

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 5

03rd October 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: Louis for gaining confidence

3TH: Chester for always following the 3Rs

4LF: Sophie for fantastic effort

4IW: Henry for always being respectful

5DJ: Donatello for consistently having the right attitude

5EP: Aryana for amazing poetry

5RC: Star for her amazing attitude on the trip

6KB: Zach for his Maths work

6SP: Ayaan – amazing progress

6UQ: Edrees for hard work and focus

Miss Skinner: Hattie for hard work

Miss Martin: Cassia for always working hard

House Captains:

Well done to our new Y6 House Captains:

Hamilton: Anaiya & Maulik

Lapthorne: Amelia & Jamie

Anne Frank: Amiin & Kouji

Malala: Evie & Madeleine



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	88%
Year 5	91.9%
Year 6	91.3%
Whole school	92%

The Online Safety Act - what's happening this week?

The rollout and enforcement of these new online safety measures are being led by Ofcom, the UK's communications regulator.

Under the Online Safety Act, Ofcom now has the power to:

- Set rules for how platforms must protect children from harmful content.
- Investigate and fine companies that fail to comply.
- Monitor platforms like TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Roblox, and Reddit—especially those popular with young users.

They're working closely with tech companies to ensure:

- Age checks are robust and privacy-conscious.
- Harmful algorithms (like those promoting concerning behaviours) are addressed.
- Children's experiences online are safer and more age-appropriate.

You can help keep your child safe online by staying informed, setting up safeguards, and talking openly. It's important to know which platforms they use—like TikTok, Roblox, YouTube, and Instagram—and understand that new UK rules may introduce age checks to protect young users from harmful content. You can support this by using parental controls, enabling SafeSearch, and checking privacy settings together to ensure profiles are secure. Regular conversations about online experiences help build trust; explaining why age limits exist and encouraging your child to report anything upsetting can make a big difference. By modelling healthy digital habits and celebrating kindness and creativity, you can guide your child toward a safer, more positive online experience. We can support with this in school too.

Celebrating Black History Assembly – We Need You! 🌍

As part of our upcoming Black History celebration, we're inviting children to take part in a special assembly on Thursday 9th October that honours the richness, diversity, and brilliance of Black heritage and culture.

We would love for pupils to contribute in any way that feels meaningful to them. This might include:

 Sharing a flag that represents your family's heritage or a country that holds special significance

 Telling a story or experience from your family's history

 Creating artwork, poems, or posters that celebrate Black role models or cultural traditions

 Bringing in music, recipes, or items that reflect your background

 Recommending a book, film, or figure that has inspired you

Every voice matters, and every contribution helps us learn more about one another.

Please contact Mrs Eckley via email (reckley.312@lgflmail.org) or your child's class teacher with any contributions you can make ASAP!

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Match Report:

On Wednesday the school football team took part in a friendly football match against BWI Primary School. The match resulted in a 10 - 1 victory. I would describe the performance as mature. Within the first 10 minutes we were up by 3 goals, this can sometimes lead to complacency, such as showboating and treating the opponent with contempt. I'm extremely proud of the boys as they continued to try to improve on their skill and treated their opponent with a lot of respect despite the score line.

I've picked two players for player of the game - Logan and Elliott, both of these players showed great leadership skills and remained consistent in the way that they performed throughout the match.

A big well done to: Arthur W, Logan, Jash, Kaelen, Elliott, Edward, Ethan, Liam, Samuel H and Yusuf R.



Easyfundraising:

Thank you to our new supporters who have signed up this weekend. Our current total raised stands at £721 - amazing!

You can now sign up using the link or the QR code on the banner outside school, and share with family and friends and get everyone raising funds for Coteford!



Autumn Fair Reminders

Non-Uniform Days:

- **Thursday 9th October in exchange for chocolate or smellies**
- **Wednesday 15th October** in exchange for cakes (no nuts, label if gluten-free)

Exhibitions in the Hall

We are inviting entries from children and adults for our seasonal exhibition. All entries should be **clearly labelled** with name and class and brought to the hall **on the morning of the fair**. Adult entries need to be clearly labelled too. You can enter as many categories as you wish. **Rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.**

Children's Categories:

- Miniature Garden on a Paper Plate
- Best-Dressed Plant Pot
- Fruit & Vegetable Animal
- Pumpkin Painting or Carving
- Arrangement in a tea cup

Adult Entries:

- Autumn Wreath (fresh or dried flowers/berries)
- *Walk in the Woods* Photography Competition (open to adults & children)
- Hand-Tied Bouquet in Autumn Colours

Supporting Our Community at the Autumn Fair

Mrs Boffey will be coordinating a **Food Bank collection** for **New Hope** in Watford.
[New Hope — Homeless Support Centre & Shelter in Watford: The Haven | New Hope](#)

These are the items that have been requested: warm coats and jackets, new underwear for women (small and medium), sleeping bags (3-4 season), new boxer shorts (small and medium), hooded sweatshirts, new sports socks, toilet rolls, anti-bac wipes, deodorant, shower gel, pot noodles and cereal bars. There are other items if you click on the link above. We thank you for your generous donations.

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