



# NEWSLETTER

Summer Term  
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24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our first newsletter of the Summer term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your families.



The term got off to a flying start with our Year 5 residential visit to Grafham Water, where the children experienced a fantastic range of water sports including sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding, as well as climbing and mountain biking activities. The children all participated brilliantly and showed great resilience when trying new challenges.

A big thank you to all the staff who made the experience so memorable for the children and gave up two nights' sleep to accompany them. Year 4 and Year 6 also have residential experiences arranged for later this term and look forward to hearing all about those in due course.

Osprey Class have also taken part in a sports festival this week and represented the school incredibly positively.

All of our Year 6 children are busy preparing for the SAT's in a couple of weeks, they have shown great determination and resilience with their practice sessions and we are extremely proud of them all. We are sure they will all enjoy their preparation breakfasts and approach the tests with great positivity.

Next Tuesday, 28th April, Mrs C has arranged for the school nursing team to join us for a coffee morning at 9am in the school hall, please join us if you are able to.

We are looking forward to our sharing assemblies over the next few weeks, the children are always so proud to present to an audience. You will be notified when your child's class will be sharing their learning and we look forward to seeing you there.

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 20/4/2026

Oak	98.0%
Willow	99.3%
Owl	91.0%
Wagtail	94.3%
Skylark	93.1%
Woodpecker	94.8%
Kingfisher	100.0%
Nightingale	94.1%
Eagle	95.3%
Falcon	97.3%
Osprey	93.5%
Harrier	97.2%
Kestrel	92.8%
Kite	98.3%

This week Willow class 99.3% from EYFS and Kingfishers class from KS2 with 100%

The whole school attendance is 95.9% however we are aiming for 98%.





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### Extra Curricular

Archery—Year3-6

Last one 21st May 2026



Magical Math's

Last one 7th July 2026



Art Club—Year 3-6

Last one 11th May 2026



DT Club - Year 1 –3

Last one 11th May 2026



Lego Breakfast Club—Year Reception-Year 6

Last one 21st May 2026



### Any Other Business

#### 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:-



#### April 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 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

### 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:

