

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 7

17th 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: Alana for growth in mindset

3TH: Harvey for brilliant Maths

4LF: Archie for his fantastic attitude

4IW: David for always putting in 100% effort

5DJ: Kush for improving his poetry

5EP: Ruqia for making friends with everyone

5RC: Wyatt for making progress

6KB: James for his creative craft

6SP: Edward for working hard

6UQ: All of the fantastic cake sellers

Miss Skinner: Rahimah 4IW for working hard

MRs Eckley: Arthur 5EP for being kind and sharing

Miss Martin: Maya 4LF for being helpful



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	88.8%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	98%
Whole school	94.9%

Lunch Menus:

We have attached a copy of the new lunch menu which will start after half term. Please make sure these are filled out and returned to the school office or Mrs. Nash by 20/10/25.

Online Safety

Swiggle, a Child Friendly Search Engine has been developed by South West Grid for Learning

The search engine is ad free and like other search engines it's free to use. Included in the Swiggle engine are reporting tools, a screen cover widget, a search blocker and more. It works on tablets and mobiles and puts educational results first. If you're interested in finding out what Swiggle can do, please follow the link

below: <https://swgfl.org.uk/services/swiggle/>

New Hope Collection:

The collection for Watford Hew Hope will be open in school until Wednesday 22nd October. Attached is the list of items specially requested by them. Your child's class teachers will take items to the staffroom collection point.

Thank you for helping to make a difference to the lives of people in need in our area.

Photos:

Children will bring home a QR code which will have a unique code to view and order your child's school photograph.

Football match:

On Wednesday, our team continued its strong form with an impressive 5–1 victory over Harlyn. The result was a true reflection of the excellent teamwork, determination, and strong bond within the squad.

Our Player of the Match was Edward, who showed outstanding leadership in midfield — controlling the game through his precise passing and intelligent positioning. Close behind was Adnan, whose strength and tireless effort helped drive the team forward throughout the match.

A huge well done to Jash, Tomas, Yusuf, Teilo, Edward, Adnan, Kouji, and Liam for their fantastic performance and team spirit.

Mr Belinga

Attendance

At Coteford Junior School, we are working hard to improve attendance, so that each child has the best opportunity to reach their potential and enjoy time with their friends. 40% of children have 100%, which is excellent. However, 14% of our children have attendance below 90%, which is classed a 'persistently absent'. Over the next half-term, we will be launching a new Attendance Policy and a range of initiatives to reward and improve attendance.

Autumn Fair:

We were delighted to welcome so many families into school this week and to see such enthusiastic participation in our first autumn seasonal celebration. It was a pleasure to see children and adults alike enjoying a variety of games, engaging craft activities, and, of course, an abundance of delicious cakes.

We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated teachers, teaching assistants, and cleaning team, whose tireless efforts and commitment to our school community are deeply appreciated. Their willingness to go the extra mile ensures that events like these run smoothly. Mrs Wallace has run the Book Fair brilliantly ensuring everyone has a chance to browse and purchase!

We will share the final total raised from our Book Fair as soon as possible. Every book you've purchased will be matched by Scholastic and we can buy beautiful new books for the library.

Our newly appointed house captains will soon convene meetings with their respective houses to discuss how best to allocate the funds raised from the fair—an exciting opportunity for pupil voice and leadership.

We are immensely grateful for the outstanding entries submitted for our creative competitions. The standard was exceptionally high, and judging proved to be a truly difficult task. Thank you to all who contributed to:

- Garden on a Plate
- Animal Designs
- Best-Dressed Plant Pot
- Pumpkins
- Bouquets
- Photo Competition

Your support, creativity, and community spirit continue to enrich our school, and we are proud to celebrate these moments together.

Winners:

Garden on a Plate 1st place – **Jessica O, Andrew, Zofia**

Garden on a plate 2nd place – **Jessica W, Emma, Sia**

Garden on a plate 3rd place – **Aayansh, Neve, Edward**

Best-Dressed Plant Pot – Jamie, **Sophie, Snowie**

Pumpkins – **Timur, Evelyn, Adam**

Animal Design – **James, Veera, Franklin & Harley, Andrew, Parker**

Bouquets – **George's Grandparent / Mrs Liasides – Eve & Sharon**

Photo Competition Joint first- Elliott **and Ethan**

Photo Competition third place - **Evelyn**

100 Number Square Winner – **Halle Rae**

Guess the number of sweets – **Maya**

Highly commended photos by **Demi** and **Ben**

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)
14/10/25	Individual photos
15/10/25	Autumn Fair (non uniform in return for cakes)
14/10/25-17/10/25	Book fair
24/10/25	Inset day (school closed to children)
27/10/25-31/10/25	Half Term
04/11/25	Parents Evening
06/11/25	Parents Evening
11/12/25	Whole school Christmas service at St Lawrence church
12/12/25	Christmas panto & Christmas jumper day
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