

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

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18th July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to take a moment to reflect and celebrate all that has been achieved.

A huge well done to all our children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and determination throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished, both in and out of the classroom.

We were especially pleased to receive a 'Good' judgement in our Ofsted inspection earlier this year, recognising the dedication of our staff and the excellent behaviour, attitudes, and progress of our pupils. Thank you to everyone in our school community who supported us through the process.

We're also proud to share that we've had excellent results across the school, including a fantastic 77% combined score in Reading, Writing and Maths in Year 6 – well above the national average. Congratulations to all our pupils and staff for this outstanding achievement.

As our Year 6 leavers prepare to move on to the next exciting stage of their education, we wish them every success and happiness for the future. They leave with many special memories, and we know they will go on to achieve great things.

Our Forest School programme has continued to thrive this year, giving pupils valuable opportunities to learn and grow through outdoor experiences. It's been wonderful to see their confidence, teamwork, and curiosity develop in the natural environment.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our incredible staff team, whose passion, care, and commitment make such a difference every single day.

As we say goodbye for the summer, we also say a fond farewell to several valued members of staff. We send our very best wishes to Miss Hill, Miss Heath, Miss Gill, and Miss Hendry-Taylor, who is leaving us temporarily on maternity leave. We also extend our thanks and goodbyes to Miss O, Mrs Croxford and Miss McGregor. Each of them has made a lasting impact, and they will be greatly missed by both staff and children.

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout the year, and for the kind and generous gifts and messages – they are truly appreciated.

We wish all our families a safe, restful, and joyful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn term.

Kind regards

Mrs Headland

Term Dates



Summer Break

Last day of term - 18th July 25

Staff training day - 21st July 25

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

Spring Break

Last day before half term - 13th February 26

Return to school - 23rd February 26

Last day before Easter break - 27th March 26

Return to school—14th April 26

Summer Break

Staff training day - 13th April 26

Return to school - 14th April 26

Early May Bank Holiday - 4th May 26

Last day before half term - 22nd May 26

Return to school - 1st June 26

Last day of term - 17th July 26

Reminder—Any holidays taken in term time will trigger a fine in line with

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.



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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.



Magazines

For the JULY issues of BedsLife and Ampt Hill & Flitwick Life magazines please use the following website address:-

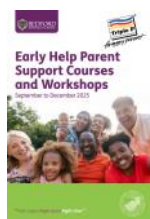
www.bedslifemagazine.co.uk



Early Help Parent Support Courses & Workshops

For further information please use the following website address:-

<https://cottonendforestschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Early-Help-Parent-Support-Courses-Leaflet.pdf>



Summer Reading Challenge



Any Other Business Continued:-

Free School Meals

For those who's children are moving from Year 2 to Year 3, the universal provision for free school meals will end. If you feel you would qualify for statutory free school meals then you can apply for this by logging onto the following website:-



<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Statutory free school meals are provided to pupils whose parents / guardians are in receipt of certain qualifying benefits or meet specific income thresholds.

This will also apply to families who's circumstances may have changed in other year groups.

Milk in School

If your child is moving from Reception to year 1, you will no longer be entitled to a cup of milk in school free of charge. If you would like your child to continue receiving a cup of milk, then you can order and pay for it via the following web address:



www.https://coolmilk.com/

This can also apply to other year groups.

SEND Matters - Summer Holiday Edition

For further details please visit:

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/bedford/directory/files/send_matters_newsletter_summer_2025.pdf



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