

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 28

24th 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: Harley for brilliant focus all week

3TH: Theo for making lots of progress

4LF: All of 4LF for a fab trip to Hampton Court

4IW: All of 4IW for a fab trip to Hampton Court

5DJ: Sophia for amazing improvement in all areas

5EP: All of 5EP for an amazing Café

5RC: Rowan for working hard

6KB: All of 6KB for working hard

6SP: Kian for excellent focus

6UQ: All of 6UQ for working hard

Mrs. Eckley: Riya for huge efforts in all aspect of school

Miss Martin: Rahimah for being an inspiration

A huge well done to them!



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	91.8%
Whole school	94.7%



Year 4's Brilliant Day at Hampton Court Palace

Year 4 had an absolutely fantastic time on their trip to **Hampton Court Palace** this week. From stepping into Henry VIII's **Great Hall** to exploring the enormous **Tudor kitchens**, the children were buzzing with excitement as they discovered what life was really like in a Tudor palace. They loved wandering through the beautiful gardens, spotting royal symbols, and imagining the hustle and bustle of palace life hundreds of years ago.

A huge thank you to all the **parents and carers** who joined us on the trip — your support makes days like this possible and so enjoyable.

And a special thank you to the **Year 4 staff team** for planning such a well-organised, engaging and memorable visit. Their hard work meant the children had a smooth, fun-filled day packed with learning.

It was a brilliant trip from start to finish, and the children have come back full of enthusiasm and new historical knowledge.



5EP's Fabulous Under the Sea Café

5EP made a real splash this week with their **fabulous Under the Sea-themed café**, raising money for **Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital**. The classroom was transformed into a vibrant ocean world, complete with colourful décor, themed menus and plenty of excited

customers.

This event is always a huge highlight of the Year 5 calendar, and this year's café was no exception. It brought together a **massive English and DT project**, showcasing an impressive range of skills. The children produced persuasive **letters**, detailed **reviews**, creative **menus**, eye-catching **charity leaflets**, and demonstrated brilliant **food technology skills** as they prepared and served a delicious selection of treats.

It's a fun, busy and buzzing time for everyone involved, and it's wonderful to see families joining us in school to support the children's hard work. Their enthusiasm — and generosity — helped raise money for a fantastic cause, and the children were incredibly proud of what they achieved.

[Home - The Wildlife Hospital](#)

A huge well done to 5EP for another successful café and for making such a positive difference to wildlife in need.

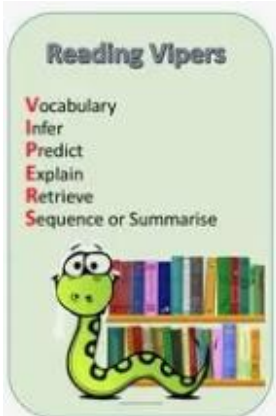
Reading Walk: Celebrating Our Love of Books

As part of our monitoring focus this term, **reading** has been centre stage. Mrs Eckley spent time visiting every class to talk to children about their **favourite books**, their knowledge of **reading skills and VIPERS**, and how they use their **class libraries**. It was a genuinely joyful experience — the children spoke with such enthusiasm, confidence and pride about what they enjoy reading and how they are growing as readers. They also shared ideas about what they'd like us to improve in school, and the most popular request was... **more visits to the library**. We absolutely love that our children love reading.

Every child should now have **two books**:

- a **colour-banded book** matched to their reading level
- a **quiz book** for Accelerated Reader

Children are also very welcome to read **anything from home** — comics, magazines, novels, recipes, football programmes — anything that encourages reading makes us happy.



Please continue to remind your child to **quiz in school** and to **record what they've read in their reading diary**. Parents and carers can simply add a few lines too. These small habits make a big difference to children's progress and confidence.

Thank you for supporting reading at home — together we're building a school full of enthusiastic, lifelong readers.



5DJ Make a Splash with Their Swimming Lessons

5DJ have now completed their swimming lessons for this term — an important part of the **PE National Curriculum** and a truly valuable **skill for life**. The children have thrown themselves into the sessions with enthusiasm, showing great effort, growing confidence and absolutely beautiful behaviour throughout.

Thank you to all parents and carers for collecting the children a little later on swimming days. This small adjustment has allowed them to enjoy a **longer, more meaningful lesson**, and we really appreciate your support.

We're delighted with how well 5DJ have begun their swimming journey... and **5EP are up next**. We can't wait to see them making a splash too.



Celebrating Earth Day and St George's Day in Assembly

Our assemblies this week took place in classrooms, as Year 6 were busy practising their mock SATs in the hall — but that didn't stop us from marking two important events together.

We celebrated **Earth Day**, a global reminder of why it matters to care for our planet. Children explored how small, everyday actions — recycling, saving energy, reducing waste and protecting nature — can make a big difference. It's a day

that encourages us all to think about our responsibility to look after the world we share.

We also marked **St George's Day**, celebrating England's patron saint. Children learned about the story of St George and reflected on the values linked to the legend — courage, fairness, standing up for what is right, and helping others. These themes connect strongly to the kind of community we aim to build in school.

Even though assemblies were held in classrooms, they were thoughtful, engaging and enjoyed by all.



Zebra Crossing Safety – Please Help Us Keep Everyone Safe

We speak to families regularly about keeping our school site safe, and this week a parent raised a very serious concern: **cars are not stopping safely at the zebra crossing and some vehicles are driving far too quickly around**

the school entrance. This is extremely dangerous, and we must work together to prevent an accident.

Only families with a **valid pass** should be driving onto the school site. If you do have permission to drive in, please be **ultra-mindful** of children walking to school, using the zebra crossing, or moving between cars. Our pupils are small, unpredictable and excited in the mornings — they rely on adults to keep them safe.

We urge all drivers to slow down, stop at the crossing, and follow the rules of our site. Your care and attention make a huge difference to the safety of every child in our community.

Class Photos – Tuesday

Our school photographer will be in on **Tuesday 28th May** for **class photos**, so please make sure children come to school **smart, tidy and ready for their picture**.

5EP will have their photos taken **in the morning** as they are swimming later in the day.

If your child has **PE**, they should come in school uniform for the photo and then **get changed into their PE kit afterwards**. Please remember to **bring PE kits in**.

We're looking forward to a great photo day and lots of lovely class pictures.

Community Resilience Roadshow - You're Invited!

Hillingdon Council is excited to announce our Community Resilience Roadshow, and we'd love for you join us!

On: Saturday 9 May 2026

Time: 12 - 4 pm

At: Hillingdon Fire Station

This free family-friendly event brings together our local emergency responder partners to help residents learn how to stay safe, prepared, and resilient in an emergency—while having plenty of fun along the way! You will have the chance to explore real emergency vehicles, meet local responder partners, take part in hands-on activities that teach practical safety and preparedness skills, learn simple steps to stay safe at home, in school and in the community, and enjoy free food! It's a fantastic opportunity for young people to learn about emergency services, ask questions, build confidence, and develop life-long preparedness habits.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-resilience-roadshow-tickets-1983525590436?aff=oddtcreator>

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Date:	Information:
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