

Coteford Junior School

Newsletter 36

Friday 26th 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: Harry for great answers

3TH: Lucy for being such great company

4LF: Andrew helping with the class move

4IW: Emma has been a ray of sunshine

5DJ: Isla, Livvy O, Jasmine & Surarya for district sports

5EP: Jash for amazing sportsmanship

5RC: Quinn, Jiya & Rowan for resilience

Miss Martin: All CJS staff for amazing support this week

Mrs. Eckley: Dunya for amazing writing

A huge well done to them!



**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

Weather Update:

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your support during this week's heatwave. Your flexibility with early collections and for ensuring that the children came to school with everything they needed, including water bottles, sun hats and appropriate clothing, was greatly appreciated. Your support helped us keep everyone as safe and comfortable as possible during the exceptionally hot weather. With cooler temperatures forecast for next week, we will be returning to our usual school routines and normal school expectations. Thank you once again for your continued support and cooperation.

Sports News:

On Monday the school took part in District sports, an athletic event against all schools in Northwood and Ruislip. Our team achieved an amazing fourth place finish, with only two points separating fourth and second.

This was a great day of Sport for Coteford. setting the tone for the day was the 600 meters, with all four of our runners all achieving their personal best times Cerys (1m 59secs), Elliott (1m.58secs), Olivia (2m 13secs) and Samuel (2m 6secs), resulting in silver medals for Cerys and Elliott. It was also amazing achievements for our field events (Vortex and Standing long jump)- competing in this was Isla, Halle-Rae, Jash, Ali, Rose and Jessica W, this resulted in silver Medal for Jash in long jump and silver for Ali in the Vortex throw. For our sprinters, Evan finished first overall in the 70m sprints, whilst Sophia achieved an overall third place finish. The most notable achievement for the sprinters was their relay races, the team work was really impressive, the passing for baton was uniformed and the transition from receiving the baton to a sprint was seamless, this was the case for all our Coteford relay teams. This led to a silver finish for the year 5 boys and gold for the year 6 girls. Competing in the Para race was Aryana, she ran an impressive race and achieved a bronze medal finish.

The achievements' of the team is a clear demonstration of the hard work which they put in the lead up to the competition. What was really impressive was the unity of the team, every time a team member crossed the finish line or was presented with a medal, there was a huge roar of cheers to support each other. I could not be more proud each individual in the team.

I would like to also thank the parents /carers for the support on the day, cheering the children on and help with transportation.



Summer Reading Challenge



This week, we enjoyed a fantastic Reading Assembly led by the librarians from Manor Farm Library. The children were brilliant — they confidently shared their favourite authors, talked about the books they love, and were especially excited to hear about the Summer Reading Challenge and the prizes they can earn for reading all summer long.

Children can take part by visiting any Hillingdon library from Saturday 4th July. To complete the challenge, they need to visit the library at least four times over the holidays. When they finish, they will receive a certificate, and if they bring it into school in September, they will earn a bonus 25 house points to start the year with a real boost. We can't wait to celebrate our super readers.

🔑 Transition at Coteford – Supporting Children through Change

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

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Sun Safety Assembly

This week we held a whole-school **Sun Safety Assembly**, which couldn't have been more timely given the current **hot-weather warning**. We talked to the children about how to stay safe in the sun, including the importance of **wearing a hat, using sun cream, drinking plenty of water**, and **seeking shade** during the hottest parts of the day. We also reminded them to look after one another and make sensible choices when playing outside.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children come to school prepared for the warm weather — it makes a real difference to their comfort and wellbeing.

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