



Copthill School

Tales from the Summer Term

2026





From the Principal



Celebrating community, commitment and new beginnings

All these wonderful reviews tell their own stories about another busy term and school year. The dedicated learning, exciting events, and happy caring atmosphere throughout the school is of course due to the tireless energy and professional commitment of all the staff team. It genuinely is a team effort; grounds, catering, household and admin staff all play vital roles too, along with many volunteers including our great CPSC. I would also like to thank them for their most enjoyable events this year. The proceeds they have raised have helped to fund a number of additional exciting projects.

This week we say a final farewell to our amazing Year 6s as they come to the end of their Copthill careers. They have all grown into confident and well-rounded pupils and we will miss them here at school. Whilst not leaving, I want to also pay a personal tribute to my wife, Anne Teesdale, who, as you may be aware, is stepping down from her Form Teacher role, after over 30 years as an inspirational and dedicated classroom teacher. Thankfully, she will still be undertaking many important teaching and administrative roles in school next year. For someone who has been in an educational institution either as a student or a teacher every year since the age of 3, leaving the world of education was never going to be an option!

A huge thank you to all the parents for your continued support. We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing many pupils at the busy camps and activity weeks.

Jonathan Teesdale
Principal

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From the Headteacher



Growing confident, kind and independent young people

As another academic year draws to a close, we look back on the experiences and opportunities of the past few months, celebrate achievements and consider how much progress our children have made.

One of the great privileges of working in a school is witnessing that progress every day. It is sometimes easy to measure academic progress, but some of the most important developments happen more quietly. They are found in the child who finds the confidence to speak in front of an audience, the pupil who perseveres when faced with a challenge, the friend who offers support to someone in need, or the team that succeeds because every member contributes.

At Copthill, we want our children to leave us not only with knowledge and skills, but with the character, confidence and curiosity to thrive in the world beyond our school.

Throughout this year, our children have demonstrated these qualities in abundance. Whether in the classroom, through outdoor learning, on educational visits, on the sports field, in the music department, on stage, or in leadership roles, they have embraced opportunities with enthusiasm and determination. They have shown us that learning is not simply about acquiring information; it is about the confidence to take on new challenges, the creativity to think differently and the resilience to tackle problems.

Perhaps one of the most important lessons we can teach children is that courage is not the absence of uncertainty. Courage is being willing to take the next step even when the outcome is unknown. Every year brings moments when children must move beyond their comfort zones, whether that means joining a new class, trying a new activity, performing before an audience or taking on greater responsibility. These experiences help develop the independence that will serve them throughout their lives.

We are proud that Copthill encourages children to become independent explorers - young people who are curious about the world around them, willing to ask questions, eager to discover new possibilities and confident enough to find their own path.

Alongside independence comes an equally important understanding that none of us achieves our best entirely alone.

Relationships are the most powerful aspects of school life. Relationships formed through mutual respect during childhood help shape who we become. Children learn kindness, understanding and empathy. They discover the importance of celebrating each other's successes and supporting one another during difficult times. These lessons are every bit as valuable as those learned in the classroom.

Similarly, teamwork lies at the heart of so much that we do. Whether collaborating on a project, playing as part of a sports team, performing in an ensemble or contributing to the wider life of the school, our children learn that success is often the result of collective effort. Learning to listen, cooperate, encourage others and work towards a shared goal are skills that will remain relevant long after school days are over.

As we reflect on the year, we are reminded that education is ultimately about preparing young people for life. Academic achievement matters, but so too do kindness, courage, resilience and a willingness to contribute positively to the communities around us.

None of this would be possible without the partnership between school and home. I would like to thank you, our parents, for the trust and support you provide throughout the year. The outcome of our recent parental survey was hugely positive with constructive suggestions for development. Thank you.

I would also like to thank my colleagues, whose commitment, energy and care make Copthill such a special place. Their belief in every child, and in each other, helps create an environment where children, and staff, feel supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their best.

As we head into the summer break, there is much to celebrate. For some, September will bring a new classroom; for others, a new school and the beginning of a new chapter. The year ahead will undoubtedly bring fresh adventures, challenges and discoveries. For now, however, I hope that all members of our community enjoy a well-earned summer and take pride in everything that has been accomplished this year.

