



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

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15th November 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

We are very proud to announce that some of our children in KS2 who entered a Young Writers competition have had their entries published. Their historical short stories, created using a 100 word limit, have been published in a book entitled Ancient Adventures, Marvellous Myths. Well done to everyone!

Woodpeckers class have taken part in a sports tournament this week with other local schools, well done for great sportsmanship.

Children in KS2 have also taken part in England Rocks, times tables challenge and all achieved well. All classes and individuals were very enthusiastic; it has been a very competitive week!

Our Value for November is Keeping Safe and we promote all aspects of safety throughout our school days. Our road safety week includes a visit from Whistl with a large vehicle and will be introducing the children to related road safety aspects. We are asking for the children to wear something bright or reflective as part of this and help us to raise money for Brake, the road safety charity.

As the weather has taken a more autumnal turn and next week is forecast for temperatures to drop further, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate coats, gloves and hats in school.

Kind regards
Mrs Headland

Term Dates



Christmas Break

Last day of term - 20th December 24
Staff training day - 6th January 25
Return to school - 7th January 25

Spring Half Term

Last day before half term - 14th February 25
Return to school - 24th February 25

Easter Break

Last day of term - 4th April 25
Return to school - 22nd April 25
Bank holiday - 5th May 25

Summer Half Term

Last day before half term - 23rd May 25
Staff training day - 2nd June 25
Return to school - 3rd June 25

Summer Break

Last day of term 18th July 25

Attendance	W/C 4/11/24	W/C 11/11/24
Oak	91.0%	88.4%
Willow	98.1%	98.7%
Owl	90.4%	96.3%
Wagtail	91.7%	89.6%
Skylark	99.0%	96.7%
Woodpecker	95.9%	98.6%
Kingfisher	95.3%	97.8%
Nightingale	90.7%	93.2%
Eagle	96.6%	96.9%
Falcon	96.9%	98.1%
Osprey	92.2%	95.9%
Harrier	91.5%	96.3%
Kestrel	93.3%	96.7%

Well done to Skylarks Class from EYFS and KS1 last week with 99.0% and Falcons from KS2 with 96.9%. Also to Willows from EYFS and KS1 this week with 98.7% and Falcons from KS2 with 98.1%. The whole school is 95.9%

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Extra Curriculum

Football - Year 5-6
Mon 4th November - Mon 9th
December



Cheerleading Club - Year 2-4
Tues 5th November - Tues 10th
December



Basketball - Year 3-6
Wed 6th November -
Wed 11th December
3.30pm - 4.30pm



Dodgeball - Year 3-6
Thurs 7th November - Thurs
12th December 3.30pm - 4.30pm



DODBALL

Jam Coding - Yr 3-6
Thurs 7th November -
Thurs 12th December
3.35pm - 4.35pm



Any Other Business

Flu Immunisation

We will be having our flu immunisations on Tuesday next week and today is the deadline to complete your child's consent. Please do this using the following link:



schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/bedford

Year 4 Cake Sale

On Friday 22nd it is the turn of year 4 to host their cake sale. Cakes will be 50p each and available to buy at break time for Years Reception - Year 6.



If your child is in Year 4, please could we ask for any donations to come to the school office.

Christmas Lunch

The school kitchen will be serving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11th December. Please could we ask you to pre order this by Wednesday 4th December.



Website

For any dates, letters or information that you may have missed, make sure you head over to the school website to find them.

<http://cottonendforestschool.co.uk/>

Christmas Holiday Club

Bookings are now being taken via the following website

<https://kidsdowntildusk.co.uk/school-holiday-cl>



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