

# Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 27

17<sup>th</sup> April 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:

- 3EB: Evie** for improved focus
- 3TH: Ethan** for being a good friend
- 4LF: Lillie** for resilience & working hard
- 4IW: Liam** for a positive start to summer term
- 5DJ: Ella** for incredible resilience with swimming
- 5EP: Veer** for amazing energy for the Cafe
- 5RC: Myla-Jae** for a great first week
- 6KB: Carter** for working hard on revision
- 6SP: Ethan** for being a supportive learning partner
- 6UQ: Jessica** for working hard on revision

**Mrs. Eckley: Dylan E 5EP** for fabulous writing

**Miss Martin: Sami 5DJ** for excellent writing

A huge well done to them!



Be Ready  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible

## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	91.8%
Whole school	92.6%

## **Recommended reading for families**

The Children's Commissioner has published a clear, practical guide based on what children say they wish adults understood about their online lives. It offers helpful advice on supporting children with social media, group chats, online pressures and digital wellbeing, all grounded in children's own voices. It's a reassuring, balanced resource for any parent or carer navigating the digital world with their child.

You can read the guide here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

## **Pesach Assembly**

Our Pesach Assembly this week was informative, inspiring and uplifting, led with great skill by Mrs Boffey and supported beautifully by Henry in Year 4. The assembly explored the story of Passover, its themes of freedom and resilience, and why it continues to hold such relevance for many families today.

This was the third of our faith assemblies this term, following our reflections on Easter and Eid ahead of the holiday. Each one has highlighted the richness of our school community and the thoughtful way our pupils engage with different beliefs and traditions.

We are constantly impressed by the knowledge, curiosity and respect our pupils show for one another's faiths and cultures. Assemblies like this strengthen that sense of understanding and shared learning.

Thank you, Mrs Boffey, for another meaningful and memorable assembly.

## **Assembly Review: Maybe by Kobi Yamada**

We began the week with a thoughtful and uplifting assembly based on *Maybe* by Japanese author Kobi Yamada. The story celebrates the idea that every child carries unique potential, even if they don't yet know what it is. Its themes of possibility, courage and new beginnings make it a perfect choice for the start of a new term, when pupils are setting fresh goals and stepping into new challenges. It's also a lovely book to explore at home if you'd like to check it out and continue the conversation with your child.

## **SATs Preparation**

Year 6 and their teaching staff are working with real focus as they prepare for the upcoming SATs, which begin in less than a month. We are grateful for your continued support in helping children attend booster groups and encouraging them with their homework and revision. A huge thank you to Mrs Perrin, Miss Benn and Mrs Qureshy for their diligence, guidance and encouragement throughout this busy period. Aim high, Year 6. We're nearly there. 100% attendance is needed every day!

## **Year 2 Visits**

As soon as the summer term begins, we start preparing to welcome our new pupils from Coteford Infant School. They have already enjoyed their first visit to watch the Year 4 production, and now the real transition work begins with tours, visits and introductory lessons at the junior school. Our pupils are already excited to meet the new cohort, and there is a lovely sense of anticipation building across the school. If another member of your family will be joining us soon, we look forward to welcoming them and helping them feel at home.

## **Swearing and Inappropriate Language.**

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the use of inappropriate language, including swearing, among some of our pupils. As a staff we have recently discussed this and the impatience with which a number of children speak to others. Along with swear words, we also class: 'what the hell', 'fricking' and 'bloody' as unacceptable.

We encourage parents to have a conversation with their children about the importance of using appropriate language both in and out of school. We also ask that you monitor your child's use of social media as this is a common place where inappropriate language can occur.

As a school, we will continue to reinforce our expectations for respectful and appropriate behaviour. Our teachers will be having discussions with their classes about the importance of using respectful language and the impact that inappropriate language can have on others. Children who do swear in school will get a fifteen minute reflection.

We appreciate your support in helping to maintain a positive and respectful learning environment for all of our pupils. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Local info:



# MAY DAY FAIR

Monday 4th May  
11am to 2.30pm

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, 2 BRIDLE ROAD  
EASTCOTE, HA5 2SJ

ENTRY: ADULTS £2,  
CONCESSIONS £1 AND KIDS FREE

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

bouncy castle  
grand draw  
bbq, refreshments and bar  
live music  
ice cream  
cake stall, books, toys and gifts  
silent auction  
face painter  
games and competitions  
and much more

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**UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
27/03/26	Term ends 12 noon
13/04/26	Children return
13/04/26	5DJ Swimming starts
14/04/26	Whole school assembly Pesach
23/04/26	Y4 Hampton Court Palace
27/04/26	5EP Swimming starts
28/04/26	Class photos
04/05/26	May Bank Holiday – School closed
11/05/26	5RC Swimming starts
22/05/26	Inset day (school closed to children)
25/05/26-29/05/26	Half-term
04/06/26	Y4 Synagogue
26/06/26 – 29/06/26	Y6 PGL Trip
21/07/26	Term ends 12 noon