



W/E 17th Nov 2023

The Fortnightly

Issue 21



"This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Luke 22:19



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have had a fantastic week, with 18 super children and two equally amazing colleagues. We all visited the Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough for the week long, year 6 residential. The week was made even more special with the weather that was ideal for the week. Each morning, we woke to sunshine across the wonderful countryside. Even though we are only a short bus ride from school, we could easily be in the Welsh countryside. The children took part in activities that tested their bravery, team work, perseverance and emotional intelligence. In their own ways, all children took part in a way that suited them. I have added a few pictures to this newsletter that show you what will be in store for your children in the future. I am proud that we can offer these experiences to children in years 2, 4 and 6.

I am always keen to thank everyone who makes these experiences possible. You fund the trips and trust us to take your children away. The staff give up their own time and throughout the week are on call 24 hours a day. A special mention also to the children who want to take part and look forward to such events. May they continue to be planned for years to come. A special mention to Mrs Southcombe and Mrs Pfadenhauer who help to organise all visits. They are already booking up for 24/25. For some visits, I am able to book and use mini buses that are loaned by schools within our trust. By doing this, we can reduce costs dramatically. ***Owning our own mini bus is something that I really want to look into and would always welcome ideas or sponsorship!!***

Back at school this week, Mrs Delo took charge and ensured all other years carried on with their learning. From the adventure centre, I was able to check on learning and in particular access to TTRS. It is disappointing that not ALL children have accessed TTRS to complete their weekly homework task. We only ask for a minimum of 15 minutes per week and would expect you support in ensuring that multiplications become a part of the weekly schedule along with reading and access to spellings. Teachers will continue to monitor homework completion and where required will put intervention in place at school. Thanks as always for your support. I love TTRS as it allows for some competition between children, classes and even schools.

From reading the PE update, you will see that we have had some sporting success with teams performing well in a number of events and in some cases winning medals and silverware. We will need to add extra cleaning hours soon to dust down all of the trophies that they are winning. I was able to support the cross country runners last week as they ran so well at West Glebe Park. Some children even made it through to the county event and we will have more news about that soon. I look forward to taking the year 3/4 teams to a football tournament on Monday also. Look out in the next news letter for more results and updates.

Whilst I was away, I missed the first KS1 Love 2 Lunch of the year. I always enjoy these events so was disappointed to have missed this and for some of you, your first lunch with us. We look forward to seeing you at events during the next months and especially during the Christmas period. I am also looking forward to our usual guitar, drums and musical concerts. You will have read that we have an early delivery of the Christmas Tree this year. It will be delivered before the 1st December so that it can be decorated and ready for the Christmas Fayre taking place on Saturday 2nd December. Children can bring in their home made CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK decorations before the 1st to put up on the tree. I look forward to seeing their creative makes.

