

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

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13th June 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 children who took part in their residential visit to Grafham Water this week. They embraced activities such as paddleboarding, orienteering, mountain biking, and other exciting outdoor pursuits. They also experienced staying away from home for two nights — a big step for many! The children represented the school admirably and had a wonderful time. Well done to them all!

A huge thank you goes to the dedicated staff who gave up their time (and two nights of sleep!) to ensure the children had the best possible experience.

It was also a real pleasure to welcome so many parents from Eagle and Oak classes to our celebration assembly today. The children took great pride in sharing their learning with you, and your support means a great deal to them — and to us. Thank you for coming.

Early Finish – Friday 18th July

Please note that, in line with several local schools, we will be finishing the school day early at 1:30pm on Friday 18th July, the final day of term.

We understand that this may be short notice for some working families and appreciate your understanding. If this causes any difficulties, please don't hesitate to get in touch to discuss alternative arrangements.

For children booked into Dawn until Dusk, we will provide supervised activities from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, after which they will be collected by Dawn until Dusk staff as usual.

Nursery sessions will be offered as normal.

Warm Weather Reminder

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has:

- Suncream applied before coming to school
- A named sunhat for outdoor play

Your help in keeping our children sun-safe is much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Headland

Keep in Touch

If you need any support outside of school hours, please feel free to contact Mrs. C at

keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk.

Or on 07565 355858.



Term Dates



Summer Break

Last day of term - 18th July 25
Staff training day - 21st July 25

2025/2026 Term Dates

Autumn Break

Staff training day - 1st September 25
Return to school - 2nd September 25
Last day before half term - 23rd October 25
Teacher Training—24th October 2025
Return to school - 3rd November 25

Christmas Break

Last day before Christmas - 18th December 25
Teacher Training—19th December 2025
Return to school- 5th January 2026

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

Attendance

W/C 9/6/25

Oak	99.3%
Willow	98.7%
Owl	91.2%
Wagtail	90.8%
Skylark	93.4%
Woodpecker	98.3%
Kingfisher	91.7%
Nightingale	92.8%
Eagle	97.8%
Falcon	90.7%
Osprey	90.4%
Harrier	93.8%
Kestrel	97.2%

Well done to Oak class this week from EYFS and KS1 with 99.3% and Eagle class from KS2 with 97.8%. The whole school attendance is 95.2% But we are aiming for 96%.



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Extra Curricular

Lego Club—Year R-6
Wed 4th June 25 -
Wed 9th July 25



Cricket & Tennis Club - Year 3-6
Wed 4th June 25 -
Wed 9th July 25



DT Club - Year R-6
Wed 4th June 25-
Wed 2nd July



Rounders Club—Year 3-6
Thurs 5th June 25 -
Thurs 10th July 25



Art Club - Year 3-6
Mon 9th June 25 -
Mon 7th July 25



Any Other Business

Calendar Dates

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

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

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



Information from Sporty Scholars & Bedford Football Club



Any Other Business Continued:-

Country Days Summer Courses 2025

Join us on an adventure as we explore "Roald Dahl" in a wonderful outdoor setting.

Course 1 - Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th August *

Course 2 - Thursday 7th & Friday 8th August *

*Please note the Summer courses repeat so choose one course only when booking

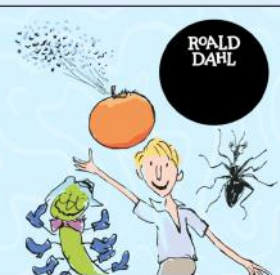
Activities begin at 9.30am and finish at 3.15pm and take place at the Lays Nature Reserve, Pavenham road, Felmersham, Bedfordshire, MK43 7EX

The courses are open to all primary school children in years 3-6 who live in Bedfordshire.

Places are £15 for each 2-day course or "free" for those who are on Free School Meals or Pupil Premium.

Contact the office info@countrydays.net for more information

Country Days is an educational charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful 6-acre nature reserve.



Message from Childrens Services, Bedford Borough Council



As part of Bedford Borough Year of Reading I am delighted to announce that we have arranged for this year's Kite and Motoring Festival to have a dedicated literacy tent. We have arranged for some amazing authors to be there on both days and there will also be a Book Fairy Factory, badge making and various craft activities promoting and celebrating the love of reading!

Lost Property

We have accumulated a lot of lost property recently which does not have name labels attached. This also includes two pairs of reading glasses. please come and have a look in the office if you've lost anything.



School Uniform Provider



Enjoy 10% discount from our school uniform provider by using code "INTAKE10" at checkout.

HAF Activities

Visit the Bedford Local Offer website for more information:

<https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/haf>



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