



19th July 2024

Dear parents / carers

Farewell Year 6

As the school year comes to a close, we are very sorry to say goodbye to our Year 6. It has been a super end to their time here, watching them entertain us with their excellent Leavers' Production and enjoy their Leavers' Disco. The Leavers' Mass today was also wonderful. An opportunity to reflect on the children's time at Cottesmore as well as celebrate all they have to come. These children have been a superb group of individuals. They have set the tone of the school wonderfully and led by example which is exactly what Year 6 are meant to do. The children have been excellent role models for others and an utter pleasure. A big thank you to all for all that you've brought to our school family. Cottesmore will always be your school and you are always welcome to come back and visit - anytime. You should be proud of all that you have accomplished and thank you for everything. We are looking forward to hearing all about your achievements in the future and we have no doubt that you will all rise to the exciting new challenges of secondary school, embracing all opportunities that come your way. We are incredibly proud of how the children have grown into such wonderful differing people, each with so many gifts and talents. Best wishes in all that you do from here Year 6 - you can and will flourish and achieve anything you put your mind to. Thank you again for all you have brought to Cottesmore. Now go and be your best selves and shine!

**FAREWELL
AND
THANK YOU**



Thank you to the whole school

I can not believe that this year has flown by already. So many achievements have been made by the children and we couldn't be prouder of them all. A big thank you to the work of our whole staff team for everything that they have done, and continue to do, to make Cottesmore the wonderful school that it is for our children. It is always such a pleasure to be part of our school family and I thank everyone for their work to provide the children with so many experiences and opportunities. I am always incredibly impressed with how the children step up to our expectations of them but also raise their expectations for themselves as individuals. How fantastic they are. I would like to say a final thank you for all your support. Your kind words and emails are always so thankfully received.

Summer Fair

A HUGE thank you to all organised and all who supported our Summer Fair. Thanks to the PTA a whopping £3389 was raised (£280 more than last year) which will go towards our Forest School developments. A big thank you to Year 6 children who raised £745 for the school through their stalls at the Summer Fair. The Fairtrade reps did a wonderful job of promoting Fairtrade. They created a Fairtrade "lucky dip" and also gave people the opportunity to win Fairtrade prizes by guessing amounts of Fairtrade products in jars. Congratulations to the winners: Jared (3 St Cecilia) who guessed 103 tea bags, the answer was 105. Ollie Ryan who guessed 1325g of sugar, the answer was 1325g and Joshua (5 St Josephine) who guessed 2300 cocoa beans, the answer was 2300! Not only was this a super fundraiser but also a fabulous event for the whole school community. If you would like to find out more about how you can support the PTA in the future, please come along to the next AGM, held in the school hall, at 7pm on 2nd October.



Sports Day

Once again, we were blessed by the weather and were able to welcome you to our engaging Sports Days. The atmosphere was great fun and children did a fantastic job. How proud we are.



Wishing you a wonderful and enjoyable summer. Thank you again for all your kind cards, generous gifts and thoughtful emails. Your support is always very much appreciated. Thank you also for your super children who we are lucky enough to work with each day. We know the holidays can be challenging for some so take care and remember we are here if you need. Thank you again and best of luck to our wonderful Year 6. Rachel Breen, Headteacher

A reminder if you haven't already booked your HAF free holiday places ...

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

HAF provides FREE activities with a meal for school aged children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM).

Summer HAF bookings are now live, with over 11,000 HAF places available. Visit: Brighton Hove HAF to learn more and book. Activities include sports, performing arts, computing, youth programmes, and so much more! Participants also receive a meal. Eligible participants are permitted to book up to 16 HAF sessions over the summer, with one session available per day. **Learn more about HAF here:**

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/HAF>

Holiday home learning activities

We recognise how hard children work in term time and how the holidays are helpful for down time. It is time for children to explore, play and rest. That said, some families ask for short tasks to complete over the break in order to help with learning retention. If this is of interest to you, please find a suggested menu of activities send via Seesaw. This also contains information about the Sumer Reading Challenge set by your local library and would encourage all to explore that.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Charge for School Meals

As children enter Year 3 in September, a reminder that unless families are in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), meals eaten will need to be paid for via ParentPay. We ask that you keep the account in credit. The cost of a meal is £2.60. Thank you.

Change to School Day start time from Sept

A reminder that, from September, our school day will be 8.40am – 3.10pm. Radinden Manor gate will be opened at 8.30am for a free flow into school and will be locked at 8.40am. All children are expected to be in class, not coming through the gate, by that time. Anyone coming through the gate eg at 8.39am may be marked as late if there is not enough time for them to be in their actual classroom in time for the 8.40am register. Anyone coming after the gate is closed, will have to enter via the main school office and will also be marked as late. Pick up at 3.10pm remains as usual as do all club pick up times.



