Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 17 **16th January 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:

3EB: Mia for a great start to CJS

3TH: Isac for great work

4LF: Andrew for great resilience

4IW: **Nel** for kindness

5DJ: Isla for amazing enthusiasm

5EP: Maddison for a great attitude towards learning

5RC: AJ for great leadership skills

6KB: Thea for working hard on her reading

6SP: Adnan for working hard

6UQ: All of 6UQ

Mrs. Eckley: Evie and Thea for a great start in reading club

Miss Martin: Sofia 3EB for always being polite

A huge well done to them!

Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole school	93.9%

Last week, we shared that it's the National Year of Reading!

So what's coming up...

February — Reading Ambassador Assembly + Book Tasting
✨ We'll *kick-start the new year with the excitement of new books*

- **Reading Ambassador Assembly**
  Re-introduce our Reading Ambassadors, their roles, and their first challenge of the year: "Recommend a book to someone new."
- **Book Tasting (whole school):**
  We could buy £1000 worth of new books from your generosity at the Book Fair. These will be shared around school. Each child leaves with a "Books I Want to Try" bookmark.

March — World Book Day: *Treasure Island* Theme on Thursday 19th March
🏴‍☠️ *A whole-school adventure anchored in one classic text.*

- "Treasure Island" immersive production with dramatic readings.
- Model lessons themed around exploration, maps, clues, and character motives.
- Treasure-hunt style vocabulary challenges
- Time to dress as a pirate!

Diary Dates:

Friday 30th January - Neon Disco
Book tickets now. Selling fast.
Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week
More details to follow.
Tuesday 10th February - PSHE / RSE / Sex Education Consultation for Families at 6pm with Mrs Eckley.
Letter has been sent already.
Wednesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day with a invite to families to come in and watch the live lesson with us. AI theme this year. More details to follow.
Wednesday 11th February - Wear your SCARF Day where pupils wear a scarf to represent them.

More details to follow.

Match Report:

On Wednesday, The school's girls football team took part in a friendly football tournament. Our girls played 3 matches - which resulted in 1 victory and 2 losses for our girls.

I would like to start by saying WOW! The girls' performances were a demonstration of consistently being consistent. Since the start of the academic year, the girls have created a culture within the school that football is also for girls. They turn up to everything training session no matter the weather conditions.
The contrast in their performance from their very first game in October, compared to their games on Wednesday was huge. Our girls have always played football with the right attitude; they give it their all and uplift each other on the field and now they have the skill to go with to accompany their many great attributes.
The Highlight of their performances was not just in their victory, but in their overall play. Passing, communication, creating space, control and shooting all of these skills were on display right from the first whistle.
I could not be more proud of the girls. The amazing part is that, they are only going to get better.

My players of the tournament were, Jasmine; she ran non-stop and created our goal, Rose; she was tough in her tackles and Lois; She scored an amazing goal to give us the victory.

A big well done to: Alice, Rose, Dina, Olivia O, Isla, Suraiya, Jasmine, Lois, Leen and Veera.

Mr Belinga

More details to follow.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	**Information:**
19/01/26	Y6 Planetarium
22/01/26	Y6 Junior Citizens event
30/01/26	Neon Disco
06/02/26	Y5 Incident at station Road
09/02/26	Childrens Mental Health week
10/02/26	PSHE / RSE / Sex Education Consultation for Families at 6pm with Mrs Eckley.
11/02/26	Wear your SCARF Day
16/02/26-20/02/26	Half Term
23/02/26	Woodland workshop
26/02/26	RNLI Assembly
19/03/26	World book day – treasure Island
27/03/26	Term ends 12 noon
13/04/26	Children return
23/04/26	Y4 Hampton Court Palace
22/05/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
25/05/26-29/05/26	Half-term
21/07/26	Term ends 12 noon