

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 4

26th September 2025

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: Lenny for always smiling – good luck

3TH: Harvey for trying so hard

4LF: Elleni for fabulous science

4IW: Chloe for excellent tidying skills

5DJ: Rico for his participation on our school trip

5EP: Rose for amazing questions in all subjects

5RC: Jessie for always being kind, helpful and hardworking – we will all miss you

6KB: Maddie for amazing WW2 homework

6SP: Riya for always working hard

6UQ: Georgina for her helpful attitude

Miss Skinner: Ella (5DJ) for increased confidence & maturity

Mrs Eckley: Reading ambassadors for great enthusiasm

Miss Martin: Andrew (4LF) for always being ready



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	88%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	94.4%
Whole school	93.6%

Assemblies

This week in assemblies, we explored two powerful stories—Your Fantastic Elastic Brain and Stanley in the Ocean—to help us understand how our minds grow and how we can show respect for the world around us. We learnt that our brains are like elastic: they stretch and strengthen when we try new things, make mistakes, and keep going, which is part of having a growth mindset. We also discovered how Stanley's underwater adventure teaches us about the impact of plastic pollution and the importance of respecting nature and all living things. Through both stories, we've seen that resilience and respect—two of our 3Rs—can help us become thoughtful, courageous learners and caring citizens of our planet. These are both fabulous books if you see them in your local library.

Reading Ambassadors

This half-term, we're delighted to have appointed 14 enthusiastic Reading Ambassadors from Year 6, following a thoughtful application process. These pupils will be championing reading across the school by supporting younger readers in Years 3 and 4, helping to keep our library space tidy, inviting, and well-organised, and playing a key role in planning and promoting our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Their passion for books and commitment to sharing stories will help foster a love of reading throughout our school community.

Gunnersbury Trip

One of our Year 5 classes enjoyed a fantastic trip to Gunnersbury Park this week as part of their history topic on Victorian life. The children had the opportunity to step back in time, experiencing what life was like in a Victorian classroom and exploring the museum's rich collection. Mrs Jariwala was proud to report that the pupils had a brilliant day and upheld our 3Rs throughout—showing respect, responsibility, and resilience in every part of the visit. A big thank you to our parent helpers for supporting the trip, and we look forward to the other two Year 5 classes enjoying their own Gunnersbury adventures very soon

Autumn Fair:

Please follow this link for details of our Autumn Fair in a couple of weeks. It's a presentation with information about the exhibition and stalls.

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGz4kgkuv8/C8BmtPjTcOpNMRtKR34x0w/view?utm_content=DAGz4kgkuv8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utm_id=hf6a1078118

Match Report:

Our girls' football team played three tough games on Wednesday against Harefield, Breakspear and Ladybanks. The results didn't go our way, with defeats of 2-0, 1-0 and 5-0, but the score lines only tell part of the story.

What really shone through was the girls' grit, determination and spirit. At no point did heads drop, and every single player kept giving their all until the final whistle. As their coach, I couldn't be prouder of the way they supported each other and played with such determination.

The biggest strength of this team is their togetherness. They have built an environment where everyone feels valued and safe to make mistakes, knowing their teammates will be there to encourage them. That bond is something truly special, and it's the foundation on which they will continue to grow.

So, watch this space — I believe the girls' togetherness will go on to cultivate a culture that inspires the younger girls in our school to want to play football too.

A big well done to Allyssa, Lois, Hallie-Rae, Leen, Rose, Alice, Veera, Jasmine, Suraiya, Olivia O, Isla and Olivia W.

Mr Belinga.

Flu Vaccinations:

The NHS nursing team will be visiting our school on Tuesday 30th September, please make sure you fill out the e-consult form (even if you do not wish for your child to have the flu vaccination)

More details can be found on the parentmail which was sent out earlier this week.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Information:
W/C 15/09/25	Outside providers clubs start
09/10/25	Non uniform day (in return for donations for the fair)
15/10/25	Autumn Fair (non uniform in return for cakes)
14/10/25-17/10/25	Book fair
24/10/25	Training day
27/10/25-31/10/25	Half Term
19/12/25	Term ends 12noon
05/01/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
06/01/26	Children return
16/02/26-20/02/26	Half Term
27/03/26	Term ends 12noon
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 12noon