

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

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26th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents to our first sharing assemblies of this academic year, thank you for taking the time to join us and support your children

Year 6 - Kestrels

This week, our Year 6 Kestrels impressed us all during their sharing assembly. They showcased the hard work and dedication they have put into so many areas of the curriculum over the first few weeks of term. It was a real pleasure to welcome parents into school to celebrate their children's learning and achievements.

Year 2 - Woodpeckers as Scientists Assembly

Our Year 2 Woodpeckers took on the role of young scientists and wowed us with their knowledge! They shared their learning about the digestive system and even carried out a practical science experiment to explain how it all works. We were delighted to welcome parents along to share in this exciting and engaging learning experience.

Movie Night Success

Our Movie Night for Years 1-6 was a huge success! The children thoroughly enjoyed watching their films, tucking into tasty snacks, and spending time with their friends. Thank you to everyone who supported the event—it also helped to raise valuable funds for our PTFA, which directly benefits our school community.

Appointments

We understand that medical and dental appointments are sometimes unavoidable. Wherever possible, we kindly ask that these are arranged outside school hours. If this is not possible, please let us know in advance so that we can ensure your child is ready for collection. Thank you for your support with this.

Street Tag Relaunch

This week, Cal visited assemblies to relaunch *Street Tag*! This exciting initiative encourages active lifestyles while helping raise valuable funds for our PTFA. By getting involved, families can collect points simply by staying active—and those points contribute directly to our school. Let's get moving and see how many points we can earn together!

Parent Consultations & Open Morning

On Friday 24th October, which is one of our staff training days, we will be holding our Parent Consultations. Booking information will be sent out shortly so you can arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher. On the same day, we will also be hosting an Open Morning for prospective new families, from 9.30-10.30am. This will be a wonderful opportunity for visitors to see our school and find out more about what makes our community so special.

Mrs Headland

Keep in Touch

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

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Term Dates

Autumn Break

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

Teacher training—13th April 26

Return to school—14th April 26

Summer Break

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

Teacher Training Day - 20th July 26

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



Attendance

	W/C 15/9/25	W/C 22/9/25
Oak	99.0%	98.0%
Willow	92.0%	96.0%
Owl	94.3%	93.2%
Wagtail	96.3%	93.1%
Skylark	96.9%	98.1%
Woodpecker	98.6%	99.6%
Kingfisher	98.7%	97.7%
Nightingale	96.9%	97.3%
Eagle	97.6%	99.3%
Falcon	94.6%	98.9%
Osprey	98.3%	97.4%
Harrier	97.3%	95.8%
Kestrel	97.1%	97.5%
Kite	95.6%	94.4%

Well done to Oak class last week from EYFS and KS1 with 99% and Kingfisher class from KS2 with 98.7%.

This week Woodpecker class from EYFS and KS1 with 99.6% and Eagle class from KS2 with 99.3%. The whole school attendance is 96.6% But we are aiming for 98%.

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Extra Curricular

DT Club - Year 3-6
Wed 10th Sept 25 -
Wed 8th Oct 25

Lego Club—Year 1-6
Thur 11th Sept 25 -
Thur 23rd Oct 25

Football Club—Year 3-6
Thur 11th Sept 25 -
Thur 23rd Oct 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.



Request for Volunteers

Any Other Business Continued:-

Harvest

We will be acknowledging Harvest Festival in school on Friday 3rd October and hence we are asking for donations to support both the Bedford Foodbank and the parcels we put together for some of our families in the school community.

Suggested items for donation include:

Tinned meat or fish

Tinned vegetables or fruit

Cooking sauces

Coffee

UHT or powdered milk

Cereals

Long-life fruit juices

Tinned puddings

Jam

Instant mashed potato.

Any other long-life items including toiletries are also very welcome. Please send donations into school during the week **beginning Monday 29th September** - Thank you.



Year 6 Secondary School

Applications

The window of opportunity to apply for secondary school opens on

Friday 12th September and runs until Friday 31st October.

Bedford Borough Council are using a new platform this year so to enable you to do this please use the following link:

www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

Year Reception School Applications

The window of opportunity to apply for year reception primary school opens today -

Friday 26th September 2025 to Thursday 15th January 2026.

www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions




Could you help at our Nearly New Sale?

Find out more
www.nct.org.uk/nns

Only 4 weeks to go!

Don't forget to sign up to sell or volunteer!

[Bit.ly/OctoberSale2025](https://bit.ly/OctoberSale2025)

You'd be nuts to miss it!

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