

1996 – 2026

*The Cotswold Country
Montessori School*

30 Years

Dates to note

28 September	Primary School Dress Rehearsal
29 September	Preschool Concert Dress Rehearsal
29 and 30 September	Primary School closes at 12:30pm
29 and 30 September	Primary School Concert 4:30pm
1 October	Preschool closes at 12:00pm
1 October	Aftercare closes early for concert
1 October	Preschool Concert 4:30pm
2 October	Preschool closes at 12:00 noon
2 October	Aftercare closes early for concert
2 October	Preschool Concert 4:30pm
2 October	Primary School Closes at 12:30pm
2 October	Primary School Concert 6:00pm
9 October	SISA Cross Country - Ridgewood
16 October	SISA Cross Country - Ashton
22 October	Country Walk
22 October	Mid Term Break School closes at 12:00 noon
28 October	Entrepreneurs Day Gate House
30 October	SISA Cross Country - Woodlands

The Cotswold News

An acknowledgement of our talented pupils

At The Cotswold Country Montessori School, we believe in educating the whole child. Our Montessori approach encourages children to become confident, independent, and responsible learners while developing a lifelong love of learning.

Education at The Cotswold extends beyond academics. Every child is encouraged to participate in sport, cultural activities, leadership opportunities, and community experiences, helping them develop important life skills such as teamwork, resilience, communication, and self-confidence.



Unlike larger schools where opportunities may be limited to a select few, we believe every child deserves the chance to participate, contribute, and grow. Through these experiences, children discover their strengths, build confidence, and learn to take responsibility for themselves and others.



As a result, many of our graduates move on to high school as confident, capable young people and are often entrusted with leadership roles. Our goal is not only to prepare children for academic success, but to equip them with the character, skills, and values needed to succeed in life.

Notices

Aftercare hours Reminder

Please note the Preschool Aftercare opening hours: Early morning Care is available from 7:00am.

Afternoon aftercare closes at 6:00pm each evening. Please note the Preschool Aftercare opening hours: Early morning Care is available from 7:00am. Afternoon aftercare closes at 6:00pm each evening.

Mid-Term Break

Pre- and Primary School close at 12:00 on Thursday the 22th of October and will reopen on Tuesday the 27th of October.

Tuck shop increase

The price of pizza has increased to R20 a slice from Term 3 due to a price increase from our supplier. A small 4-slice pizza and pizza pie are now available at R35 each and available in chicken or cheese.

Entrepreneurs' Day

We encourage all families to carefully follow the Entrepreneurs' Day health guidelines, particularly our request not to send Coke or other fizzy drinks for children to sell. Entrepreneurs' Day provides a valuable opportunity for children to develop skills in communication, marketing & money management through meaningful, hands-on experiences. It is always a joy to see this learning come to life, as shown by one of our preschoolers recently role-playing how he would market the products he hopes to sell one day.

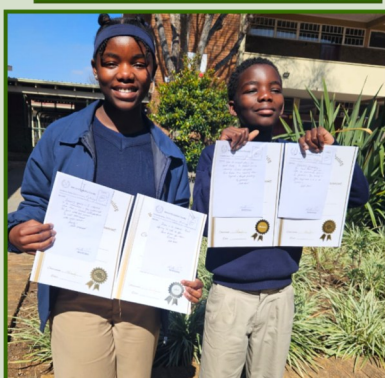
Country Walk

The school's country walk will be held on Thursday the 22nd of October whereafter we will close for our mid-term break. This event is a governing body fundraiser as pupils are sponsored for each lap that they complete but it is also one of the most popular events held at the school during the year and the camaraderie and happiness that we see in our children every day is clear to see at this special event.

Entry and Exit Vehicle Gates

Our school gates are open with a groundsman on duty to check entrants to the school during peak dropping and collecting times in the morning and afternoon. These times are usually between 7:15 and 8:45 and then again between 12:15 and 14:00. If the person on duty needs to go somewhere urgently the gate may be returned to automatic closing for safety. We therefore ask parents please not to tailgate behind the previous car and to treat the gate as if it might close 15 to 20 seconds after a car has driven through it.

An acknowledgement of our talented pupils



Spur Evening Shadow Shift

served customers, took food and drink orders, cleaned tables, and delivered meals while learning from an experienced mentor waiter who guided us throughout the day. This hands-on experience taught me valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, responsibility, and customer service. It also gave me a better understanding of the responsibilities and commitment that are needed in the workplace, as well as the importance of providing customers with an excellent experience. Overall, the shadow shift was both enjoyable and educational, and it gave me a greater appreciation for the hard work involved in having a job.