Helen Ruberto
Headteacher





Upper School



Sunshine, Success and New Adventures

As another wonderful school year draws to a close, it is a pleasure to reflect on all that our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have achieved. Whether excelling in the classroom, embracing leadership opportunities, performing on stage or enjoying learning beyond the classroom, they have approached every challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a willingness to make the very most of every opportunity.

One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly our Year 6 French residential. The children experienced quiet French village life in their stay in the beautiful Chateau and applied their language skills to explore the traditional markets in Amiens. Visiting some of the world's most iconic landmarks, Y6 immersed themselves in the language and culture as they explored the sights of Paris. From ordering food in French to experiencing the city's rich history and atmosphere first-hand, the trip brought classroom learning vividly to life and created memories that will hopefully last for years to come.

Back at school, learning continued to inspire! Y6 stepped back in time to experience life in a Victorian classroom; I am sure they are now extremely grateful for our 3Rs and that our approach to discipline has adapted throughout the last century! Mathematics has continued to focus on resilience, logical thinking and collaboration, encouraging children to embrace challenges with confidence. Several pupils achieved exceptional success in this year's Junior Maths Challenge, earning impressive awards and demonstrating outstanding mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Learning beyond the classroom has remained a defining feature of life in Upper School and with the exceptional summer sunshine, we have been able to take even more of our learning outside into the wonderful Copthill grounds. Our exciting GOAL and electives programmes have continued to introduce children to a wide range of new skills and interests and seen pupils experiencing everything from baking French pain perdu over the fire to firing their own rockets in science. Whether developing their practical skills, exploring creative pursuits or embracing entirely new experiences, the children approached every session with curiosity and enthusiasm.

Our incredible catering company 'Accent' delivered engaging cookery workshops focused on nutrition, as well as the delicious chocolate-making laboratory! Alongside this, dedicated online safety workshops equipped pupils with the understanding and confidence to navigate the digital world responsibly, reinforcing the importance of making safe and informed choices and helping to prepare our children for the future.

Creativity has flourished throughout the summer months. Y6 showcased remarkable talent in their spectacular production of Finding Nemo with pupils shining in their various acting, singing and dancing roles as well as working tirelessly behind the scenes. Every pupil played an important part in creating a truly memorable performance that celebrated their various talents and the power of teamwork.

Our Year 6 pupils also shone as ambassadors for the school during the tours on Open Morning. Their warmth, enthusiasm and confidence in sharing their love for the school and their own experiences with prospective families reflected just how much they have grown into responsible citizens.

As they prepare for their new schools in September, they have also embraced their transition experiences and taster sessions. Meanwhile, Year 5 pupils have begun preparing for the responsibilities that lie ahead, applying for their Year 6 leadership ambassador roles. We have been so impressed with their applications and interviews, which demonstrated maturity, ambition and a genuine commitment to serving the school community. Both year groups are so ready for their upcoming next adventures.

The final weeks of term have been filled with celebrations. The upper school disco was a resounding success, full of fun, dancing and time with friends. Y5 have also enjoyed sharing their year with their parents in a fun-filled afternoon of different activities and Y6 have embraced the highly competitive parent versus pupil sports matches after their joyful Leavers' Celebration: a time to celebrate the individual talents of each child. Of course, Y6 also relished the infamous traditional Copthill River Day, which provided countless opportunities to reflect, laugh and celebrate friendships built over many years.

It is clear that, throughout the year, our pupils have grown not only academically but also in confidence, resilience and character. They have embraced every opportunity, supported one another and consistently demonstrated the values of a true Copthill learner.

We thank you all for your support throughout this year and we wish you all a restful and beautiful summer. We look forward to seeing Y5 return in September ready to lead Upper School with enthusiasm and integrity. To our Year 6 leavers, thank you for the energy, kindness and unique gifts you have brought to the school. Each of you has made a lasting contribution in your own special way. We are immensely proud of each and every one of you and wish you every success as you begin the next exciting chapters of your stories. Just keep swimming!!

Imogen Hesford
Upper School Lead

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Middle School



A remarkable year ends with pride, gratitude and growth

Crazy to think that another academic year has come to an end! The uniforms are looking a little shorter, pencil cases seem somewhat depleted as countless pencils and glue sticks have mysteriously disappeared into the ether, and everyone is more than ready for a well-earned summer break.

