



# Newsletter

## Spring term

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**1st March 2024**



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all enjoyed the half term with your families despite the incredibly wet weather.

As this has continued, it has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying splashing happily in all our puddles at school.

We are looking forward to our fantastic book week activities next week and I know that some of you have already visited our book fayre. This will be open today, Monday and Tuesday after school too. The cake competitions we have always attract some creative entries and show that we have some talented bakers amongst us! I am looking forward to seeing your entries on Monday.

Mrs Headland

### Diary Dates

4th & 5th March—Book Fair  
4th March—Book Week  
4th March—Coffee Morning 8.45am—9.45am  
6th March—Preschool Parent Consultations—Mrs Zobian & Mrs Barfoot  
7th March—World Book Day (Please see ParentMail sent 27th February)  
8th March—Preschool Parent Consultations—Mrs Chan  
11th March—Vision Screening—Year Reception  
12th March—Eagles Class Sports Trip (Please refer to ParentMail sent 1/3/24)  
13th March—Writing Workshop—Preschool and Reception year 5-6pm.  
15th March—Red Nose Day (Further information to follow)  
17th March—Lambing Day  
20th March—Last Art Club  
20th March—Yr4 Roman Workshop (Further information to follow)  
20th March—Skylarks Class Sport Trip (Further information to follow)  
21st March—Movie Night (Further information to follow)  
25th March—Last Coding Club KS1  
25th March—Reception Year Day Trip to Wimpole Farm  
27th March—Last Basketball / Netball Club KS1  
28th March—Last Basketball / Netball Club KS2  
28th March—Last Coding Club KS2  
28th March—Yr2 Cake Sale  
28th March—Last Day of Term  
15th April—Inset Day  
16th April—Return to School



### Attendance

A big well done to Eagles class this week with 97.9% attendance The whole school attendance is 95.9% but we are aiming for 98%



### Public Health

Due to an increase in winter illnesses and following advice from public health, we are continuing with **the 48 hour incubation period for the foreseeable future**. If your child suffers even one bout of sickness or diarrhea **please do not send them into school**.

**We kindly ask that you do please respect this decision and assist us in keeping all our children safe and healthy. Thank you.**



### School Lunches

The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Easter holidays 2024. Please could we kindly remind all parents / carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues your child will be asked to wait until the end of service and receive what the kitchen has left. Thank you for your support.



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### Lent

We have decided to support Cotton End Baptist Church with donations towards the Bedford Foodbank for Lent between 14th February and 28th March 2024

If you would like to donate you are more than welcome to bring any items into the school office.



### Music Lessons

We are now offering individual music lessons for the clarinet, saxophone and flute at school, in addition to our existing instruments—piano, recorder, violin, guitar and ukulele. Instruments will be available to hire if you do not own one. If you are interested please register via <https://www.bedsmusic.coop/sign-up-for-lessons>

Also, If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [abarker@bedsmusic.coop](mailto:abarker@bedsmusic.coop)



### Spring Lambing Day



**SPRING LAMB DAY**

Sunday 17th March 2024

Supporting Cotton End Forest School



**£5 per person**  
Under 2s free

**Visit & feed the lambs!**  
BBQ & Refreshments available plus lots more to see and do!

**Manor Farm, Wilstead, MK45 3DS**

11am - 3pm

We are very excited to announce that we have organised with the support of a local farm, a Spring Lamb Day on Sunday 17th March. The tickets are available to buy now via Eventbrite, please see the link below:  
<http://tinyurl.com/Spring-Lamb-Day-Tickets>

### Reception Class

Reception Class are changing their classroom 'Space Station' into a 'Garden Centre'. They are looking for any unwanted artificial plants/flowers, seed packets etc. for the area to enhance their role play. If you have anything suitable that we can have it would be greatly appreciated.



### Zebra Crossing

Please support our school community as we petition for a zebra crossing outside our school!



<https://councillorsupport.bedford.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=1105>

### Street Tag

We were delighted to learn that Cotton End Forest School came 3rd in Street Tag last term - this meant we were rewarded with £100 for our PTFA. Thank you to everyone who was part of Street Tag last term!

The competition started again and remains ongoing for this term. If you haven't already joined us, and you're interested in being a member of the team, please download the Street Tag app and search for Cotton End Forest School. It's completely free and helps everyone to stay active.



### Year 6 Hoodie

For those of you that would like to purchase a leavers hoodie you can now do so. Please use the link below, this will be active from now until 6th May. We're hoping to have orders delivered first week in June.



<https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/cottonend24/>