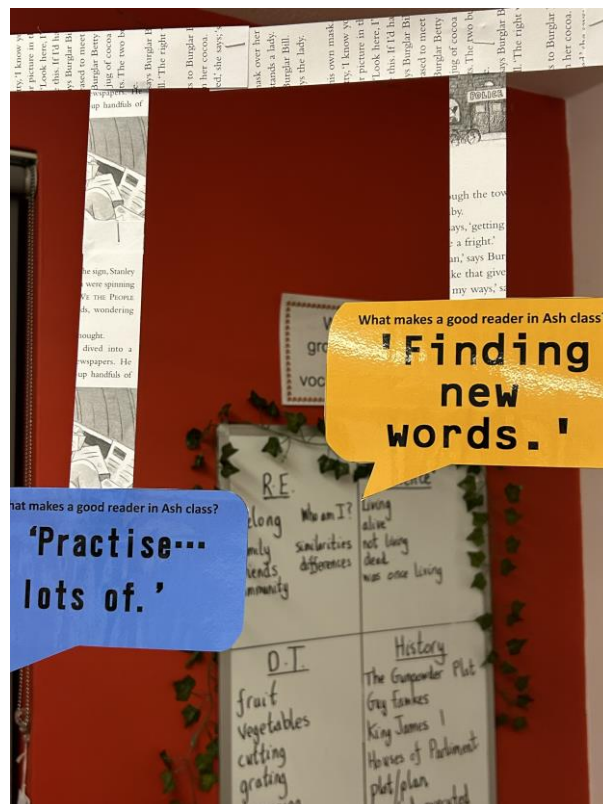
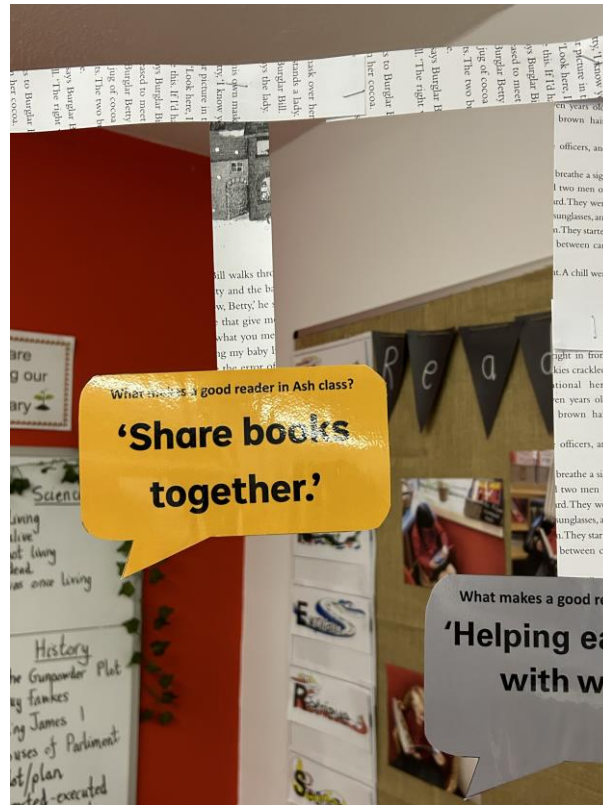
Please enjoy reading through the news and as always, do share with children and family & friends.

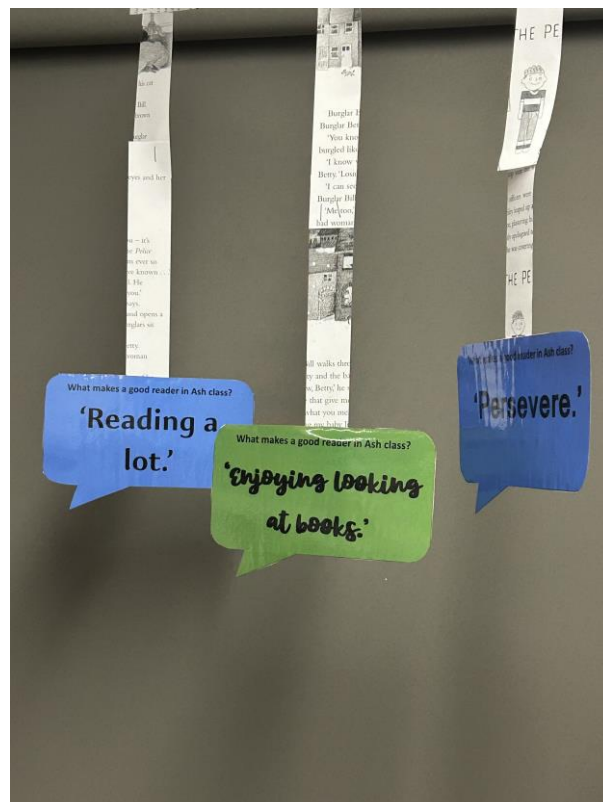
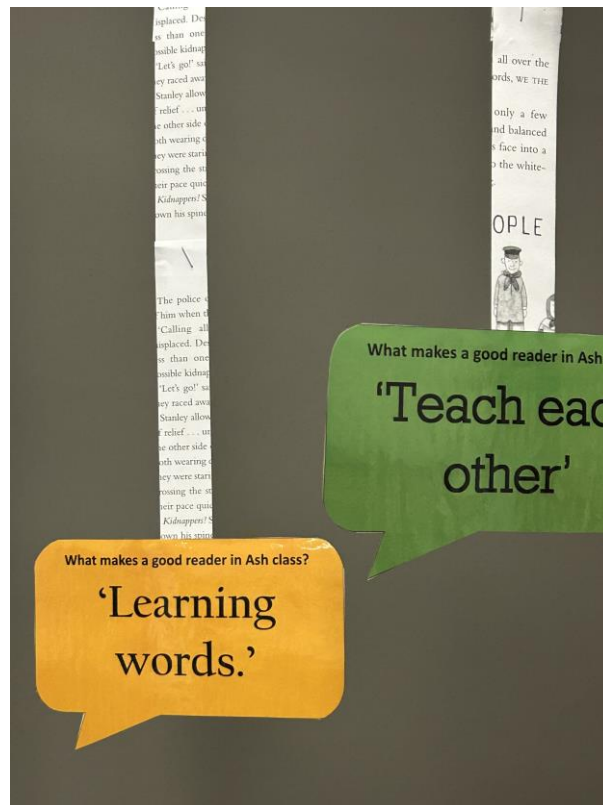
Have a lovely weekend.

