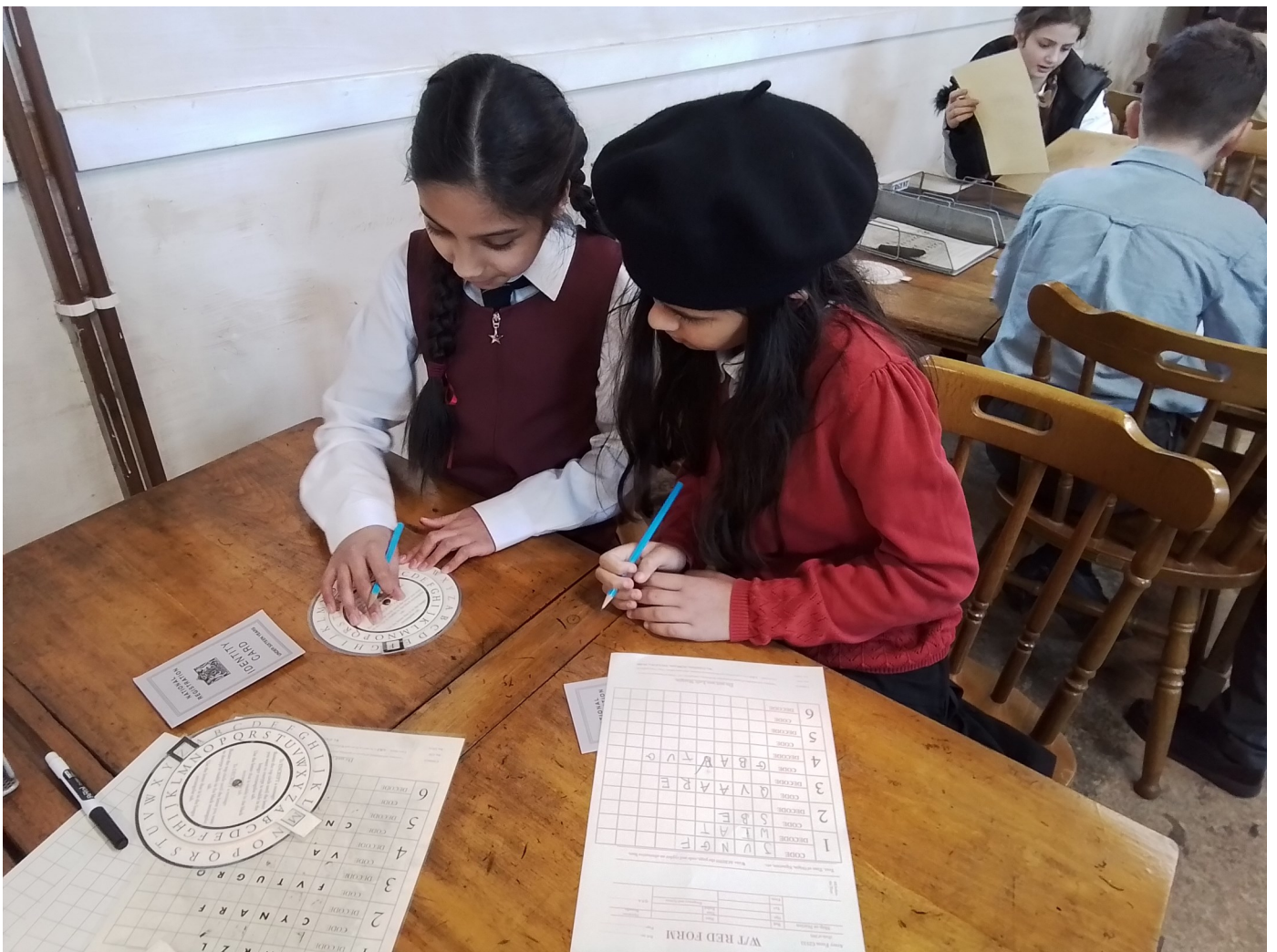


COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



20th March 2026

Message from the Headteacher

I wanted to take a moment to celebrate something truly special about our Cotteridge Primary School community – the incredible partnership we have with you, our families.

