

# Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 32

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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: Ariana** for always following the 3Rs

**3TH: Yousuf** for trying extra hard this week

**4LF: Neve** for fantastic effort

**4IW: Dunya** for amazing engagement

**5DJ: Jasmine** for 100% effort

**5EP: Yousef A** for 100% effort

**5RC: Jiya** for fab classroom contributions

**6KB: All of 6KB** for hard work with writing

**6SP: Tshiamo** for excellent work on writing

**6UQ: Sam** for excelling in all areas

**Mrs. Eckley: Evie 6SP** for fabulous writing

**Miss Martin: Skye Rose** for amazing animation

A huge well done to them!



Be Ready  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible

## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	89.2%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	88.5%
Whole school	91.5%

## Sports Day – Wednesday 17th June

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our annual Sports Day on Wednesday 17th June, starting promptly at 9:15am and will last about two and a half hours. You are very welcome to follow your child's team around the different events and cheer them on.

To families new to Coteford, our sports day follows a round-robin format, with pupils taking part in a series of activities in one of twenty mixed teams. Siblings are placed in the same team, and pupils will know their team name and number in advance (e.g. *Faraday 1*).

### 👤 House Colours

To make it easier for you to spot your child, we ask pupils to wear a T-shirt in their house colour, as we have done in previous years:

- **Lewis Hamilton House – green**
- **Andy Laphorne House – red**
- **Malala Yousafzai House – blue**
- **Anne Frank House – yellow**

Children should also wear comfortable shorts/joggers and trainers. Please prepare your child for a morning in the sun if the weather is hot. Water bottles are needed regardless of the weather.

Families should enter through the playground gate. Pupils will have two refreshment breaks during the morning. We would be grateful if you did not bring anything additional for your child.

We look forward to welcoming you and enjoying fantastic morning of teamwork and sporting fun.



### Wellbeing Workshops – REMINDER

This year, the workshops will take place inside the **SCARF LifeSpace**, which is an immersive, interactive learning environment that brings the themes to life in a fun and memorable way.

We have included a picture for you to take a sneak peek!

The cost is **£3.75 per child**, now live on Parentmail.

### Workshop Focus

- **Year 3:** Mental Wellbeing – exploring self-acceptance, empathy and coping with things beyond our control
- **Year 4:** Online Behaviours
- **Year 5:** Online Behaviours

### Wellbeing Warriors in the Online World (Years 4 & 5)

Children will learn to:

- Understand how online behaviour affects wellbeing
- Recognise how influencers and advertising shape decisions
- Develop critical thinking about online content
- Make positive, safe choices when interacting online

## Parent Workshop

We would also like to invite all parents and carers to a short **SCARF Parent Workshop** on **Tuesday 16th June, 3:05–3:25pm**. This session will give an overview of the themes covered and offer practical ideas for supporting children's wellbeing at home. **Mrs Eckley will supervise children** during the session. Please email to confirm your place: [reckley.312@lgflmail.org](mailto:reckley.312@lgflmail.org)

## Assemblies This Week: Road Safety & World Environment Day

This week, our assemblies have focused on two important themes: **Road Safety** and **World Environment Day**. Pupils have been thinking about how to keep themselves safe when they are out and about, as well as how to take care of the world around them.



As part of our road safety focus, we explored the **shapes of road signs** and what they tell us:

- **Circles** give instructions we must follow
- **Triangles** warn us about dangers
- **Rectangles** provide helpful information

We also talked about the **risks of wearing headphones or earbuds near roads**. Children learned that listening to loud music can make it harder to hear traffic, emergency vehicles or cyclists approaching. We discussed how being distracted, especially when crossing roads, can increase the chance of accidents, and why it's safer to keep the volume low or remove headphones altogether when near traffic.

For **World Environment Day**, pupils reflected on why looking after our planet matters. We explored how small actions, such as reducing waste, saving energy and protecting wildlife, help keep our environment healthy for future generations. Children were encouraged to think about the positive changes they can make at school and at home.

## Classroom Renovations Underway

Our classroom refurbishment is now underway, with 5RC and 6KB being the first classes to be worked on. New LED lighting, ceiling tiles, flooring and full decoration. We are lucky to be able to move classes into spare rooms whilst this work is on-going, and we appreciate the flexibility of the staff and children during this time. Eventually, we will have eight classes and the ICT room, fully refurbished, making them bright, cheerful and purposeful learning spaces.

The lighting in the hall and corridors has been upgraded and there are plans to do this across the school. Additionally, we will also be benefitting from a technology update, including new PCs in classes and the ICT room, new Chrome Books and upgraded Wifi.

We are grateful to Partnership Learning for supporting us with this work in improving our school improvement.



### **World Cup Preparation: Learning, Singing and Coming Together**

Over the coming weeks, we will be preparing for the World Cup by building excitement and learning together across the school. In assemblies, pupils will be learning songs to help us support our national team and create a real sense of togetherness.

In class, children will be exploring the history of the World Cup, finding out how it began, how it has developed over time, and why it has become one of the world's most celebrated sporting events. They will be learning about the many countries taking part and will be approaching the tournament from an inclusive, diverse perspective that celebrates different cultures, languages and traditions.

A key theme we will be focusing on is unity — understanding how football can bring people together across nations, backgrounds and beliefs. Pupils will be reflecting on how major sporting events can promote respect, teamwork and shared celebration.

To help build World Cup Fever, pupils will be invited to wear shirts representing their home team. More details will follow in the coming days. Look out for more information from Mrs Qureshy.

Our assemblies and lessons will be helping children feel proud, informed and connected as they get ready to cheer on the national team while appreciating the global community the World Cup represents.



### **Year 4 Visit to Northwood Synagogue**

Despite the rainy weather, Year 4 enjoyed a successful and memorable visit to the synagogue in Northwood. This is always a highlight for the teaching staff, as the synagogue offers a real *wow factor* with its interactive sessions that allow pupils to get fully involved and ask thoughtful questions. The visit forms an important part of our programme to explore a range of places of worship that reflect the diverse faiths

within our school community.

Mrs Foster and Mrs Whitewick were delighted with the excellent behaviour shown throughout, so a huge well done to Year 4 for representing Coteford so brilliantly.

### **Poppy Appeal 2025:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Poppy appeal in October / November 2025

– our school managed to raise £289.69 🌸

**UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
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