

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

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7th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some special time with your families.

We've got off to a flying start this week. Skylarks shared their learning in assembly today, they spoke really confidently and showed lots of examples of fabulous work. It was lovely to see so many of you there to support them, thank you for taking time out of your busy day to join us.

On Tuesday 11th November, we will mark Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence. We're also supporting the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies and other merchandise — many thanks for your generous contributions.

Next week, many of our children will be taking part in their Bikeability training here at school. We're proud to encourage active, healthy lifestyles, and this training helps equip our pupils with the skills to ride safely and confidently.

Skylarks class are also looking forward to attending the Inter-School Sports Festival next week — good luck to all taking part!

Finally, a reminder that Friday 14th November is Children in Need Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow or spotty to show their support for this fantastic cause.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Headland

Term Dates



Christmas Break

Last day before Christmas - 18th December 25

Teacher Training—19th December 2025

Return to school— 5th January 2025

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 3/11/25

Oak	90.8%
Willow	95.0%
Owl	89.5%
Wagtail	89.7%
Skylark	99.5%
Woodpecker	94.2%
Kingfisher	96.7%
Nightingale	97.2%
Eagle	98.7%
Falcon	93.1%
Osprey	92.9%
Harrier	96.3%
Kestrel	97.9%
Kite	92.5%

Well done this week to Skylark class from EYFS and KS1 with 99.5% and Kestrels class from KS2 with 97.9% The whole school attendance is 96.5% But we are aiming for 98%.

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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Extra Curricular

DT Club - Year 1-2- 3.30-4.30pm

Wed 5th Nov 25 -

Wed 3rd Dec 25

Lego Club—Year 1-6— 8.00-8.15am

Thur 6th Nov 25 -

Thur 18th Dec 25

Dodgeball Club—Year 3-6— 3.30-4.30pm

Thur 6th Nov 25 -

Thur 11th Dec 25

Hip Hop Dance Club - Year 2-3— 3.30-4.30pm

Mon 10th Nov 25 -

Mon 8th Dec 25



Any Other Business Continued:-

School Photos

Thank you to everyone who ordered school photos — we're hoping they'll be with us very soon!



We also really appreciate everyone who took the time to complete our survey. Your feedback means a lot to us, and we've taken all your comments on board.

Message from DT Club

DT club is in need of newspaper, egg boxes, toilet/kitchen rolls, Amazon cardboard envelopes and toddler sized socks!



If you have any of these spare, please donate to the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sohanpal, Mrs Long and Mrs Winn

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.



Children In Need

We will be taking part in this year's Children in Need on Friday 14th November by asking the children to either wear something Pudsey related and/or something spotty for a £1 donation. This is voluntary and all money will go towards supporting Children in Need. We thank you for your continued support.



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.

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