

# Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 16

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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/>

## **Pupil of Term:**

The following children are the pupil of the term:

**3EB: Mylo for amazing Geography**

**3TH: Everlyn for a brilliant start**

**4LF: Marlo for a great start to 2026**

**4IW: Hattie for fabulous Science knowledge**

**5DJ: Aleks for amazing reading**

**5EP: Nathaniel for a great start to 2026**

**5RC: Leo – you will be missed**

**6KB: Maulik for a great start to 2026**

**6SP: Aaliyah for a great start to 2026**

**6UQ: Thomas for a great start to 2026**

**Mrs. Eckley: Amelia.R for a great start to 2026**

**Miss Martin: Cassia for being a model pupil**

A huge well done to them!



Be Ready  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible

## **ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS**

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	87.2%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 6	91.9%
Whole school	91.3%

### **New Guidance:**

In our school, we have updated the guides for communication and absence for parents to make expectations clear and consistent. The revised guidance explains the best ways to contact the school, expected response times, and who to contact for different queries. It also clearly sets out procedures for reporting planned and unplanned pupil absences, including timescales and required information. These updates are designed to support effective communication, ensure pupil safety, and help maintain continuity of learning. The Attendance guide was sent yesterday and the communication guide is attached to this email.

### **Reminders:**

The Pinn River school is scheduled to open next door, which will bring significant changes to the immediate area. While the school will be a valuable addition to the community, it is expected to increase daily activity, particularly during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. This may lead to higher noise levels, increased foot traffic, and greater demand for parking along nearby streets.

### **Introduction of a One-Way System**

To manage the expected increase in traffic, a one-way system has been proposed for the school grounds. This system aims to improve traffic flow and enhance safety for students and parents. Careful planning and clear signage has been put in place to ensure the system operates effectively. Please take note of the markings on the ground.

### **Launching the National Year of Reading 2026**

We are excited to be taking part in the National Year of Reading 2026, a nationwide campaign designed to reignite a love of reading for children, young people, and families. Throughout the year, we will be celebrating books, stories, and the joy of reading in many different forms—at school, at home, and across our community.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is one of the biggest predictors of future success, so this is a wonderful opportunity to build strong reading habits together.

Look out for special events, challenges, and family activities as we “Go All In” and make 2026 a year filled with curiosity, imagination, and brilliant books.

### **Neon Disco:**

An email was sent out yesterday regarding the upcoming Neon disco which we are all very excited about. Please book your ticket by paying on parentmail, (no tickets will be issued – we will keep a list of all children who have paid)

Parent helpers are needed to support us with the extras such as tuck shop and merchandise. Please get in touch with Mrs Eckley to offer help. DBS required. Year 6 pupils can offer to help at the Year 3&4 Disco and stay for the Y5&6 Disco. They would need a snack to keep them going and to bring their disco clothes to change into.

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**UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
05/01/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
06/01/26	Children return
30/01/26	Neon Disco
16/02/26-20/02/26	Half Term
27/03/26	Term ends 12 noon
13/04/26	Children return
22/05/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
25/05/26-29/05/26	Half-term
21/07/26	Term ends 12 noon