Your Amazing Support

Over recent weeks, I've been genuinely moved by your commitment to working alongside us:

- Over 60 parents braved a dreadful evening of wind and rain to attend our online safety session – your dedication to keeping our children safe online speaks volumes
- Hundreds of mothers and family members joined us for our Mother's Day singing events, creating memories that our children will treasure
- Almost every family has signed up for Parents' Evenings, which are currently taking place – thank you for prioritising these important conversations about your child's progress

This level of engagement is remarkable, and it makes such a difference to our children's education and wellbeing.

Partnership Through All Seasons

Building strong relationships with families is a feature of effective practice, allowing us to work together to support children's learning. But true partnership isn't just about celebrating the good times – it's about standing together through all seasons of your child's school journey.

Children are learning. They're growing. They're discovering who they are and testing the boundaries of the world around them. This is completely normal and healthy. As they navigate this journey, they will inevitably make mistakes – it's an essential part of growing up.

When Children Make Mistakes

When a child does something wrong, it's not a reflection on you as parents. Children push boundaries, make poor choices, and sometimes do things they shouldn't – this is all part of the learning process. It's important that we build trusted relationships which facilitate communication, recognising that children may not always recognise their experiences as harmful or may feel embarrassed about situations.

When we contact you about a concern, please know:

- We're not casting blame on you or your family
- We're sharing information so we can work together to support your child
- Our goal is always to help your child learn, grow, and make better choices

We see it as our shared responsibility to guide children towards understanding right from wrong.

Our Commitment to High Standards

At Cotteridge Primary School, we maintain high standards because we believe every child deserves the very best. This means:

- We will always address concerns – it would be easier to ignore small issues, but we don't believe that serves our children well
- We will communicate openly with you – staff will only bring matters to your attention when they feel it's necessary
- We will work with you to move forward – our focus is always on learning and growth, not punishment for punishment's sake

We aim to promote supportive engagement with parents and carers in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including where families may be facing challenging circumstances.

Moving Forward Together

Just as we celebrate your children's successes with you, we ask for your support when they face challenges. When we reach out, we're inviting you into a partnership – one where we work together to help your child understand their actions, learn from their mistakes, and develop into the wonderful young people we know they can be.

Remember: we all make mistakes – children and adults alike. What matters most is how we respond, learn, and grow from them together.

Thank you for your continued trust, support, and partnership. Together, we're creating an environment where every child at Cotteridge Primary School can thrive.

Warm regards,
Jason Willetts



Dates For Your Diary



March

Mon 23rd	Parents' Evening (Whole School) Day two, NO CLUBS after school
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

Thurs 16th

KS2 Cotteridge's Got Talent auditions

Fri 17th

KS2 Cotteridge's Got Talent auditions

PTA non-school uniform day

Thurs 23rd

Parents' residential trip information meeting 5:00pm in school

3B trip to Lapworth Museum

How to set up your layered parental controls



Click on the image for an information video on how to layer up your child's online safety.

3 steps to layering up your child's online safety.

Each link will take you to a page where you can choose the **video guidance** and watch the video relevant for the network you have at home, the devices your children use and apps they play.

[Network first](#) – Switch on broadband or mobile network controls to add a basic layer of protection across all devices.

[Devices next](#) – Use device controls to manage screen time, downloads and spending on the devices children use most.

[Finish with apps](#) – Turn on safety settings in the apps, games and platforms children use every day.

Attendance Matters



Friday 6th to Thursday 19th March 2026

Turtles	97.5
Dolphins	96.0
1BD	95.0
1BH	99.1
2N	98.2
2W	99.7
3B	96.7
3T	96.2
4A	97.7
4D	97.4
5N	96.5
5A	98.5
6S	97.1
6A	94.3



Whole School this
fortnight : 97.1%

TARGET : 96%

Exciting News!