Although it has been a very short final term, it has certainly been a busy one. If there was one word to describe it, it would be **resilience**. Our sleepovers and campovers proved just how resilient our pupils really are. For some children, spending a night away from home was a huge leap of faith, but they all achieved something to be proud of. They embraced the challenge, discovered they were far braver than they thought and even managed to get some sleep!

The weather certainly kept us on our toes too. During the heatwave, paper fans became the must-have accessory of the term, with many teachers being enthusiastically fanned by the children just to keep us going. Typical Copthill - nothing we can't cope with, plenty of laughter, and everyone simply getting on with it.

One of the highlights of the term was welcoming poet Mark Grist. He had the children completely captivated with his hilarious stories, transforming them into poems and raps. The tale of drinking his father's mouthwash on purpose was a firm favourite and had everyone in stitches.

The Year 4 children also embraced their Viking topic in spectacular fashion, setting sail down the river in their very own Viking boats. How lucky we are to have such an incredible resource quite literally on our doorstep. Experiences like these are what make learning at Copthill so memorable and bring history vividly to life.

Meanwhile, our Year 3 children swapped poetry for patisserie as they created delicious fruit tarts for Mrs Ruberto and Mr Teesdale. They looked so impressive that even a French pâtisserie would have been proud!

As always, this time of year is bittersweet. It is hard to believe that our Year 4 children are now heading off to Upper School. They have been wonderful role models and I know they will continue to flourish in the next stage of their Copthill journey. Equally, our Year 3 children now become the oldest pupils in Middle School, and I know they will be fantastic ambassadors for the Year 2 children joining us in September.

For me, this term also marks the end of a very special chapter as I leave the classroom. I have genuinely loved every minute. It really is true that no two days in teaching are ever the same. I began my journey at Copthill as a teaching assistant, not long after the school moved from the farm to its new home, and I have had the privilege of watching it grow into the remarkable school it is today.

My heartfelt thanks go to Jonathan, whose vision helped create such an extraordinary place to work - although it has rarely felt like work. Thank you also to Helen Ruberto, whose unwavering commitment to putting children at the heart of every decision continues to shape everything that makes Copthill so special.

To the incredible Middle School team, past and present, thank you for the friendship, support and laughter we have shared over the years. You have always been far more than colleagues, and I know the children remain in the very best hands.

Finally, thank you to every parent and every child who has been part of my journey. It has been an absolute privilege to watch generations of children grow, learn and flourish. Copthill is a truly unique and special place, and I will always feel incredibly lucky to have been part of it.

Have a wonderful summer. Although I may no longer be in the classroom, I'll still be around... and, if you know me, you'll almost certainly hear me before you see me!

Anne Teesdale

Middle School Lead

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Lower School



Capturing the Sunshine

It's hard to believe another fantastic school year has come to a close and what a remarkably vibrant, fun-filled journey it has been across the Lower School! Blessed with wonderful sunshine, our pupils have made full use of Copthill's beautiful grounds to take their learning far beyond the classroom walls. Our corridors have been constantly buzzing with energy, curiosity and the proud chatter of young learners diving headfirst into the inspiring experiences crafted by our dedicated teaching team.

Shared Celebrations and Inspiring Encounters

Our recent Sports Days were an absolute triumph, made even more special by the fantastic turnout from families and friends cheering from the sidelines. Guided by our wonderful sports teachers, the children proudly demonstrated their growing PE skills but it was their outstanding team spirit, camaraderie and determination that truly stole the show and warmed everyone's hearts.

We were also incredibly lucky to welcome the renowned poet and children's author Mark Grist to school. The children were completely spellbound by his ability to rhyme on the spot! Through his humorous books, he not only captivated Lower School but also delivered a beautiful, important message about the power of understanding and expressing our feelings.

Welcoming parents back into school for our celebration events was another massive highlight. The children were absolutely beaming with pride as they led guided tours of their classrooms, showcased their hard work and treated audiences to some wonderful musical performances. It provided the perfect, joyful conclusion to a year of shared achievements.

