

COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



6th March 2026

Message from the Headteacher

What a fantastic day we had yesterday celebrating World Book Day! It was wonderful to see the whole school community embrace the joy of reading with such enthusiasm. The children's costumes were absolutely brilliant—creative, colourful, and full of character. Days like this remind us how exciting reading can be, and it was lovely to see everyone getting involved and sharing their favourite stories.

A huge thank you to our Reading Leader, Miss Stalker, for organising such a well-planned and enjoyable day for the whole school. Her hard work ensured the event ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming mothers and significant female figures into school for our special Mothers' Day celebration on Friday. Please do check the times listed elsewhere in the newsletter so you know when to attend your child's session. These occasions are always so important for the children, and we can't wait to share the day with you.

We are also gearing up for Comic Relief Day on Friday 20th March, which promises to be a real highlight of the term. This year, six brave members of staff will be taking part in our very own Masked Singer event for the children. It should be a fantastic day of fun and fundraising! We are all wondering—*who will take the title this year?* Mrs Tucker wowed everyone singing "I will survive" dressed as Iggle Piggle last year, so the bar has certainly been set high!

Finally, our upcoming Parents' Evenings are fast approaching. We hope that everyone will be able to join us. These meetings may be brief, but they are incredibly valuable. They offer a snapshot of how your child is progressing, provide an opportunity to celebrate successes, and ensure that school and home continue to work closely together. Your involvement shows your child that we are united in supporting them, and that message is powerful and motivating.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks at the events and meetings that help make our school community so strong.

Jason Willetts



Dates For Your Diary



March

Thurs 12th	Reception class vision screening Parent online safety event in school hall 7pm
Fri 13th	Mothers' Day activities
Mon 16th	6A Skipathon in PE lesson
Tues 17th	6S Skipathon in PE lesson
Thurs 19th	Parents' Evening (Whole School) Day one
Fri 20th	Comic Relief Day (Non Uniform) Masked Singer Comp
Mon 23rd	Parents' Evening (Whole School) Day two
Tues 24th	Yr4 trip to Botanical Gardens
Weds 25th	Reception trip to Mount Pleasant Farm
Thurs 26th	Y5 trip to Coombe Park Y3 Learning Share 2.30pm
Fri 27th	Easter Bonnet and Egg Competitions Concert for parents of Woodwind lessons children 2:30pm

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

April

Mon 13th	Teacher Training day - only staff in school
Weds 15th	Yr1 trip to Twycross Zoo

Are you keeping your child safe online?



Parents/Carers' face to face evening workshop led by

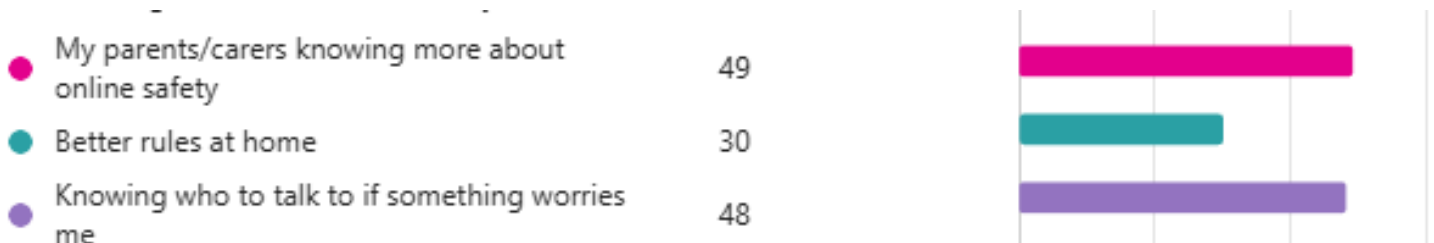


Thursday 12th March 2026, 7-8 pm in the KS2 Hall

Book your place by clicking the link and signing up at the bottom of the web page.

