

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 25

20th March 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/>

★ World Book Day – A Truly Wonderful Celebration!

We had such a fantastic day in school yesterday, and we couldn't have done it without your support. The costumes, the artwork, the cakes—and most of all, the enthusiasm of our lovely pupils—made the whole day feel magical.

Our swashbuckling performance of Treasure Island was a real highlight. This year, pupils also took part in an exciting theatre workshop where they explored brilliant behind-the-scenes questions such as:

- How can you change a set so quickly?
- How does lighting affect the mood of a play?
- How do actors manage quick costume changes?
- ...and many more fascinating insights into stagecraft.

As always, our pupils were an engaged, enthusiastic audience who asked thoughtful, curious questions throughout the day. Thank you to all those families who made it in to school for our quizzes and activities. Hope you grabbed a cake too!

We're already looking forward to next year's adventure.

The theme will be... The Wizard of Oz

Look out for our next reading event as part of the Year of Reading...

(Please make payment of £7 on parentmail if you have not done so already)



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

| Year Group | Percent |
|--------------|---------|
| Year 3 | 97.8% |
| Year 4 | 90.08% |
| Year 5 | 96.1% |
| Year 6 | 94.3% |
| Whole school | 94.8% |

Reminder: please return the new lunch menus by **25th March**

Read to Succeed

Keep going with your Read to Succeed challenge—your certificate and magnetic bookmark are waiting!

A huge congratulations to the two super-readers in 6SP (Riya and Aaliyah) who were the first to finish!

Reading for Pleasure Survey

We're also looking at how to make our school reading selection even better. Please fill in the Reading for Pleasure survey with your child/children. It's simple to complete, and Mrs Eckley is happy to help if you need anything.

<https://forms.gle/2rvT6RSW31szPVwT6>

RSE Consultation

You should have received a series of letters regarding our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) consultation. Please do take the time to read them and comment on Google Forms or return your paper copy. We really do value your responses.

<https://forms.gle/dJa4b998A6NdFr5J8>

Accelerated Reader Quizzes

As you know, we are celebrating the **Year of Reading** and so we have been monitoring our super quizzers!

The following pupils are the top quizzers in their classes:

3EB - Ava and Sofia

3TH - Zofia and Eva

4LF - Drish and Thais

4IW - Ava and Abeer

5EP - Jash and Leen

5DJ - Donatello and Kush

5RC - Arthur and Jiya

Year 6 have their own reading preparation for SATS at the moment so they haven't been forgotten!

Our quiz super star across the school is **Eva T** in 3TH with over 90 quizzes completed!

Rock & Pop Concert :

A huge well done to all the children and to our wonderful music teacher, Jim, for such a fantastic rock and pop concert! 🎵🎸

The performances were amazing, and it was clear that both the children and parents had a brilliant time.

If anyone is interested in music lessons, please feel free to contact Rock and Pop directly.

Governors in School Day

On Wednesday 18th March our governors spent the morning in school for their annual Governors in School Day. They watched lessons, met with children and met with various members of staff. The governors were impressed by the children's behaviour, the way they were engaged in lessons and how hard they were working. They also commented about how confident children were when talking with them about reading, attendance, what they enjoyed about school and things they would like to learn more about. We are grateful for the positive contribution the governors make to the school and proud of the children.

5DJ Cosmic Café:



Class 5DJ recently hosted an amazing café to raise funds for the Cosmic charity, and it was a truly wonderful success. The event was filled with a warm and welcoming atmosphere, with students working incredibly hard to prepare, serve, and support the day. From delicious treats to friendly service, every detail reflected the effort and enthusiasm of the class.

It was a lovely day enjoyed by everyone who attended, and it was fantastic to see such a strong sense of teamwork and community spirit throughout. The support from families and staff made the occasion even more special, helping to raise valuable funds for such an important cause.

The Cosmic charity has since sent a heartfelt message to express their sincere thanks for all the hard work, generosity, and kindness shown. Class 5DJ should feel very proud of what they have achieved—an inspiring effort that has made a real difference.

Match Report :

On Wednesday we played in a friendly against Newnham, delivered an outstanding team performance to secure a well-earned 2-0 victory over Newnham in an impressive display of school football.

From the first whistle, we set the tone with confident passing and intelligent movement, controlling possession and dictating the tempo of the game. Their teamwork was evident throughout, with players linking up effectively and creating chances through well-worked build-up play.

A special mention goes to Year 4 pupils George and Charlie, who made their debut appearances for the school team. Both showed great composure and enthusiasm, contributing positively and settling into the match.

The standout performance of the day came from Arthur W., who was instrumental in defence. He controlled the flow of the game with excellent vision and precise passing, constantly driving the team forward. His performance was capped off in style with a superbly taken goal, rounding off an all-round display of quality.

Overall, it was a fantastic team effort full of energy, discipline, and skill. A thoroughly deserved win and a performance to be proud of the team.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

| Date: | Information: |
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| 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 |
| 05/03/26 | Parents eve (Not 6UQ) |
| 10/03/26 | Parents eve (not 6UQ) |
| 06/03/26 | Y4 Greek day |
| 19/03/26 | World book day – treasure Island |
| 25/03/26 | Y4 production |
| 26/03/26 | Y4 Production |
| 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 |