

# Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 34

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 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: Rayan** for increased confidence in Maths

**3TH: Evie & Freya** for representing the school

**4LF: Dhrish** for amazing cricket

**4IW: Henry** for being an excellent work partner

**5DJ: Adam** for showing kindness

**5EP: Frankie** for his positive attitude

**5RC: AJ** for always working hard

**6KB: Zach** for upscaling his writing

**6SP: All of 6SP** for amazing effort

**6UQ: All of 6UQ** for amazing effort

**Miss Martin: All of Year 6** for dedication

**Mrs. Eckley: All of Year 6** for dedication

*A huge well done to them!*



**Be Ready  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible**

## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	88.1%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	92.6%
Whole school	92.9%

Well done to **3TH** for 99% attendance this week

**Sports News:** On Wednesday our cricket team enjoyed a fantastic day of cricket, competing against Newnham, SSW (twice), Lady Bankes and William Byrd in a challenging tournament. The team displayed excellent skill, teamwork and determination throughout the day, emerging victorious in all five matches.

The opening fixtures saw strong performances against Lady Bankes, Newnham and SSW , with the team batting confidently and fielding superbly to secure wins.

The most memorable matches of the tournament came against SSW. The first encounter was a tightly contested game, with both teams competing fiercely. Our players held their nerve under pressure and secured a hard-fought victory by just 15 runs.

Meeting SSW again later in the tournament provided an opportunity for the team to reflect and adapt. Having identified SSW's key strengths in the earlier match, the players made excellent tactical adjustments. Their bowling was more disciplined, the field placements were sharper, and the batting was positive and controlled. As a result, the team produced an outstanding performance, dominating the game and recording an impressive 70-run victory.

The tournament was a brilliant showcase of the team's resilience, sportsmanship and ability to learn from previous performances. Winning all five matches was a tremendous achievement, and the players should be extremely proud of their efforts.

A big well done to:

Alice, Rose, Samuel, Edrees, Ali, George M-T, Dhrish, Evan, Arthur, Freya and Evie W.



### **Sports Day – Wednesday 17th June at 9:15am**

We are really looking forward to welcoming families on Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school with suntan lotion already applied and wearing a sun hat, as we are expecting warm weather. Throughout the morning, teams will earn points not only for their sporting achievements but also for their teamwork, encouragement and positive sporting behaviour. This is where families make a real

difference. Your cheering, enthusiasm and encouragement genuinely lift the children's spirits and help create a brilliant atmosphere for everyone.

We can't wait to share a fantastic morning of sport and teamwork with you.

#### **Arrival and Refreshments**

Families should enter through the playground gate. Pupils will have two refreshment breaks during the morning, so there is no need to bring anything additional for your child. They must bring their water bottles with them!

## SCARF Workshops

There is a **SCARF Parent Workshop** on **Tuesday 16th June, 3:05–3:25pm**. This session will give an overview of the themes covered in the children's workshops 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)

Year 5 will have workshops on Monday and Year 3 & 4 will have workshops on Tuesday.

**Please make payment of £3.75 via parentmail to help support these workshops.**

## Transition at Coteford – Supporting Children Through Change

Transition is now well underway across the school. As a junior school, we carefully plan a range of activities to help our new **Year 3 pupils** feel welcome and confident when they join us in September. Over the coming weeks, children will take part in **stay-and-play sessions, tours, assemblies, classroom visits and opportunities to meet staff**. Our aim is to make the move to Coteford Junior School as smooth and comfortable as possible.

While many of our pupils join us from **Coteford Infant School**, we also welcome children transferring from other schools at this time of year. We are delighted that families choose Coteford, and we work hard to ensure every child feels settled, included and ready for the next step.

It is also a very busy period for **Year 6**, with visits to and from local secondary schools as pupils prepare for Year 7. Meeting staff, exploring new environments and asking questions all help to build confidence ahead of this important change.

Of course, transition isn't just about changing schools. Moving up a year group, adapting to new routines and managing change in everyday life can feel challenging for children and parents alike. To support families, we warmly encourage you to attend our upcoming **Charlie Waller workshop on managing change and building resilience**, open to all parents and carers.

**Thursday 2nd July ☺ 2.00–3.00pm**

It's well worth an hour of your time — and a **cuppa and a biscuit will be waiting for you**. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**  
**2pm to 3pm**  
**Coteford Junior School**

**Join us for a Parents' Talk to explore:**  
**Transition: Developing Resilience, Managing change**

**Define**  
Awareness raising:  
- What do we mean by 'transition' and 'resilience'?

**Discuss**  
Identifying need:  
- Signs and indicators of distress  
- Communicating when difficulties arise

**Do**  
Support strategies:  
- Healthy habits  
- '5 ways to wellbeing'

If you have any questions about this talk, please speak with:  
Mrs R Eckley – Deputy Headteacher and SMHL

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### **Water Safety Assembly This Week**

This week we **held** a **Water Safety Assembly**, which felt especially important following the **tragic incidents across the UK in recent weeks** where several children and young people **lost** their lives in open water. As the weather **warmed up**, we wanted to make sure all pupils **understood** how quickly water can become dangerous, even for confident swimmers.

Children **learned** that:

- The UK sees **around 50–60 serious water-related incidents involving children and young people each year**.
- Most accidents **happen** in **open water** such as rivers, lakes, canals and reservoirs.
- **Cold water shock** can affect anyone and can make it difficult to breathe, float or swim.

We also **shared** that **swimming is part of our PE curriculum in Year 5**, giving pupils essential skills and confidence in the water. We emphasised that swimming is an **important life skill**, helping children stay safe in and around water throughout their lives.

We also **reinforced** key safety messages to help pupils make sensible choices:

- **Stop and think** before going near water — look for hazards and hidden dangers.
- **Stay together** — never swim alone or without an adult who knows where you are.
- **Stay away from edges** — banks can be slippery, steep or unstable.
- **Cold water is dangerous** — even on hot days, water can be extremely cold.
- **If you fall in: float** on your back and shout for help.
- **If someone else is in trouble: call 999** — don't enter the water yourself.

Our aim **was** to help every child enjoy the outdoors safely and understand how to keep themselves and others safe around water.

**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
16/06/26	PGL Meeting in hall ( <b>Yr 6 Children only to attend</b> )
17/06/26	Sports day
26/06/26 – 29/06/26	Y6 PGL Trip
15/07/26	Year 6 Leavers End of Year Production 2pm
16/07/26	Year 6 Leavers End of Year Production 2pm
20/07/26	Year 6 Leavers Picnic 6-8pm
21/07/26	Term ends 12 noon