Looking Ahead and Special Bonds

As we look to the future, our transition mornings have been brilliant for building confidence and excitement for the autumn. The children loved exploring their next classrooms, meeting new teachers and trying out new routines. It was a poignant moment to watch our Year 2 children prepare for their big step up to Middle School - it genuinely feels like just a moment ago they first walked through our doors in their oversized Reception blazers!

Meanwhile, our Reception pupils have been incredibly well looked after by their wonderful Year 3 buddies. Whether sharing assemblies, picnics, or parties, the bond between these year groups has been genuinely heartwarming. A huge thank you to Year 3 for your kindness and friendship - you have truly helped our youngest learners flourish.

Unforgettable Adventures in Reception

A major highlight of the term was our unforgettable trip to West Lodge Farm - a brand new destination for Copthill Reception children that has instantly become a firm favourite! The weather was kind to us and the children fully immersed themselves in farm life: handling chicks, rabbits and guinea pigs and giggling at the baby goats leaping around their pens. We hand fed hungry lambs, enjoyed a bumpy tractor ride to learn about modern farming, zipped around on the barrel ride and burned off energy in the fantastic indoor and outdoor play areas.

Back in class, the "Tell Us a Story" topic brought classic tales to life. "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" sparked incredible creativity, with children using construction toys, loose parts and natural materials to engineer sturdy bridges both indoors and out. They even wrote warning signs to keep the goats safe from trolls and sculpted their own hilarious playdough trolls to act out the story.

"Cinderella" inspired equally magical role-play, particularly during Forest School where the children brewed potions and cast spells using woodland treasures (thankfully, no frogs were created!). Their royal carriages, built from various construction materials, were truly spectacular.

Year 1: From Deep Oceans to Victorian Times

Year 1 began the term by setting sail on a global voyage with their "Never Eat Shredded Wheat" topic. Navigating the world's continents and oceans, the children quickly mastered key map-reading skills. While imagining themselves as shipwrecked sailors, they wrote some powerfully pleading letters begging to be rescued - so descriptive you could practically smell the sea salt! Their beautifully crafted treasure island models and "message in a bottle" artwork made for a stunning display.

Soon after, the children stepped into a time machine for a Victorian adventure at Burghley House where they were welcomed by none other than Queen Victoria herself! Dressed in full period attire, they practised curtsying and doffing their caps to her, before immersing themselves in the history of the rooms, learning about famous royal visitors, playing Victorian games and exploring Victorian artefacts. The visit gave them a fantastic, hands-on appreciation of history, balanced perfectly with plenty of old-fashioned playtime.

Finally, the "Light up the World" topic timed perfectly with our recent mini-heatwaves. Our young scientists loved investigating how shadows are formed and change. Crucially, they also learned how to stay safe under the summer sun, channeling their knowledge into bright, informative leaflets to teach others about sun safety.

Year 2: Paddington's Travels and Wild Discoveries

Year 2 received a very special, surprise visitor straight from deepest, darkest Peru: Paddington Bear himself! The children put their impressive digital skills to work, using Google Slides to collaborate on fantastic factual posters about Paddington's life. He helped them explore the vibrant world of Peruvian culture, comparing it to life in London through traditional fabrics, clothing and festivals. This culminated in beautiful artwork, models and a classic Paddington celebration afternoon where parents joined the children for marmalade sandwiches!

Their "Going Wild" topic sparked superb creative writing, resulting in imaginative fantasy stories and sophisticated animal poems featuring acrostics and rhyming couplets. The children utilised the library and computers to research endangered species and master animal classification.

Out in the woods, our Nature Detectives deepened their understanding of habitats and adaptations. They lovingly sculpted their own 'bog babies' from clay, carefully selecting the perfect micro-habitats in Forest School to ensure all their survival needs were met. It was a brilliant, hands-on conclusion to their time in Year 2.

Thank You

This term has been an absolute joy - a whirlwind of discovery, laughter and academic growth. The incredible buzz of learning has been palpable in every single corner of the Lower School.

A massive thank you goes to our wonderful children for their boundless energy, to our exceptional teaching staff for their endless creativity and hard work, and to you, our fantastic parents for your continued partnership and support.

Wishing you all a wonderful, enjoyable and sun-drenched summer holiday!

