



# Newsletter



## Autumn term

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**6th October 2023**



Dear Parents / Carers

It was a pleasure to see some of the Wagtails class, Year 1 children share their learning in assembly today- they confidently showed their artwork demonstrating their knowledge of warm and cold colours and how they created them. In Geography they had been learning about points of the compass and shared their own maps they had made too. Several children also shared their 3D models of Forest School they had completed as a take home task, they were very impressive. Well done everyone.

Year 6 represented the school admirably at a sports festival held at Westfield School this week. The children took part in dance, hockey and tag rugby activities and showed great teamwork and resilience. Super stars!

We are looking forward to our open morning next week, please contact the office if you would like to book.

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards our harvest collection today, we have an amazing amount of canned and dried produce to deliver to the Foodbank. It will be very much appreciated by the many local families that the Foodbank supports.



Thank you.  
Mrs Headland

### Year 6 Legacy

We are delighted to unveil the legacy project completed by our 2023 year 6 leavers. The children worked hard to create the planter and, with some support from Miss Barker and Mrs Davey, they have left a wonderful gift for the rest of the school to enjoy.



### Diary Dates

- 7th & 8th October—Scarecrow Walk
- 11th October—Open Day for 2024 New Starters
- 17th October—Parent Consultations—More information to follow
- 18th October—Parent Consultations—More information to follow
- 19th October—Flu Immunisations
- 20th October—Cake Sale Yr5
- 1st November—Coffee Morning 9am-10am
- 9th November—Open Day for 2024 New Starters
- 17th November—Children In Need
- 24th November—Yr4 Cake Sale
- 1st December—Bikeability Level 1 Yr3&4
- 4th December—Coffee Morning 9am-10am
- 6th December—Christmas Dinner
- 7th December—Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm
- 18th December—Christmas Performance more information to follow
- 19th December—Christmas Performance more information to follow
- 19th December—Last Day of Term

Important Information

### Attendance

A big well done Willows class last week with 100% attendance and Owls & Wagtails class this week with 99%. The whole school attendance is 97% but we are aiming for 98%!



### Easyfundraising

Our PTA have partnered up with a company called Easyfundraising who in turn partners with over 7,500 well known retail brands including M&S, John Lewis, ebay, TUI, Argos, Apple, Uber Eats amongst many more. Every time you purchase from these brands, they will then donate part of your purchase to our school. It won't cost your any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Turn your daily shopping into everyday magic for us with easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us, it won't cost you anything



1 Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

2 Sign up and search for us

3 Your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them

Shop with 7,500+ brands including:



Please may we ask for your assistance in supporting this venture and consequently raise valuable funds which will be poured back into our school.



### DAWN UNTIL DUSK Holiday Club

Please visit [www.kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk](http://www.kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk) or telephone 01234 930505 for more information and a booking form.

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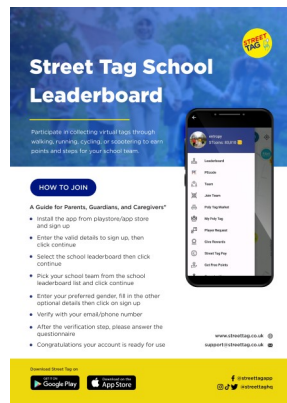
### Street Tag

We have signed up to Street Tag, which is a free child and family-friendly mobile app that encourages everyone to become more physically active and boost mental health.

Each player collects points which are assigned to virtual tags in our local area. Once you are within a 40-metre radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points. These points then add up in real time on our school's leaderboard, with prizes to be won at the end of each season. The app also works when it's offline.

Schools in Bedford have been invited to participate and the more people on our school team then the more chance we have of winning!

For information about joining the Cotton End Forest School Team (and hopefully be the winning school in Bedford!), please see the poster we have attached. →



### Parking

As you are aware, we have taken considerable steps to ensure the safety and well-being of your children on the school grounds by installing barriers in the front car park. Unfortunately, this appears to have created additional problems in neighbouring streets with inconsiderate parking which resulted in an ambulance being unable to reach a needy person in their home. The local police have been made aware of the situation.

Also please do not drop your children on the roadway through to the car park as it is unsafe and causes further congestion. We are incredibly lucky to have ample spaces for everyone for everyone to park safely in the car park at the side of the school without endangering anyone. I appreciate that you may have to queue to leave the car park but I am sure that you would agree, a couple of minutes waiting patiently is preferable to an accident happening.

Many thanks for your consideration and helping to keep your children safe.

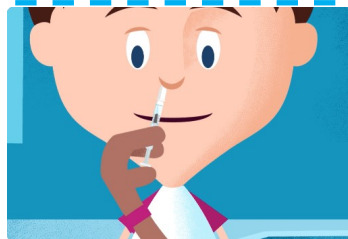


### Flu Immunisations

Our school immunisation team will be visiting us on Thursday 19th October. If you would like your child to be immunised against the flu virus please complete the consent form which was sent to you via ParentMail on Tuesday 3rd October.

The deadline to complete your child's consent form is **16<sup>th</sup> October**. We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date will be accepted at the school session.

The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on 0300 790 0594



### Forest School Flag

We were delighted to see one of our year 6 leavers on Friday! Aiden popped in to see us, as the flag he had designed had finally arrived. During the summer term, Aiden, the Forest School Ambassadors and Mrs Davey raised funds for Forest School equipment. The flag will now be proudly flown at Forest School sessions.



### Yr6 Cake Sale

Kestrels (year 6) hosted the first cake sale of the year this week. They did a great job of providing the cakes and selling them to children in years 3 to 6.

### School Photos

Over the next few days your child will be bringing home a proof of their school photo. If you would like to take advantage of the free delivery service to the school, please ensure you place your order by 19th October.



They raised a massive £123.00 which will go towards their class fund. Thank you for everybody's support - it's year 5's turn next

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