

**COTTERIDGE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
3rd October 2025**



## Attendance and Wellbeing

Well done to everyone for maintaining our continued high attendance. We've had a number of cases of chicken pox circulating through school, along with the usual seasonal colds, but I'm pleased to see that both pupils and staff are battling on and keeping disruption to a minimum. Your commitment to being in school every day really does make a difference to learning.

## Harvest Festival Success

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival collection for the School Foodbank. The response has been amazing and truly shows the strength of support within our school community. Your generosity will make a real difference to families who need it, and it's wonderful to see our school values of kindness and community spirit in action.

## Bikeability Programme

Bikeability is currently taking place for our Years 5 and 6 pupils. Over a four-week period, 5 or 6 children each day are enhancing their bike skills and learning essential road safety. This is such a valuable life skill for our pupils. Many thanks to Mrs Prosser for organising this excellent opportunity.

## Football Tournament Success

Over the last two weeks, we've entered two football tournaments with fantastic results. Our Year 6 boys' team came 3rd out of 6 teams in their tournament, narrowly missing out on Finals Night – they should be very proud of their achievement. Our Year 5/6 girls' team finished in 2nd place and have now qualified for the Finals Night in a couple of weeks' time. Both teams represented Cotteridge Primary School superbly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, determination and commitment throughout. We're incredibly proud of them all.

## Enriching Our Curriculum

Enriching our curriculum through educational visits is so important for bringing learning to life. Year 6 visited the Back to Backs, Year 3 explored Bishops Wood, and Year 4 travelled to Lunt Fort. These experiences provide invaluable educational benefits that simply can't be replicated in the classroom, helping children to make meaningful connections with their learning.

## Fire Drill

In case you didn't hear, we also had a successful fire drill last week. The children were superb, evacuating sensibly, quietly and quickly – exactly as we'd want them to in a real emergency.

## Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic

Finally, thank you to all the Reception parents and families who turned up for the Teddy Bears' Picnic last Friday. The weather was kind to us, and it was a great opportunity for children and parents of our new cohort to mix and socialise together. These early connections help build our strong school community.



Have a great weekend and thank you all for your continued support for our school. It is a great school to lead and work at, with some wonderful staff, children and parents.

Jason Willetts



# Dates For Your Diary



## October

Mon 6th - 6S Bikeability (6 children per day) all week

Tues 7th - Nursery and Reception Parents' Evening day two

Fri 10th - Photographer in school - individual pupils and siblings

Weds 15th - Reception phonics workshops - Turtles 9am and Dolphins 10am

Tues 21st - Yr2 trip to Selly Manor

Fri 24th - Non-uniform - Be Bright, Be Seen (wear bright/fluorescent clothing)

## November

Thurs 6th - KS1 and KS2 Parents' Evening day one

Tues 11th - KS1 and KS2 Parents' Evening day two

Thurs 13th - 5N trip to Safeside

Fri 14th - Yr2 Learning share 2:30pm and Children in Need day NON UNIFORM

Mon 17th - 4D start weekly swimming lessons

Thurs 20th - 5A trip to Safeside

Fri 21st - Yr5 Learning Share 2:30pm

Thurs 27th - Yr1 Learning Share 2:30pm

## December

Fri 5th - PTA Christmas Fayre

Weds 10th - Christmas Dinner Day!

# Attendance Matters



Friday 19th September to Thursday 2nd October 2025

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>Turtles</b>  | <b>97.8</b> |
| <b>Dolphins</b> | <b>96.3</b> |
| <b>1BD</b>      | <b>97.1</b> |
| <b>1BH</b>      | <b>98.0</b> |
| <b>2N</b>       | <b>99.0</b> |
| <b>2W</b>       | <b>96.7</b> |
| <b>3B</b>       | <b>97.0</b> |
| <b>3T</b>       | <b>96.5</b> |
| <b>4A</b>       | <b>95.3</b> |
| <b>4D</b>       | <b>91.6</b> |
| <b>5N</b>       | <b>98.0</b> |
| <b>5A</b>       | <b>98.0</b> |
| <b>6S</b>       | <b>96.8</b> |
| <b>6A</b>       | <b>93.6</b> |



Whole School this  
fortnight : 96.6%

**TARGET : 96%**



# **Text Messages From School**

If you have the Teachers2Parents app downloaded on your phone, this is where texts from school will automatically go to. Therefore, please make sure you have notifications for Teachers2Parents switched on otherwise you will not know you have been sent messages. Thank you.