Judy Dimbleby

Lower School Leader

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Early Years



Small steps, big adventures, bright futures

Early childhood is a time of extraordinary growth, laying the foundations for a lifelong love of learning. The experiences children have during these formative years play a vital role in shaping their confidence, curiosity and future success. As we reach the end of another academic year, it is a pleasure to reflect on the incredible journey our youngest Copthillians have experienced. Throughout their time in Nursery and Pre-School, they have flourished in so many ways, developing independence, resilience and enthusiasm for learning. The rich and varied opportunities they have enjoyed have helped prepare them for the exciting next stage of their educational journey.

Our Pre-School children have embraced every opportunity to prepare for life in Reception. They were full of excitement as they practised eating lunch in the school hall, just like the older children, and eagerly explored the main school playground, imagining the fun they will have during breaktimes next year. They have also enjoyed visiting the Reception classrooms, meeting their new teachers and solidifying friendships with their future classmates. At the same time, many of our Nursery children, who will move into Pre-School in September, have spent time visiting their new classroom and getting to know their new key people. Watching these important relationships develop has been wonderful, and it is clear that the children are approaching these transitions with confidence, excitement and a real sense of anticipation. We know they are ready to embrace all the adventures that lie ahead.

Reflecting on the summer term, our children have enjoyed a wealth of memorable learning experiences. We began with our exciting topic, A Ticket to Ride, which encouraged the children to explore different forms of transport while also thinking about their own journeys and adventures beyond school. Curiosity flourished as we became scientists, carrying out a range of exciting STEM investigations. One particular highlight was discovering why apples float in water, with the children fascinated to learn that tiny pockets of air inside the fruit help them stay afloat.

Our final half term centred around the magical topic, Over the Rainbow. The children delighted in learning all about rainbows, discovering how they are formed and celebrating the beautiful colours that appear across the sky. Alongside this, we placed a strong emphasis on Personal, Social and Emotional Development through the much-loved stories Elmer and The Rainbow Fish. These wonderful books inspired thoughtful conversations about kindness, celebrating our differences, sharing with others and recognising that everyone has something unique and special to offer. It was heartwarming to see the children confidently expressing their ideas and demonstrating these important values in their everyday play.

As part of our seasonal learning, we have also been exploring the wonders of summer and all that this vibrant time of year has to offer. The children have enjoyed noticing the changes taking place in the natural world, from longer, sunnier days and warmer weather to the colourful flowers blooming around our school grounds. Our outdoor learning has been enriched with plenty of sensory experiences, including water play to help us keep cool on the warmer days we have been experiencing.

A fitting finale to an incredible year was our Early Years Sports Day. The Nursery children enthusiastically completed their carousel activities before taking part in their running race, while our Pre-School children showcased their determination and sporting spirit across a variety of races. We could not have been prouder of their efforts and achievements.

As another wonderful year comes to a close, we would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our families and dedicated staff for their continued support and commitment. Together, we have created a nurturing environment in which our youngest learners have thrived. With the encouragement, care and guidance of the adults around them, our children have grown in confidence, developed new skills and are now ready to take the next exciting step, whether that is continuing their journey at Copthill or moving on to a new setting. We wish all of our families a happy, restful and sunshine-filled summer break, and we look forward to hearing about the many adventures that await them.

Beth Hanham and Georgia Elderkin

Early Years

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Summer Term Review 2026

What a fantastic summer term it has been! Despite some challenging weather, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, determination and outstanding sportsmanship. It has certainly been a busy few months, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

Our House Cricket competitions were a real highlight of the term, with some excellent cricket on display across both the Upper and Lower School. Congratulations to Milton House, who claimed victory in both competitions! It was wonderful to see such fantastic teamwork, encouragement and house spirit throughout the matches. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children, it always makes such a difference.

The ISA Athletics season was another huge success. We began at the Regional Championships at Garon Park in May, where our athletes produced an incredible performance, bringing home an impressive 16 medals. Our gold medal winners, James, Grace and Georgia, qualified for the ISA National Championships at the iconic Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Grace and Georgia proudly represented the school at Nationals, both achieving personal best performances. A special congratulations goes to Grace, who soared to victory in the long jump with an outstanding leap of 4.12m, earning herself a well-deserved National Gold Medal. An incredible achievement!