See you soon, Mr Scott

Reading - What makes a good reader?

Check out these quotes that the children in Ash class wrote in response to the question - What makes a good reader? They are now displayed in Ash class and show a good understanding from the children. As a family, do you read together at home? Children are never too old to have a story read to them. Proof was at Rock UK, where the children all enjoyed a bed time story along with a hot chocolate. What are your favourite books? Do you tell your children or ask them about books?





Clubs



We are pleased to inform you that once again Ofsted registered CSD Activity Camps will run a variety of after school clubs at Cottingham C of E Primary for children in Reception to Year 6. ***To receive our special earlybird 10% OFF book before the 16th October 2023.***

Please note that you can book onto a session up until the evening before using the Athena Activities website. We can even take bookings on the day to cater for emergencies. You can do this by contacting our office on the number below. However, there will now be a £5 admin charge added to the cost of the club when booking on the day. Persistent late collections will incur a late pick up fee. See our Terms and Conditions for more details.

Clubs start on the 30th October 2023, they will run for 7 weeks, charged from £4.75 per hour. Sessions can be booked for 1 or 2 hours at £4.75 per hour depending on requirements. Children staying for 2 hours will enjoy a healthy, nutritious snack at 4.30pm. Children will be signed out by their parent/guardian at the end of each session, Athena Activities staff must be informed in advance should you require anyone different to collect.

Monday

Fitness Fun

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday

Minecraft/tablets

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday

Team games

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday

Food Tech

3.30pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday

Times Tables Rock Stars & Fun Free Play

This is a FREE session funded by your school

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday

Dodgeball

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday

Arts & Crafts

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday

Riveting Reading, Spellings Club & Fun Free Play

This is a FREE session funded by your school

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Thursday

Benchball

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday

Den building

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday

Creative Writing Club & Fun Free Play

This is a FREE session funded by your school

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Friday

Gymnastics

3.30pm – 4.30pm

Friday

Lego

3.30pm – 4.30pm

ROCK UK

What an amazing week it has been for the Year 6 children and staff!! Here are a few teaser pictures to show just a few of the activities and memories that were created this week. Many more were shared via social media and a video/presentation will be made and shared in due course. The year 6 children will enjoy looking back over the week and re-living a fantastic experience.















Safeguarding - It's everyone's responsibility.



The safeguarding of our children is something we place huge importance upon. We would expect that you do too. We ask that you are always vigilant and share with us any worries or concerns that you may have about your own child or another child or parent for example. If you do ever have a concern, you can contact a member of the safeguarding team and your concern will always be dealt with confidence.

Safeguarding

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Alternatively, you can contact MASH on 0300 126 7000. For urgent matters out of hours please call: 01604 626938. Further information can be found via the safeguarding tab within the school website.

GDPR/Medical/Emergency Contacts/Photos/Privacy Notices

Epi-Pens/Inhalers

It is parent's responsibility to ensure all Epi -pens/Inhalers are in date. If you are not sure please contact school office. ***Please do this TODAY!***

GDPR

Privacy Notices

The latest Privacy Notices can be found on the school website www.cottinghampriamary.co.uk

Photos

Please let the school office know if you **DO NOT** want photographs of your child taken and used in the newsletter, twitter or any other social media. Please DO let us know.