Shayur Hariram



Preschool lunches available to order

Freshly prepared, nutritious lunches are available for Preschool children Monday to Thursday. Meals cost R45 each, and the monthly lunch menu is sent home in children's communication books. Orders and payments are made in advance directly with the supplier. Friday remains Tuck Shop day, so this service is not available on Fridays.

Preschool lunches available to order

Bean Cafe				Kiddies Dinners @ R45	
FUEL YOUR BODY. FEED YOUR SOUL.				beancafe7	
WhatsApp 078 463 2352 to place your order					
SEPTEMBER 2026 Monthly R860					
per person, payment in advance - (Ts & Cs apply)					
Power up your meal with extra Chicken / Fish @ R15					
Beef @ R20 Veg / Starch @ R10					
Deliveries from R38 per delivery					
MONDAY 21 August	TUESDAY 1 September	WEDNESDAY 2 September	THURSDAY 3 September	Tuck shop	
Mozzarella beef rolups	Beef cottage pie with carrot ribbons	Broccoli cheddar macaroni	Steak pieces with cheesy cauliflower		
7 September	8 September	9 September	10 September	Tuck shop	
Beef roast with creamy mash & sweet carrots	Baked chicken taquitos	Steak strips with stir fried rice	Chicken strips with caramelized potato rounds		
14 September	15 September	16 September	17 September	Tuck shop	
Chicken drumstick with coconut rice & cucumber sticks	Roast beef with potato wedge & butternut fritter	Chicken Fried rice	Bacon and cheddar muffins with corn		
21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September	Tuck shop	
Steak cubes with sweet potato wedge & corn	Crispy chicken tenders with butternut fritters	Ground beef cheesy potato bake	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		

Celebrating Our Preschool Grandparents

To celebrate the nurturing role that grandparents play in the lives of children, our grandparents spent quality time with their grandchildren gardening in allocated flower beds around the preschool. Everyone enjoyed a picnic in the gardens with grandchildren showing off their classrooms and playgrounds. Thank you to all our grandparents for making special school memories with your grandchildren.



Heritage Day Celebrations

On Wednesday the 23rd of September, our pupils happily celebrated their heritage by arriving at school dressed in clothing that reflected our wonderfully diverse community. The grounds were alive with colour and pride as Indian, Afrikaans, Zulu, Sotho, Xhosa, Portuguese, Turkish, and ethnic attire mingled with rugby supporters' outfits, creating a vibrant tapestry of cultures. It was a delightful reminder of the richness within our school family and the importance of honouring each unique identity.



Concert Planning and Programme

Primary School shows on 29 September at 16:30, 30 September at 16:30 and 2 October at 18:00.

Preschool shows on 1 October at 16:30 and 2 October at 16:30.

Because of the differing primary and preschool concert times, the tables below highlight arrangements for each day of the concert week 28 September - 2 October. Thank you to all parents who have helped with the preparations for the concerts. We cannot wait to see our children express themselves in drama and dance.

PRESCHOOL CONCERT PLANNING 2026 MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER				
Monday 28/09	Tuesday 29/09	Wednesday 30/09	Thursday 01/10	Friday 02/10
Normal school hours	Normal school hours	Normal school hours	School closes at 12:00	School closes at 12:00
	Dress rehearsal – bring costume to school			
Normal aftercare hours	Normal aftercare hours	Normal aftercare hours	Aftercare closes at 16:00	Aftercare closes at 16:00
			Pupils arrive 16:00 in costume (Elephant Cottage)	Pupils arrive 16:00 in costume (Elephant Cottage)
			Concert starts at 16:30	Concert starts at 16:30
			Children to be fetched from Elephant Cottage after the show. There will not be any aftercare.	Children to be fetched from Elephant Cottage after the show. There will not be any aftercare.
Extra-murals provided by external providers will continue.				

PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT PLANNING 2026 MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER				
Monday 28/09	Tuesday 29/09	Wednesday 30/09	Thursday 01/10	Friday 02/10
Normal school hours	School closes at 12:30	School closes at 12:30	Normal school hours	School closes at 12:30
Dress rehearsal. Pupils come to school in full costume.				
Normal aftercare hours	Normal aftercare hours	Normal aftercare hours	Aftercare closes at 15:30	Aftercare closes at 15:30
	Pupils arrive 16:00 in costume (Double storey building)	Pupils arrive 16:00 in costume (Double storey building)		Pupils arrive 17:30 in costume (Double storey building)
	Concert starts at 16:30	Concert starts at 16:30		Concert starts at 18:00
	Children to be fetched from the double storey building after the show.	Children to be fetched from the double storey building after the show.		Children to be fetched from the double storey building after the show.
There will not be any school extra-murals this week Extra-murals provided by external providers will continue.				

