *coolest* wishes,
Mr Frost

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

**Monday 29th - Y6 Leavers
and Class photos**

**Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th -
Y6 Leavers Production**

JULY

**Wednesday 1st July - Shuffle up
day**

**Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd - Y4
Camp on the field**

**Monday 6th - Friday 10th - Y6
Activities week**

**Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th - Y6
Osmington Bay**

**Monday 13th - Y5 Listen 2 Me
concert 2.45pm**

**Tuesday 14th - Y4 Listen 2 Me
concert 2.45pm**

**Friday 17th - Swim gala - more
details to follow**

**Wednesday 22nd - Y6 Leavers
assembly 9.15am**

**WEDNESDAY 22nd - EARLY
FINISH 1.15pm**

2026/27 INSET DAYS

TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

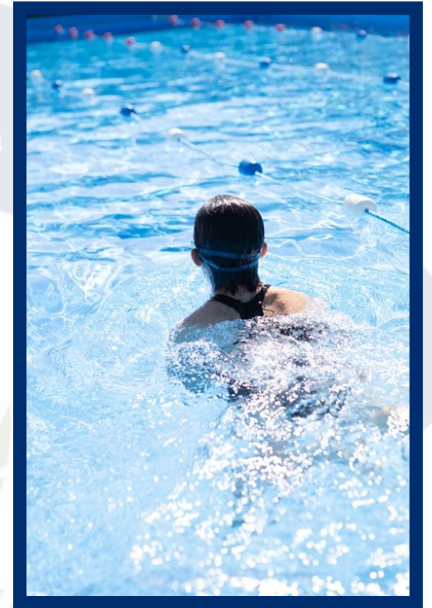
FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

MONDAY 4th JANUARY

Year 3 Spotlight

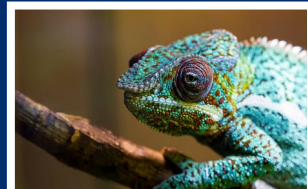
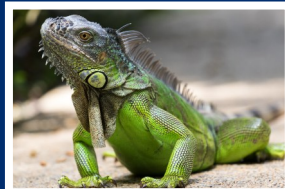
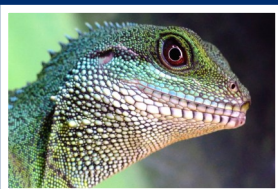
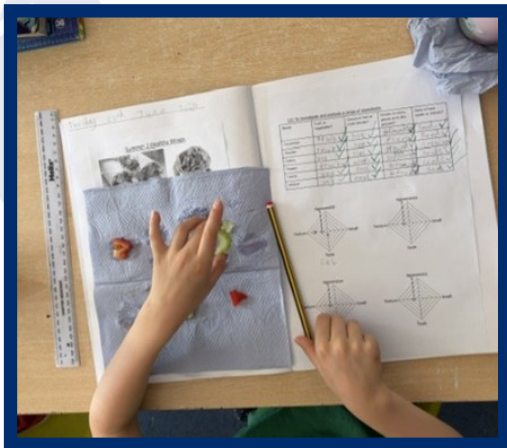
Swimming

Year 3 have been incredibly excited to begin their swimming sessions this half term, and they have thoroughly enjoyed their first lessons. It has been fantastic to see the children approach this new experience with such enthusiasm, showing great courage and commitment in the water. Many children have already begun to make noticeable progress, growing in confidence with each session. We have been especially lucky to enjoy the pool in the recent sunshine, which has made the experience even more enjoyable. We are very much looking forward to continuing our swimming lessons over the coming weeks.



DT (Food Technology)

In DT this half term, the children are taking part in a food technology project where they will be designing and making their own healthy wraps. So far, they have explored a range of ingredients, carefully analysing their appearance, taste and texture. The children have begun to think about which ingredients they would like to include in their own recipes, making thoughtful choices. Alongside this, they have also been learning about where different foods come from, the climates they grow in and the differences between fruits and vegetables. It has been a great start to the project, with the children showing curiosity and enthusiasm as they develop their knowledge.

