



# NEWSLETTER



Spring Term  
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27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we reach the end of an incredibly busy term, I want to say how proud we are of the children and the progress they have made. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and hard work have been evident in everything they've done.

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Verulamium, where they explored Roman history and brought their classroom learning to life. Several classes have also taken part in Inter-school sports events, representing our school admirably and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Year 5 children are already looking forward to their two night residential after the Easter break, which promises to be a wonderful experience for them. A reminder that the Year 5 residential begins on our INSET day, **Monday 13th April**, and children need to arrive at school promptly by **8.45am**.

Year 6 have undertaken their mock SATs this week in preparation for the real tests in May. They have shown great resilience, confidence, and determination throughout—well done to every single one of them.

We also had a brilliant Rock Steady concert this week, where children confidently shared their musical skills. It was a pleasure to see so many pupils enjoying their musical talents, and the event was very well attended. We are also extremely proud to announce that we have been awarded a **Music Mark Award** in recognition of our dedication and commitment to providing a wide range of musical opportunities for our children.

Spring Lamb Day was another huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported the event in any way. Your involvement helped make it a fantastic day for the children and a significant boost to our fundraising efforts. We are excited to use these funds to enhance the playground for the benefit of all pupils across the school.

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent consultations this week. We hope you found the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher both helpful and encouraging.

With the danger of repeating myself, I must once again remind everyone how fortunate we are to have a large car park at the side of the school. Please make full use of it and help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours. The front car park, including all designated spaces, is strictly for staff and disabled drivers only. When cars are parked incorrectly, large vehicles such as coaches and delivery lorries cannot manoeuvre safely. Your cooperation makes a real difference.

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter break. I hope you enjoy some well earned rest and relaxation with your families, and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 14th April**.

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](mailto:keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk).

## 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.

## Attendance W/c 9/3/2026 W/C 16/03/2026

Oak	94.0%	90.0%
Willow	90.3%	90.0%
Owl	92.0%	93.7%
Wagtail	92.7%	94.0%
Skylark	91.1%	93.2%
Woodpecker	99.3%	97.9%
Kingfisher	96.0%	97.3%
Nightingale	98.1%	89.3%
Eagle	97.7%	97.7%
Falcon	97.3%	98.0%
Osprey	99.1%	95.0%
Harrier	97.2%	98.4%
Kestrel	96.4%	96.8%
Kite	95.0%	90.0%

Last week Woodpeckers class from EYFS 99.3% and Osprey class from KS2 99.1%. This week Woodpeckers class 97.9% from EYFS and Harrier class from KS2 with 98.4%

The whole school attendance is 96.0% however we are aiming for 98%.



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## Extra Curricular

Dodgeball—Year3-6

Finished for this term

Art Club—Year 4-6

Finished for this half term

DT Club - Year 1 & 2

Finished for this half term

Lego Club—Year Reception-Year 6

Finished for this term



Please see Parentmail for next half terms clubs

## Any Other Business

### Book Fair & Book Swap

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair and took part in the book swap and sponsored read.. Together, we have raised **£2001.30** which is an incredible amount that will go directly towards buying new books across the school. Thank you all.



### Water Bottles

As the weather is now getting warmer, we kindly ask that your child brings a water bottle to school each day to help them stay hydrated. .



If your child is 11, Wilstead Bowls Club would love them to come along and have a go at bowling! It's a great chance to try something new, make friends, and have loads of fun. See the link below for more details.

<http://www.wilsteadbowlsclub.co.uk/community/wilstead-bowls-club-10138/contact/>

## Any Other Business Continued:-

**FACE April 2026 Timetable**  
All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 30 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	6 April 10am
School Anxiety	6 April 7pm
Facing Defiance	7 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Explained	13 April 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	13 April 7pm
Introduction to OCD	14 April 10am
What is ACT?	14 April 7pm
Decreasing Depression	20 April 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	20 April 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 April 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	21 April 7pm
<b>FREE Decreasing Depression</b>	<b>23 April 7-8pm</b>
Improving Family Communication	27 April 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	27 April 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	28 April 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 April 7pm

**JOHN BUNYAN MUSEUM Bedford**

**Cracking Crafty Thursdays**

per child



Create Spring and Easter inspired crafts on Thursday 2nd April and 9th April.  
11am- 3pm, £2 per child. Drop in, no booking

**Free Easter Egg Hunt**

Explore the museum with our FREE 'Egg Hunt' trail.  
Drop-in Tuesday- Saturday , 11am -4pm over the school holidays (Closed Good Friday)

John Bunyan Museum, Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, MK40 3EU



## Brilliant Transitions from Home into Early Years

Bedford Borough Council have created some practical guidance, to help families with their child's transition from home to Early Years, please click on the title above for more information:



## School Uniform Offer

Special offer from Myclothing.com

Save 15% This Week only! 23-29 MARCH

Just use code **SPRING15** at checkout



A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the run. We're thrilled to share that we've raised over **£3,300!** Your support, energy, and enthusiasm have made a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful. Thank you so much.

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## Festival dates

Years 1 & 2

Weds 10th June: Owls multisport

Year 3 & 4

Mon 27th April: Year 4 quadkids

Year 5 & 6

Weds 22nd April: Year 5 multisports  
(selected students)

Mon 8th June: Year 6 athletics  
(selected students)

Tues 16th June: 5/6 cricket tournament  
(selected students)

Mon 22nd June: 5/6 girls football  
(selected students)

## 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.



## 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.

## March celebrations:

Thea E - 5m distance swimming badge.

Lois C - bronze medal and certificate in gymnastics for apparatus.

Joshua – Level 2 swimming badge.

Amelia – 25m swimming award.

Oriana L – 1 st place in lyrical solo and duet.

Maeve L – 2 nd place in lyrical duet.

Helena C – silver and gold medal in gymnastics.

Lily – 25m swimming certificate.

Jack Mc – Player of the week in football.

Rylee – 3 rd place in dance.

Oscar A – Black belt in Taekwondo.

Caoimhe O – Medals in gymnastics competition.

Niamh O – Medals in gymnastics competition.

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

