



NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
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8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 4 children had a fantastic time on their residential visit to the Frontier Centre. They threw themselves into every challenge — canoeing, climbing, orienteering, and experiencing the excitement of an overnight stay away from home. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience.



A huge thank you to all the staff who generously gave their time to support the children and help create such a memorable experience.

We are also looking forward to seeing our Year 6 pupils shine in their SATs next week. They have worked so hard, and we know they will approach the week with confidence and determination.

Today, we have enjoyed celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a range of outdoor learning activities inspired by his lifelong dedication to the natural world. The children loved exploring nature, learning about wildlife, and reflecting on his inspirational impact.

Mrs Headland



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



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.

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 4/5/2026

Oak	95.0%
Willow	92.5%
Owl	94.2%
Wagtail	96.1%
Skylark	95.7%
Woodpecker	93.5%
Kingfisher	95.8%
Nightingale	86.1%
Eagle	97.9%
Falcon	95.8%
Osprey	97.0%
Harrier	96.0%
Kestrel	95.5%
Kite	96.4%

This week Wagtails class 96.1% from EYFS and Eagles class from KS2 with 97.9%

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

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. Please note Nursery & Reception do not need to bring in a water bottle.

