

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 04

Friday 2nd October 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: Rae - For incredible progress in all areas!

3LM: Chloe - For improving on her listening skills in the classroom.

4LF: Mylo - For staying and working in class.

4RC: Zofia – Always tries hard and follows the 3 R's.

5EP: Yakup – For his effort in all studies.

5IW: Zadiie – Kindness!

6KB: Veera – For representing the 3 R's and helping others in class.

6SP: Kush – For always working hard and being polite.

Miss Martin: Zadiie - For 100% attendance.

Marlo – For a mature and positive attitude.

Mrs. Eckley: Primrose – For following the 3 R's always and cheerful nature in School.

Miss Bowerman: Mylo - For staying in class.

A huge well done to them!

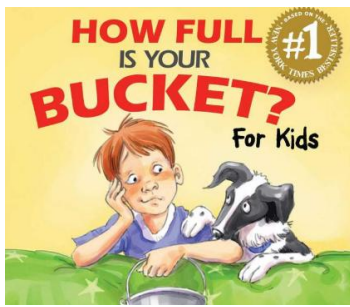


**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	94.8%
Whole school	94.6%

Well done to **4LF** for the highest attendance this week



Assembly Focus: *How Full Is Your Bucket?*

This week in assembly, we explored the story *How Full Is Your Bucket?* by Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer. The book teaches us that our words and actions can either fill someone's bucket with happiness, kindness and confidence, or dip from their bucket and make them feel sad or upset.

The children reflected on how small acts of kindness, encouragement and respect can have a big impact on others. We discussed how showing empathy, helping a friend, including others in games and using positive words can help fill buckets throughout our school community.

This links closely to our school values of **kindness, respect, responsibility and collaboration**. By making positive choices every day, we help create a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and able to thrive.

The assembly also reinforced the importance of **well-being**. When our buckets are full, we feel happier, more confident and better able to learn. Equally, by filling the buckets of others, we strengthen friendships and contribute to a positive and caring school community.

Challenge for the week: Ask your child how they have filled someone's bucket today and what they can do tomorrow to make a positive difference to another person's day.

Home Learning Resources

<https://grammarsaurus.co.uk/portal/morphs/>

Exciting New Spelling Resource: Morphs!

We are delighted to introduce **Morphs**, an exciting new online spelling programme available to all pupils. Morphs helps children learn and practice spelling rules through fun, interactive games and activities that support their learning in school.

Every child has been given their own login details, which can be found inside their reading diary. Simply log in and start playing!

Children can access Morphs through the **Morphs website** on any computer, laptop or tablet at home. Class teachers will share expectations with their classes regarding how often children should use the programme as part of their spelling practice.

We are excited to offer this engaging resource and look forward to seeing the positive impact it has on children's spelling confidence, accuracy and progress. Happy learning! ✨



Discover myON: Our Online Library

We are pleased to remind families about **myON**, our fantastic online library that gives pupils access to thousands of digital books anytime, anywhere.

Children can log in using their **myON username and password**, which can be found in their reading diary. These details are the same as their Accelerated Reader login and are case sensitive, so please check capital letters carefully.

Once logged in, pupils can personalise their profiles, explore a wide range of books and discover new authors and topics that interest them. The platform is easy to use and encourages children to develop a love of reading both at school and at home.

Families can access myON through the **myON website (myON.co.uk)**. For further information, guidance on logging in and tips for finding books, please read the **Parent Guide to myON** attached to this newsletter.



Picture News Assembly: Allergy Awareness

On Monday, all pupils took part in a special **Picture News live assembly** led by **Clare Bristow from the Sadie Bristow Foundation**. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, the assembly helped children develop an understanding of allergies and how we can all play a role in keeping one another safe.

During the assembly, pupils learned what an allergy is, why some allergic reactions can be serious, and how important it is to listen to others and seek help from a trusted adult if someone feels unwell. The session also introduced children to the new allergy-safety requirements known as **Benedict's Law** and highlighted the importance of creating safe and inclusive environments for everyone.

The age-appropriate discussions encouraged children to show empathy, kindness and responsibility towards others. By increasing awareness and understanding of allergies, we can help ensure that all members of our school community feel safe, valued and included.

This assembly forms an important part of our safeguarding curriculum, equipping children with the knowledge to recognise risks, respond appropriately and support one another with care and respect.

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



Autumn Fair

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

Family helpers needed so please contact Mrs Eckley if you can help and hold a DBS.



The Book Fair is running after school every day from **Tuesday 13 October to Friday 16 October**. Raise money for new and exciting books.

Football Match:

On Wednesday the Coteford team played in a friendly match versus Harlyn. Coteford secured an exciting 4-2 victory over Harefield in a game that tested the team's character, resilience and ability to stay composed under pressure.

The match got off to a difficult start, with Coteford falling 1-0 behind. Despite a nervous opening, the boys remained calm and gradually settled into the game. Their positive attitude began to show, and before half-time we managed to turn the game around, scoring two goals to take a 2-1 lead into the break.

The boys started the second half with real purpose and quickly extended their advantage to 3-1. Harefield responded with another goal, making it a nervy final 10 minutes. However, rather than panicking, the boys showed excellent teamwork and defended strongly as a unit.

With the game still finely balanced, Teilo stepped up with an important goal, helping to secure a deserved 4-2 victory for Coteford.

The biggest positive from the game was the positive communication throughout the team. The boys encouraged one another, gave information on the pitch and continued to support each other, particularly when the game became difficult. This communication played a big part in helping us remain organised and composed. Player of the Match - Arthur

Arthur was my Player of the Match. He was defensively sturdy throughout the game and did an excellent job of winning the ball and helping to start attacks with some really good forward passes.

His all-round performance was deservedly rewarded with a goal, capping off an excellent individual display.

A fantastic team performance and an important win. The boys showed that even when things don't go to plan at the start, staying calm, communicating positively and working together can make all the difference.

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