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Coopersale Hall School

Newsletter

Head's Message



As we come to the close of another busy and exciting year at Coopersale Hall, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have achieved together.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you to our recent events - from Sports Day to Summer Fest, and our Summer Concerts to the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. These moments truly highlight the strong sense of community we all share.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on completing their primary education and wish them every success as they embark on the next phase of their school journey. I would also like to extend my thanks to our Year 8 students for setting such a high standard as the senior members of our school. While we look forward to welcoming new pupils in Years 10 and 11 in September, you will always be the trailblazing ‘original’ CHS seniors.

A heartfelt thank you to all the children, families, and dedicated staff whose hard work and commitment have made this year so memorable.

I wish you all a restful and joyful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another fantastic year.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Wilson'.

Mr. Paul Wilson

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Ice Cream Making in UKC

The children in Upper Kindergarten Cambridge enjoyed making their own ice creams using puffy paint which is made from glue, shaving foam and paint. They all thought their pictures looked very tasty. Well done, UKC.



Seed Growing in RB

Jack sent Reception Billington some magic beans to grow. We planted them and have been carefully tending them. We also made a castle in the clouds for the beans to climb up to. We can't wait to find out what magic beans taste like when they produce some pods.



Jack & The Beanstalk in RG

Reception enjoyed learning about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have been introduced to Pie Corbett this academic year, and are able to create a story map to aid their writing. The children enjoyed reciting the story, planting their own bean plant to take home and producing wonderful pieces of writing to retell the story. The children in Reception, are learning to read and write sentences independently.



Mad Hair Day in Early Years

The children from Early Years with their fantastic creations for Mad Hair Day. Well done to you all.



Year 1 Vora Class Assembly

Year 1 Vora welcomed everyone to their class assembly, where they performed the story of *Sally and the Limpet*. The tale was set on the beach, and everyone was suitably dressed in shorts, hats, and sunglasses. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the pupils explore the rock pools, especially the moment when Frankie discovered a shell with a limpet inside - only for it to get stuck on his finger!



Year 2 Research African Animals

Year 2 enjoyed using the ipads to continue their research of African animals. They started by explaining how the internet has made research more accessible, and how to stay safe online. They explored child friendly websites where they could learn interesting facts and plan information to include in their own fact files.



Year 1 - Brazil Day

Last week, both Year 1 classes were very lucky to have one of the parents come in to speak to them about Brazil. This linked in with their Topic work about the seaside and seaside holidays. Our knowledgeable visitor talked to the class about the size and population of Brazil, famous landmarks, the currency, food and culture. The children took part in an exciting quiz and were kindly gifted a Brazilian flag.



Year 1 Visit the Seaside

Year 1 were excited to spend the day together and venture to the coastline as part of their topic work on the seaside. Armed with their buckets and spades, the children enjoyed playing in the sand, building their own sandcastles, and even creating their own rock pools. They also had the opportunity to sample traditional seaside foods at a local restaurant. Mrs Vora and Mrs Stanley were extremely proud of how well the children communicated, played, and used their imaginations together. The children were able to experience everything they had been learning about in their topic lessons, and this was made even more special by creating wonderful memories with their classmates. The teachers were also delighted with how polite and thoughtful the children were while eating their lunch. They were fantastic ambassadors for Coopersale Hall School and quite a few members of the public mentioned how impressed they were with our children's great manners and behaviour.



Congratulations to Jovi - Year 1



Jovi in Year 1S was thrilled to share with his classmates that his team had been awarded a trophy as runners-up in their football tournament. He said that his team had played really well and they were proud to have earned the trophy through all their hard work. What a wonderful achievement Jovi.

Orchestra Assembly

The pupils gathered in the hall to enjoy a special performance from the Year 3 and Year 5 Orchestra, showcasing what they have been working on in their music lessons. There was warm applause as each section of the orchestra performed a short piece, followed by the full year groups playing the songs they had been practising. Mrs Jones was so impressed with their commitment and performance that she invited both year groups to play together — for the first time — in a show-stopping final piece.