Term 3 Extra-mural Timetable - from 7 September 2026

The following school extra-murals timetable is as follows:

Parents receive information about extra-murals provided by external persons directly from those providers – these activities include dancing, tennis, Europa Football and Edutumble.

Day	Activity	Years	Teacher (s)	Time	Notes
Monday	Mini Tennis	Yr. 1 – Yr. 3	Karen MacRae	13:35 – 14:00	Tennis Court
	Robotics	Yr. 1 – Yr. 2	Botsalot – Jeneen	13:35 – 14:15	Events Centre
	Soccer Starz	Preschool	Soccer Starz	12:35 – 13:00	Sports Green
	Mini Tennis	Pre-primary	Karen MacRae	12:35 – 13:00	Tennis Court
	Robotics	Preschool	Botsalot - Jeneen	12:35 – 13:00	Pinelodge
Tuesday	T-ball	Yr. 2 – Yr. 3	Jane	13:45 – 14:30	Hilder Green
	General knowledge	Yr. 4 – Yr. 7	Marie	13:50 – 14:30	Wattle House
	Maths support	Yr. 4 – Yr. 7	Heidi	13:50 – 14:30	Events Centre
	Cross Country	Yr. 1 – Yr. 7	Talissa & Sarah	13:50 – 14:30	Duckpond lawn
Wednesday	Europa Football	Yr. 1 – Yr. 3	Soccer Starz	13:30 – 14:10	Hilder Green
	Knitting & crochet	Yr. 3 – Yr. 7	Bronwyn	13:50 – 14:30	Tree House
	Singing Club	Yr. 3 – Yr. 7	Corien	13:50 – 14:30	Guinea Fowl H
	Maths support	Yr. 6 – Yr. 7	Marie (invitation only)	13:50 – 14:30	Wattle House
	Soccer Starz	Preschool	Soccer Starz	12:35 – 13:00	Sports Green
Thursday	Recorder Club	Yr. 4 – Yr. 7	Xolani	13:45 – 14:45	Forest
	English support	Yr. 1 – Yr. 7	Bronwyn (invitation only)	13:45 – 14:30	Tree House
	Robotics	Yr. 3	Botsalot – Jeneen	13:30 – 14:30	Pinelodge
	Robotics	Yr. 4 – Yr. 7	Botsalot – Jeneen	14:30 – 15:30	Events Centre
	Robotics	Preschool	Botsalot - Janeen	12:30 – 13:00	Pinelodge
	Edutumble	Preschool	Brian	12:30 – 13:00	Duckpond lawn
	T-ball	Yr. 1	Sarah & Honor	13:45 – 14:30	Hilder Green
Friday	Edutumble	Yr. 1 – Yr. 3	Brian	13:45 – 14:30	Events Centre
	Cross Country	Yr. 1 – Yr. 7	Talissa	13:50 – 14:30	Duckpond lawn
	Dancing	Preschool	Xandi	13:00 – 13:30	Events Centre
	Dancing	Yr. 1 – Yr. 7	Xandi	13:50 – 14:50	Events Centre

Arbor Day

Our children celebrated Arbor Day with a fun spring hat parade, where the children proudly showed off their beautiful hats. Our year 7 pupils planted two trees inside the animal enclosure. These will provide shade for the animals in time to come.



2027 School Calendar

The 2027 school calendar has been finalised and will be uploaded onto the school website during October 2026.

The Cotswold Country Montessori School Calendar 2027

Term 1 Primary School

New Pupil's Orientation: Monday 11 January

Start: Tuesday 12 January

Close: Friday 9 April

Preschool

New Pupil's Orientation: Monday 11 January

Start: Tuesday 12 January

Close: Friday 16 April

Mid-term Break: 12H00 Thursday 18 February. Return to school Tuesday 23 February

Public Holidays: Monday 22 March (Human Rights Day)

Friday 26 March (Good Friday)

Monday 29 March (Family Day)

Term 2 Primary School

Start: Monday 3 May

Close: Friday 6 August

Preschool

Start: Monday 3 May

Close: Thursday 12 August

Mid-term break: Normal closing Friday 25 June. Return to school Monday 5 July

Public Holiday: Wednesday 16 June (Youth Day)

Monday 9 August (National Women's Day) for Preschool

Term 3 Primary School

Start: Monday 6 September

Close: Friday 3 December

Preschool

Start: Monday 6 September

Close: Friday 10 December

Mid-term Break: 12H00 Thursday 21 October. Return to school Tuesday 26 October

Public Holiday: Friday 24 September (Heritage Day)

Preschool Holiday Care available during Preschool holidays until 15 December, except Term 1 and Term 3 mid-term breaks.