<https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/parents-cotteridge-school-2026/>

When asked what would help you use the internet more safely, here's how the children in KS2 responded.



FREE CHILDCARE OFFER FOR PARENTS ATTENDING-BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE HERE

[FREE childcare offer for parents wanting to attend the ONLINE SAFETY PARENTS'](#)

Project Evolve

Privacy and Security

Our Online Safety unit this half term is all about privacy and security. Within this, we will be discussing how to keep information private online and how to protect our data.

Use the scenario cards below to start a conversation with your child about privacy and security.

<p>Early Years - 7 Personal Information</p> <p>Private or personal information? Discuss.</p> <table border="1"><tr><td> Name</td><td> Address</td><td> Birthday</td><td> Age</td><td> Town</td></tr><tr><td> Food</td><td> Hobbies</td><td> Likes</td><td> Dislikes</td><td> Shoe size</td></tr></table>	 Name	 Address	 Birthday	 Age	 Town	 Food	 Hobbies	 Likes	 Dislikes	 Shoe size	<p>Early Years - 7</p> <h3>Saying 'no' politely</h3> <p>Sorry, I can't tell you.</p> <p>Sorry, that is private.</p> <p>Sorry, I don't want to answer that.</p>
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<p>Ages 7-11</p> <h3>Permission Mission</h3> <p>You're signing up for a new online gaming account when you're given the following choice.</p> <div data-bbox="510 1523 766 1747"><p><input type="checkbox"/> Tick to confirm that you have read and agree to our Terms and Conditions</p><p>Create Account</p></div> <p>What you do next?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Speak to an adultTick the box and click 'Create Account'Click on the 'Terms and Conditions' to read what they saySomething else	<p>Ages 7-11</p> <h3>Who supervises you...</h3> <p>...at home? </p> <p>...at school? </p> <p>...in public? </p> <h3>Why are you supervised?</h3>										



Attendance Matters



Monday 23rd February to Thursday 5th March 2026

Turtles	96.3
Dolphins	95.8
1BD	98.1
1BH	95.1
2N	96.8
2W	99.1
3B	99.1
3T	96.1
4A	95.7
4D	97.3
5N	98.1
5A	96.9
6S	99.6
6A	98.0



Whole School this
fortnight : 97.3%

TARGET : 96%

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ACTIVE COACHING (CIC)



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EASTER HOLIDAY

**TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
WEDNESDAY 1ST AND
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
2026**

Join us for an exciting camp where children can enjoy multi-sports, arts and crafts and fun cooking activities.

For Cotteridge Primary Children
(Reception to Year 6)

A packed lunch will be provided for all children.

**WOODLANDS PARK HALL
BOURNVILLE, B30 1HA
9AM - 3PM**

BOOK HERE:

<https://bookwhen.com/learnactivecoaching>

**FREE FOR CHILDREN ELIGIBLE
FOR FSM OR £15 PER DAY**

Contact us: 07717 201972 hello@learnactivecoaching.co.uk

Communication and Autism Team

Parent Carer Workshop - Anxiety *

Spring Term 2026

We would like to invite you to a CAT Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of anxiety and ways to support their child.

To support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment.

All Birmingham parent carers are welcome

Date: Thursday March 12th 2026 9.30am-11am

Book via the following link:

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-parent-carer-workshop-anxiety-via-microsoft-teams-thursday-12th-march-2026-am/>

Sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams - a link will be sent to you prior to the session.

We look forward to seeing you there - Lisa Walmsley and Wendy Bantock

*The anxiety workshop is part of the Neuroinclusive Education Network (NEN) training for schools and parent carers



Food Bank Donations

We are beginning to run out of some things in our food bank, so wanted to reach out to our wonderful school community to see if anyone would be willing to donate any of the following items:

- ⇒ Pasta
- ⇒ Pasta sauces
- ⇒ Curry sauces
- ⇒ Rice
- ⇒ Casserole sauces



Of course, we would always be grateful for anything else that you can think of that would be good to donate too.

