



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term
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26th September 2026



Dear Parents and Caers,

It has been another busy and successful week at school, and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening.

The children have been working incredibly hard in their lessons and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm for learning. They have approached their work with focus, determination and positive attitudes, and we are very proud of the effort they continue to show every day. Their achievements, both in and out of the classroom, are a real credit to them and to our school community.

Our school choir has also been busy preparing for next year's Young Voices performance in London. The children are showing great commitment during rehearsals and are already making excellent progress. We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to sharing more information with families as the event gets closer.

Over the coming weeks, we will be holding our Parent Consultation Meetings. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their successes and talk about next steps in their learning journey. Information about booking appointments with class teachers will be shared shortly, and we encourage all families to sign up for a convenient timeslot.

Many of you will have noticed that work has now started on the installation of our new climbing frame. This exciting addition has been made possible thanks to the incredible support from our school community through recent fundraising events. We know the children are eager to use it and are looking forward to it being completed. In the meantime, please could we ask that children do not access the equipment after school until all work has been finished and safety checks have been completed.

This week I also had the pleasure of holding my first Postcard Picnics of the term. These are always a highlight, and it was lovely to spend time chatting with the children, hearing about their interests, celebrating their achievements and learning more about what they enjoy both in and out of school. Thank you to all those children who shared their stories so enthusiastically.

School Photographs: Our school photography day will be taking place soon. Further details will be sent out to families shortly.

Bikeability sessions have now been arranged and will be running over the next few weeks. We know the children are looking forward to developing their cycling skills and confidence.

Finally, we would like to give a gentle reminder about parking at drop-off and collection times. Wherever possible, please make use of the school car park and avoid parking on neighbouring roads. Parking considerably helps us maintain positive relationships with our local residents and, most importantly, helps keep all of our children safe when arriving at and leaving school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another great week ahead.

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.

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.

Attendance	W/C 7/9/26	W/C 14/9/26
Oak	97.6%	98.0%
Willow	98.4%	96.0%
Owl	97.3%	98.0%
Wagtail	96.7%	99.3%
Skylark	97.3%	93.0%
Woodpecker	97.0%	98.7%
Kingfisher	93.0%	93.8%
Nightingale	98.1%	99.0%
Eagle	100%	98.1%
Falcon	98.7%	97.7%
Osprey	95.7%	96.3%
Harrier	97.7%	95.5%
Kestrel	96.2%	90.0%
Kite	93.9%	93.0%

Well done to Willows class last week from EYFS and KS1 with 98.4% and Eagles class from KS2 with 100%.

This week Wagtails class from EYFS and KS1 with 99.3% and Nightingale class from KS2 with 99%.

The whole school attendance is 96.4% however we are aiming for 98%.



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Any Other Business:

Extra Curricular

The Bedford Junior Aquathlon

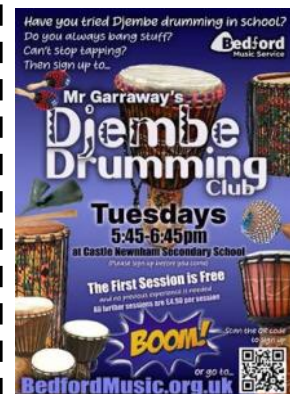
The Bedford Junior Aquathlon is back again on Sunday 11th October at Robinson Pool and Bedford Park.

For further information and booking details please visit

www.bedford.gov.uk/aquathlon



Djembe Drumming Club



Djembe Drumming lessons are available every Tuesday evening.

For more information please visit:

www.bedfordmusic.org.uk

Northampton Schools' Chess Association

Northamptonshire Schools' Chess Association



Autumn Junior Congress Saturday 17th Oct 2026,
Primary Children Years 2-6 and Year 7 (Under 12 age)

at

Castle Newnham School
South Site
77A Goldington Rd
Bedford
MK40 2ND

Players of all abilities will be welcome.
Closing date for entries: Wednesday Oct 13th.
No late entries will be accepted.

Playing Schedule

Six rounds of chess will be played in a Swiss Draw. All players will compete in every round. The draw for each round will ensure that players play someone on the same or a similar score each round. Each round will be played in 20 minutes for all moves. Chess clocks will be used in some sections. Instructions will be given where necessary.

Estimated Timings

Please note the start of each round timings is not fixed and might change based on registration.

Registration	09:00 - 09:45
Round 1	10:00
Round 2	11:15
Round 3	12:30

Any Other Business Continued:-

BBPCF have a busy autumn term ahead with lots of opportunities for parent carers to get involved, have their voices heard and access useful information and support.

For further information please visit:

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



Menu Change 1st October

Please be advised of a menu change on Wednesday 1st October. If you have already pre-ordered your child's meal for this day, please could we ask you to log back in to school grid and amend to suit the options as per this leaflet. Thank you.



Starting School 2027

If your child is due to start school in September 2027, please refer to this leaflet for further guidance.