Emergency Contacts

it is imperative that we have the correct contact details for your child. Please keep the office up to date with any changes.

TTRS

It has been a few weeks since we introduced TTRS as a regular, weekly homework expectation. At the time of writing, we can see that some children have still NOT accessed TTRS to complete a minimum of 15minutes. PLEASE do ensure that your child logs on to TTRS and takes part. We believe we ask for the minimum from children (homework wise) so would expect the minimum time given. Not only can they beat others but they will improve their own X-Tables knowledge which will have great impact on their maths progress.

Last 7 days participation

The percentages below show the participation over the last seven days. Each class should now be showing 100%!

Ash - 50%

Beech - 75%

Oak - 100%

Willow (Y1) - 30%

Hawthorn - 58%

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144 Club



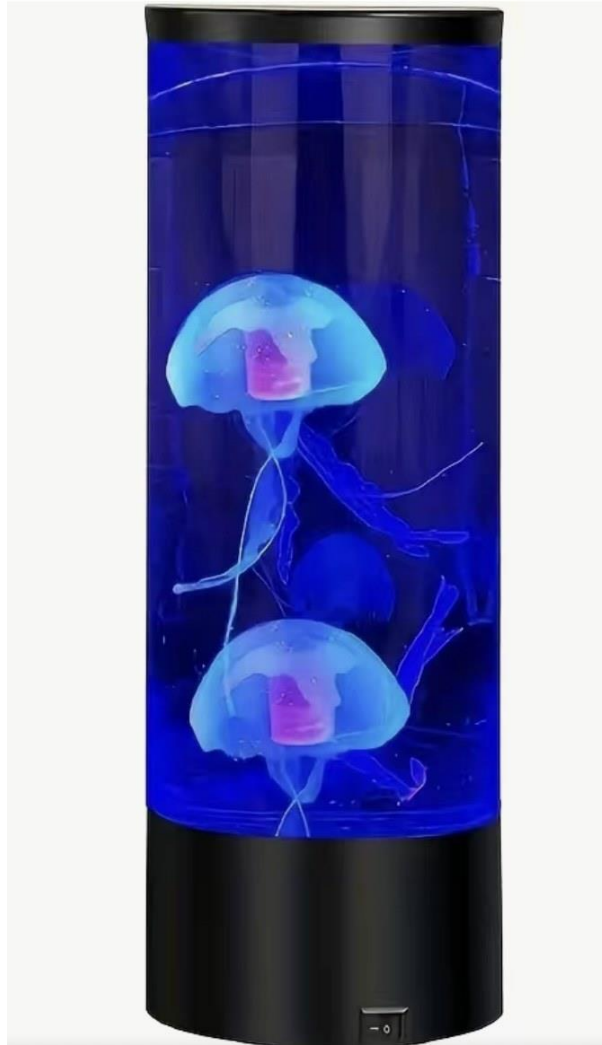
The first **144 club** members were announced last week and we will continue to announce new members fortnightly. The children and staff all complete a 144 x-tables assessment with the aim to answer all x-tables up to 12x12 in the quickest time possible. This is certainly something you could support with at home by playing games. [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#) is a great website with many interactive games available for FREE!

Family Support



Tis the season.....

Lots of children can struggle with their emotions this time of year. They may not be able to concentrate as easily or their sleep patterns can change. Friendships might suffer. What ever it is, I might be able to offer some help and advice, please don't hesitate to drop me a message.
s.cox@cottingham.pdet.org.uk



Over the last few weeks have seen the arrival of the Jelly fish! My aim is to make My Space more welcoming, relaxing and sensory. I love watching them for a few minutes to clear my mind, however, what I didn't expect which is amazing is listening to the children outside my door.

"Mrs Cox has Jelly fish!!!!"

"Do you think they are real?"

"No they are not real"

"I wonder where she got them?"

"What's their names?"

I absolutely love their curiosity!!!

