

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 07

Thursday 22nd October 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:

3DJ: Ted for working hard in assessment week

3LM: Abigail for working hard in assessment week

4LF: Evelyn for working hard on her targets

4RC: Arlo for trying hard in all lessons

5EP: Rayyaan for working hard in assessment week

5IW: Amelia for working hard in DT

6KB: Donatello for working hard during assessment week

6SP: Isla for working hard in assessment week

Miss Martin: Nel for being kind and thoughtful

Mrs. Eckley: Wyatt for great effort in reading club

Miss Bowerman: Eisa for always making us smile

A huge well done to them!



**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	86.6%
Year 6	95.7%
Whole school	93.9%

Book Fair Update

A huge thank you for your generosity and support of our Book Fair. Together, you spent almost £1,000 on books, helping to foster a love of reading while also providing valuable rewards for our school.

We hope our wonderful Reading Ambassadors helped you choose some exciting new books to enjoy. They certainly helped us! Throughout the week, they are incredibly diligent, reading with children in Years 3 and 4 each day and sharing their enthusiasm for reading with others.

A big well done to our Reading Ambassadors for their hard work, commitment and excellent role modelling. We are very proud of them, and grateful to all the families who supported the event.

Thank you for helping us put books into the hands of children and keep reading at the heart of our school.  

Wheelbarrow Winner:

Class **5IW** was voted the winner of the wheelbarrow competition! 

A huge well done to The Flower Power Wheelbarrow for blooming their way to victory!



What's Coming Up Next Half Term?

At the heart of all our learning next half term will be our **3Rs values: Respect, Responsibility and Readiness**, helping children understand both their place in the wider world and their role within our school community.

Celebrating Black History

We will continue exploring inspirational figures through our *Little People, BIG DREAMS* series, learning about achievements in sport, music, art, science and beyond. Through these stories, children will develop **respect** for the contributions of others, recognise the **resilience** shown in overcoming challenges, and reflect on their own aspirations and ambitions.

Inter Faith Week and Diwali

During **Inter Faith Week**, children will learn about different faiths, cultures and traditions, encouraging curiosity, understanding and mutual respect.

As part of this work, our **Mini Minority MPs (MMPs)** have been given the important task of exploring the faiths represented within our school community and considering how these can be better recognised and celebrated throughout the year. Their work will help ensure that all children feel seen, valued and represented.

Our RE curriculum has always been broadly Christian in character, with all year groups learning about key Christian festivals such as **Christmas and Easter**. Alongside this, children learn about a range of world faiths, including **Hinduism, Islam and Judaism**, reflecting both the diversity of modern Britain and the backgrounds of many families within our school community.

We will also hold a special **Diwali assembly**, giving children the opportunity to learn about the Festival of Lights and its significance to millions of people around the world.

♥ Anti-Bullying Week (from Monday 16 November)

This year's theme, "**Break the Silence**", links closely to our 3Rs. Throughout an action-packed week of assemblies, discussions and activities, children will learn that it is their **responsibility** to speak up when something is wrong, to show **respect** for others, and to demonstrate **resilience** when facing challenges. We will continue promoting a culture where every child feels safe, valued and heard. More information to come...

🏛️ Parliament Week

Later in the term, we will celebrate **Parliament Week**, helping children learn about democracy, representation and active citizenship. We are delighted that our local MP, **David Simmonds**, will be visiting the school to talk to pupils about his role and answer their questions. This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to see how individuals can make a positive difference in their communities through public service. Together, these experiences will help our pupils develop as **respectful, responsible and resilient citizens**, ready to contribute positively to their school, local community and the wider world. ♥ ✨

Sports News:

On Tuesday the boys team and girls team took part in the Ruislip and Northwood Tournament.

The boys tournament resulted in a 3 draws and 3 losses. the tournament presented obstacles which the boys had to overcome. The boys had a tough but a good start, with 3 tied games and no goals conceded, this tough start resulted in the pursuit to win the remaining games in order to have a chance to qualify for the next round. The biggest obstacle was the push for a goal whilst still remaining defensively shrewd. This was our undoing as the boys pressed for goals particularly against SSW, a multitude of chances and effort could not result in a goal and the team was caught in a counter attack - resulting in a goal our opposition.

The biggest take from the tournament for the boys was, no matter the results or how difficult the task looked, hard work and a positive attitude remained throughout. I could not be prouder of the boys.

The girls, it was amazing to watch their growth. Their result were 2 draws 1 win and 3 defeats. The girls demonstrated progress. This tournament was a visual representation of how far the girls have progressed. In the same tournament last year, the girls only managed one shot across 6 matches - This year from the first game there was an intent to win every game, with plenty of shots from the first match. The highlight moment from the team was the team goal - a defensive block by Grace, who then passes the ball to Suraiya - she goes on a run and gives a precise pass to Veera who passes the ball between the keepers legs. At the end of the tournament the girls were disappointed that they did not qualify for the next round.

This alone demonstrates just how far the have come and a shift in mindset, it is no longer about taking part, they are there to win.

Well done girls.

Looking for half term activities?

Heath Robinson Museum

Tuesday 27th October

Bugs and Bats Workshop

Make your own moving bug and bat decorations!

10-11.30am • **Ages 4-8*** • £10

*Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult (free)



Wednesday 28th October

Gargoyle Sculpture Workshop

Design and make your own gruesome clay creature!

1pm-3pm • **Ages 8-16** • £15

Saturday 31st October

Halloween Treasure Hunt

11am-4pm • **All Ages** • Free with museum entry

Requires a smartphone (uses QR codes), no need to book



Sunday 1st November

Diwali Celebration for Kids

10.30-12.30 & 1.30-3.30pm • **Ages 4-12*** • £7

*Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult (free)

Book at heathrobinsonmuseum.org

Heath Robinson Museum, Pinner Memorial Park,
50 West End Lane, Pinner HA5 1AE



Book here

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Information:
07/10/26	Year 5 Visit to temple
07/10/26	Non uniform day (Y3, Y4, Y6)
08/10/26	Non uniform day for Y6
13/10/26-16/10/26	Book fair
13/10/26	School photos (individual)
14/10/26	Autumn fair
23/10/26	Staff training day
26/10/26-30/10/26	Half Term
18/11/26	Y6 Visit to Battle of Britain
19/11/26	Y6 visit to Battle of Britain
02/12/26	Y3 Stoneage workshop
11/12/26	Christmas Panto
17/12/26	Christmas Service
18/12/26	Term ends at 12pm