



COTTESMORE SCHOOL



*Cottesmori*ans have accomplished a great deal this term – academically, in sport, and in the Arts.

Congratulations to our scholars who have already secured scholarships to Harrow, Downe House, Marlborough College, Radley, Brighton, Cranleigh, Bede's, and Christ's Hospital. Our younger pupils have shown great dedication throughout the term, following the superb example set by their seniors.

Sports Round-Up

Following a strong start before Christmas, the boys continued their excellent form throughout the rugby season, with the U13s and U12s both enjoying unbeaten seasons.

The 1st boys' hockey team had an outstanding season, led by **Player of the Season**, Hugo MG, who was recently awarded a Sports Scholarship to Harrow. The **Golden Stick** winner was Louis B. **Senior Player of the Season** was awarded to Laurens, and **Junior Player of the Season** to Ralph MG.

Girls' netball ended on a high; standout players this season were junior Zofia and senior Pauline. Girls' football is also thriving, with five full match blocks this season. Football prizes were awarded to Arabella LW in the juniors and Chloe H in the seniors.



Set matches are always a highlight of the term, and the recent matches were no exception. Played in front of a supportive crowd of parents, the **Set Senior and Junior Boys' Hockey** titles were both won by **Drakes**.

IAPS Ski Trip



A fantastic adventure awaited a group of Cottesmorians who travelled to **Pila, Italy** for the **IAPS Ski Championships 2025**.

Select pupils from Cottesmore were chosen to compete in events including the **giant slalom**, their signature race, and the new **parallel slalom**.

Congratulations to Cottesmore's **Co-ed Skiing Team**, who were crowned **IAPS National Champions 2025**. Cottesmore won the **Mixed Race U13**, with Laurens, Rehan, Danel, and Pauline making up the team. Pauline – also recently awarded a Sports Scholarship to Cranleigh – won a **silver medal** in the **U13 Girls' Race**.



The Carson Cup

The Carson Cup was run on firm ground this year under glorious spring sunshine.



Esteban was the winner of the **Senior Boys' Race**, and Esther won the **Senior Girls' Race**, having previously won the junior event for the last two years. The **Junior Races** were won by Billy and Augusta. **Scotts** won the overall **Set Competition**.

Concert

The **Cottesmore School Concert** took place on **7 March 2025** and was a wonderful showcase of the pupils' musical talents. The eclectic programme spanned a wide variety of genres and styles, keeping the audience engaged throughout.



In addition to numerous solo performances, the **Orchestra**, **Chapel Choir**, **Flute Group**, and **Singing Group** all gave valuable contributions. Highlights included renditions from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, performed by juniors, seniors, and the entire school.

The confidence and skill of the performers were remarkable, reflecting the effort they had invested. The concert was a testament to the rich musical education at Cottesmore School.



The Cottesmore Chess Congress

Cottesmore School proudly hosted the **46th Annual Cottesmore Chess Congress** this term – a celebration of prep school chess talent, featuring **53 players** from **nine independent prep schools**.

After six intense rounds, the day concluded with prize-giving for both individual and team categories. This year's competition was particularly strong, with four **England players** and twelve **county players** from **Sussex and Surrey** participating.



Cottesmore's **Edward**, who recently received a Chess Scholarship, achieved an impressive **5th place** finish.



Fun Activities & Sundays In

We have had a fun time on our Sunday activities this term! Out of school trips have included going to Hollywood Bowl, Crawley Clip and Climb, the Sea Life Centre in Brighton, Cineworld, Go Ape, and Paintball. In school, we have also been busy, this term we have seen the continued rise of the Cottesmore Champions League (CCL) which is a year-long running football competition for the boarding community with over 70 children having taken part so far. As the weather has improved, it has been great to get outside in the grounds to enjoy some golf and tennis amongst many other things!

World Awareness Week

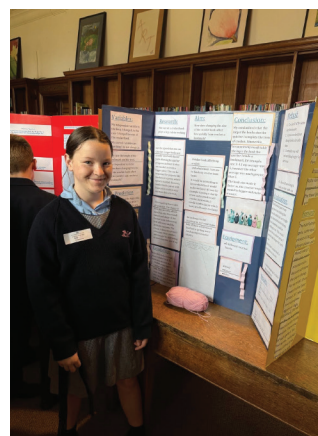
This year's **World Awareness Week** focused on **America**, offering students an opportunity to explore its customs and culture.

Highlights included a **dance workshop**, a **photo booth** in The Hall, and American-themed meals prepared by our talented kitchen staff. It was a vibrant and educational week that brought American culture to life at Cottesmore.