PE Update

X-Country

It has been a very active and busy week in PE this week. Firstly, we were proud that over 20 children were able to represent the school in the Corby Cross Country Competition and the children achieved some excellent results:

- Logan 6th Yr3 Boys
- Luna 3rd Yr4 Girls
- Summer 4th Yr4 Girls
- Arthur 7th Yr4 Boys
- Ruben 9th Yr 5 Boys
- Harry 12th Yr 5 Boys
- Rhys 12th Yr6 Boys
- George 14th Yr6 Boys
- Ava 7th Yr6 Girls

Well done to the Yr5 and 6 children named above who have qualified for the next round!

On Wednesday, gymnasts from years 4 and 5 took part in an inter school competition. All gymnasts did a fantastic job and represented the school well.

Today, our Yr1 and 2 boys footballer took part in a tournament in Northampton and one team came back as CHAMPIONS! All the boys participated extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A special well done to Jacob, who was named player of the tournament. Well done to Jacob who was announced as 'player of the tournament.'

We still have lots of competitions coming up, including a YR3/4 boys tournament on Monday. We also wish our cross country runners luck in their next

Mrs Lloyd


PACESETTER GAMES

BOYS FOOTBALL - YEARS 1-2

1	COTTINGHAM UTD
2	BOOTHVILLE
3	ISHAM
4	THE BRAMPTONS
5	COTTINGHAM FC



















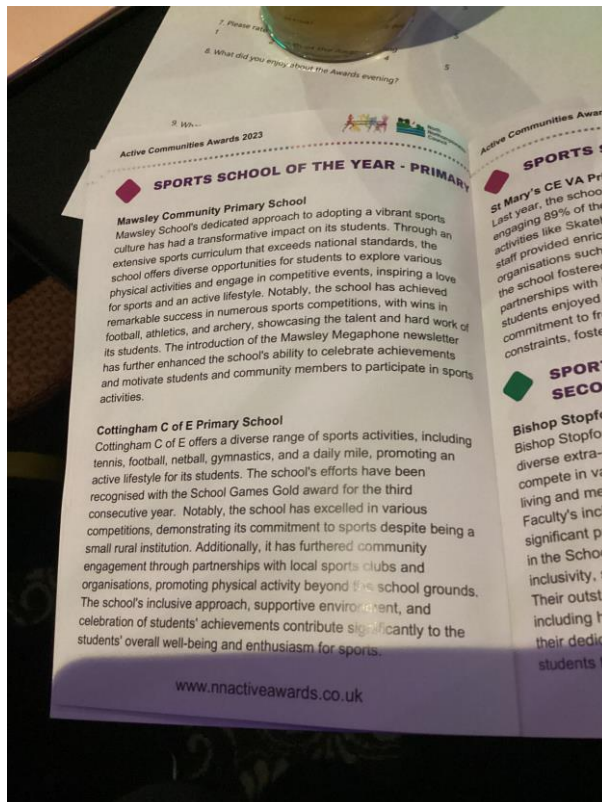


Hockey

On Monday, Yr4 hockey players took part in a Hockey Tournament in Northampton. Both teams demonstrated excellent skills and teamwork, finishing in 1st and 3rd place out of 8 teams. Our winning team managed to win all their games without conceding a goal. An excellent effort by all involved!

Active Awards

On Thursday evening, children and staff represented our school at the Northamptonshire Active Communities awards. We had been nominated for the Primary School sports and PE award. Unfortunately, it wasn't our night to win the awards this time and add to our Wellbeing Award picked up last year. We enjoyed a tasty buffet and also met an Olympian and had the opportunity to hold a Beijing Silver Medal. Congratulations to the many award winners and nominees.







Parking



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your Neighbourhood Policing teams regularly undertake public consultation to determine the most significant concerns within the local community. A recurring theme is road safety and virtually all schools experience traffic congestion issues during drop off and pick up times. We regularly receive complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous parking around schools.

Examples include parking on pavements, causing obstructions, blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines and allowing children to exit vehicles whilst stopped on School Keep Clear 'zig-zags' or in queuing traffic. There have even been instances of abusive and threatening behaviour by parents and carers.