We're delighted to share some wonderful news – congratulations to Mrs. Waldron and her husband, who are expecting their first baby in August!

Mrs. Waldron will continue teaching her class through to the end of this academic year before beginning her well-deserved maternity leave over the summer.

We're thrilled for the Waldron family and wish them all the best as they prepare for Baby Waldron's arrival.





REMINDER:



No after

school activity

clubs on

Monday due to

Parents'



Evening!



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.



COOMBS
CATERING PARTNERSHIP

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: running in the top right, holding a carrot in the bottom right, and standing in the bottom left. The background is a light blue with large, colorful Easter eggs in shades of pink, green, yellow, and orange. The text is written in a white, rounded, sans-serif font.

Woodwind Concert



Friday 27th March

2:30pm in the KS2 hall

For parents/carers of children who have been receiving woodwind lessons.

Please note: this has been changed from the original date of 20th March due to Comic Relief.



COTTERIDGE'S GOT TALENT

2026 - The Auditions!

Can your child sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes, do magic, do gymnastics? Have they got another talent which they are proud of?

Then why not encourage them to take part in our upcoming Talent Show?

Children are invited to audition in front of their peers on the dates below and then around 20 acts will be selected for the Talent Show itself on

Friday 8th May from 6pm to 8pm.

Tickets for this event will be available nearer the time.

Groups and individuals are permitted. Each child can audition once as an individual and once as a group.

A link has been sent for you to sign your child up for the auditions.

Audition dates:

KS2: Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April

EYFS & KS1: Friday 24th April



**SPACES AVAILABLE
FOR SEPTEMBER**



☎ 0121 464 2865

✉ enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk

Year 6 Parents' Residential Trip Meeting

Thursday 23rd April

5:00pm

Junior Hall

Year 6 Children welcome



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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

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.



Netball News

Players of the Week:

Monday 9th - Cyan 4D

Thursday 12th - Susie 6S

Monday 16th - Leah 3T

Thursday 19th - No netball

Upcoming matches:

- Tues 17th March - Home vs. St. Mary's
- Weds 25th March - Home vs. Colmore
- Fri 17th April - Away vs. St. Laurence
- Weds 22nd April - Away vs. St. Edward's
- Tues 28th April - Away vs. Bournville Village

Netball Match



Results



Tuesday 10th March

Cotteridge: 21 vs St. Mary's: 1

Our very first match of the season and the girls did the whole school proud! They played with passion and drive and demonstrated great teamwork! Mrs Smith is a very proud coach!

Player of the Match was Jess 6S.

Tuesday 17th March

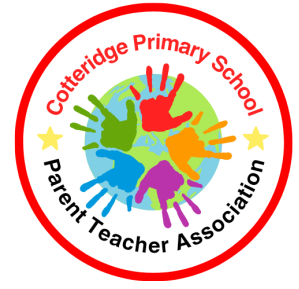
Cotteridge: 3 vs St. Mary's: 0

First ever match for year 5 and they totally smashed it. Perseverance and teamwork until the end. It was lovely to have parents there supporting us.
Super proud netball coach.

Player of match was Bella 5N.



PTA News



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

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.

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.

Stikins

Stikins is a website where you can purchase labels for your child's belongings.

By quoting "5083", you will be helping us raise money for our PTA through a commission.

www.stikins.co.uk

Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising is a website/app where you can purchase items from over 7000 brands, and a small donation will go to the cause of your choice. This does not cost you any extra: the donation is covered by the brand.

Cotteridge Primary School PTA is a searchable cause on the website. It is quick and easy to sign up at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

When searching, select "find a cause" then type "Cotteridge Primary School PTA."

Birmingham Community Lottery

Birmingham community lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Birmingham. Cotteridge Primary School PTA is part of the community lottery. We can benefit from you playing and will receive at least 50% from every £1 from the tickets, with 10% also going to other causes within Birmingham. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win.

