

# NEWSLETTER

## Spring Term

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**30th January 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers,

#### Sharing Assembly

It was a pleasure to see so many parents at last week's sharing assembly for Falcon and Oak classes. The children presented beautifully and were clearly proud to share some of their learning with you. Speaking in front of a large audience can feel very daunting, and it was wonderful to see how confidently the Oak class children spoke, especially considering they have been in full-time school for just over a term.

Although we do send out reminders for these events, please check the website for the future dates so that you don't miss out!

#### Reading – Wise Owl Incentive

We are pleased to introduce our new Reading Wise Owl incentive. Each week, the class with the highest number of children meeting the reading expectation of reading at least three times a week at home will be awarded the Wise Owl for their classroom. This is a fun and encouraging way to celebrate regular reading habits and to motivate all children to engage with their books throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a love of reading.

#### PE and Jewellery

Following on from our previous PE newsletter, we would like to remind families that we follow the guidance provided by the Association for Physical Education (AfPE). Their expectations regarding jewellery are very clear: all jewellery, including earrings, must be removed for physical activity. This is due to significant safety risks such as earlobe injuries or the potential for the earring post to cause harm.

Covering earrings with tape is not considered a safe alternative. If earrings cannot be removed, students will be unable to take part in practical PE lessons. As part of our duty of care, we must enforce this guidance consistently.

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, we kindly ask that this is arranged for the start of the summer holiday, allowing sufficient time for healing before the new school term begins.

If your child has a verruca, please ensure it is covered with a plaster or that your child has a pair of grippy socks in school. This helps them to take part safely and fully in their statutory PE lessons.

#### Parking Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that the rear car park must be used for dropping off and collecting children. The front car park is reserved for staff and blue badge holders only.

We have recently received several complaints about inconsiderate and, at times, rude behaviour in the car park. As a school, we teach our children the values of respect, honesty and cooperation. We kindly ask all adults to help us model these values through their conduct when using the school site.

The Parish Council and Highways Department are also exploring ways to improve the entrance to the school car park to enhance safety for both pedestrians and drivers.

#### JAG After School Club

For children attending JAG after school club, we would like to remind parents and carers that once children have been dismissed to JAG staff, they should not return to their classrooms. When collecting your child from JAG, please leave the school site promptly to help us maintain a safe and orderly environment.

Mrs Headland

We aim to provide our children with opportunities to become confident, happy children valuing and respecting diversity and who are proud of their achievements.

#### Spring Break

Last day before half term - 13th February

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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

The term dates for the **2026–2027 academic year** are now available on our website.

#### Attendance

	<b>W/C 12/01/2026</b>	<b>W/C 19/01/2026</b>
Oak	96.0%	98.0%
Willow	93.0%	97.7%
Owl	95.2%	96.5%
Wagtail	98.0%	95.5%
Skylark	97.9%	96.2%
Woodpecker	97.9%	97.9%
Kingfisher	94.7%	97.0%
Nightingale	95.1%	95.2%
Eagle	98.0%	97.2%
Falcon	98.3%	98.0%
Osprey	93.6%	93.3%
Harrier	96.7%	95.9%
Kestrel	97.2%	93.6%
Kite	92.5%	93.8%

Well done to Wagtail class last week from EYFS and KS1 with 98% and Falcons class from KS2 with 98.3%.

This week Skylarks class from EYFS and KS1 with 99.6% and Eagles class from KS2 with 98.3%.

The whole school attendance is 96.3% however we are aiming for 98%.



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### Extra Curricular

Volleyball Club—Year 3-6

Thurs 8th Jan 26 -

Thurs 12th Feb 26

Art Club—Year 1-3

Mon 12th Jan -

Mon 9th Feb

DT Club - Year 3-4

Wed 14th Jan 26 -

Wed 4th Feb 26

Lego Club—Year Reception-6

Thur 8th Jan 26 -

Thur 12th Feb 26



### 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.

### Any Other Business Continued:-

#### Friday 6th February

We will be taking part in the NSPCC's national Number Day. This event is designed to promote a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards maths and will give children the opportunity to engage in fun, creative and interactive maths-based activities throughout the day.



Children and staff are invited to come to school wearing either an item of clothing with a number on it or clothing featuring a pattern. We ask for a £1 mufti donation in support of the NSPCC.

#### W/C 9th February

We're excited to announce that our school will be holding a Fun Run to raise money for Whizz-Kidz, a brilliant charity that supports young wheelchair users across the UK. Their work helps children gain independence, confidence, and access to mobility equipment that transforms everyday life. Your support genuinely makes a difference. Please see the sponsor form that comes home for more information.



#### Thursday 12th February

School disco for EYFS & KS1 3.30-4.30pm— Tickets are now sold out



KS2—Disco 4.45-5.45pm—There are still some tickets available via Parentmail

#### 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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<b>Festival Dates</b>
<b>Year 1&amp;2 Events</b>
Thurs 13th Nov: Skylarks multisports
Tues 24th March: Woodpeckers multisport
Weds 10th June: Owls multisport
<b>Year 3&amp;4 Events</b>
Weds 22nd Oct: Kingfishers multisports
Fri 28th Nov: Year 3 athletics (selected students)
Weds 11th March: Nightingales multisports
Mon 27th April: Year 4 quadkids
<b>Year 5&amp;6 Events</b>
Thurs 9th Oct: Year 6 multisports (selected students)
Thurs 27th Nov: Year 5 athletics (selected students)
Weds 22nd April: Year 5 multisports (selected students)
Mon 8th June: Year 6 athletics (selected students)



### Sporting Success

Please email [cefspe@cottonendforestschool.co.uk](mailto:cefspe@cottonendforestschool.co.uk) with any sporting achievements your child has achieved outside of school. This maybe swimming badges, man of the match, martial arts belt etc.

#### January celebrations:

Rylee R- Distinction in LAMDA solo introductory stage 2 and 5 metres swimming.

Oscar A - Red belt in Taekwondo.

Mylah-Jaye - 3rd tag belt in Taekwondo.

Daniel J - 5\* ski badge and 5th stripe in MMA.

Seth V - scoring a goal in football and getting man of the match.

Olivia B - becoming a part of a gymnastics squad.

Filip S - 2nd belt in Taekwondo and swimming 50m.

**Well done everyone with all your fantastic PE achievements!**



### Current News

Please make sure children **DO NOT** come in wearing jewellery on their PE days.

New external rules state earrings must be removed and tape is not deemed safe in schools.

Please make sure your child is wearing their PE kit to school on their PE day.

