

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

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21st November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week at Cotton End!

This week, we welcomed *Whistl* for an engaging safety workshop, helping our children learn how to stay safe around large vehicles. The session was both informative and enjoyable, and the children showed great enthusiasm throughout.

Year 2 also had a fantastic *Roman Day*, fully embracing Roman life through hands-on activities and role play. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity shine.

Our Harriers class confidently shared their learning in assembly, and we would like to thank all those who were able to join us. Your support means so much to the children and staff.

We would also like to offer our apologies for the cancellation of the Wagtails assembly. We understand the disappointment this may have caused, and we appreciate your understanding. We look forward to seeing you all on the rescheduled date of Friday 28th November at 9am.

We are delighted to share some excellent news—Cotton End has been commended for our great attendance, comparing very favourably to similar schools. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are grateful for your continued support in ensuring children attend regularly and punctually.

Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our school community.

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

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Term Dates

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 10/11/25	W/C 17/11/25
Oak	97.0 %	96.7%
Willow	97.7%	99.3%
Owl	96.8%	96.8%
Wagtail	95.5 %	96.9%
Skylark	98.8 %	99.2%
Woodpecker	98.2%	98.2%
Kingfisher	97.7 %	98.7%
Nightingale	98.9%	98.1%
Eagle	97.6%	98.6%
Falcon	91.4%	94.8%
Osprey	95.7%	98.1%
Harrier	94.1%	94.1%
Kestrel	100 %	97.5%
Kite	97.2 %	96.4%

Well done to Skylarks class last week from EYFS and KS1 with 98.8% and Kestrels class from KS2 with 100%.

This week Willows class from EYFS and KS1 with 99.3% and Kingfishers class from KS2 with 98.7 %. The whole school attendance is 96.6% however we are aiming for 98%.

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Extra Curricular

DT Club - Year 1-2

Wed 5th Nov 25 -

Wed 3rd Dec 25

Lego Club—Year 1-6

Thur 6th Nov 25 -

Thur 18th Dec 25

Dodgeball Club—Year 3-6

Thur 6th Nov 25 -

Thur 11th Dec 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/>

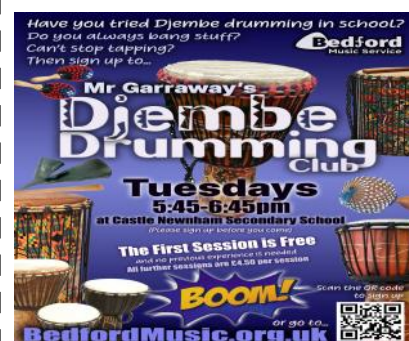
You will also find a list of the academic term dates for your reference.

Year 2

Year 2 will be creating bug hotels at forest school. These require a large number of tin cans to make.

We would appreciate any donations of empty, clean tins with no sharp edges to be delivered to the office by the 2nd of December 2025. Thank you.

Djembe Drumming Lessons



Any Other Business Continued:-

Santa is Coming to Cotton End



It's Christmas Community Breakfast time - with Santa and [Keech Hospice](#)

If you can help, I know Santa would definitely put you on the nice list!

In addition to helping Santa by collecting donations and selling items for Keech, we are also looking for the amazing bakers in the village to make some cakes that can be sold for Keech. If you can help with this, please let Karen Watts know.

clerk@cottonendvillagehall.com

Message or WhatsApp Karen on 07738275063

Cotton End Baptist Church

FREE After School Christmas Crafts at the church on Monday, November 24th at 3.30pm.

Crafts and games, plus hot dog snack at 4.30pm and performance by the puppets. Finishes at 5pm.

For ages 3-11. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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