

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term
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5th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a very busy and exciting couple of weeks in school. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the sharing assemblies for Wagtails, Ospreys and Owls. The children were confident and enthusiastic in presenting to an audience.

Year 3 and Year 5 have taken part in inter-school sports events at Bunyan and represented our school brilliantly, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. We are also looking forward to celebrating external achievements in our new PE newsletter, so please continue to share any sporting successes from outside school.

The children all looked lovely today in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you so much for the donations towards our hampers — your support is greatly appreciated. The children are busy practising for their end-of-term festive performances, and we look forward to seeing you all then.

A polite reminder:

Please use the large car park and be considerate of our school community as we work to keep everyone safe. We have recently observed some unsafe driving and parking, which puts our children at risk. We kindly ask all parents and carers to follow the parking guidance to ensure the safety of everyone on site.

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 24/11/25	W/C 1/12/25
Oak	97.0%	98.0%
Willow	95.3%	97.7%
Owl	95.2%	96.5%
Wagtail	99.0%	95.5%
Skylark	97.3%	96.2%
Woodpecker	97.1%	97.9%
Kingfisher	97.0%	97.0%
Nightingale	97.0%	95.2%
Eagle	96.6%	97.2%
Falcon	97.6%	98.0%
Osprey	98.1%	93.3%
Harrier	97.0%	95.9%
Kestrel	95.8%	93.6%
Kite	94.4%	93.8%

Well done to class last week from EYFS and KS1 with % and class from KS2 with %.

This week Oak class from EYFS and KS1 with 98% and Falcon class from KS2 with 98%. 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 3 Multi-Sports Competition



Some children from our year three classes took part in a Multi-Sports Competition with other schools in the county on Thursday 27th November at John Bunyan Sports & Fitness Centre. The

children represented our school impeccably and a great time was had by all.

Poppy Appeal

We managed to raise £175.40 for The Royal British Legion by selling poppy's and other Remembrance Day related items. Thank you so much to everyone who supported this cause.



Any Other Business Continued:-

JAG Holiday Club



If you are in need of childcare over the Christmas period, please be informed that our wrap around care provider JAG (Junior Adventures Group) are now taking bookings. Please scan the QR code to secure your child's place.

Named Uniform

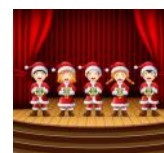
Please could we ask you to take some time over the weekend and ensure ALL items of uniform are clearly named—Thank you.



Christmas Performances

We still have some availability for the following Christmas Performances. If you have already purchased your tickets, please be advised they will be issued to you very soon.

Year 1&2	Tuesday 16th December	9.30am
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Year Reception	Tuesday 16th December	2.30pm
Year Reception	Wednesday 17th December	9.30am
Year 5&6	Wednesday 17th December	5pm
Year 3&4	Monday 15th December	5pm



Christmas Trees



We would like to express our huge gratitude to Mrs Anthony for donating two lovely Christmas trees. We have put one up on the front office and the other in the main hall.

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