# Late arrivals / early leavers

**VERY IMPORTANT!**



If you arrive late to school (after 9:00am) in the morning, please sign your child in with the office, even if a teacher collects your child from you on the playground. This is because, once the register has been taken, **if your child has missed their mark and you have not signed them in at the office the office staff have no way of knowing that your child is on school site.** This will then cause them to contact you, believing your child to be absent without parental contact. But, the most important reason - **if ever there was a fire,** this late list is used to account for any children who may not have received their marks on the morning attendance register but are on school site, to ensure they have exited the building safely.

For the same reason, please could we also ask that if you collect your child early from school that you sign them out at the office.

# School Photographs

Our school photographers will be coming into school next Friday (10th October) to take individual photos of the children. They will also be taking photos of siblings together during the school day.



If you have children who do not attend Cotteridge School but you would like them to have their photo taken with their sibling who does, please come to the pedestrian gate at 8:30am and make your way to the red doors of the infant building for this to be done.



If your child has PE on this day, please could they come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag to change into.



Proofs are usually delivered to school within a week or two of the photos being taken. When they arrive in school, they will be sent home with your child with instructions of how to order them.



**New Feature : Just for fun**

**Which member of staff is  
this?**

Answer on the final page of this newsletter





## **Payments For Dinners, Clubs and Breakfast/ Afterschool Club**

Please could we remind everyone that payments for dinners, activity clubs and breakfast/afterschool club should be made in advance and not in arrears.

There are a few parents/carers with money owed, so please could everyone log in to their accounts over the weekend and make payment if necessary.

**Please note: If you pay for breakfast/afterschool club via workplace/tax-free government scheme, it is your responsibility to log in to your school account and keep up to date with your payments, and not the responsibility of the office to send reminders.**

# School Trips



## Reminder:

The first instalment for your child's school trips is due this month on 29th October. Please make the first payment by then via SchoolMoney/ Teachers2Parents.

Two further instalments are due on 28th February 2026 and 29th April 2026.

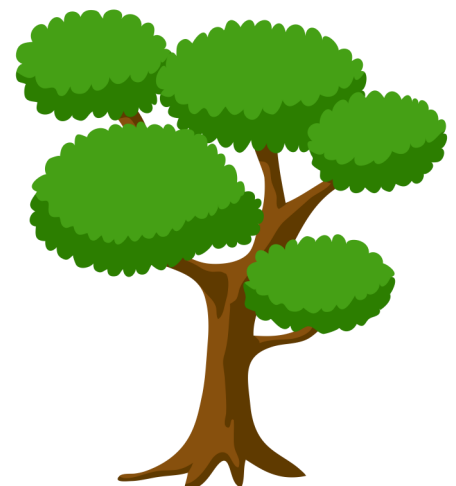
These three instalments cover all of your child's school trips for the whole academic year, rather than asking for payment per trip.

# RESIDENTIAL PAYMENTS DUE

The third payment for the Year 6 residential trip is due today. Please could all parents who haven't already done so make sure this is paid over the weekend.



The final  
payment is  
due on 6th



**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

# Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came for our Macmillan coffee morning last Friday, or bought cakes from us after school. We managed to raise £160.34 for Macmillan Cancer Support.





# Reception class Applications

For Nursery aged children - the application form for Reception class 2026 is now open. Apply for your child's secondary school via the Birmingham City Council website: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions)

It is very important that you follow the instructions very carefully.

If you require any help with your application, please speak with Mrs Burnett.

**THE DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY  
SCHOOL APPLICATIONS IS 15th  
JANUARY 2026!**



# Secondary School Applications

This is a reminder to all Year 6 parents that applications for secondary school are now open. Apply for your child's secondary school via the Birmingham City Council website: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions)

It is very important that you follow the instructions very carefully.

If you require any help with your application, please speak with Mrs Burnett.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS IS 31ST OCTOBER!**



# Netball News

## Players of the Week

Monday 22nd Sept - Amelie 3B

Thursday 25th Sept - Susie 6S

Monday 29th Sept - Cyan 4D

Thursday 2nd Oct - Milica 6A





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.



**Mrs Darby**  
**Assistant Head**  
**EYFS / KS1**



**Mrs Pickering Ernst**  
**Assistant Head**  
**Years 3 and 4**



**Mrs Tucker**  
**Assistant Head**  
**Years 5 and 6**

The member of staff from earlier in the newsletter was

**Mrs. Timmins our SENDCo.**

If you ever have any concerns regarding your child and Special Needs please make contact with Mrs. Timmins—she will be happy to help!

