

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 02

Friday 18th September 2026

Welcome to our weekly newsletter, here we will keep you up to date with important information and upcoming events. Please also keep an eye on your year group newsletters and our school website: <https://www.cotefordjunior.org.uk/>

Merit book:

The following children are in the merit book this week:

3DJ: Flynn – for great vocabulary in English

3LM: Ethan for always contributing in class

4LF: Swasti for settling in so well

4RC: Everlyn for great contributions in lessons

5EP: Sophia for fantastic poetry

5IW: Salma – for a great start to Y5

6KB: Amir for working hard

6SP: Alice for working hard

Miss Martin: Maddison for great attendance

Mrs. Eckley: Donnie for great reading

Miss Bowerman: Grace for an amazing day

A huge well done to them!



**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	96%
Year 4	89.2%
Year 5	88.1%
Year 6	96.1%
Whole school	92.7%

Well done to 6KB for the highest attendance this week at 97.4%

Teacher-Run Clubs (Lunchtime)

Clubs are underway but here is a second reminder of what's available. It takes a couple of weeks to get in to a routine so please share with your children again!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LOWER SCHOOL CLUBS – LUNCH TIME				
Y3&4 Art	Y3&4 Colouring Y3&Y4 Computing	Y3&4 Top Trumps	Y3&4 Games Club	
UPPER SCHOOL CLUBS – LUNCH TIME				
Y5&6 Colouring and Conversation	Y5&6 Debate (play time)		Y5&6 Games Club Y5&6 Chess	

Children do not need to sign up for lunchtime clubs. They are drop-in sessions and children can attend freely whenever they choose.

Next Parent Event

Our next parent event is on Wednesday 14 October — the Autumn Fair. We'd love to see you there. You will receive more details next week.

Assembly Spotlight: Growing Our Resilience

What do a torn piece of paper, a frightened egg and a tiny dot have in common? They have all helped us think about one very important skill this term: **resilience**!

In our recent assemblies, we have been exploring how we can face challenges, learn from mistakes and keep going when things feel difficult.

 **Beautiful Oops!** showed us that mistakes can lead to wonderful new possibilities. A spill, a tear or a scribble might seem like something that has gone wrong, but with creativity and determination, they can become something amazing. The children reflected on how mistakes help us learn and improve every day.

 We also enjoyed **After the Fall**, the story of Humpty Dumpty after his famous tumble. The fall leaves him feeling worried and afraid, but through courage and perseverance he learns to face his fears. The story reminded us that setbacks do not define us. What matters is how we pick ourselves up and carry on.

 Finally, we read **The Dot**, where Vashti discovers that one small mark can be the start of something extraordinary. With encouragement and a willingness to try, she learns to believe in herself and inspires others to do the same. The story taught us that confidence grows when we are brave enough to have a go.

These books link perfectly to our **3Rs**:

★ **Be Ready** to try new things and challenge yourself.

★ **Be Responsible** for your learning and learn from your mistakes.

★ **Be Respectful** by encouraging others and celebrating their efforts.

Throughout the year, we will continue to develop our resilience, remembering that every mistake is a chance to learn, every challenge is an opportunity to grow, and every child is capable of amazing things when they keep trying.

At Coteford Junior School, we don't give up. We stay Ready, Responsible and Respectful, and we keep learning, growing and shining together!

Class Representatives 2026-27

We are excited to be launching the application process for our new **Class Representatives** for this academic year. You will have received details this week.

This important pupil leadership role gives children the opportunity to represent the views of their classmates, share ideas for improving our school and contribute to decision-making across the school community. Class Representatives help ensure that every pupil's voice is heard and valued. The role provides a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about and put into practice the **British Values** of:

- **Democracy** - listening to others and making decisions through voting.
- **Individual Liberty** - sharing opinions confidently and respectfully.
- **Mutual Respect** - valuing the views of others, even when they differ from our own.
- **The Rule of Law** - understanding rules and responsibilities within our school community.
- **Understanding Different Faiths and Beliefs** - celebrating the diverse voices and experiences within our school.

Once applications have been received, children will vote for their Class Representatives, giving everyone the chance to take part in a democratic election. **Voting will take place early next week.** Successful Class Representatives will attend meetings, help organise school events, gather ideas from their classmates and act as positive role models by demonstrating our school values of being **Ready, Responsible and Respectful.**

We are looking forward to receiving lots of applications and hearing the fantastic ideas our pupils have for making Coteford an even better place to learn and grow. Good luck to all applicants!

Running Club

Running Club will take place every Friday morning at 7:45am. It is open to anyone who wants to attend- just come in through the breakfast club entrance and meet Miss Martin there.

Jewellery Reminder:

Please remind children that no jewellery is allowed – only very small stud earrings.

David Simmonds MP Christmas card competition:

Residents will be aware that David Simmonds office has a tradition of holding a Christmas card competition for infant, primary and junior schools across Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner. They are always thrilled to receive so many brilliant and creative entries, which makes the job of choosing one winner very difficult.

This year, pupils are invited take part in this year's competition, either at school or at home. The theme this year is 'Christmas in space'.

All entries should be sent to the constituency office at 10 Village Way, Pinner, HA5 5AF with the child's full name, age and school on the back of the design by **Friday 6 November.**

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Information:
02/09/26	Staff training day
03/09/26	Staff training day
04/09/26	Children return to school
09/09/26	Teacher Meet & greet in classrooms after school
W/C 14/09/26	Autumn term clubs start
13/10/26-16/10/26	Book fair
13/10/26	School photos (individual)
14/10/26	Autumn fair
23/10/26	Staff training day
26/10/26-30/10/26	Half Term