If you would like anything from our food bank, please speak with Mrs Burnett.



Mother's Day Activities 2026



Here are the dates and times of the Mother's Day activities in case any mums/significant women in your child's life who would like to attend need to book time off work. Each session will last approximately 30 minutes. Strictly only one adult per child please!

Friday 13th March 2026	
9.15—9.45	Year 1
10.00—10.30	Year 2
10.45—11.15	Year 3
11.30—12.00	Year 4
12.15—12.45	Year 5
1.45—2.15	Year 6
2.30—3.00	Nursery and Reception classes

Celebrating Our Homegrown Teaching Talent!

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news – Miss May and Miss Croft graduated this week as fully qualified teachers!

This is a special moment for our school, and we couldn't be prouder of their incredible journey.

Both Miss May and Miss Croft joined us as temporary teaching assistants, and it quickly became clear that they had something special. Their natural ability to connect with children, their enthusiasm for learning, and their dedication to our pupils shone through from day one.

Recognising their potential, we were thrilled to support them as they embarked on their teacher training journey – learning and developing their skills right here at Cotteridge, working alongside our experienced staff whilst studying.

The path from teaching assistant to qualified teacher is demanding, requiring immense commitment, resilience and determination. Miss May and Miss Croft have juggled their studies with their responsibilities in school, always maintaining their focus on what matters most – our children's learning and wellbeing.

What makes this achievement even more special is that Miss May and Miss Croft have developed as teachers within our school community. They know our children, understand our values, and have built strong relationships with families. Their journey from teaching assistants to qualified teachers means they bring a unique depth of understanding and experience to their roles.

We are incredibly fortunate to have two such talented, dedicated professionals who have chosen to build their teaching careers with us at Cotteridge Primary School.

Congratulations, Miss May and Miss Croft – we are so proud of you both, and we look forward to seeing you continue to inspire and nurture our pupils for many years to come!



Parents' Evening Reminder



Parents' Evening is on the following dates:

- * Thursday 19th March 3:30 to 6:00pm
- * Monday 23rd March 3:30 to 6:00pm

If you haven't already, please book your slots using the link sent via email on 13th February. If you have not had the link, please check your spam/junk email folder as it often does go into there for some reason. If it is not in there, please contact the school office.

93% of slots have now been taken!

Attention KS2 pupils!

Easter is fast approaching and we'd love for you to take part in our egg-cellent Easter Egg Competition. Our egg competition will be judged on Friday 27th March 2026, so please get creative and bring in your egg designs on this day to showcase your egg-stravaganza! Winners will receive a prize. We look forward to seeing your fantastic creations!



Easter Bonnet Parade



There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on **Friday 27th March** in school. Please send your child in with their bonnet on this day. We look forward to seeing the children's fabulous and exciting creations!



Netball News

Players of the Week

Monday 23rd Feb - Eadie 3B

Thursday 26th Feb - Matilda 5A

Monday 2nd March - Joni 3T

Thursday 5th March - Esther 5N

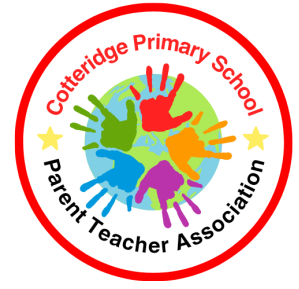


Upcoming matches:

- Tues 10th March - Away vs. St Mary's - Yr6
- Tues 17th March - Home vs. St. Mary's - Yr5
- Weds 22nd April - Away vs. St. Edward's - Yr6



PTA News



Fundraising Update:

Christmas Fayre - £2,119

PTA Non-uniform day - £300

KS2 - Spring Disco

Tickets are available to purchase on Classlist at £3 per child.