Well done to everyone involved! They worked brilliantly as a team, played beautifully, and clearly enjoyed the experience - as did the audience, who gave them a well-deserved round of applause.



Years 5 & 6 Residential to Mersea

Year 5 and 6 went to Mersea for two nights and three days at Essex Outdoors. Most people stayed with 7 other people in a wooden lodge with metal bunk beds, but they were still quite comfortable. Our first activity started as soon as we got there which was early afternoon; we hadn't even seen our rooms yet! The first activity, which was archery, was very good fun. I think everyone was excited but sad to go home because I don't think anyone got more than 5 hours of sleep. My room went to sleep at 1 a.m. both nights and we had to wake up at 7am. **River & Delilah Year 5**



Year 5 Pottery Studio Visit

Year 5 visited the Pottery Studio in Ongar to finish our creative pieces. First, our clay pots and tiles were given to us and we were pleased to find out that they had all gone through the kiln and remained as they were. Our first task was to draw an accurate picture of our art. Each of the Aztec designs were unique and made with hard work.

I think everyone was excited to start painting! It was tricky in some places but they all turned out great, we added a few more layers and soon it was done. We were pleased afterwards to get a refreshing bubble tea of our choice and sit down to eat our packed lunches. A week or so later we received our artwork which had been glazed and seemed to be brighter now. Year 5 was pleased with the finished result and would recommend this trip to the rest of Coopersale Hall and other schools too.



Year 3 Discover Greek Mythology

Year 3 have been exploring Greek myths and have particularly enjoyed learning about the mythical creatures the ancient Greeks used to express their values and beliefs in the gods.

In their art lessons, they created their own version of Medusa – a collage made using a variety of green materials and mixed media. They found the topic fascinating and thoroughly enjoyed designing their own Greek Gorgon.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Mr Wilson warmly welcomed the pupils and families of Year 6 to the hall for their final Graduation Assembly -an occasion tinged with sadness, yet filled with hope for new horizons and exciting new beginnings.

The assembly began with a slideshow of photographs compiled by Mrs Bull, showcasing some of the memorable moments the pupils had experienced during their time at Coopersale Hall. The audience responded with cheers and spontaneous applause.

Year 6 then took to the stage to begin their farewell:

Sofia: "Thank you so much for being here for our final assembly in Key Stage 2 at Coopersale Hall."

Felix: "This may be the last assembly for some of us, but it's not the end—just the next step."

Iman: "For many of us, Coopersale Hall has felt like a second home. Some of us started all the way back in Kindergarten. Along the way, we've made lots of friends... some have moved on..."

Xander: "...and new friends have joined! Each day here has given us the chance to try something new and take on exciting challenges."

Eva: "It's important to remember why we are here—and who has made this all possible."

Arty: "So we would all like to say thank you—to you, our parents, for giving us the chance to be at Coopersale Hall, surrounded by friends and staff who truly care about us."

Millie: "Today is a time to celebrate all we've done here by sharing our warmest memories..."

Each pupil then came forward to share their personal experiences, reflecting on the responsibilities of their prefect roles and the special moments that had made them feel both proud and thrilled to contribute to school life. Finally, the Head Girl, Iman, and the Head Boy, Xander, took to the microphone to offer heartfelt reflections on how these leadership roles had helped them grow over the year, and what a privilege it had been to serve as ambassadors for Coopersale Hall School.

Mrs Doherty and Mr Wilson were delighted to present the pupils with trophies and books. Each child also received a commemorative hoodie from FOCHS, a yearbook and a framed piece of artwork from the school.

Mr Wilson brought the event to a close by inviting the incoming Head Girl, Felicity, and Head Boy, Carter, to the stage. Iman and Xander warmly wished them a year filled with the same wonderful experiences and memorable events that they themselves had enjoyed.

In his final remarks to everyone gathered, Mr Wilson once again emphasised what an exceptional year group it had been. He wished each pupil happiness and success in the future.



Nature Photography Competition

Theme: Sunrises, Sunsets & Natural Beauty

Capture the beauty of nature through your lens! Submit your best photo of a sunrise, sunset, or natural setting and get a chance to have your work displayed in the school library.