This behaviour and standard of driving and parking are wholly unacceptable and most importantly put your children's safety at risk. As such we appeal to you to consider the following during these periods:

- Park with consideration to residents – **do not** block or overlap driveways.
- **Do not** park on the corners of junctions as you reduce views making it awkward for vehicles to safely turn into or out of a street.
- **Do not** stop on or park across pedestrian crossings or school zig-zag markings
- **Do not** drive along pavements when the road is blocked – be patient and wait for traffic to clear.
- On congested routes **plan-ahead** and do not proceed unless there is a clear space to use to give way to oncoming traffic or to allow traffic to give way to you.
- If possible; join with other parents and share journeys to reduce the number of vehicles used and/or avoid congested routes.

- Be aware that **children do not easily judge the speed of traffic** and may step out into the road. 30mph is a limit, not a target and much slower speeds are often required to negotiate busy roads safely.
- Pedestrians, especially with young children, should use the side of the road with the widest pathway and wherever possible protected from flowing traffic by barriers or parked cars.
- Turn off your engine when parked – engines left idling contribute to air pollution.
- Behave in a manner than is respectful towards others – including pedestrians and local residents.

The above list is not exhaustive and there will be occasions where drivers or pedestrians will make errors of judgement, especially under pressure. We are all human so please be patient. Corby has many schools and officers will complete ad-hoc checks and challenge people where appropriate. Persistent obstructive parking may result in drivers receiving a fine and this is easily avoidable with a little more thought as to where to park or wait.

Despite the number of complaints, we know that most people do want to do the right thing and drive safely and responsibly. We therefore request that you remember the points above when parking, dropping off or collecting children from school.

Corby Neighbourhood Policing Team

EScooter Safety Awareness



Thinking about purchasing an e-scooter for Christmas?

I am the Safer Roads Manager for Northants Police and am writing to you as a representative of the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance (NSRA). As we approach this festive season, we wanted to take the opportunity to address an emerging trend that has raised concerns in the community, that is the use of electric scooters, commonly referred to as "e-scooters." The safety and well-being of all road users are of paramount importance and in particular our children. We know e-scooters have become increasingly popular and whilst we understand the appeal of these devices, we believe it is crucial that we inform you of the legalities and potential dangers associated with them. **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS** E-scooters, like any other motorised vehicle, are subject to laws and regulations. The use of private e-scooters on public roads and footpaths is currently illegal in the UK. Parents and guardians should be aware of the legal implications and responsibilities that come with these devices to avoid potential legal issues. E-scooters available under the local trial operated by VOI are age restricted to persons 18 years and older who must hold a driving licence. **SAFETY CONCERNS** There are substantial safety concerns associated with e-scooters which can reach significant speeds and may not always be equipped with adequate safety features. As such, accidents and injuries related to e-scooter usage have become increasingly prevalent. These injuries can range from minor scrapes and bruises to more severe incidents, including head injuries and fractures

Online Safety



At Cottingham C of E, Online safety is of great importance to us. Please do take the time to read the latest guide from the National Online Safety for parents and carers all about TikTok. We will aim to provide regular online safety notices. In this day and age it is so important that we are keeping our children safe on line so that they can become strong digital citizens. In school, all children have their own passwords to access the IT. Our firewall is also very strong. Is yours at home?



If you have an online safety concern regarding your own child please contact Miss Hurn at E.Hurn@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

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Governors Update

UPDATE



One of our roles as a Governor is to monitor various aspects of the school which includes, for example; the delivery of the Sports Premium strategy, Health & Safety, Safeguarding, plus many more.

We recently completed a Safeguarding report, a subject area which attracts a high level of attention at all schools. We are pleased to report that the school is compliant in all the areas that were assessed which includes staff training being up-to-date, and processes & procedures in place and documented. Some recommendations about the accessibility of Safeguarding information on the school website was provided for review.

Another action was for the school to consider having emergency inhalers available in a 'grab bag' should the school have to be evacuated promptly. We were impressed with how Mr Scott and Mrs Southcombe quickly responded to this feedback with the inhalers sourced within four working days! Thank you.

Our team of Governors are available for you to contact. In the first instance please contact your Parent Governors;

Ben Jeffs: b.jeffs@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Charlie Simcoe: c.simcoe@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Award Winners





Well done to all of the latest Headteacher award winners...





Well done to all of the latest Star of the Week award winners...





Well done to all of the latest Playground award winners...

