NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term
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9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We have enjoyed a fabulous couple of weeks in school, with lots of exciting opportunities and achievements for our pupils.

A particular highlight has been our Year 5 and Year 6 children taking part in their Bikeability training. The pupils approached the programme with enthusiasm, demonstrating excellent road safety awareness and developing important cycling skills and confidence.

We are also very proud of our Harriers Class pupils, who represented the school brilliantly at a recent inter-school sports event. They showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that attendance remains a priority. Our school attendance continues to be very strong, and we appreciate the efforts families make to arrange appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

As a reminder, if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can record the reason for their absence accurately and ensure our registers are up to date.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Miss Murataj for kindly providing the beautiful flowers for our planters, which are proudly displayed outside the front of our office. It is much appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing more of our children's successes with you over the coming weeks.

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



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.

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 28/9/2026	W/C5/10/2026
Oak	99.2%	98.4%
Willow	99.2%	96%
Owl	99%	97.3%
Wagtail	96%	97.3%
Skylark	94%	97.7%
Woodpecker	98.3%	95%
Kingfisher	93.6%	95.7%
Nightingale	99.4%	95.5%
Eagle	97.4%	98.5%
Falcon	98%	97.3%
Osprey	95.7%	96.7%
Harrier	97.9%	97.2%
Kestrel	96.2%	92.9%
Kite	97%	97%

Well done to Oaks & Willows class last week from EYFS and KS1 with 99.2% and Nightingales class from KS2 with 99.4%.

This week Oaks class from EYFS and KS1 with 98.4% and Eagles class from KS2 with 98.5%



The whole school attendance is 96.6% however we are aiming for 98%.

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Any Other Business:

PTFA News

"Hello from the Chair of Cotton End Forest School's PTFA (Parent Teachers and Friends Association)

We are excited to share our first ever PTFA update in the School Newsletter.

The PTFA has now been running for one year, and thanks to the amazing support from families, we have been able to raise funds for a brand-new playground structure. It has recently been installed and is now awaiting final checks before the children can enjoy it.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who helped make this possible, whether you donated, volunteered, or simply attended our events. Your support has had a direct and positive impact on the children.

As we look ahead, we would love to welcome new volunteers in the PTFA. To make this easier for families, a crèche is available during our meetings, so everyone can take part comfortably.



We are looking forward to another year of working together and creating more opportunities for the children.

Amanda Barnett (Chair) "

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



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/

Starting School 2027

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



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