Key Dates

Submission Deadline: 3 September 2025

Winners Announced: September 2025

Library Exhibition: September 2025

Guidelines

Open to all **senior students**

Submit one original photo (JPEG or PNG)

Clear quality

Email to: jlong@coopersalehallschool.co.uk

Prizes

Top 3 photos will be framed and displayed in the library & 20 HPs

Honorable mentions featured in a digital slideshow in bulletin & 10 HPs

Certificates for all selected entries & 5 HPs

Sorting out the Library

Pupils from our Book Club have been helping to organise the new senior library section and taking a break to (of course) read and eat some snacks.



Hero Workshop in Drama

Pupils had to read the story of Hercules and devise the story in actions. This involved ensembling their bodies as a group to be monsters.



Group two brainstorming how to move as monsters in Drama. Group one watching and critiquing with feedback.



Mad Hair Day in the Seniors

The Senior children had a brilliant time on funky hair day!



Summer Series Concert 5

On Thursday 19 June more of our talented pupils took part in one of our Summer Series Concerts. It was a very hot day, but pupils kept their cool and performed beautifully. We had vocalists, pianists, a violinist and a recorder player. We were treated to everything from classical to pop, from jazz to programme music. The audience was even fortunate to listen to a piece composed by two of our very talented pupils. It was a lovely evening. Well done to all those who took part. We are very much looking forward to the next one.



Summer Series Concert 6

Thursday 26 June was our final concert in our Summer Series. 11 piano players and two guitarists took our audience on a musical journey, from the prairie to babbling streams, with a bit of rock music thrown in. We had pupils who have only been playing a little while and pupils preparing for grade exams and it was lovely for them to listen to and support each other.

Our Summer Series has been a huge success with nearly 60 pupils taking part. We are very proud of all our talented performers and can't wait to see how they progress next year.



Summer Fest 2025

We were delighted to host our annual Summer Fest, where children and families enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon on the lawn at Coopersale Hall. Mrs Jones was especially pleased with the performances from the orchestra and choir and was thrilled by how beautifully the Key Stage 1 pupils sang *Cracas Maracas*. They were later joined by Key Stage 2, who sang enthusiastically to their families. The performance concluded with a heart-warming ballet display, as the ballerinas captivated the audience with their graceful movements and radiant smiles.

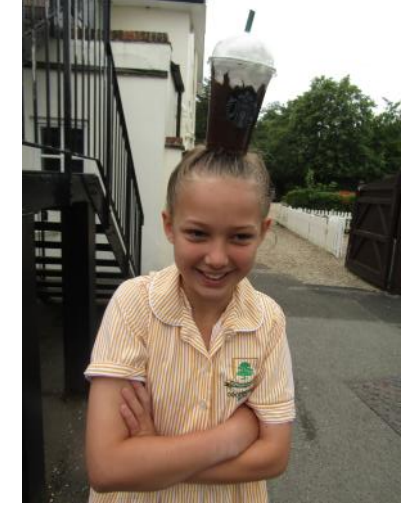
Everyone was able to take part in the wide variety of activities organised by FOCHS, including bouncy castles, football and basketball hoops, face painting, temporary tattoos, and creating their own colourful rainbow sand ornaments, to name just a few!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to FOCHS for organising such a wonderful day for the children — a truly memorable event, made all the more special by the glorious sunshine on the lawn.



Mad Hair Day

It was delightful to see the wonderfully creative and wild hairstyles that pupils and staff came up with. This final charity event of the academic year was held in support of Little Life Savers, one of the nominated charities we have been supporting this year. Mad Hair Day was a fantastic way to raise money for a deserving cause. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the cause.



End of Year Assembly

Pupils and families gathered in the hall for our final Prize Giving Assembly, warmly welcomed by Mr Wilson. He reflected on how this event is always tinged with both joy and sadness, sharing how much he had enjoyed his first year at Coopersale Hall.

To celebrate all that had been achieved, everyone enjoyed a slideshow of photographs showcasing the many memorable moments and accomplishments of the year.

