



# Newsletter



## Summer term

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**21st July 2023**



Dear Parents / Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy year.

Sports Days were well attended again this year, thank you for coming and supporting your children and for your contributions towards our fundraising too. We raised a fabulous £462.50!! This will help to fund new resources for PE and Forest School activities-Thank you!!

The children have worked so hard this year and earned their 100 square points; the children choose their activity and we have had water fights, popcorn and movies and mufti day to name but a few!! What fun everyone has had.

It has been a privilege to read the detailed reports that the teachers have written and see how your children have grown and flourished over the years.

Although we are very sad to see our year 6 children leave, we are so proud of each and every one of them. Their journey has been amazing and it is a pleasure to see what lovely young adults they have become. It was wonderful for them to share their own memories of Cotton End in their assembly, some very tear jerking moments! We wish them all every success for the future.

We have said some fond farewells to Mrs Cox, Mrs Toms, Miss Migliano, Miss Savage and Mrs Denton and Miss Dear is now also moving onto pastures new-Best wishes to them all!

Thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and kind words, they are all very much appreciated by everyone.

I hope that you have a lovely summer break with your families and look forward to seeing you all back in September.

If any families need any support over the holiday Mrs C or myself can be contacted by email;

[keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk](mailto:keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk)

### School Dinners

In line with the food price increases we will need to increase the school dinner prices as of the 1st September 2023 to £2.55 per meal. They will continue to provide the amazing, good value dinners cooked fresh on site.



### Diary Dates

- 1st Sept—Staff Inset Day
- 4th Sept—Return to School
- 11th Sept—New Preschool and Reception Children start school

Important Information

### Attendance

A big well done Wagtails class last week with 100% and Eagles class the week before with 100%. The whole school attendance is 94.4% but we are aiming for 98%!



### Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Yesterday Year 6 presented their special Leavers Assembly. Somehow they managed to borrow a Tardis and travel back in time to relive lots of special memories from their time at Cotton End...from silly moments in class to Forest School adventures, from learning in class to SATs - which they made some adults do too!



They then presented a heartfelt letter to Mrs Headland which detailed what being at the school has meant to each one of them, how it has changed them and influenced the people they have become.



They shared a montage of photos from their time at Cotton End and then sang their own personalised version of the song Six.

The morning was full of fun and laughter, music and reflection which they hope



everyone enjoyed.



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### 100 Square Point Rewards

All classes enjoyed a reward over the last couple of weeks for earning their 100 Square Points:-  
 Reception classes chose to come to school in their pyjamas and watched a movie with snacks.  
 Year 1 opted for a water fight and took full advantage of soaking many of our members of staff!



Year 2 were able to bring a toy of their choice to school and either play games or watch a movie.  
 Year 3 chose a movie in their pyjamas.  
 Year 4 opted to come to school wearing mufti and enjoyed some tasty snacks.  
 Year 5 also came to school wearing mufti, played football and watched a movie.  
 Finally year 6 reward was incorporated into their leavers celebration last week.

### Year 6 Leavers Celebration

To give our special Year 6's a proper send off we held a party for them last week. Everyone enjoyed making pizza, playing sports games and having a water fight on the field. To make the event extra special we invited Ice Cream Joe and treated the children to a



yummy dessert each, we also hired a photobooth and had a lot of fun dressing up for this.



### Instagram

You may have noticed that we have started sharing images of the fab work we do here at school on Instagram! Please have a look via:

<https://www.instagram.com/cottonendforest/>

We hope you "like" what you see!



School Disco The children who attended the school disco on Wednesday evening enjoyed themselves immensely. The staff were treated to some rather interesting moves!!!!



### Music Performance

Ospreys (year 5) have been learning the ukulele this term. They put on a fantastic show to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have learnt. Well done, everyone!



### Forest School Ambassador Achievement

Earlier this term, our Forest School Ambassadors organised a fundraising event for Forest School trolleys and a flag. Whilst the flag is on order, we have received the trolleys; each Pavilion will be able to use them for their Forest School sessions. Thank you to our fantastic Ambassadors!



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### Sports Day

Well done to children in years R to 6 for participating in this year's sports days. They demonstrated great teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship. A special mention must go to year 5 who supported the EYFS and KS1 event on Tuesday - well done! Thank you to everyone who came to support the children. The winning house overall was Goodall. Well done!



This year we held some fundraisers alongside our Sports Day to help raise money for the school.

The Penalty shoot-out raffle prize of a football, goalie gloves and a sports water bottle was announced in the assembly last Friday. A big thank you to our volunteer goalies for their support too!

'Guess the amount of sweets in the jar' was won by Lexi in Wagtails class.

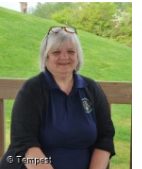
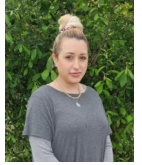
Finally, after each sports day the children were given the opportunity to cool off with an ice pop.

### Staffing Changes

We will be saying a very fond farewell to several staff members who are moving onto pastures new. Miss Savage and Miss Migliano will be taking up teaching positions in schools in neighbouring local authorities. Mrs Toms and Mrs Cox are both retiring to spend more time with their families. Mrs Denton is embarking on a different venture as a Forest School Leader and finally Miss Dear is now moving on to pastures new. We would like to thank them all for their time and dedication to the children and school over the years-they will all be missed!!

We will be welcoming back Miss Joseph in September who will also be the Years 5 & 6 lead.

Miss Beams will also be the Year 3 & 4 lead. Mrs Catchpole will be coming out of the classroom to be a full time SENDCo



### Uniform Suppliers

In preparation for September, you may be considering purchasing new uniform to start the new academic year. As always, the logo brand is not compulsory, however if you would like to purchase items with the school logo, sweatshirts, cardigans book bags etc can be purchased from any of the following three suppliers:

Earth Uniform [www.earthuniform.com](http://www.earthuniform.com)

Marks and Spencer [www.mandsyourschooluniform.com](http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com)

My School Clothing [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

**Please could we ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**



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