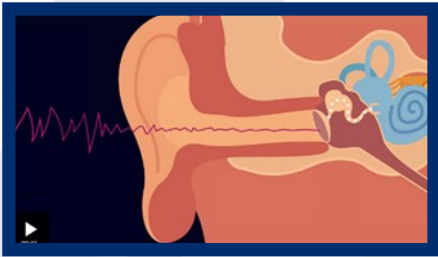


Year 4 Spotlight



Year 4 have recently started their new DT Project where they will be writing recipes, cooking and evaluating their own soups! After watching Jamie Oliver cook some delicious soups, the children were able to taste 3 different soups which use seasonal vegetables as a base. They had lots of fun evaluating these soups and thinking about what flavour soups they would like to create.

At the end of term, the children will be in charge of peeling, chopping, boiling and blending in order to make, taste and evaluate their own fantastic soup creations! We cannot wait to see how good they are!



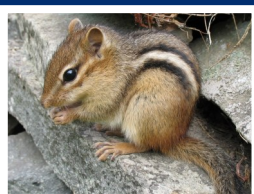
In Science, Year 4 have been learning about sound and how it travels. This week, the children made string telephones using different materials to see which would carry sound better. They began

by making predictions and then planned a fair test where the length of the material and the volume of the voice remained the same, but they used string, wool and metal wires to investigate which would carry the sound vibrations better. They then measured the sound in decibels. Ask your child what they found out during the investigation!



Violin Concert - Tuesday 14th July at 2.40pm

Year 4 continue to work incredibly hard in their music lessons in order to bring you another fantastic concert! Please save the date for our final Listen2Me concert of the year where your children will showcase their violin skills!



Year 5 Spotlight

What a busy and exciting time it has been in Year 5!

The children have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum and should be very proud of their efforts. In English, they have been immersing themselves in the fascinating world of Greek myths, producing some fantastic pieces of writing inspired by legendary heroes, fearsome monsters and powerful gods. Their creativity and use of ambitious vocabulary have been particularly impressive.

In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of percentages and have been learning how to find a percentage of an amount. They have approached this challenging topic with determination and growing confidence, demonstrating excellent problem solving skills.

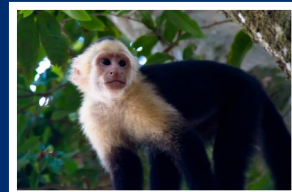
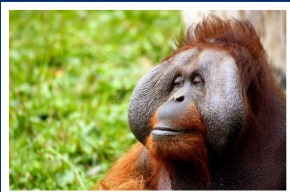


Our History lessons have taken us back to Ancient Greece, where we have been studying the Greek gods and goddesses. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the unique powers, personalities and stories of these famous figures from Greek mythology.

Meanwhile, in Science, we have been exploring fossils and discovering what they can tell us about life on Earth millions of years ago. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they investigated how fossils are formed and what they reveal about prehistoric creatures. They've even made their own!



One of the highlights of term so far has undoubtedly been swimming in PE. The children have loved their lessons in the pool and have made fantastic progress in developing their water confidence. How lucky we are to have our very own swimming pool on site!



Year 6 Spotlight



What an incredibly busy few weeks Y6 have had! Firstly, we had the most amazing trip to Harry Potter studios to both celebrate the end of Y6 but also to support our writing unit. The children were dazzled by the props, in awe of the film sets and mesmerised by all the things they could pick out from the films. As well as looking around the studios, the children were lucky enough to attend a screen play writing workshop where they discovered what goes into

writing the film, as well as being able to handle some of the actual props from the film. Their behaviour throughout the trip was impeccable and we know it was an unforgettable experience.

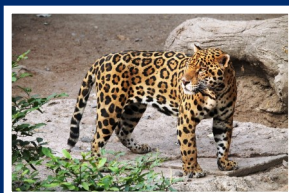
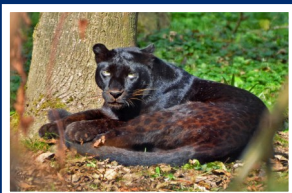


Following the excitement of the trip, Y6 got straight into finalising their Enterprise projects to launch to the rest of the school. The children worked extremely hard to ensure they were all unique, enticing to the other children and most importantly profitable. Each one was a resounding success and, having paid back their initial investments, they are looking forward to using their profits to support the Y6 celebrations at the end of term.

