



# Newsletter



## Summer term

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**26th April 2024**



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the break with your families over the Easter holiday; welcome back to the first newsletter of the summer term.

The children have very quickly settled back into their learning routines and we have already had the pleasure of welcoming visitors into school. Year 3 children became immersed in their history learning with a fabulous Viking Day last week. Thank you for providing your children with their stunning outfits so they could completely immerse themselves into the experience.

The children shared some of their experiences in assembly today, which was lovely to see.

We are arranging more visits to school to enhance the children's learning experiences as this is proving to be more cost effective than trying to go out to different venues. We try to keep your contributions to a minimum for these days and we have found we are able to do this rather than passing on the expense for coach hire which is now becoming cost prohibitive.

Year 5 Osprey class represented the school admirably at the sports event held at Biddenham this week.

Well done to everyone who took part with great sportsmanship.

Can I please remind all parents that, if your child attends Dawn until Dusk after school provision they should not be returning to their classrooms to collect any belongings after the end of the school day. Many thanks

Mrs Headland

### Diary Dates

1st May—Coffee & Cake with Mrs C 2.30pm

6th May—Bank Holiday

13th May—SATs Week Yr6

20th May—Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos

24th May—Year 1 Cake Sale

24th May—Last Day of Half Term

3rd June—Return to School

5th June —Skipping Workshop



### Attendance

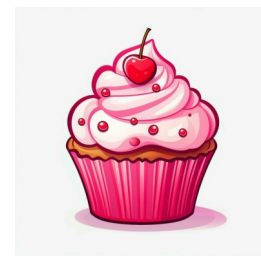
A big well done to Oak and Osprey class last week with 99.4% and Skylarks class this week with 99.3%. The whole school attendance is 95.6% but we are aiming for 98%



### Fund Raising Events

It was Year 2's turn to host a cake sale just before the Easter break. They did themselves really proud and managed to raise £174.30 for their class funds. Well done year 2 and thank you to all parents and carers who supported this project.

Next it will be Year 1's turn on 24th May.



### Coffee Afternoon

Mrs Chesters-Lewis is having a coffee afternoon on Wednesday 1st May. This will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have with your child or even just a chance for a chat. There will be coffee and tea provided so please feel free to drop in between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

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### Dawn Until Dusk

Please be reminded about our breakfast, after school and holiday clubs run by Dawn Until Dusk for your information and support.

If you have any queries please contact them directly on:

01234 920505

**DAWNUNTILDUK**  
BEFORE, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB

**BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!**

Breakfast from 7:30am - After School until 6pm

With activities for children of all school ages, we provide a safe, healthy and stimulating environment for your children. After your child has chosen from the many activities on offer or played in the playground, they can enjoy a freshly prepared snack or light children's tea.

High Quality Before and After School Care

- ✓ Welcoming and friendly atmosphere
- ✓ Qualified, experienced staff with an enhanced DBS
- ✓ Breakfast, healthy snacks and light tea
- ✓ Regular or ad-hoc bookings
- ✓ Wide variety of age appropriate activities to choose from

Contact us today!  
www.kiddsdowntildusk.co.uk  
info@kiddsdowntildusk.co.uk  
01234 930505

### Bedford Music

**Weekly Activities**

Is there something for you?

**Tuesdays**  
Kids Chorus (Ages 7-11) 4:30pm  
Dhol Drumming (Beginners) 6:30pm  
Bedford Town Band Academy 5pm

**Wednesdays**  
Vocal Beats (Beats & Rap) 5pm  
Digital Beats (Dj)ing 6pm  
Creative Beats (Music Production) 6pm

**Thursdays**  
Bedford Town Band Academy 5pm  
Rock School (Ages 12-18) 6pm & 7:30pm  
Rox Vox (Ages 11-18) 6:30pm

**Fridays**  
Junior Strings 4:30pm  
Intermediate Jazz 4:30pm  
Intermediate Strings 5:15pm  
North Beds Youth Choir 5:15pm  
Junior & Intermediate Wind Band 5:45pm  
North Beds Youth Chamber Orchestra 7pm

**Saturdays**  
Music Centre - Ages 3-14 (9:17-2pm)  
Learn To Play: Brass/Strings/Ukulele/Guitar/Drums/Keyboards  
Songwriting/Keyboards/Pads/Rock/Band  
String Group/Wind Band/Jazz Band/Choir  
Early years music (Ages 3-6)

Find out more and sign up on our website...  
[BedfordMusicHub.org.uk](http://BedfordMusicHub.org.uk) or call 01234 718088

Does your child enjoy music in school? Then come along to...

**Bedford Music Cooperative**

**Saturday Morning Music Centre**

**OPEN MORNING**  
8th June 9-12pm  
at Castle Newnham Secondary School

Please bring your own instrument to sign up.

9am - Learn 2 Play  
All genres only just started playing?  
Woodwind/Brass/Recorder/Strings/Drums/Keyboards/Guitar

From 9:30am - All other activities  
Ukulele Band/Composing/Pads/Choir/Guitar/Drums  
Brass/Woodwind/Strings/Djembe/Rock Band + more.

Scan QR code for timetable

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### Premier Clubs

Cotton End Forrest School

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS**

Premier Education | INSPIRING ACTIVITY

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Based on over 21,000 reviews

**CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL**

Year 1-2  
Sport: Summer Sports (Tuesday's)

Year 3-6  
Sport: Summer Sports (Wednesday's)

Additional Information:  
Times: 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Dates: W/C 15th April 2024 - W/C 20th May 2024  
Cost: £39.00 total

My daughter thoroughly love Premier clubs and looks forward to it every week whatever the weather!  
Anon - Parent

Premier Education extracurricular activity clubs combine various sports for non-stop fun.

Our activity professionals deliver a range of games so children can enjoy exciting activities from everyday sports like football and hockey, to team games and creative play. There's something for everyone to enjoy!

Book now for an extra-curricular club they will never forget.

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### 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)



### Reminder—Holidays in term time

Any unauthorised holidays will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines. Should your child be absent from school for more than 3 consecutive days the school will need to be provided with medical evidence to support their absence.



### 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/>



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