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Friday 23rd October 2026



The COPS Chronicles

Current topics >>>

Diary Dates

- 2nd November – Back to School
- 2nd November – Fire Safety Assembly
- 4th November – Animation Day at OPS (KS2 selected children)
- 13th November – Year 2 visit to Tower of London
- 13th November – Willow Class Assembly at 9am

School Dinners

Wb 2nd November is Week 1

Wb 9th November is Week 2

Headteacher's Headlines

Happy Half term!

We thoroughly enjoyed the lovely weather and quick establishing of routines that have occurred this first half term. The children have quickly settled back to their new classes, and the staff have wasted no time getting stuck into their planned curriculum, with many events and trips already planned or having already taken place.

I have been delighted at how many children and parents have attended our recent parent consultations evenings and have left with huge smiles on their faces. The wider team work hard to ensure we have happy, confident children and seeing the children's confidence always brings us joy.

We have been working alongside SEND experts from the Local authority over the last year and they have recognised how effective we are with our approaches and ethos regarding SEND and adaptations across our setting and as such we have been selected to create videos to evidence what we do to help inspire other settings and staff – whilst this is a wonderful compliment it does also mean I will have to prepare some scripts and prepare my best outfit - ready for a film crew to arrive on site after half term! It's very exciting! We are proud to have been selected.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy the daylight before the hours change in readiness for winter.

Kind regards,
Mrs H Russell
Headteacher



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more updates
and news!

OPAL

Apple class children have been enjoying the Mud Kitchen this week – they have also been incredibly helpful at tidy up time.

Mrs Geggus & Miss McWhan



Nurture News

It's certainly sweater weather now, with the autumn breeze setting in. We have made the most of the leaves falling from the trees and used them to create some artwork.

With spooky season being my favourite holiday we started on the Halloween crafts, Ghost, Pumpkin and Witch plates have been just a few of our spooky crafty fun,

Happy Halloween and have a great half term.

Mrs Morgan





BSL Signs of the Week

Here are some of the signs we have been learning recently. They are all about the weather.

In class, we have been telling our friends through sign language, what weather we like and dislike.

Mrs Roberts



Rain



Wet



Sunny



Hot

Olive Class Local Walk – Monday 19th October

This week Olive class went on their local walk. During the walk they were able to look at different kinds of buildings and what they are used for. We all experienced going into the pet shop and buying some fruit from Sainsbury's.

Mr Craven



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SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.

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NHS

JOIN THE MHST BOOK CLUB
Mental Health Support Team

Reading with your child not only strengthens the parent-child bond but also helps children to develop empathy and emotional awareness, teaching children that it is okay to feel emotions and how to cope with their feelings in healthy ways.

Each term receive our MHST bookclub newsletter with 4 wellbeing book recommendations, as well as, prompts and questions to think through and/or discuss with your child. Book recommendations will be made for these age groups:

- 5-8 years old
- 9-12 years old
- 12-14 years old
- 15-19 years old

 To sign up to the newsletter scan this QR code or email mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk

Sport Section >>>

Shooters – Friday 9th October

Our year 2 children took part in a football event at Shooters. There were 11 Essex school teams that participated on the day and Chipping Ongar played fantastically, coming in second place overall.

Well done to all the children that took part. Thank you to all the parents that helped with transport, as without you this event would not have been possible.

Have a lovely half term.

Miss McWhan





Newsletter



£181.05
raised at
Halloween
Bakesale!

Thank
You!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

We want to say a big thank you to our Year 6 charity team and Mr Gamwells for helping us host the Halloween bake sale today. Once we have tallied up we will let you know how much was raised. It's been a great half term and we know the teachers and students alike need a good rest - we hope you all have a lovely break and a Happy Halloween, and we look forward to starting with the Christmas magic when we return!

DIARY DATES



- **Friday 4th December:** COPSA Xmas Bazaar
- **Wednesday 16th December:** Elfridges & Surprise Xmas Treat
- **Thursday 11th Feb:** Valentine's Day Disco



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that many organisations offer paid days off for volunteering? You can use this to help us run one of our amazing events - we are a registered charity and volunteering with us absolutely counts! If you're not sure what your company offers, get in touch with your HR department!