Friday 20th March

(4:30 – 5:30) – Year 3 and 4

(5:30 – 6:30) – Year 5 and 6

Squash, fruit, and popcorn will be provided.

If your child is in afterschool club, please inform the afterschool club staff that your child will be going to the disco. Staff will bring those children on their list over to the disco. These children may bring a change of clothes to change in to.

We require parent volunteers to help supervise the Discos to ensure we meet the appropriate adult to child ratio. If we don't get enough volunteers, then the discos will be cancelled. You can sign up when purchasing tickets on Classlist.

Bag2School - Next Collection

Next collection date is Friday 1st May 2026.

Please, bring your donations in tied up black bags from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May (drop off at the latest on this date.) Place bags on the wooden area behind the climbing frame.

Easter Sale - Friday 27th March at pick-up

Including:

- Easter Raffle - raffle tickets can be purchased at both Parents' evenings in both halls at £1 a strip.
- Easter Ornaments
- Uniform Sale
- Book Sale
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Parent Library

Our parent Library is still available for you to use. If you haven't signed up, it's £1 to join. Parents are welcome to come to the den and swap books at any time. There is a huge selection of adult and children's books available to borrow.

Contact details

Email: Cotteridgepta@gmail.com



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We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

Join in by walking,
wheeling, scooting or
cycling to school
between 16 - 27 March.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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Easter Themed Dinner Day

If your child would like a dinner on this day, simply book a dinner on SchoolMoney/Teachers2Parents for Thursday 26th March.



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Easter Celebration

Judy Hopps Has So Many Carrots And Easter Eggs At Easter Time She Loves To Make Some Delicious Easter Treats For Everyone To Enjoy

Enjoy Some Of Judy's Yummy Desserts

Judy Hopps Carrot Cake with Cookie Crumb
Chocolate Buttons and Orange Sprinkles Donut
Kit Kat Rainbow Shortbread

Thursday
26th March

The poster features Judy Hopps in her police uniform in three different poses: at the top right, at the bottom left, and at the bottom right holding a carrot. The background is a light blue color with several large, overlapping circles in various colors (green, pink, purple, red, orange) containing different patterns and text. The text is written in a white, rounded, sans-serif font.

Baby Shower! Antenatal Event

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026
VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

Demonstrations such as bathing baby, top & tailing, nappy changing.
preparing your hospital bag, how to use a sling!

Well-being..

- Looking after yourself to take care of your baby.
- Where to go if things get tough.

Benefit advice and sign posting

Childrens Centre & Family hub info

Childcare options for returning to work

Baby Group tasters

Safer sleeping

Parenting

Arts & Crafts-
design your own vests & Bibs

Infant Feeding

Family Foundations
Healthy Relationships



**FREE GOODY BAG!
FREE RAFFLE !**

FREE REFRESHMENTS!

**Please give us a call to
register your interest**

0121 464 4189





Mrs Tucker
Assistant
Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mr Willetts
Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Burnett
Pastoral
Manager
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Timmins
SENDCo



Mrs Smith
Learning
Mentor



Mr Adam
Jarvis
Safeguarding
Governor



Our Safeguarding Team are always here to help!

Out of school hours, if you are concerned about a child, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, always dial 999.

If you have any concerns about a child our safeguarding team are always here to help. You can contact them during school hours on 0121 464 2865 / enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can find them in the playground areas during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Outside of school hours, if you are concerned about a child, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, always dial 999.

How Can We Help You?

If you are unsure about any information or require more assistance about your child, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

If you require further support, please contact one of our Assistant Head Teachers: Mrs Darby for Nursery to Year 2, or Mrs Tucker for Years 3 to 6.

Mrs Pickering Ernst is currently on maternity leave.

If your query is then still not resolved, please contact Mr Willetts.



Mrs Darby
Assistant Head
EYFS / KS1



Mrs Pickering Ernst
Assistant Head
Years 3 and 4



Mrs Tucker
Assistant Head
Years 5 and 6