Cottingham C of E Primary School

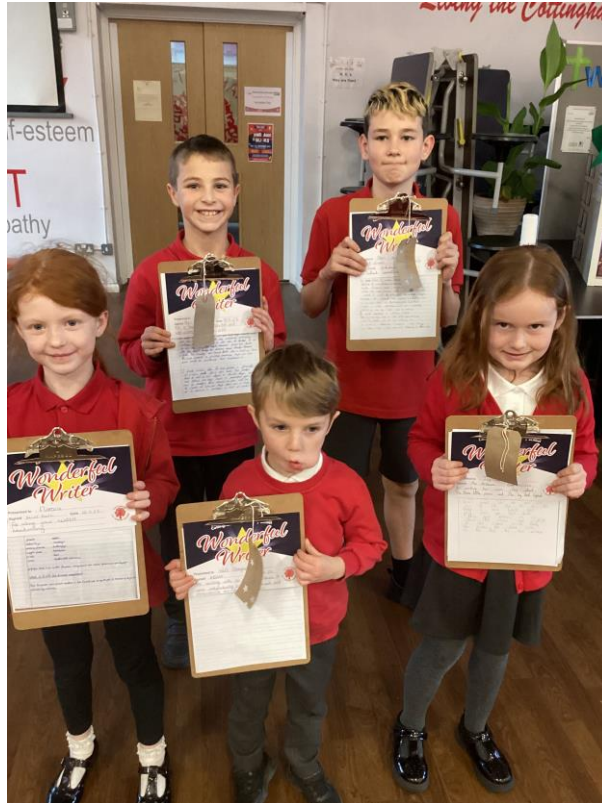
Wonderful Writer

Presented to _____

Signed _____

Date _____





Well done to all of the latest Star of the Week award winners...

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023/2024

Term 2 Monday 30th October 2023 - Wednesday 20th December 2023

Term 3 Monday 8th January 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Term 4 Tuesday 27th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5 Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

INSET Days

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

Bank Holidays

26th and 27th December 2023

1st January 2024

29th March 2024


1st April 2024

6th May 2024

27th May 2024

26th August 2024

****These dates could be subject to change, please check directly with school if you have any queries.**



Terms Dates 2024/25

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Key	
	School Holidays
	Training Days
	Bank Holidays
	School Day
	Weekends

Fridge Dates

Friday 1st December – Scooting/Skateboarding Takeover Day

Saturday 2nd December – PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December – Young Voices Choir to perform at Manor House

Thursday 14th December – Drumming Concert

Friday 15th December – Carols Around the Tree. Veteran's in Coffee/Mince Pies

Friday 15th December – Christingle

Monday 18th December – House Teams Sports Competition

Tuesday 19th December – Guitar/Choir

Tuesday 19th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December – Break up for Holiday

Magnificent Minds/Helping Hands Teams



Lest we Forget

Pupils from The Helping Hand Team, did a wonderful job of selling poppies to parents on the gate each morning.

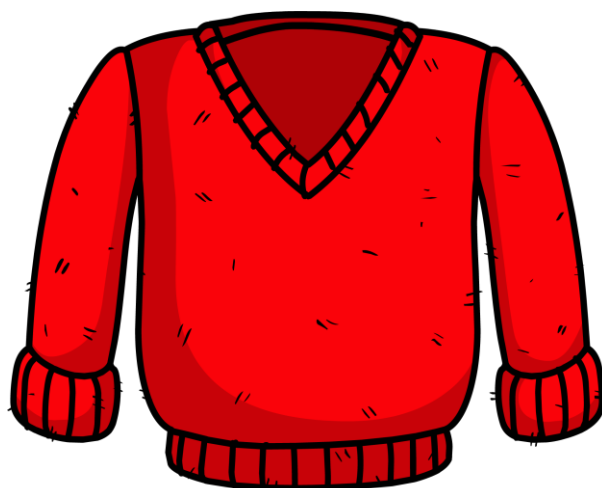
Air Ambulance

The Air Ambulance were so grateful for our fundraising last term. They have sent a certificate and an air ambulance bear as a thank you.

After Christmas, Mrs Southcombe will be working with a small group of children to raise money for The Air Ambulance. Watch this space.....



School Uniform



Please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. We already have some items in school that are not named and can not be returned to you!

Will write again soon.....

