



NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

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17th July 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of a truly fantastic year, and we are incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved. Their hard work, resilience and enthusiasm have shone through in every aspect of school life, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow. I gave the teachers a difficult task to nominate their Pupil of the Term and the certificates were presented in assembly:

Willow-Jack
Oak-Georgia
Owls-Jacob
Wagtails-Elophia
Woodpeckers-Rory
Skylarks-Rayon
Kingfishers-Isaac
Nightingales-Florence
Eagles-Lillian
Falcons- Seth
Ospreys-Caoimhe
Harriers-James
Kestrels-Evie
Kites-Giancarlo

Our Year 6 leavers brought the house down with their end of year performance, entertaining us admirably and demonstrating just how far they have come. We wish each of them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education. We hope they will keep in touch and perhaps return for work experience in a few years, as many of our former pupils have done.

We also say a fond farewell to Miss Potter and Miss Wright, who are moving on to pastures new. We thank them sincerely for their commitment to our school and wish them well in their future endeavours.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome back Miss Hendry-Taylor, returning from maternity leave, and to introduce Mrs Henderson and Miss Robertson, who will be joining our team in September. We look forward to the energy and expertise they will bring.

Thank you so much for all your kind and generous end of year gifts, they are all very much appreciated.

I hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you back in school on Thursday 3rd September.

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
07848 571934 or

keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk.

Music Lessons in School

If you are interested in the opportunity for your child to learn to play a musical instrument, we do offer this via:

<https://www.bedsmusic.coop/schools>.

Lessons can be booked either during school time or privately. Please follow the above link for further information.



Extra Curricular

Magical Maths— KS1 & KS2 starts Tuesday 15th September until Tuesday 1st December.



Little Performers- Years 1 to 4 offering various different dance styles including Street dance, Musical Theatre, Pom Dance, Ballet & Disney Dance.
Starts Thursday 10th September—Thursday 10th December.



Milk in School

All children under the age of 5yrs are entitled to a daily cup of milk, free of charge.

If your child is over 5yrs but would still like to receive a cup of milk during morning break, you can order and pay for it via www.Coolmilk.com.

Cool Milk

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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)

or email info@rocksteadymusicschool.com.



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.



August 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

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



On the 9th July Ms Pryor attended a production at the palace theatre with Mille, Stella and Jenson in.

It was called 'Whiskers in the Wall' and the three children played lead roles in singing and acting.

It was fabulous and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was great to watch as they were accompanied by a younger cast ranging from year 3-6. It was a great success and awesome to see our children engaging in extra curricular activities enthusiastically.

<https://www.theplacebedford.org.uk/shows/whiskers-in-the-wall/>



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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 the correct PE kit to school.



Ideas of things to do over the summer

Here are a few ideas of things you could do over the summer holidays, please do take a look:

<https://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/>

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

<https://lovebedford.co.uk/summer-in-bedford/>

https://www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/whats_on/family_events.aspx

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/202/school_holiday_activities

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/libraries/whats-children-and-adults>

<https://www.visitengland.com/trip-ideas/places-visit-bedfordshire>

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g190737-Activities-zft11292-Bedford_Bedfordshire_England.html

Holiday Clubs

Picnic's

Go to the park



Sporting Success

Please email :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.

Summer Term celebrations:

Blake R – Player of the week in football.

Freddie S - 25 meters swimming badge

Henry S - 10 meters swimming badge.

Joey B - 50m distance swimming badge.

Nicky B - 5m distance swimming badge.

Primrose A - Cheerleader of the week.

Olivier A – Stage 1 swimming award.

Oscar A – Stage 2 swimming award.

Thea H – 400m swimming badge and green belt in Taekwondo.

Well done everyone with all your fantastic PE achievements.





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