



# NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

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14th February 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of a really busy half term.

It was a pleasure to see so many parents and carers of children in Willow and Nightingale classes today who joined us for our celebration assemblies. The children shared some great examples of their learning and spoke enthusiastically about their topics. Thank you for joining us.

I have reminded all of the children today about the importance of pushing their scooters and bikes on school premises and remembering to stay safe around the entrance and main road.

Thank you for your support with all of our fundraising events this term, we are looking forward to our Spring Lambing Day in March after which we hope to be able to purchase more IT equipment for the children.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term with your families and look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards

Mrs Headland

## 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 3/2/25	W/C 10/2/25
Oak	96.6%	98.5%
Willow	91.6%	95.7%
Owl	99.3%	97.0%
Wagtail	93.6%	92.4%
Skylark	95.2%	95.2%
Woodpecker	95.0%	99.0%
Kingfisher	93.5%	95.4%
Nightingale	98.6%	97.9%
Eagle	97.9%	97.1%
Falcon	93.9%	96.4%
Osprey	94.2%	98.5%
Harrier	95.2%	96.1%
Kestrel	95.0%	100%

*Well done to Owls Class last week with 99.3% and Nightingale Class with 98.6%. This week Woodpeckers class from EYFS and KS1 with 99% and Kestrel Class from KS2 with 100%*

*The whole school attendance is 95.3%*

Every Day Counts!



## 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.



We aim to provide our children with opportunities to become confident, happy children valuing and respecting diversity and who are proud of their achievements.

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## Extra Curricular

Tennis - Year 3-6

Wed 26th February 25 -

Wed 2nd April 25



Dodgeball - Year 3-6

Thurs 27th February -

Thurs 3rd April 25



Musical Theatre—Year 3-6

Mon 24th February 25 -

Mon 24th March 25



Cheerleading—Year 2-4

Tues 25th February 25 -

Tues 25th March 25



Jam Coding—Year 3-6

Thurs 27th February 25 -

Thurs 3rd April 25



Lego Club—Year R-6

Wed 26th February 25 -

Wed 2nd April 25



**Calendar Dates** 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/>

You will also find a list of the academic term dates for your reference.

## 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. **Shine**



SPRING LAMB DAY!

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

11am - 3pm

Manor Farm, Wilstead,  
Bedford, MK45 3DS



### Bright Wear Bright

Thank you to everyone who supported and took part in NSPCC's national Number Day and CHUMS Shine Bright Wear Bright last week. We managed to raise a massive £303 which will be split equally between NSPCC and CHUMS.



### Bag 2 School

Your child will be bringing home a Bag2School.

Bag2School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. Please fill your bag with adults and childrens clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels and return to school by Wednesday 26th February. They do not accept duvets, pillows or cushions.

All bags are weighed and we will receive a £ amount according to the total weight collected and all funds raised will go towards our school to enhance our children's learning experiences.

