



COTTESLOE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



Welcome to our
Kindergarten Centre

2026

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COTTESLOE PRIMARY SCHOOL - KINDERGARTEN 2026

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our Kindergarten for 2026. Here are a few bits of information to help us all make a smooth transition into the new school year. We are happy to announce that in 2026 we will still have 2 Kindy Groups. **Red Group** attend Monday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays (odd weeks of term) and **Blue Group** attend Tuesday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays (even weeks of term). **Doors open at 8.30am and classes commence at 8.50am.**

SCHOOL TERMS 2026

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| Semester 1 | Term 1 | Mon 2 February | - Thurs 2 April |
| | Term 2 | Mon 20 April | - Fri 3 July |
| Semester 2 | Term 3 | Mon 20 July | - Fri 25 September |
| | Term 4 | Mon 12 October | - Thurs 17 December |

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2026

These are days when students do not attend school – only staff attend school

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| January | Thursday 29 and Friday 30 January |
| May | Friday 29 May |
| August | Friday 21 August |
| October | Friday 23 October |
| December | Friday 18 December |

Kindy is a program that offers a 5-day fortnight. Cottesloe Kindergarten offers a staggered start to ensure: -

- A positive transition to Kindy
- Opportunities to adjust to a new environment, staff and other students
- Children become familiar with class routines
- Ease of separation

ATTENDANCE

The Kindergarten will be staggering sessions so students adjust gradually to their teachers, new friends and learning environment. All students will then attend full normal sessions from Week 2. **Please refer to the next page and to the attached sheet for your child's attendance.**

SESSION TIMES

Sessions will be staggered with half group attending for the first week only – schedule showing when your child is to attend (either Group A or Group B) is attached to this booklet. **If your child is attending a morning session, please bring fruit – If your child is attending an afternoon session, please feed them lunch before.**

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| 2 February(Week 1) Red Group 'A' 8.50am – 11.30am Red Group 'B' 12 noon – 3pm | 3 February Blue Group 'A' 8.50am – 11.30am Blue Group 'B' 12noon – 3pm | 4 February Red Group 'B' 8.50am – 11.30am Red Group 'A' 12 noon – 3pm | 5 February Red Group 'A' 8.50am–11.30am Red Group 'B' 12noon – 3pm | 6 February Blue Group 'B' 8.50am – 11.30am Blue Group 'A' 12noon – 3pm |
| 9 February(Week 2) RED GROUP <u>Whole class attend full day</u> 8.50AM - 3PM | 10 February BLUE GROUP <u>Whole class attend full day</u> 8.50AM - 3PM | 11 February BLUE GROUP <u>Whole class attend full day</u> 8.50AM - 3PM | 12 February RED GROUP <u>Whole class attend full day</u> 8.50AM - 3PM | 13 February BLUE GROUP <u>Whole class attend full day</u> 8.50AM - 3PM |

(Note; Each group has 5 sessions per fortnight)

Red Group attend alternate Wednesday on odd weeks eg.

Week 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 of each term

Blue group attend alternate Wednesday on even weeks eg.

Week 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 of each term

IMPORTANT:

Please bring every day from week 2:

BAG, HAT, FRUIT, PACKED LUNCH, DRINK BOTTLE AND SPARE CLOTHES. PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED.

LIBRARY BAG – Please bring once a week for book borrowing from the Library - Blue Group Tuesday's – Red Group Thursday's.

DROP OFF and PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

- Please make sure the children are delivered and collected from the Kindy at the specified times in order for the Sessions to function smoothly. An adult must collect children. Parents who are not picking their child up personally are asked to write in the Communications Book as to which adult it will be.
- No child will be allowed to leave with anyone else unless we have been previously informed.
- Please wait with your child until the door is opened.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

A voluntary contribution of \$60.00 per child has been set. This money is used to purchase enrichment materials for all children. An invoice will be sent home in Term 1, 2026.

