

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 05

Friday 9th 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: Phoebe for great English

3LM: Grace for pushing herself

4LF: Egli for working hard

4RC: Theo for working hard

5EP: Aidan for fantastic questions at the Temple

5IW: Neve for great Maths

6KB: Suraiya for great English

6SP: Elias for being a model pupil

Miss Martin: Zoya for being brave and always smiling

Mrs. Eckley: Evan for great reading

Miss Bowerman: Frankie for working hard all the time

A huge well done to them!



**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	88.1%
Year 6	95.3%
Whole school	94.6%

Well done to **6SP** for great attendance this week

Scholastic Book Fair

We're excited to be hosting our **Scholastic Book Fair** from **Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th October**, after school from **3.00pm to 3.30pm**, with an extra opportunity to visit during the **Autumn Fair**.

Please **pop in straight after school** to browse the fantastic range of books on offer. If you are unable to visit, you can **send money in**

with your child in a named envelope, and they will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day and choose a book with support from our Reading Ambassadors.

Every purchase helps raise funds for new books and resources for our school.

 **Competition:** Create a **Reading Recommendation Poster** about your favourite book for a chance to win a **£5 book voucher**. One winner will be chosen from each year group, and winning entries will be displayed around the school.

 **Cash and card payments accepted.**

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your continued support.



Online Safety Update

Keeping children safe online continues to be a national focus. Recent developments include plans for stronger age-checking measures on websites and apps, alongside proposals to restrict access to certain social media platforms for under-16s



Age-Appropriate Advice for Primary-Aged Children Ages 7-11

- Talk regularly about who children interact with online and which apps they use.
- Check privacy settings together and ensure accounts are set to the highest level of protection.
- Remind children never to share personal information such as their full name, address, school or passwords.
- Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if they see something upsetting, receive unkind messages or are contacted by someone they do not know.

For All Families

- Create regular screen-free times during the day.
- Keep devices out of bedrooms overnight where possible.
- Take an interest in your child's online world and play games or explore apps together.
- Model positive online behaviour and discuss how to spot misinformation and scams.

Useful UK Online Safety Resources

- NSPCC Net Aware
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk>
- Childnet
<https://www.childnet.com>
- Internet Matters
<https://www.internetmatters.org>
- Thinkuknow (National Crime Agency)
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- Ofcom Online Safety
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety> [[ofcom.org.uk](https://www.ofcom.org.uk)], [[ofcom.org.uk](https://www.ofcom.org.uk)]

Open and supportive conversations remain one of the most effective ways to help children develop safe and responsible online habits. Working together, we can help our children enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe online. 🖥️ 📱 📺

🏛️ **Our Class Representatives Become Mini MPs!**

Our newly elected Class Representatives enjoyed an exciting visit to London, where they took part in a workshop and a guided tour of the **Houses of Parliament**.



During the visit, pupils explored both the **House of Commons** and the **House of Lords**, learning about how Parliament works and how laws are made. They saw historic portraits, including **Henry VIII**, and discovered where the **King arrives for the State Opening of Parliament**.

We were delighted to hear that the workshop facilitator described our children as "**the most polite and fun group of the day!**" Their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and thoughtful questions were a credit to our school.

Following the visit, our Class Representatives have decided on a new name. From now on, they will be known as our **MMPS - Mini MPs!**

Congratulations to our newly elected Mini MPs:

Year 3: Clara, Ruby-Rose, Ethan and Adam

Year 4: Liah, Eira, Monica and Everlyn

Year 5: Khajeel, George, Dunya and Henry

Year 6: Ella, Rowan, Yousef and Jash

A huge thank you to **Miss Reid** for organising this fantastic opportunity and accompanying the children on the trip.

📸 **Please visit our school website to see photographs from the day.**

🧐 **Did You Know?**

❓ **Did you know?** The House of Commons is decorated in green, while the House of Lords is decorated in red.

❓ **Did you know?** Big Ben is actually the name of the Great Bell inside the Elizabeth Tower, not the clock itself!

We are incredibly proud of our Mini MPs and look forward to seeing the positive changes they will help make around school. 🌟

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Information:
07/10/26	Year 5 Visit to temple
07/10/26	Non uniform day (Y3, Y4, Y6)
08/10/26	Non uniform day for Y6
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
18/11/26	Y6 Visit to Battle of Britain
19/11/26	Y6 visit to Battle of Britain
02/12/26	Y3 Stoneage workshop
11/12/26	Christmas Panto
17/12/26	Christmas Service
18/12/26	Term ends at 12pm