One of the most enjoyable days of the term was our CCS Gold Reward Trip to Rutland Water. Pupils who had successfully completed three years of sustained commitment to our Copthill Challenge Scheme enjoyed a well-earned day of laser tag, adventure play and ice creams in the sunshine. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the dedication, resilience and positive attitude shown by these children over a number of years.

Unfortunately, the British weather certainly kept us on our toes this cricket season! Fixtures were affected by both heavy rain and soaring temperatures, but thanks to some careful planning and a close eye on the ever-changing forecast, we managed to play as many matches as possible. The games we did play were competitive and closely contested, with a pleasing mix of wins and valuable learning experiences. It has been especially encouraging to see so many Upper School pupils confidently stepping up to hardball cricket and making excellent progress throughout the term.

As we look ahead to September, we are excited to begin another busy sporting year with boys' rugby and girls' hockey taking centre stage. Full details, including training schedules and fixtures, will be shared with parents in a letter at the start of the Autumn Term.

Finally, thank you to all of our pupils for their energy, commitment and positivity throughout the term, and to our parents for your continued encouragement and support from the sidelines. We wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing summer break and look forward to another exciting year of sport in September!

Gemma Alcoran
Head of Sport

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Music



Another exciting and busy musical term!

Our Year Four singing playground project has been a huge success this year. Each Thursday playtime our team of Year 4 singing playground leaders have worn their special vests with pride and led the younger children in fun singing games. 'Oranges and Lemons' is a firm favourite as well as 'Charlie Over the Ocean'. It is wonderful to see a revival of these traditional games as well as some newer games including 'Tancymylabada', a fun Polish waltz!

Open Morning was a lovely opportunity for our Chamber Group to perform. This trio of Year Six string players have come so far with their playing they now lead themselves as a tight ensemble. The morning finished with some solo piano recitals as visitors milled around the hall with refreshments soaking up the Copthill vibe.

Again we had two whole days of music exams taking place in The Albert music room at school this summer. With exams for woodwind, brass, strings, guitar, piano and voice across a range of grades it shows the dedication of our musicians. These exams give a great opportunity for children to work hard at a goal over time and the sense of achievement in realising the goal is great. Our results once again were superb!

For the third of our parent meetings this year The Albert music room was filled with parents eager to find out how to support their young musicians at home in the run up to music exams. This is a valuable opportunity for children in preparing for exams as it always runs more smoothly if teacher, parent and child are all in the process together.

Our Informal concert series expanded this year and we now enjoy concerts for separate instrument groups. This term saw audiences delight in performances from our singers, and woodwind and brass players. These concerts are always a real treat; in a very cosy atmosphere of support we have performers ranging from those giving their very first debut performance to those who are at scholarship level and all are received with warmth and rapturous applause!

Evensong this term was held at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Uffington and once again saw our choristers shine. They particularly enjoyed singing Howard Goodall's Psalm 23 and Cesar Frank's Panis Angelicus. These services throughout the year have been a wonderful way for our choristers to explore new repertoire and enjoy singing in fabulous buildings with other young singers with the support of Uppingham's chamber choir. We thank Mr David Revells from Uppingham for launching this vocal project with us. What a super experience for our young singers.

Our Year 4 and 5 singers enjoyed a day at Oakham this term having fun with other prep school children learning to play Steel Pans and Percussion as well as singing together. Parents were treated to a lovely end of the day concert in the Chapel.

Lunchtime Recitals have continued to give our dining room an air of sophistication and have indeed flourished so much that we now hold recitals each day! We have a range of players on a variety of instruments to entertain us as we lunch. Delightful!

Copthill on Safari this year's end of term finale began with pre-show refreshments outside whilst being entertained by our fantastic Rock Band playing Toto's Africa to get us in the mood for the safari of music ahead. The concert began in the hall with Orchestra and Choir joining to open the show in style with 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' setting the tone perfectly. Each ensemble group took to the stage to create a fabulous concert showcasing their talents with renditions of Madagascar, Nsansa Censele and Bare Necessities to name a few. The audience was really feeling the African beat. Jazz Band strutted on to stage in formation whilst playing their Jungle Jazz Walk which was an amazing feat and everyone sang 'Circle of Life' with gusto to end the show. Much fun was had by all. Special thanks go to the brilliant team of music teachers who run these music groups each week which give the children such a boost to their playing and musicianship skills and prepare them to perform at such a high level to enable them to present these concerts.

