



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

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20th December 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of a really busy and enjoyable Autumn term.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you in school to watch our Christmas performances this week, we hope you enjoyed them. The children and staff worked incredibly hard to perfect their performance skills. Thank you for all your generous contributions towards our raffles, we have raised over £700 for computer equipment for the children.

Some of the classes had a special visitor today, who took a detour on his travels around the world to call in at Cotton End which has been really exciting!

Our end of term assembly was a lively celebration today, sharing achievements of merits and Spelling Bee as well as attendance awards. I had also given teachers the hard task of nominating a Pupil of the Term for each class and it was lovely to hear how well the children had flourished this term.

- Willows-Amaeya
- Oaks- Noah
- Wagtails-Lena
- Owls-Lois
- Woodpeckers-Grace
- Skylarks-Darcie
- Kingfishers-Sienna
- Nightingales-Macie
- Eagles-Hattie
- Falcons-Poppy
- Ospreys-Ella
- Harriers-Zlata
- Kestrels- Jensen

We would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

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

Reminder—Any holidays taken in term time will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines.

Holiday Support

If you need any support during the school holidays, please feel free to contact us at:



keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk

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.**



Attendance	W/C 2/12/24	W/C 9/12/24
Oak	92.3%	85.0%
Willow	89.7%	96.3%
Owl	96.7%	91.9%
Wagtail	96.3%	95.4%
Skylark	95.5%	95.9%
Woodpecker	93.8%	96.3%
Kingfisher	89.4%	97.1%
Nightingale	97.1%	90.4%
Eagle	97.2%	94.5%
Falcon	93.7%	93.2%
Osprey	93.7%	96.3%
Harrier	97.4%	89.3%
Kestrel	89.7%	93.3%

Well done to Owls Class from EYFS and KS1 last week with 96.7% and Harriers from KS2 with 97.4%. Also to Willows and Woodpeckers from EYFS and KS1 this week with 96.3% and Kingfishers from KS2 with 97.1%. The whole school is 95.3%.



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Extra Curriculum

Badminton - Year 3-6
Wed 8th January -
Wed 12th February 25



Volleyball—Year 3-6
Thurs 9th January—
Thurs 13th February 25



Musical Theatre—Year 3-6
Mon 13th January -
Mon 10th February 25



Cheerleading—Year 2-4
Tues 14th January -
Tues 11th February 25



Jam Coding—Year 3-6
Thurs 9th January -
Thurs 13th February 25



Any Other Business

Christmas Tree Donation

We would like to extend a massive thank you to Kevin and Paul from Aspects Plumbing & Property Services for their generosity in donating our huge Christmas tree which is now standing proudly in the school Hall. Also to Emma Jerome from The Green Haus for our lovely Christmas tree on display in our school office.



We would also like to give a shout out to Tick Education, Tradewind Recruitment and Teaching Personnel for the beautiful hampers they so generously donated for our Christmas raffle.

Head Lice

There have recently been cases of head lice in school. Can you please check your child's hair regularly as well as the rest of the family and treat them as per the advice according to the following link:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

There is no need to keep your child away from school but please do follow the NHS advice. **Please also ensure that all children with shoulder length hair or longer come to school with it tied up neatly, thank you.**



Last but not least, we would like to give a massive thank you to GXO Waitrose & Partners for their donation towards the children's Christmas presents and parties and also for the beautiful Christmas decorations.

Everyone has been so kind and generous.



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