The children then sang *Champion*, reminding us that we all have talents within us. Outgoing Head Girl, Iman, and Head Boy, Xander, took to the stage to reflect on their time at Coopersale Hall. They shared personal highlights, spoke of their pride in representing the school, and recalled experiences such as touring parents on open days and delivering speeches. Graciously, they welcomed the new Head Girl, Felicity, and Head Boy, Carter, wishing them every success and enjoyment in their new roles.

Florence and Sofia gave a delightful performance of *Matchmaker, Matchmaker*, a reprise of their impressive appearance in the recent KS2 Talent Show.

Mr Wilson then shared some exciting new initiatives planned for the next academic year. But first, alongside Mrs Doherty, he presented awards for achievement, progress, and form prizes, followed by bronze, silver, and gold Oaktree Challenge certificates.

To conclude, Mr Wilson awarded the three House trophies – for Sport, House points, and Overall winner – all of which went to Oak House. The cups were presented to the new Oak House Prefect, Margaux – a wonderful way to begin her new role.



Summer holidays

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, we would like to wish all our families a fantastic summer break. Whether you are staying local or heading off on adventures, we hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year - it has been truly appreciated. We are already looking forward to another exciting year full of events and opportunities in September. Good luck to all the staff who are moving on - you will be missed - and a warm welcome to those joining the Coopersale Hall team in the new term.

Summer Fest

A huge thank you goes out to FOCHS for all their hard work in organising the event and running the stalls on the day. We are also incredibly grateful to the volunteers, teachers, and our “boys in blue” for helping ensure everything ran smoothly. The weather held out for us, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces - most importantly, the children all seemed to have a great time. Thank you again to everyone who made the day such a success.



Sports day

Sports Day was a fantastic event filled with energy, fun, and great team spirit. It was wonderful to see all the children enthusiastically taking part in the games and races. A special shoutout to the parents (and a few brave teachers!) who joined in the races - you really added to the fun. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the refreshments stall. Your support kept everyone cool and refreshed throughout the day.



Year 6 Graduation

As the end of term approaches, we would like to wish all our Year 6 children the very best for the future, whether they continue their school journey here at Coopersale Hall or move on to new adventures elsewhere. We hope they have a fantastic time on their trip to Southend and enjoy the special year 6 graduation hoodies kindly provided by FOCHS. Well done, Year 6 - we are so proud of you all.



Farewell

We would like to say a heartfelt and sad farewell to our wonderful co-chair, Louisa, who is leaving the school and therefore stepping down from FOCHS. Louisa, you have been such an important part of FOCHS and we will miss you so much. Thank you for all your hard work, passion, and dedication. We hope to make you proud as we carry on your legacy going forward.

Easy fundraising

Please help to raise funds for FOCHS by using easy fundraising - this is an easy way to get donations without an extra cost to yourself. Many brands and retailers have joined forces with easy fundraising to allow part of what you spend to be donated to FOCHS. Please use the link below...happy shopping.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Second-Hand Uniform

If you wish to place an order, please hand in your completed form to the school office and we will let you know if the items requested are available. Please do not email any order forms to us. Once your order is confirmed, payment should be made to us electronically using the details on the form.

Our order form can be downloaded from the school website:<https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Order-Form.pdf>

Our price list can also be found on the school website:<https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/cooper-content/uploads/2022/02/CHS-Second-Hand-Uniform-Price-List.pdf>

We also very much appreciate any donations of good quality, school-branded uniform. Please leave it with the school office and one of our volunteers will collect it.

Get in Touch

You can drop a note in the FoCHS letterbox near the school office or speak to any members of the committee:

Rachel Concadoro (Co– Chairman & Treasurer)
Stacey Cummins (Secretary)
Kathryn Kumar
Susan Tetherton
Pauline Monksfield
Jessica Hayes
Rebecca Murphy
Jenna Mitchell
Abbey Morgan
Sarah Adjei

Each year group has at least one FoCHS rep and the easiest way to get in touch is to message your year rep on WhatsApp.

You can also check out our page on the school website:

<https://www.coopersalehallschool.co.uk/parents-pupils/parents-association/>



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