

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 31

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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: Sanaa & Sia for representing the 3 Rs

3TH: Zofia for always trying her best

4LF: Archie for turning his week around

4IW: Harley for improved maturity

5DJ: Jasmine for increased contribution in class

5EP: Tomas for always giving 100%

5RC: Youssef & Elias for pushing themselves

6KB: All of 6KB

6SP: All of 6SP

6UQ: All of 6UQ

Mrs. Eckley: Jenson & Aaliyah for fab writing

Miss Martin: Eszmai, Damaris & Emillia M for being so determined during SATs

A huge well done to them!



Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	91.3%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	94.1%
Whole school	94.3%

Well done to 5DJ for 100% this week

Celebrating the Work of Our School Governors

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing work of our **school governors**, who play a vital role in supporting Coteford Junior School. Governors are volunteers who help shape the direction of the school, work as critical friends to the school and support us to provide the very best education and care for our pupils.

This week, our Teaching and Learning Committee met in school to deepen their understanding of what's happening across our classrooms. Governors spent time reviewing key areas including:

- Our updated RSE and PSHE policy,
- developments in Computing, and
- recent updates to SEND and Inclusion.

These visits help governors see our curriculum in action, understand the impact of our work and ensure that policies reflect what children experience day to day.

Alongside committee meetings, and full governing board meetings, governors also come into school regularly to carry out work linked to their key roles, including SEND, safeguarding and finance. Their visits give them valuable insight into school life, helping them support and challenge us in the right ways.

We thank all our governors for their time, commitment and enthusiasm and for making a difference.



SATs Are Over – A Huge Well Done to Year 6!

A massive well done to all our Year 6 pupils who approached their SATs with determination, maturity and a real sense of pride. Every child gave their best, and we are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and positive

attitude they showed throughout the week.

We are also incredibly grateful to our dedicated Year 6 teaching team, whose calm guidance, encouragement and hard work supported the children every step of the way. Their commitment has made a huge difference.

With SATs now behind us, there is so much to look forward to in this final term at Coteford Junior School. It's a special time filled with celebrations, memories and opportunities to enjoy being together as a year group. We encourage all pupils to make the most of every moment as they head towards the end of their Coteford journey.

5RC Dive In: Building Skills and Confidence in the Water

5RC have made a fantastic start their swimming lessons, showing enthusiasm, determination and positivity. Swimming is an important part of both the PE curriculum and our personal safety curriculum. It is a truly valuable life skill, that ensures children can enjoy swimming as a lifelong activity but also are able to keep themselves safe in water. Alongside this, pupils will be working towards other key swimming milestones including confidently swimming 25 metres and mastering a variety of strokes.

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

Support for Families

With the half-term holiday approaching, we would like to highlight available support for any families who may be experiencing financial difficulties.

The Government's Crisis and Resilience Fund is designed to provide targeted support to residents facing financial hardship. This offers individual support through an application process, where families can share information about their circumstances. This approach helps ensure that assistance is directed to those most in need. Families who may benefit from this support can apply directly, and further information or queries can be directed to: CrisisandResilience@Hillingdon.gov.uk

We would also like to remind you about the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which is available for children from Reception to Year 11 who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The programme runs during the Easter, summer, and winter holidays and provides a range of enriching activities alongside meals. It is funded by the DfE. Further information here: [Does my child qualify? | Information for parents \(HAF\) | Hillingdon Council](#)



Growing up in the Online World: A National Consultation

Technology is part of most children's lives from an early age. It can help them learn, build friendships and develop creativity. But it also brings risks, and many parents, teachers and young people have said the current situation is not working well enough. The government is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological

change. [Growing up in an Online World: a national conversation](#), will consider how children and young people use digital technology in school and at home.

There is a separate survey available for [parents and carers](#) and for [children and young people](#), and an [online event](#) for parents and carers on Wednesday 20 May at 6pm to 7pm. Make your voice heard!

Classroom Refurbishment

Over the last two years we have had some upgrades to our school, including LED lighting in the hall and corridors and a full refurbishment in the corridors. Over the next half term, eight of our classrooms are going to be refurbished. They will be:

- decorated
- have new flooring
- have new LED lighting.

This will be taking place during term time, but as we have two spare classrooms, classes can move into these when their class is being decorated. We are excited about this upgrade to our school and looking forward to future planned works including new lighting throughout the school, new windows and repairs to our roof. We are grateful to Partnership Learning for their support with the improvement to our school building.

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
17/06/26	Sports day
26/06/26 – 29/06/26	Y6 PGL Trip
21/07/26	Term ends 12 noon