

Cotford St Luke: 1-minute newsletter



We have had a super first week back in school. I have enjoyed hearing all the children's stories of their half terms. We enjoyed our Phonics Breakfast for Year 1 this week. There will be a further date, this time for Year 2 parents, in the summer term. Please do come along and see what reading looks like in school.

The staff have begun an oracy project in school. We are thinking very carefully about how we organise our thoughts, critically discuss ideas, developing vocabulary, how we actively listen to others and how we present our ideas. Each class is coming up with their own set of oracy guidelines to follow. Please talk to your children at home about how we are using language to support learning.

Next week we have the Scholastic Book Fair in school. The fair will be arriving on Monday 2nd March and will be with us for the week. Books will be available to purchase after school on Monday, and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the fair will be open both before and after school. Please do pop into the hall to see the collection. A reminder that next Thursday, 5th March, is World Book Day and we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas.

The whole school community has done brilliantly on 'Get Set for Milan'. Mr Payne and I will be doing the big reveal as to our progress to the children on Monday. I will include our results in next week's newsletter.

Science Week Poster Competition 2026!

All children are invited to take part in this year's British Science Week poster competition! 🧠🔬

This year, the theme is taking curiosity to the next level!

Scientists and researchers are curious about what children and young people think will make a 'good' or 'positive' childhood in the future.

Children are invited to create a poster showing their ideas about what could help make childhood better in the future. This might include:

- 🌟 New inventions or technology
- 🌍 Changes to the environment
- 🏫 Schools of the future
- 💖 Health and wellbeing
- 🤝 Communities and friendships
- 🚀 Or anything else they are curious about!

How to take part:

- ✍️ Posters must be A4 or A3 in size
- 🧠 Children can use pencils, paints, crayons, collage or any other creative materials
- 🏆 The top five posters from our school will be entered into the national competition for a chance to win fantastic prizes

Encourage your child to think big, be imaginative and share what they believe will shape a positive future for children.

📅 Deadline: Friday 13th March (for judging in school)

We can't wait to see their thoughtful and creative designs! 🌟

Attendance

This week the whole school has attendance of 93.2% . Thank you for supporting your child's attendance. Here is a further breakdown:

Oak: 92.0% **Pine:** 99.5% **Willow:** 91.2% **Hazel:** 94.0% **Poplar:** 93.8% **Rowan:** 91.9% **Maple:** 92.5% **Sycamore:** 90.7%

Wherever possible, children should be in school. To help decide if your child is well enough for school, please use this guide from the NHS: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Spring Term Dates:

5th March - World Book Day

9th - 13th March - Science Week

24th & 26th March – Parents' Evening

Safeguarding Contacts:

If you are worried about the welfare of a child, please use these contacts:

Children's Social Care on: 0300 123 2224

NSPCC: 08001111 (under 18) or 0808 800 5000 (over 18)

In an emergency call 999