

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 35

Friday 19th 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: All of 3EB for Kindness

3TH: Adrian for being brilliant at sports day

4LF: Cassia for being amazing

4IW: Charlie for great sporting behaviour

5DJ: All of 5DJ for helping with Sports day

5EP: Veer for amazing support

5RC: Alisa for always doing the right thing

6KB: Kouji, Halle & Jessica W for commitment

6SP: Ayaan for being great with the class move

6UQ: All the captains and vice captains for great leadership

Miss Martin: Arthur 5RC for great sporting behaviour

Mrs. Eckley: Aidan 4IW for great sporting behaviour

A huge well done to them!



**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Year Group	Percent
Year 3	95%
Year 4	85.5%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	89.8%
Whole school	90.9%

Urgent Parking Reminder from Pinn River:

This week a responding ambulance was unable to enter the school due to cars parked within the school entrance on yellow lines which were blocking their route. Emergency responders lost critical minutes navigating the restricted space. Delayed medical care puts our children and community at serious risk. Please **do not** park on school grounds unless you have a parking permit issued by the school. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping students safe.

Save the Date – Summer Reading Challenge Launch!

We're excited to announce that Coteford Junior School will be launching the **Summer Reading Challenge 2026** on **Friday 3rd July** with a **special live webinar from a children's author**. We have an introductory assembly with the librarian from Manor Farm next week.

Date: Friday 3rd July

Event: Live author webinar to launch the Summer Reading Challenge

Who: All Coteford Junior School pupils

Theme: *Read to the Beat* – celebrating music, creativity and the joy of reading

More details will follow, but for now... **Please pop the date in your diary and get ready for a summer of reading fun!**



Sports Day

It was lovely to so many of our families at Sport Day on Wednesday. Coteford's sports day is always special, and despite the threat of rain, it once again the sun shone. The children were superb in terms of behaviour and mutual sporting support. The competition was fierce, but **Malala** won the sporting competition, with **Lewis Hamilton** winning the good sports award.

Our special thanks go to Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Jariwala for all their superb organisation and to 5DJ for being so slick in setting up all the activities.



Year 4 – Steve Backshall Live Lesson

Year 4 had a fantastic time taking part in the **Steve Backshall Live Lesson** this week. The children were completely absorbed as Steve shared exciting stories from his wildlife adventures and explored how animals adapt to their habitats. The session encouraged pupils to think like real scientists — asking questions, making observations and considering how we can protect the natural world.

It was a brilliant opportunity to bring our science learning to life, and Year 4 were full of enthusiasm and curiosity throughout.

Transition at Coteford – Supporting Children Through Change

Transition is now well underway across the school, and this is always an exciting time for our community. We have planned a range of activities to help our new Year 3 pupils feel confident for September, including stay-and-play sessions, tours, assemblies and classroom visits. We are also happy to welcome children from schools other than Coteford Infant School, making sure they feel happy and included.

It is also a busy period for Year 6, who are visiting local secondary schools as they prepare for Year 7. Meeting staff and exploring new environments helps build their confidence for the next stage. Haydon visited our Year 5 pupils this week with a team from the drama department.

Children moving up a year group within school. It includes adapting to new routines, which can feel challenging for children and parents. To support families, we warmly encourage you to attend our upcoming Charlie Waller workshop on managing change and building resilience.

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 2nd 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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Year 6 Writing Moderation Success

We are delighted to share that our recent Year 6 writing moderation was an extremely positive experience. As part of the Year 6 SATs process, the Local Authority visits schools to moderate writing. This is to check our teacher assessments are accurate, consistent and in line with national standards.

The moderation team were incredibly complimentary about our approach, and the visit ran smoothly from start to finish. They shared the following feedback:

"A lovely visit. Knowledgeable teachers who strive for the best outcomes for their pupils. So much has gone into immersive teaching and high-quality planning. High expectations for all."

We are immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils, whose hard work and progress were clearly reflected in the evidence shared. Their commitment to improving their writing throughout the year has been outstanding.

A huge thank you goes to the Year 6 team for their dedication, high expectations and thoughtful planning, all of which were recognised during the visit.

This successful moderation is a real celebration of the collective effort of staff and pupils, and we are thrilled to see it acknowledged so positively.

Year 5 – Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital Visit next week



Year 5 are very excited to be welcoming **Pumpkin's Wildlife Hospital** from **Rickmansworth** into school soon. The charity rescues and rehabilitates injured hedgehogs and other local wildlife, and their work has already inspired the children during their preparations for the **Year 5 Café** earlier this term.

This visit will give pupils the chance to find out even more about the animals Pumpkin's cares for, the challenges facing local wildlife and the ways we can all help protect our environment.

Make Do and Mend at the Battle of Britain Bunker



Hillingdon Council is hosting a free 'Make Do and Mend' Repair Day on Saturday 27 June, 11am-2pm at the Battle of Britain Bunker, Uxbridge, offering families the chance to learn practical repair skills and reduce waste. The event will feature hands-on activities including clothes mending workshops, small electrical and bike repairs, along with opportunities to donate or recycle unwanted items. With a strong focus on sustainability, reuse and saving money, this is a great opportunity for pupils and their families to get involved in climate action locally.

For further information about the event, please visit the website: [Make](#)

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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
16/06/26	PGL Meeting in hall (Yr 6 Children only to attend)
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