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- copsa@hotmail.co.uk
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SCHOOL LOTTERY

The Autumn Super Draw is on its way - with one of the year's biggest new technology releases waiting for one lucky winner!

On Saturday 31st October, you could win 2026's brand-new iPhone! Apple will be unveiling its latest iPhone shortly, and we'll share the complete prize details as soon as they're announced.

Get your tickets today to make sure you're in the draw. Not only could you win the brand-new iPhone, but every ticket also helps raise money for our school.

Enter now for your chance to win in our Autumn Super Draw!

To find out more, please visit:
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/chipping-ongar-primary-school>

YEAR 6 CHARITY TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that there is a Year 6 charity team? This team is comprised of a few dedicated volunteers from Year 6 to help participate in and organise charitable days and events for the school. One member, Beatrix Daws, wants to share her experiences so far:



Hi!

My name is Beatrix (or some of you know me as Beal). I am part of the year 6 charity team!

So far we are on day 4 of the poppy appeal and we have already got lots of donations! When you bring in some money, you may notice we are running low or have run out of some items. We are hoping that we will get some more stock after half term (though this is not definite). We will be accepting donations for this week and the week after half term so you can bring in your money then. We have also had a bake sale today, thank you everyone for your support!



Readers of the Week

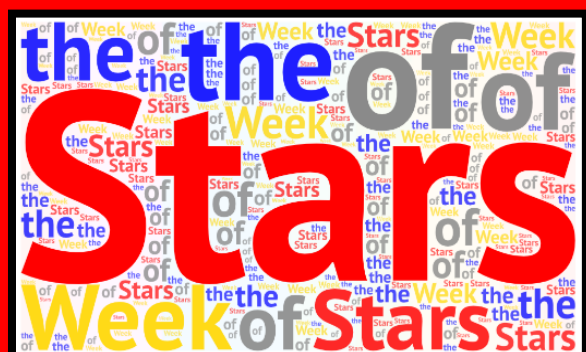
Class	16 th October	22 nd October
Apple Class	Ollie M	Sadie G
Olive Class	Cruz P-M	Rosie B
Cherry Class	Maddie G	Rex E
Oak Class	Aria G	Lottie KM
Rowan Class	Joseph T	Joseph J
Willow Class	Inez M	Kai G
Larch Class	Beatrix D	Leo S-M



Stars of the Week



Class	16 th October	22 nd October
Apple Class	Isla S	Ralph S
Olive Class	Thomas C	Cruz P-M
Cherry Class	Josh G	Daisy H
Oak Class	Finn S	Olivia S
Rowan Class	Charlie C	Talia S
Willow Class	Summer H	Finley B
Larch Class	Madeline P	Rosie M
Maple Class	Bella L	Kathleen P



The School Day

The school day is organised as follows:

8:35am	Gates open to children and parents/carers
8:45am	Classrooms open and Registration Morning Session begins
9:15am	Registration closes
10:30am	Morning Break
10:45am	Morning Break ends
11:50am	Lunch break for KS1
12:00pm	Lunch break for KS2
1:00pm	Afternoon Session begins
3:15pm	End of School Day



Absences and Lateness

To make sure that all children are as safe as possible – here at Chipping Ongar Primary School we operate a system of first day contact.

When your child is absent, please contact the School Office on 01277 363789 as early as possible.

Please give:

- Your child's name
- The reason for absence
- When you expect your child to return to school.

You must call the school every day if your child is absent. If your child is late for school, please report to the school office. Please be aware that, whilst we appreciate that children cannot attend school when unwell, 96% is the expected attendance figure for all children.

If your child misses' school to attend a medical appointment, please bring evidence to the school office for our records.

House points >>>

Chelmer - 272

Cripsey - 250

Lea - 298

Roding - 292



Attendance Matters



Class Attendance

Maple- 92.3%

Apple- 97%

Olive- 94.3%

Cherry- 94.3%

Oak- 100%

Rowan- 91.4%

Willow- 95.7%

Larch- 92.1%