OCCDANCE

WE ARE BACK AT COTTESMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY DANCE KS1 12:00 - 12:30
THURSDAY DANCE KS2 12:30 - 1:00
FRIDAY SINGING KS1 12:00 - 12:30
FRIDAY SINGING KS2 12:30 - 1:00
FRIDAY DANCE 3:15 - 4:15

PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE
WWW.CC-DANCE.CO.UK



Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

01

Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood

02

Empower parents to take collective action in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children smartphones until at least 10

03

Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose-lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.

How you can get involved

Join your regional WhatsApp group. You'll find the links to all regional groups at linktree.com/smartphonefreechildhood

Start a WhatsApp group for your school to begin a conversation with your community - we've put together a toolkit to help you smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/resources

Follow us on Instagram
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Sign up to our newsletter. We'll be sharing all our plans, advice and inspiration here as the movement grows.
smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/to/subscribe



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Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE TRAINING

at Preston Park and Hove Park

Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads

Monday 6 - Thursday 8 August
 10:00 - 12:30 or 11:15 - 1:00

Monday 12 - Thursday 15 August
 Monday 16 - Thursday 22 August
 10:00 - 12:30

Friday 27 - Friday 28 August
 10:00 - 12:30 or 11:15 - 1:00

Ages 9 - 15

Levels 1 & 2 together is £45 per person.

Level 1 is theory and will be held in a hall where you will learn to control your bike and stick to quiet roads.

Progression to Level 2 training is dependent on training at Level 1, and will be held at Preston Park and Hove Park.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To book your place call 01273 591111 or visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/cycle-training

Brighton & Hove City Council

SEPTEMBER	
MONDAY 2 nd	* INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
TUESDAY 3 rd	* First Day back at School for Years 1 – 6 * New Reception children Group A only 9.30am – 11.30am * New Reception children Group B only 12.45pm – 2.45pm
WEDNESDAY 4 th	* Year 6 St Benedict Forest School am * Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm * New Reception children Group B only 9.30am – 11.30am * New Reception children Group A only 12.45pm – 2.45pm
THURSDAY 5 th	* All new Reception children 8.45am – 11.30pm * Welcome Mass for children in Years 2 - 6 TBC (no parents)
FRIDAY 6 th	* All new Reception children 8.45am – 12.50pm * Welcome Mass for children in Years 2 - 6 TBC (no parents)
MONDAY 9 th	* KS2 meet the new teacher 8.55am – 9.20am * Fairtrade fortnight * Reading books and reading records sent home * All new Reception children 8.45am – 12.50pm
TUESDAY 10 th	* Year 1 & Year 2 meet the new teacher 8.55am – 9.20am * All new Reception children all day
WEDNESDAY 11 th	* Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am * Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 12 th	
FRIDAY 13 th	* Roald Dahl Book Day – children to share favourite Roald Dahl books in class * Year 5 Swimming * Homework starts
MONDAY 16 th	* Fairtrade fortnight
TUESDAY 17 th	Reception meet the new teachers 8.55am – 9.20am
WEDNESDAY 18 th	* Year 5 St Oscar Forest School am * Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 19 th	
FRIDAY 20 th	* Year 5 Swimming * Fairtrade cake sale after school
MONDAY 23 rd	
TUESDAY 24 th	
WEDNESDAY 25 th	* Year 5 St Josephine Forest School am * Year 1 St George Forest School pm * Diabetes Screening for the whole school (must give consent)
THURSDAY 26 th	Year 2 Beach School Stone Age man visiting Year 3 in School Hall European Languages Day - celebrating languages spoken in school
FRIDAY 27 th	Year 5 Swimming
SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER	OCTOBER = MONTH OF THE ROSARY and BLACK HISTORY MONTH
MONDAY 30 th	
TUESDAY 1 st	PTA AGM 7pm - school hall. All welcome
WEDNESDAY 2 nd	* Year 4 St Cuthman Forest School am * Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 3 rd	Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
FRIDAY 4 th	Year 5 Swimming
SUNDAY 6 th	Grandparents Day
OCTOBER	
MONDAY 7 th	
TUESDAY 8 th	
WEDNESDAY 9 th	Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 10 th	* World Mental Health Day and World Homeless Day * Year 5 Beach School
FRIDAY 11 th	Year 5 Swimming Year 2 Beach School PTA Reception Welcome Disco 4.30pm – 5.45pm
MONDAY 14 th	* Choir school trip to Glydebourne
TUESDAY 15 th	* 9am - Reception Harvest. Forest School, parents welcome
WEDNESDAY 16 th	* 9am - Year 1 Harvest. Forest School, parents welcome * Year 3 St Martin Forest School am * Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 17 th	* 9am - Year 3, 4 and 5 mass, parents welcome (school uniform) * Flu Vaccination – all years
FRIDAY 18 th	9am - Year 2 Harvest. Forest School, parents welcome Year 5 Swimming Show Racism the Red Card Day - wear red today Possible Year 4-6 PTA Film show
MONDAY 21 st	* Year 6 Harvest Mass (with other schools), Newiman. Children only (school uniform)
TUESDAY 22 nd	Parent Consultation phone calls and SEN 3.20pm - 6pm
WEDNESDAY 23 rd	Honeypot celebration – home clothes for selected children / class.
THURSDAY 24 th	* Individual and sibling school photographs – all to wear school uniform eg no Forest school or PE clothes * PTA uniform sale after school - items between £1 and £2 * Parent Consultation phone calls and SEN 3.20pm - 6pm * PTA Halloween Cake Sale after school – please bring in shop bought / homemade donations and leave them in the KS2 structure before school. Nothing containing nuts.
FRIDAY 25 th	* INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
THURSDAY 31 st	* Closing date for secondary school applications
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 28th October – Friday 1 st November Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field	

