



NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

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31st January 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another couple of really busy weeks in school. Year 5 classes of Harriers and Ospreys have been making honey cakes as part of their DT project-the aromas of freshly baked sponges wafting around the building has been amazing. The children worked really well together, measuring, mixing and cooking the ingredients and produced some fantastic looking cakes. I hope they enjoyed tasting them too! Children in Willow and Oak are really enjoying learning about Space and astronauts whilst Falcons and Eagles have been learning about the Roman Empire including Pompeii and Vesuvius.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents at our celebration assembly last week when Eagles and Oak classes shared their learning. The children spoke confidently, showcased some fabulous examples of work and sang songs. Well done to everyone!

We do appreciate that sometimes your children require a medical appointment; if this has to be in school time, can you please try to inform the office in plenty of time so that we can have the children ready for you. As you know, the children are sometimes at Forest School and not on the school site which may, without prior notice, cause a delay for you.

Thank you to those parents who have contacted us with pastoral or sensitive information using our keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk, this has really helped us to direct messages quickly to the appropriate personnel so that we can fully support you and the children.

We are currently preparing for our major fundraising event of Spring Lambing Day on 16th March and looking forward to seeing you there!

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Headland

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.



Term Dates



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

2025 / 2026 dates coming soon.

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

Attendance	W/C 20/1/25	W/C 27/1/25
Oak	95.0%	98.0%
Willow	97.7%	95.7%
Owl	97.0%	95.6%
Wagtail	95.2%	96.8%
Skylark	96.9%	97.2%
Woodpecker	95.0%	94.7%
Kingfisher	99.0%	97.4%
Nightingale	94.1%	97.2%
Eagle	97.9%	96.4%
Falcon	91.8%	90.4%
Osprey	98.5%	98.1%
Harrier	92.5%	98.1%
Kestrel	94.7%	95.0%

Well done to Oak class from EYFS and KS1 this week with 98% and Osprey and Harrier Classes from KS2 with 98.1%. The whole school is 95.2%.



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Extra Curricular

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 -
Wed 12th February 25



Extra Activity Information Lego club has proved very popular so we will be continuing this after half term and bookings are now live via ParentMail.



KS1 and Early Years disco is now fully booked however we still have some spaces available for KS2.

Any Other Business

Spring Lamb Day

Please come along to our Spring Lamb Day which we are organising again this year with the support of Manor Farm, Wilstead. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite.co.uk at £5 each or just bring cash on the day. There will be a BBQ, refreshments and lots more to see and do. **There will be an early bird rate for Parents/Carers of the school**—Please see Parentmail



SPRING LAMB DAY!

Sunday 16th March 2025

11am - 3pm

Manor Farm, Wilstead,
Bedford, MK45 3DS



Spare Uniform We would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who has recently donated spare uniform, we now have plenty in school to meet our needs. When these stocks have depleted we will send out a request for further donations—thank you.



Year 3 Activity We have been practising drumming every Friday and have been learning about crotchets, quavers and more. We learn the beat playing a game using the words tea, coffee and lemonade. Our teacher is called Mr Ward, he's really nice. We always ask him to end the lesson with a drumroll. We are planning on performing to our Parents / Carers at the end of term so please look out for further information. It will be amazing. By Max, Emily and Oliver



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