This week also saw Y6, despite the sweltering heat, complete their Bikeability programme which allows them to safely cycle on the roads. They showed both resilience and excellent listening skills and we are looking forward to seeing them cycling to school using their new found skills.



Finally, Y6 have been getting very creative designing and making wooden photo frames for their final DT project. Using the concept of Y6 memories, their design had to be large enough to include a standard photograph, show things which reminded them of Y6 and have a stand. We have been very impressed with both their creativity and resilience which have resulted in some really imaginative designs. We can't wait to show you them!





Cupernham goes to Hogwarts!



A couple of weeks ago but, alas, not in time for the previous edition of the Cupernham Chronicle, Year 6 made a magical journey to Leavesden Studios, where the Harry Potter films were made.



As part of the children's tour of the studios, they were invited to take part in a behind-the-scenes writing workshop, where the children were inspired to create their own stories based upon actual props from the films!









Mischief managed!

CUPERNHAM GROUNDS

Although I always try to be positive, this excessive heat is proving tricky for gardens and gardeners!

Watering is the main activity, as trying to plant anything while it is so hot is challenging. Seeds need moisture to germinate and new, young plants do not have a root system in place to enable them to take the moisture that still exists deep in the soil. Luckily the children enjoy watering and I'm never short of volunteers! Refilling water butts is ongoing and I thank Mr Thomas, site manager, for his involvement with this.

Our vegetables, fruit bushes, tree nursery, new hedges and filled flower pots all require regular watering but there is a part of the gardens that is more resilient. Over the three years that I have been involved, I have tried to plant drought tolerant, sun loving plants in the main front garden. These gardens are in constant sun, plus heat is reflected back from the building and the paved patio. So far, it has generally been successful, with a few casualties along the way! I hope you are enjoying the colourful hollyhocks that are doing their thing at the moment.

This week year 6 will be harvesting the potatoes they planted a few months ago when studying WW2. We hope for good yields. Year 3 will be digging theirs soon too. Runner bean seeds, planted 3 weeks ago, are already climbing the sticks and green tomatoes are forming on our donated plants. Gooseberries and blackcurrants are ripening fast. Raspberries have been enjoyed.

So, work continues...albeit at a slower pace and with an awareness of the heat!

All the best, Lynda Emery



The sunny front gardens



The sunny allotment



Bug Hotel, Shed and Princess Diana Clematis





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Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this summer!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the summer break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code on the left to browse HAF schemes in your local area via our new booking system, or scan the code on the right to find out more about the HAF programme through the connect4communities website.



Book Schemes



HAF FAQs

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities>



Stay safe in the sun

By following a few simple safety tips, we can all enjoy the warmer weather and avoid the risks of sunburn, sunstroke and skin cancer.

- Stay out of the heat between 11am and 3pm when the sun is at its hottest
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing and a hat/scarf
- Apply sunscreen regularly - minimum factor 15. Apply 30 minutes before you go out in the sun
- Drink plenty of cold drinks, avoiding alcohol, caffeine and sugary drinks

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/summerhealth, telephone NHS 111 or visit your local chemist.

