



NEWSLETTER

Summer Term
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22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have come to the end of a wonderful half term, and we are extremely proud of all our children.

A big well done to Indie and Leila — their artwork has been selected to be displayed at The Higgins Gallery for the summer exhibition. The exhibition opens to the public on Saturday 20th June and runs until 4th October. The gallery is open Mondays to Saturdays 11am-5pm and Sundays 2-5pm. Everyone is welcome.

As the weather is now warming up, please can you send your child to school each day with a named water bottle and a sunhat.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term, looking forward to seeing you back on Monday 1st June.



Mrs Headland

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.



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.



Extra Curricular

Magical Math's
Last one 7th July 2026

Summer Sports
Last one 9th July 2026

Lego Breakfast Club—Year Reception-Year 6
Last one 9th July 2026



Attendance W/C 18/5/2026

Oak	95.0%
Willow	96.0%
Owl	93.0%
Wagtail	94.0%
Skylark	93.1%
Woodpecker	93.8%
Kingfisher	97.3%
Nightingale	96.3%
Eagle	92.0%
Falcon	94.7%
Osprey	96.2%
Harrier	92.8%
Kestrel	95.7%
Kite	97.1%

This week Willows class 96.0% from EYFS and Kingfishers class from KS2 with 97.3%

The whole school attendance is 95.8% however we are aiming for 98%.





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Any Other Business

Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady



Did you know, we partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons,

These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun.

It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school!

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

Here's what else you need to know:

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.

- Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.

- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.

- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.

- You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos.

There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Sign your child up for band lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents

If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call 0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

Any Other Business Continued:-

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:



Looking for something fun to do this half term?

Come along to our Move & Make Together session on Thursday 28th May, specially created for SEND children and their families.

These relaxed sessions are all about creativity, movement, dancing, crafting, play and lots of fun, in a welcoming SEND friendly space where families can join in together and go at their own pace.



Where: Child Development Centre, Hill Rise, Kempston, MK42 7EB

When: Thursday 28th May

Session times:

- Ages 3–5: 9:45am – 11:00am
- Ages 6–8: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
- Ages 9+: 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Free to attend (booking essential). To book, email: sendevents@bedford.gov.uk

 **June 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
 Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 June 10am
School Anxiety	1 June 7pm
Facing Defiance	2 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	2 June 7pm
Anxiety Explained	8 June 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 June 7pm
Introduction to OCD	9 June 10am
What is ACT?	9 June 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 June 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	15 June 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	16 June 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	16 June 7pm
Improving Family Communication	22 June 10am
Autism-Improving Communication	22 June 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 June 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	23 June 7pm
ADHD and Homework	25 June 7-8pm

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