

Coteford Junior School

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: James for fantastic focus

3LM: Davi for writing in English

4LF: Rayan for being a great role model

4RC: Chester for being resilient

5EP: Joey for his fantastic poem

5IW: Florence for amazing effort in all subjects

6KB: Sadie for always following the 3 Rs

6SP: Livi for always working hard

Miss Martin: Marlo for making good choices

Mrs. Eckley: Alice for great effort in reading club

Miss Bowerman: Chelsea for working hard

A huge well done to them!



**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	89.6%
Year 6	95%
Whole school	94.5%

Well done to 3DJ for the highest attendance this week again

Democracy in Action at Coteford Junior School

This week, our pupils have been learning about democracy and the importance of having a voice in their school community. We were delighted to receive a fantastic number of applications for our Class Representative positions. Thank you to all the children who put themselves forward. The high level of interest demonstrated great enthusiasm, confidence and a willingness to make a positive difference to our school.

Following a democratic voting process, 16 Class Representatives have now been elected. Congratulations to all those chosen, and well done to every pupil who took part.

To further develop their understanding of democracy and how decisions are made in our country, our Class Representatives will be visiting the **Houses of Parliament** later this term. This is a valuable opportunity for pupils to see democracy in action, learn about the work of Parliament and understand how elected representatives help to shape the future of their communities and the nation. We are sure it will be an inspiring and memorable experience.

Assembly Focus:

In assembly this week, pupils learned about **Temple Grandin**, an inspiring scientist, author and autism advocate. Temple Grandin is special because, despite facing challenges as a child, she used her unique way of thinking to make a significant difference in the world. She has helped people better understand autism and has shown that different ways of thinking can be a real strength.

This links closely to our **3Rs**:

- **Respect** – Temple Grandin teaches us the importance of valuing and understanding differences in others.
- **Responsibility** – She worked hard to overcome challenges and used her talents to help both people and animals.
- **Resilience** – Throughout her life, she persevered when things were difficult and never gave up on achieving her goals.



Her story reminds us that everyone has unique strengths and that determination, kindness and self-belief can help us achieve great things.

Reading Ambassadors



We are delighted to announce the election of **18 Year 6 Reading Ambassadors**.

Following a strong selection process, these pupils have been chosen to champion reading across the school and inspire a love of books in younger children. Our Reading Ambassadors will play an important role throughout the year. They will support pupils at the **Book Fair**, helping children to discover new authors and exciting books. They will also assist in the **school library**, ensuring it remains an inviting and well-organised space for everyone to enjoy. In addition, our ambassadors will spend time reading with younger pupils, encouraging confidence, fluency and a lifelong enjoyment of reading. We are sure they will be fantastic role models and make a valuable contribution to promoting a positive reading culture across Coteford Junior School.

Diary Dates:

Non-Uniform Days

Bring a donation for the **Chocolate or Smellies Tombola** in exchange for a non-uniform day on Wednesday 7 October. Year 5 will have a non-uniform day on Thursday 8th October as they are on a trip on Wednesday.

Bring a donation for the **refreshment table (cakes, flapjacks, brownies) at the Autumn Fair** in exchange for a non-uniform day on **Wednesday 14 October**. We are an allergy aware school. No nuts at all.

Events

Come to the **Autumn Fair from 3pm to 5pm on Wednesday 14th October**.

Book Fair after school every day from **Tuesday 13 October to Friday 16 October**.

Raise money for new and exciting books.

Sports News:

It was a fantastic day of football for the Coteford girls, with three competitive matches providing plenty of excitement, learning and moments to be proud of.

The girls started against SSW and produced a determined performance in a very tight game. We worked hard defensively, competed for every ball and showed excellent organisation. Despite our efforts, SSW managed to find the only goal of the game. The result didn't reflect how closely the girls competed, and there were plenty of positives to take from the performance.

Next came Harlyn, in another closely fought encounter. The girls showed greater confidence in possession, worked hard to support each other and defended as a team. Neither side could find a breakthrough, resulting in a 0-0 draw. Importantly, the girls demonstrated patience and resilience, continuing to work hard right until the final whistle.

The final match against Hillside provided the perfect ending to the day. The girls started with real energy and created opportunities, eventually getting their reward when Jasmine produced a superb strike, she beat the defender with her first touch and slotted the ball away at the far post, leaving their goalkeeper helpless to put Coteford 1-0 ahead. From there, the girls had to show another side of their game defending their lead and remaining composed under pressure. Alice was exceptional in goal, making several fantastic saves when Hillside threatened to equalise. Her bravery, positioning and reactions helped the girls protect their lead and secure a well deserved 1-0 victory.

What was particularly encouraging was the girls' development throughout the matches. They showed that football is not just about scoring goals it is about working together, communicating, making decisions under pressure and supporting one another when things become difficult. Across the three games, the girls experienced a defeat, a draw and a victory, but more importantly, they continued to compete, learn and grow as a team. The resilience they showed after the narrow defeat to SSW highlights the girls growth in confidence. finishing the day with a hard-fought win against Hillside.

A special mention to Jasmine for a brilliant winning goal and Alice for her outstanding goalkeeping, but the biggest positive was the contribution of the whole team.

A huge well done to: Alice, Rose, Olivia O, Ela, Isla, Suraiya, Veera and Jasmine.

Mr B.

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
02/10/26	Parliament Visit
07/10/26	Yr 5 Visit Anoopam Temple Denham
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