Each ticket has six numbers, and each number is between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night at 8pm. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2 to 6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all six and you win the jackpot of £25,000!

To find out more information and sign up, visit:

www.Birminghamcommunitylottery.co.uk

Contact details

Email: Cotteridgepta@gmail.com

PSHE Lessons

In our PSHE lessons after the Easter holiday, we will be covering:

Relationships

Relationships starts with building a respectful relationship with self and covers topics including families, friendships, pets and animals, and love and loss. A vital part of this Puzzle is about safeguarding and keeping children safe; this links to online safety and social networking. Children learn how to deal with conflict, build assertiveness skills, and identify their own strengths and strategies for building self-esteem and resilience. They explore roles and responsibilities in families and friendship groups, and consider stereotypes.

Possible discussions at home:

- What are the best things about having a pet?
- What qualities should a good friend have and why?
- How can I stay safe online?
- What can I do if something is tricky for me?
- How am I a good role model?





SPRING TIME
ADVENTURE

HOP INTO EASTER

30TH MARCH
- 10TH APRIL



0121 472 0199
www.sellymanormuseum.org.uk



Birmingham's Ordinarily Available Guidance (OAG)

A guide for parent carers and families

What is the OAG?

The OAG is Birmingham's shared guidance for all mainstream schools.

It explains the support that should be available for children and young people every day.

- It is for all children, not just those with a diagnosis or EHCP.
- It helps schools act early when a child needs extra help.
- It gives everyone shared language and expectations.
- It explains what schools can do with their usual resources.

What does this mean for your child?

Schools are expected to:

- notice when your child is finding things difficult
- adapt teaching and routines to remove barriers
- put support in place early
- work in partnership with you
- begin support without waiting for a diagnosis

How schools use the OAG

Schools use the OAG to:

- develop inclusive classroom practice
- make changes and adaptations
- decide what extra support may be needed
- Talk with parents about next steps

It helps teachers to think about:

- What are we noticing?
- What can we try now?
- What is working? What needs to change?

Using the Parent Carer Guides

There are 10 short Parent Carer Guides you can use if you want more information.

Each guide explains what schools aim to provide, what this might look like in practice, how you can be involved.

You can read them as needed. You do not have to read them all.

Working Together

You know your child best. Schools value your knowledge and experience.

You can help by:

- sharing what you notice at home
- asking how the OAG is being used
- asking part in review meetings
- raising concerns early

Working together helps schools put the right support in place at the right time.

Birmingham's Ordinarily Available Guidance (OAG)

When children need more support

Children's needs can change over time.

Some children need extra help for a short time. Others may need support that is reviewed and changed over longer periods of time.

When a child needs more support, schools may:

- **adjust teaching and routines further**
- **Give additional or more targeted support**
- **seek advice from specialists**
- **work with you as part of a wider team around your child**

How support changes over time


Children's needs can change. Support is not a one-off decision.


Schools use a step-by-step approach to think about what is happening, review what is working and decide what to do next. This keeps support flexible and responsive.


How schools make and review decisions


To guide decisions, schools use a simple cycle called:



 **Assess** - Understanding strengths, needs and barriers.

 **Plan** - Deciding what to try next.

 **Do** - Putting support in place.

 **Review** - Looking at what has changed and deciding next steps.

Where you can find more support

Birmingham Local Offer Website - Information about SEND services and support.

www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Parent Carer Forums - Connect with other parents, share experiences and get advice.

School SENCo - Talk to your child's school about any concerns.

Family Hubs - Local support, workshops and activities.

FAMILY VOICES

GBNFC CHILDREN'S CENTRE SELLY OAK FAMILY HUB

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 10.00AM
SENSE- TOUCHBASE PEARS, B29 6NA



Have your say - Share your experiences and ideas to help shape local family services across the whole of Birmingham.



Be heard - Join friendly sessions where parents, carers, and young people talk about what really matters.



Make a difference - Your feedback helps improve support, activities, and opportunities for families in your area.

We will also have children's activities available if you wish to bring them along too





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