



NEWSLETTER



Summer Term
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12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past couple of weeks, school has been a hive of activity. The children have been working incredibly hard, and we've seen some wonderful examples of their learning shared in assemblies. It was a real pleasure to welcome so many parents into school; the children showcased their work with great confidence and pride.

As a well established Forest School, we were delighted to host another round of Forest School training on site. Staff from out of county schools joined us to learn from our experienced team, and we are proud to share our expertise so that even more children can benefit from this enriching approach.

A group of Year 6 children took part in an athletics multisport event with other local schools this week and represented the school well, showing great sportsmanship and efforts. Well done to everyone!

Our Year 6 pupils are eagerly looking forward to their residential trip to Norfolk next week, with lots of exciting activities arranged. We hope the weather is kind to them and that they enjoy a memorable experience together.

Teachers have now begun writing end of year school reports. When these are sent home in a few weeks, they will include information about your child's new class for September. Please be assured that, if we decide to reorganise any classes within a year group, we do so with great care. Friendships, learning needs, and the overall well being of the children are always central to our decisions.

Thank you for your continued support during this busy and exciting time of year.

Please remember that the front car park is strictly for staff and Blue Badge holders only. We have been made aware that some parents, particularly during wet weather, are leaving cars in this area without using the designated bays. This creates an unsafe situation for children and adults moving around the site.

We have also received several complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking on nearby roads. Blocking driveways, parking on corners, or stopping in ways that reduce visibility puts others at risk and damages our relationship with the community.

We are extremely fortunate to have a very large on site car park, and we ask all families to use it. Your cooperation helps us keep everyone safe.

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.

Attendance W/C 10th June

Oak	94.7%
Willow	95.3%
Owl	94.3%
Wagtail	91.0%
Skylark	96.9%
Woodpecker	97.6%
Kingfisher	98.3%
Nightingale	93.7%
Eagle	96.7%
Falcon	97.3%
Osprey	88.1%
Harrier	92.8%
Kestrel	91.2%
Kite	96.7%

This week Woodpeckers class from EYFS with 97.6% and Kingfishers class from KS2 with 98.3%

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



Extra Curricular

Magical Maths

Last one 7th July 2026



Summer Sports

Last one 9th July 2026



Lego Breakfast Club—Year Reception-Year 6

Last one 9th July 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 or keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk.



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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:

Summer Holiday Club

Grow Wild Outreach are running an outdoor holiday club for children with additional needs.



Please click on the link for more information :

<https://www.growwild.life/>



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.