SWIMWEAR VISIBILITY IN POOL WATER



SWIMWEAR VISIBILITY IN OCEAN WATER





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4th July 2026



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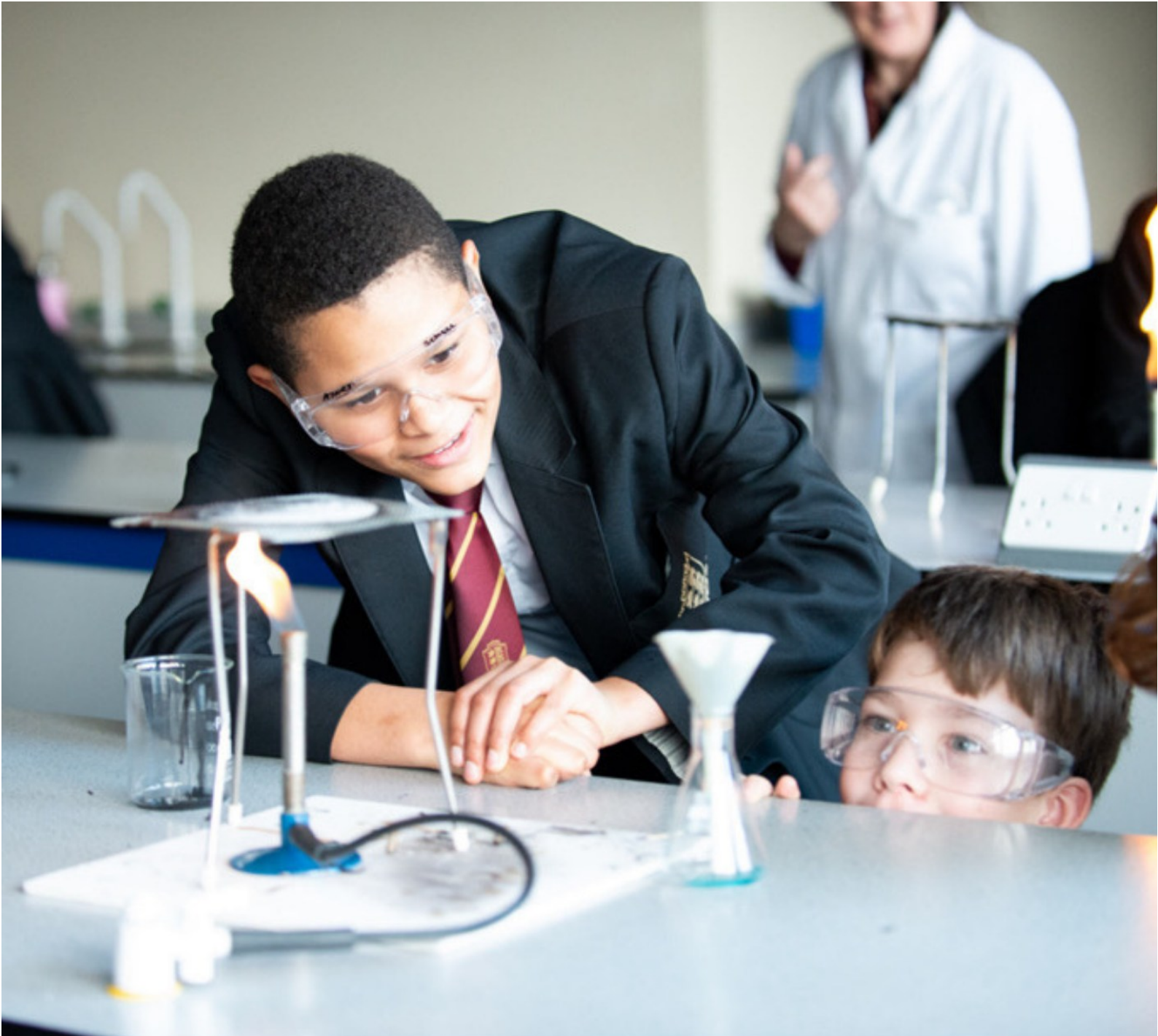
Sat 1st Aug | 12 - 4 pm

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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 - Erin S, Poppy M, Gracie F, Jude O'S, Lillie S, Leo S



KINDNESS - Tobias P, Charlie T, Charlie M



ASPIRATION - Joel C, Henry W, Vander H, Alina C-E, Harry C



RESPONSIBILITY - Esme M, Casey D, Aayush J, Charlotte E, William C, Finlay C, George T, Freya G



CURIOSITY - Elodie J, Billy C



COLLABORATION -



CREATIVITY - Esme R, Jamie T, Amelia P



COURAGE - Amy B, Daisy B, Jacob P, Lara W, Dexter H, Erin H, Nathaniel H, Isla C



COMMITMENT - Opie F, Sophia R, Rosie W, Bella M, Sammie T, Colin ST, Reuben W, Anais N, Evelyn DZ, Mills B, Eloise D

And Finally....

HOUSEPOINTS

This Fortnight

BIRCH - 2583

OAK - 2736

WALNUT - 2612

PINE - 3498

This Term

BIRCH - 11,240

OAK - 11,535

WALNUT - 10,240

PINE - 10,958



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