NOVEMBER	
MONDAY 4 th	
TUESDAY 5 th	9am -10am School Tours for Reception 2025
WEDNESDAY 6 th	9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025 - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 7 th	9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025
FRIDAY 8 th	Year 5 Swimming Donations of wine for the PTA Christmas Fair Year 5 and 6 PTA film show after school – date TBC
SUNDAY 10 th	World Science Day
MONDAY 11 th	- Anti-Bullying Week - wear odd socks - Remembrance Day (Remembrance Sunday is Sunday 10th) 9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025
TUESDAY 12 th	9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025
WEDNESDAY 13 th	9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025 World Kindness Day Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 14 th	
FRIDAY 15 th	- Year 5 Swimming - PTA Year 3 Welcome to KS2 Welcome Disco 4.30pm – 5.45pm - Children in Need - non school uniform in exchange for money towards collection
MONDAY 18 th	9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025
TUESDAY 19 th	9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025
WEDNESDAY 20 th	9am - 10am School Tours for Reception 2025 - Year 2 St Monica Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 21 st	
FRIDAY 22 nd	- Year 5 swimming - Year 5 and 6 PTA film show after school – date TBC - Donations of toys, books etc that can be used at th PTA Advent fair
MONDAY 25 th	
TUESDAY 26 th	
WEDNESDAY 27 th	- Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm - Choir to Brighton Centre (rehearsal in day and show in evening)
THURSDAY 28 th	1.30pm Years 3 – 6 Beauty and the Beast pantomime at school
FRIDAY 29 th	Year 5 swimming Donations of Christmas boxed biscuits, chocolates or cakes that can be used at the PTA Advent Fair
DECEMBER	
MONDAY 2 nd	Advent begins
TUESDAY 3 rd	
WEDNESDAY 4 th	Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 5 th	Interactive Fairy Tale Show for Reception - Year 2. Fairytale costumes or party clothes for children in Reception only
FRIDAY 6 th	Reception and Year 1 parent / carers Phonics workshop. School hall. 8.50am. PTA Advent Fair, school hall and outside, 3.15pm – 4.45pm. School uniform day (or PE kit is usual PE day).
MONDAY 9 th	
TUESDAY 10 th	
WEDNESDAY 11 th	
THURSDAY 12 th	
FRIDAY 13 th	
MONDAY 16 th	Year 6 Nativity- 2.30pm
TUESDAY 17 th	Year 2 Nativity- 9.15am Year 5 Nativity- 2.30pm
WEDNESDAY 18 th	- Year 1 Nativity- 9.15am - Year 4 Nativity- 2.30pm - Christmas Dinners: KS2 (these year groups wear Christmas jumper / colourful clothes). All children in KS1 to bring a packed lunch this day. - Honeypot celebration
THURSDAY 19 th	Reception Nativity - 9.15am Christmas Dinners: KS1 (these year groups wear Christmas jumpers / colourful clothes). All children in KS2 to bring a packed lunch this day. Y3 Nativity - 2.30pm PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
FRIDAY 20 th	- Class parties for all school and Father Christmas to visit Reception – Year 3. - School finishes for Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	