



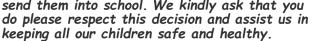
NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 01234 740100 office@cottonendforestschool.co.uk <u>17th January 2025</u>





Dear Parents/Carers	I <u>Term Dates</u>
Welcome back to the first newsletter of 2025.	Spring Half Term
The children have settled back really quickly into the routines of school this term. I have been really impressed with some of the work the children have shared with me already.	Last day before half term - 14th February 25 Return to school - 24th February 25
It is lovely to see that so many children scoot or cycle to school, our cycle shelters and racks are often full. We encourage these physical activities to enhance our healthy lifestyles and we have welcomed the Bikeability team into school today who have been supporting groups of children to develop their cycling skills and safety awareness. We are looking forward to seeing parents of children from	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
Eagles and Oak classes at our celebration assembly next week where the children will share some of their learning.	Return to school - 3rd June 25
I know that lots of children have booked onto the movie night planned for next Thursday, there are still a few places left if anyone has missed the message.	· •
It is with great sadness that we say a fond farewell to Mr O who is leaving us today to embark on a new career. We will all miss him and wish him every success for the future.	2025 / 2026 dates coming soon. Reminder—Any holidays taken in term time will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council
We have welcomed Ms McGregor and Mrs Ojuri to our team this term as we continue to grow.	I guidelines.
I have received several holiday requests this week and I must remind you that we follow DFE guidance and cannot authorise holidays in term time. The expectations around school attendance have been tightened further as we have explained previously and this includes the increased charges for penalty notices. Moving forward, you will be receiving regular updates about your child's attendance levels for information purposes. If we need to speak with you about this, we will contact you individually.	Attendance W/C 13/1/25 Oak 95.0% Willow 97.7% Owl 97.0% Wagtail 95.2% Stadark 96.0%
Please remember that if fines are issued, schools do not receive the funds!!!	Skylark 96.9% Woodpecker 95.0%
Mrs Headland	Kingfisher 99.0% Nightingale 94.1%
	Eagle 97.9%
	Falcon 91.8%
Public Health	Osprey 98.5%
Due to an increase in winter illnesses and following	Harrier 92.5%
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	Kestrel 94.7% Well done to Willow class from EYFS
send them into school. We kindly ask that you do please respect this decision and assist us in	and KS1 this week with 97.7% and Kingfisher from KS2 with 99.0%. The Every Day Counts
keeping all our children safe and healthy.	whole school is 95.2%.



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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 | | | Lego Club—Year R-6

| Wed 15th January -| Thurs 12th February 25

SEND Coffee Morning

The SEND coffee morning for this half term will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 9am—10.15am.

The theme is emotional regulation. We have a guest speaker attending from Bedford Borough SEND Advisory Team, to talk to parents about emotional dysregulation and strategies to support your child.

Please feel free to come along for a cuppa and a chat! We look forward to seeing you all next week! Mrs Catchpole















P.E. & Forest School Kits

Please could we ask that all P.E. and Forest School kits are returned to school on the first day after a school holiday.

<u>Movie Night</u>

Cotton End Forest School are hosting a Movie Night on Thursday 23rd January 3.30pm-5pm. Year R-6. Light snacks will

be provided. £6 per child. Spaces are still available and bookings will be open via ParentMail until midnight on Monday 20th January.

Pastoral Support

If you have <u>any</u> information of a sensitive or pastoral nature, please email the following address and we will ensure that the information is shared with the relevant members of staff.

keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk







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