



NEWSLETTER - Spring Term

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13th February 2026



Dear Parents/Carers



As we come to the end of a very busy half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our sharing assemblies this week—your involvement means a great deal to the children and staff.

Our Fun Run has been incredibly popular, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm shown by families. We are also performing brilliantly on the Street Tag leaderboard, reflecting the active lifestyles embraced across our school community. Thank you for helping us keep this momentum going.

Site Safety and Conduct

Several concerns have been raised regarding car parking and instances of disrespectful behaviour around the school site. Local residents have contacted the local authority, and officers are now reviewing the area to consider how we can maintain safety and respect for everyone. We will share further updates as soon as they are received.

Book Week After Half Term

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week after the break. A fantastic range of activities has been planned to promote a love of reading, including a visit from the Scholastic Book Fair. We hope the children will enjoy the events and feel inspired to explore new books and authors.

Lambing Day Preparations

As we look ahead to our biggest fundraiser of the year—Lambing Day next month—preparations are now underway to ensure another successful and enjoyable event for our whole community. Your support each year makes an enormous difference, and we are once again reaching out for your help.

World Book Day – Pyjama Day & Tombola Donations

To link with World Book Day, children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas. We kindly ask each child to bring either a bar/box of chocolate or a bottle (anything from bubble bath to fizzy drinks) to help stock our two popular tombolas for Lambing Day.

Cake Stall Contributions

Our much loved cake stall will be returning this year.

- Boxed cakes may be brought into school during the week commencing 2nd March.
- Homemade cakes can be delivered on Friday 6th March.

These contributions are always greatly appreciated and help us raise a fantastic amount on the day.

Support from Local Businesses

We would also welcome support from families with links to local businesses. If your workplace is able to donate items such as tea, coffee, sugar, sauces, serviettes, or similar supplies, we would be extremely grateful. In return, we will be happy to acknowledge and promote your support through our newsletters and event materials.

Your generosity—whether through donations, time, or simply spreading the word—helps us create a memorable day for the children and raise vital funds for the school.

I hope you have a lovely, restful half term and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February.

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 01234 740100 - option 5 keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk.



Coffee Morning – Tuesday 24th February



You are warmly invited to join us for a Coffee Morning focused on the theme of **Anxiety**. The session will be led by **Laura McColl**, our Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) from the School Mental Health Team, along with a colleague from **CAMHS**. All parents/carers are welcome.

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Extra Curricular

Dodgeball—Year 3-6
Thursday 26th February 26
Thursday 26th March 26

Art Club—Year 4-6
Monday 2nd March 26
Monday 23rd March 26

DT Club - Year 1 & 2
Wednesday 4th March 26
Wednesday 25th March 26

Lego Club—Year Reception-Year 6
Thursday 26th February 26
Thursday 26th March 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.



We are pleased to let you know that our school will be organising a collection of used clothes whilst raising funds for school. This is a great opportunity to recycle items you no longer need while supporting our school community.

We kindly ask families to donate any clean, good quality clothing, including children's and adults' items. Paired shoes, coats, hats, handbags and jewellery are also welcome.

All donations will be collected early on 25th February, so please ensure all bags are brought in by 24th February. If you do need a bag, we have some available in the school office, or you are welcome to use your own bin bag.

Please see the link if you would like some more information: <https://www.bag2school.com/>

Any Other Business Continued:-

Thank you to everyone who supported Number day on 6th February, we raised £296.70 for the NSPCC.



We're Hiring at Cotton End Forest School!



Junior Adventures Group is recruiting for two exciting term-time roles at our wraparound care club.
Breakfast & After-School Activity Leader
Monday–Friday | Split shifts (7:30–9:00am & 3:00–6:00pm)
A fun, active role creating games, sports, and creative activities for children.



Apply here:

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/join-our-team/job-application/?adid=661602>



Family-friendly hours, FREE CHILDCARE in our setting, paid training, and the chance to make a real difference.
If you or anyone you know might be interested please reach out or apply today.



Attendance W/C 26/01/2026 W/C 2/02/2026

Oak	92.7%	90.7%
Willow	96.7%	96.7%
Owl	96.3%	93.7%
Wagtail	94.0%	94.3%
Skylark	97.9%	97.5%
Woodpecker	96.9%	94.8%
Kingfisher	95.0%	97.0%
Nightingale	93.8%	93.1%
Eagle	96.0%	97.7%
Falcon	98.6%	97.2%
Osprey	92.7%	96.4%
Harrier	97.0%	98.5%
Kestrel	95.2%	94.0%
Kite	100%	96.7%



Well done to Skylarks class last week from EYFS and KS1 with 97.9% and Kites class from KS2 with 100%.

This week Skylarks class from EYFS and KS1 with 97.5% and Harriers class from KS2 with 98.5%. The whole school attendance is 96.3% however we are aiming for 98%.

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Sporting Success

Please email 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.

February celebrations:

Adam M – Level 5 Swimming badge

Bella – 5 star in skiing

Evelyn G – Rookie Lifeguard Bronze Stage 3 Award

Ronnie T – Player of the week in football

Oliver K – First swimming badge

Oscar A – Level 1 in swimming

Arya M – Merit in her first ballet exam

Grayson A – Man of the match in football

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.



Well done everyone with all your fantastic PE achievements!

