NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term
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23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our recent sharing assemblies, where we have come together to celebrate the many achievements of our children, both in school and beyond. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

Parent consultations were also very well attended. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. If you were unable to attend one of the available appointments, teachers will endeavour to contact you and provide an update on your child's progress.

Thank you also for your kindness and generosity in supporting our food bank collection. Your donations will make a real difference and provide valuable support to families in need within our community.

As we approach the end of term, I would like to remind parents that children should only bring water into school in their drink bottles. Squash and other flavoured drinks can cause significant issues when spills occur in classrooms and shared areas.

It has also been wonderful to see so many children choosing to scoot or cycle to school. To help keep everyone safe, please ensure that children do not ride scooters or bicycles on school grounds at the beginning or end of the school day. They should dismount at the school gates and walk them through the site.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming the children back next term.

Kind regards

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 with Mrs C



If you need any support, have a safeguarding concern or need a confidential chat please feel free to contact Mrs.C on 01234 740100 or 07848 571934
keepintouch@cottonendforestschool.co.uk.



Attendance W/ C- 19/10/2026

Oak	96.4%
Willow	93.8%
Owl	99%
Wagtail	97.3%
Skylark	91%
Woodpecker	95%
Kingfisher	96.1%
Nightingale	97.1%
Eagle	95.6%
Falcon	96.9%
Osprey	98.7%
Harrier	96.9%
Kestrel	97.3%
Kite	94.5%

Well done to Owls class this week from EYFS and KS1 with 99 % and Ospreys class from KS2 with 98.7%

The whole school attendance is 96.3% however we are aiming for 98%.



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Any Other Business:



Message from Bedford Central Library:

FREE MUSIC SESSIONS FOR KIDS!

Visit us on Wednesday 28th October 2026 for a fun beginner session with Bedford Music Service, allowing your child to try an instrument and make some music!

These free sessions are suitable for 7-11 year olds. To book, just visit our Eventbrite page through the link:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bedford-borough-libraries-117714194461

Ukulele - 11.15am-11.45am
Steel Pans - 12pm-12.30pm
Toots (beginner flutes) - 12.45pm-1.15pm
Djembes (West African drums) - 1.30pm-2pm

British Sign Language (BSL) Club



After the half term, Mrs Tree and Miss Birkinshaw will be running a British Sign Language (BSL) Club every Thursday from 3:30–4:30 pm for children in Year 3 and above.

If your child would like to attend, please sign them up via ParentMail.

We look forward to welcoming our budding signers!

PTFA



The next PTFA meeting will take place on Monday 2nd November at 3:45 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible!

Any Other Business Continued:-

School Dinners



Please can we remind you to pre order your child's school dinners for next half term on SchoolGrid. The new menu is now available.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling items in support of the Poppy Appeal after school on 4th, 5th and 6th November in the Market Café from 3.30pm

Suggested donation's are below:

Coat/bag reflectors – **£1.00**
Pencils – **50p**
Wristbands – **£1.00**
Paper poppies and stickers – **Donations welcome** Snap bands – **£1.50** *(*Available on Friday only)

Please note that we are unable to give change. You can also make a donation by scanning the barcode.

Thank you for your support for the Poppy Appeal

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