

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

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10th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

New Wooden Structure on the Field

We are delighted to share that a new wooden structure has been erected on our school field! This fantastic addition provides a large area of shade and shelter for the children to enjoy in all weathers. The project was made possible thanks to the generous support of our PTFA funds — thank you to everyone who contributes and helps make improvements like this possible.

Year 6 Sports Festival Success

This week, some of our Year 6 pupils took part in a sports festival at Westfield School. They represented our school brilliantly in dance, hockey, and tag rugby — showing great teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship throughout. Well done, Year 6!

Harvest Celebration

Last week, children performed poems and songs to celebrate the harvest season. We are so grateful for your generous donations to the Food Bank — several crates of dried and canned goods were handed over to this wonderful local charity. They were incredibly appreciative, and your kindness will help many families in need.

A Reminder About Safety Around School

While we love to see children leading active lifestyles and encourage cycling or scooting to school, please remind your child **not to ride bikes or scooters on school grounds**. We've had a few near misses recently, so this rule applies to all paths at the front and sides of the school.

Please also ensure that your children are **supervised while waiting for the gates to open in the morning**. If your child is allowed to come to school independently, please remind them of their **responsibility to behave sensibly and respectfully** while waiting to enter. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and happy.

Mrs Headland

Keep in Touch

If you need any support, have a safeguarding concern or need a confidential chat please feel free to contact Mrs. C on keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk.



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Term Dates

Autumn Break

Last day before half term - 23rd October 25

Teacher Training (consultations)—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 29/9/25	W/C 6/10/25
Oak	99.3%	96.7%
Willow	93.0%	94.7%
Owl	97.7%	97.4%
Wagtail	97.2%	98.6%
Skylark	93.8%	96.5%
Woodpecker	97.1%	96.1%
Kingfisher	99.3%	100%
Nightingale	97.3%	98.5%
Eagle	97.6%	96.6%
Falcon	96.8%	97.5%
Osprey	96.1%	98.3%
Harrier	94.6%	98.3%
Kestrel	97.9%	97.1%
Kite	100%	97.2%

Well done to Oak class last week from EYFS and KS1 with 99.3% and Kite class from KS2 with 100%.

This week Wagtail class from EYFS and KS1 with 98.6% and Kingfisher class from KS2 with 100%. The whole school attendance is 96.8% 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.



School Dinners

Please could we kindly remind you to pre-order your child's school dinner in advance and by 8.30am on the day. The menu is available on School Grid up to the next half term. Thank you.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to welcome all of you back for another brilliant year and to share with you our **Winter Menu 23-26**. Our aim is to ensure that your children have a healthy, delicious meal that helps them thrive at school.

This year, our food team has worked hard to create a menu inspired by the highest quality, seasonal ingredients. We've also included a variety of options to suit all tastes and budgets.

Our menu is available on the **School Grid**. We hope you'll find it helpful in planning your child's diet. We also have a **Look Who's Back!** section to help you identify your child's class.

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Any Other Business Continued:-

Harvest 2025

Mrs C sends a massive thank you to all of you for your kind donations which have now been collected by Bedford Foodbank and will be used to help support local families.



Plea for Resources - Year 6 Project

After half term year 6 will be starting an exciting new project and we are in need of some resources to help bring it to life. We would be very grateful for donations of the following items:-

Plastic bottles (any size except milk bottles)
Plastic tubing
Plastic guttering
Pool Noodles
People/lifestyle magazines



If you are able to help please drop any items off at the school office—thank you so much for your support.

Invitation from Bedford Bedford Parent Carer Forum

BBPCF invites parent carers to a supportive and informative workshop focused on helping young people prepare for adulthood.



For further information and booking details please use the following web address:-

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-adult-tickets-1431775963449?aff=oddtcreator

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