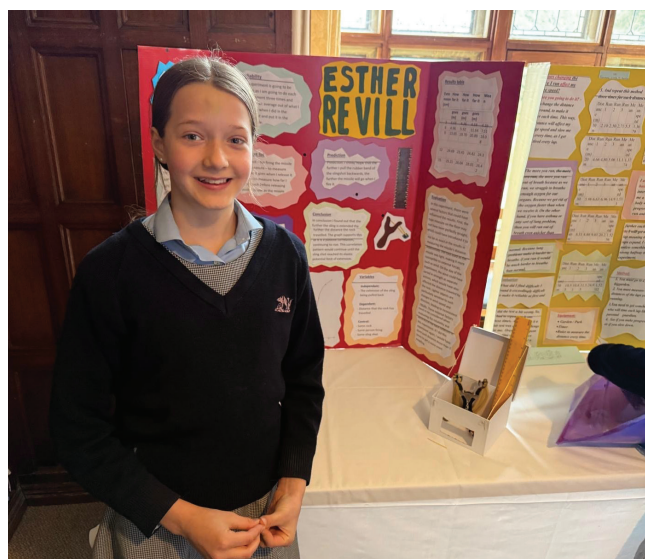
Science Fair

On 24th March Cottesmore welcomed 110 pupils from nearby schools of all stripes to our inaugural Science Fair competition.

Pupils had previously completed their projects ranging from melting ice in different rooms of the house, to firing catapults as far as possible, to testing different soap strengths, seeing how temperature affected trumpet pitch and much more besides.



Pupils also completed an exciting team-based bridge building challenge - a white knuckle ride of against-the-clock design and engineering followed by a nail biting strength testing competition!



Many congratulations to all of Fourth Form for their hard work. It was wonderful to see pupils taking so much pride in their efforts, and to see such excellent teamwork and

constructive interaction with pupils from other schools on display on the day. Onwards and upwards for next year and beyond!



World Book Day

This year's World Book Day saw a marvellous array of costumes entering the halls of Cottesmore School. J K Rowling's Harry Potter and Voldemort, the sloth from I wish I had a sleepy sloth, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Alvin and The Chipmunks, dragons, knights in shining armour, Where's Wally, the Midnight Gang, the Gangsta Grandma, Peter Pan, the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Wicked, Bad Dad, Snowball from Animal Farm, Willy Wonka, to name a few.



During the day we had poetry competitions, poetry readings in the hall for our upcoming annual event of Cottesmore's Poetry Declamation. The junior students have also been engaging in numerous story writing competitions.

Each student also contributed their favourite book recommendation to make Cottesmore's first tree of books!

Poetry Declamation

On Friday 21st we held Cottesmore's Annual Poetry Declamation. We were privileged to welcome Mr Saei, an award-winning Maths teacher who formerly taught at Eton College to be our judge; who was delighted with the calibre of the performances and the efforts of our students. The students worked tirelessly to put together a wonderful evening of poems. For our junior competition the winners of the class competition were Mr DRM's English class 3HC with their rendition of Alfred Lord Tennyson's The Lady of Shalott. Our individual winner for the juniors was Poppy with her rendition of Roger McGough's The Reader of this Poem. In the senior category, the class winner was Mr Gold's 5GB with their performance of Robert Frost's The Road Not Taken. The individual senior winner was Michael with his performance of Civil Lies by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Pre-Prep News

An engaging and delightful term in the Pre-prep has seen the children enjoy lots of topic learning, including Fairy Tales, Romans, Toys, and Scientists and Inventors.



They all enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day, celebrating their favourite authors, and a fantastic trip to Herstmonceux science centre, where they explored many exhibits enhancing their science understanding through guided experiments, inside and outside the centre. Some other highlights were pancake relay racing on the field and the Year 3 children taking part in the Carson Cup cross-country race.

Learning about Chinese culture was enjoyed for Chinese New Year, where children presented their experiences and understanding. The entire Pre-prep enjoyed performing a



very special assembly for Mother's Day and presented their mothers with beautifully decorated terracotta pots, planted with hyacinths. The term was wonderfully rounded off with a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt in our beautiful grounds.

Staff News: Salvete

We welcomed **five new gap students from Australia** in January, all of whom have quickly become valued members of the Cottesmore community, contributing significantly both in the classroom and on the sports field.

TERM DATES – SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 23 April	Term begins	17:30
Friday 2 May	Exeat begins	16:00
Monday 5 May (BH)	Exeat ends	19:00 (<i>No Chapel</i>)
Friday 23 May	Half Term begins	16:00
Sunday 1 June	Half Term ends	19:00 (<i>No Chapel</i>)
Saturday 14 June	Sports Day & Exeat begins	16:30
Monday 16 June	Exeat ends	19:00 (<i>No Chapel</i>)
Friday 27 June	Junior Play	16:30
Wednesday 2 July	End of Term	11:00

A Happy Easter

from Tom and Lottie Rogerson