The 'Finding Nemo' production has been the culmination of much hard work from our Year Six children who have taken to the stage to give a fabulous and memorable performance with wonderful acting and singing skills. It is such a thrill to be involved in large collaborative performances such as this and our children will have this as a special memory.

We congratulate all of our Year Six musicians who leave Copthill with fabulous musical experiences and skills to take to the next stage of their musical journeys.

The Music Department at Copthill is a wonderful part of the school. Music has a power to uplift the spirit, and being surrounded by music each day brings such positivity and joy. Being a part of each child's musical life is such a privilege. Each music teacher in the department shares this musical buzz with the many children they teach which is why music is thriving.

Thank you to our fabulously gifted and inspiring team of music teachers for creating this environment in which our young musicians flourish.

Suzanne Over
Head of Music

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Making Memories Together

As July has come around even quicker than usual, it's the perfect opportunity to reflect on everything the Copthill Parents' Social Committee (CPSC) has delivered and to share with you some exciting news about what is to come.

While there may have been the occasional, last minute changes because of the British weather or debates on how much prosecco we need to buy, one thing has remained at the heart of everything we do, creating memorable experiences for the children.

And what a year it has been.

From the spectacular fireworks event and the ever-popular Spring Fair, to the fiercely competitive (but always hilarious) Quiz Night, each event has brought our school community together in the best possible way. Not forgetting, the legendary Stampede, an event that truly captures everything that makes Copthill such a special place: community spirit, enthusiasm, encouragement and a healthy dose of muddy fun!

And the calendar didn't stop there. Throughout the year the CPSC has also been busy organising the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Easter and Christmas raffles, Christmas cards, second-hand uniform sales, ice cream sales, the Year 5 & 6 Disco and, most recently, the inspiring Mark Grist workshops. While these events may differ in size, each one plays an important role in building the experiences that our children have really enjoyed.

Alongside making memories, these events have also raised a remarkable amount of money for the school. Something that simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity and support of our parent community. Every ticket bought, cake baked, bracelet made, uniform item donated, ice cream enjoyed and event attended has helped make a genuine difference. Thank you.

This year, your support has enabled the CPSC to fund new sound equipment for the school hall and outdoor events, poetry workshops for every child, new sports equipment, and the DJ and photo booth that helped make the Year 5 & 6 Disco such a fantastic evening.

In addition to this, we are particularly excited about three larger projects that, in partnership with the Senior Leadership Team, the committee has selected and is delighted to fund. Over the summer, Mrs Bloor will oversee the complete transformation of the current sensory room into the newly named Nurture Nook. This wonderful space will be fully redecorated with new furniture and specialist equipment, creating a calm, welcoming environment where children can reset, enjoy some quiet time, have a chat or receive one-to-one support whenever they need it. We can't wait to share the before-and-after photographs with you. The Music Department is also getting a well deserved glow-up. The band room will be transformed into a dedicated rehearsal space, complete with a new keyboard, providing an inspiring environment for our young musicians to develop their talents. Finally, we're delighted to be working with Mrs Alcoran, who has exciting plans for the Sports Department. There is nothing quite like watching live sport to inspire children, so plans are already underway to create memorable sporting experiences that we know the children will enjoy and remember for years - watch this space.

Before we sign off, here are two dates you'll definitely want in your diary for next year:

Friday 6th November 2026 - Our much-loved fireworks event returns... with a twist! In the interests of both the environment and trying something a little different, we're replacing the fireworks with a spectacular drone show to music.

Saturday 12th June 2027 - The inaugural Copthill Summer Festival. Book your babysitters now! This will be a relaxed evening of amazing live bands and DJ's (think Burghley Ibiza without the queues and stately home). Bring your picnics, and the sunshine.

Finally, we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of the CPSC. Their time, energy and commitment, much of it behind the scenes, often goes unnoticed, but without their enthusiasm these events simply wouldn't happen.

And to our wonderful parents: thank you. Your support, generosity and willingness to get involved are what make these events such a success. Together, we've raised valuable funds and most importantly, created some amazing memories for our children.

Loubie Miller
Chair of the CPSC



See you next term!