INCURSIONS

There is a **charge** of \$50.00 per child. This provides for the invaluable inclusion of visiting performers and groups at the kindergarten. An invoice will be sent home in Term 1, 2026 and should be paid direct to the school office (or electronically) along with the voluntary contribution. ***(Charges refer to any costs for which payment is compulsory)***

FRUIT

The children are to bring two or three pieces of fruit each week. This may be brought on one day for all pieces or a piece each day. This will be cut up and shared each day. Other acceptable foods to bring are cheese, sultanas and other dried fruits, celery, carrots and plain popcorn. Plain crackers, without artificial additives, eg. Sakata plain rice crackers are acceptable for fruit time. Please do not send lollies, sweet biscuits, cakes or other sugary foods. **Also, please note that we are an “Allergy Friendly” school.** Please do not bring food containing nuts to kindergarten. This includes Nutella and peanut butter.

LUNCH

Please provide a lunchbox that your child can open themselves. We encourage healthy food in lunchboxes. Savoury food is eaten first before sweet food. Kindy staff will encourage that all of the lunch is eaten, so only provide what your child can eat.

ROSTERS

A parent roster will commence in Term 2. Children need to get used to staying without their parents first, adapting to routine and the care of someone other than their parent. Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents are all welcome as is anyone else who is important to the child. Participating in the roster enables parents to observe our program in operation and to see their own child’s involvement and progress. Roster will be 8.30am – 10.30am.

SIGN OUT/SIGN IN IPAD

If you need to take your child within school hours, you will need to sign them out on the iPad in the front office, where you will be given a card that you hand to your child’s teacher for them to be released. If you require another person to collect your child from Kindy at the end of the day, please write in the communication book outside the Kindy door or email so that the staff are informed.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION – CONNECT

Connect is a secure online environment that has been developed by the Department of Education Western Australia and provides parents with a way to engage with their child’s learning easily and safely online.

You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and communications. This tool also allows you to report your child’s absence from school. If you do not have a Connect account, please contact the office for the application form.

We also use the app **SEESAW** but this is purely for sending photos to parents. Cottesloe Kindy Instagram **Cottesloe-kindy**.

CLOTHING

Please be aware that many of our activities are messy and “hands on”. Aprons are provided but we suggest no “good clothes” be worn. It is school policy that children wear hats all year. Please check that your child has a hat every day in their bag. We prefer that children wear shoes and socks (no tights) in winter so they can take shoes off if needed. Please provide a change of

clothing to be kept in child's bag at all times. It is strongly advised that all articles of clothing are marked with the child's name. Cottesloe Kindy T-shirts will be available for purchase (\$20) from the Uniform shop in 2026 but can also be purchased now when the Uniform shop is open (eg. Thursday morning 8.30am – 9.30am odd weeks of term).

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Occasionally an emergency arises when it is imperative that we are able to get in touch with you or a person designated by you. You are asked to keep us and the front office up to date with your:

- Address
- Telephone number (work & home)
- Mobile number
- Emergency contact persons

HEALTH

If possible, we would appreciate you advising us via Connect if your child is going to be absent for more than one day. However please ring if the absence is due to one of the infectious diseases. The following diseases require exclusion:

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| Chicken pox | Head Lice |
| German measles | Mumps |
| Ringworm | Measles |
| Influenza | Whooping Cough |
| Impetigo (school sores) | Scarlet Fever |
| Slap cheek syndrome | Covid |

***IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT WELL, PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL – EVEN IF THEY BEG YOU!**

Please notify all Kindy staff of any allergies eg. Egg, nut, bee, dairy, gluten.

SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

During the year the School Nurse will visit and conduct general health checks, eg hearing, vision and developmental checks eg language (articulation, comprehension). Parental consent forms will be sent home for parents to complete and return before any checks are completed.

THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Cottesloe Kindergarten offers a balanced developmental program that caters for the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, language and creative needs of each child.

Children learn through play, therefore activities are play based. Play is an accepted and valued part of the Early Childhood Program.

The children participate in activities in the following areas to achieve the goals of the Early Years Learning Framework:

- Language – talking, listening, comprehension, phonological awareness.
- Maths – counting, sorting, classifying, and measuring.
- Music & movement, songs, finger plays & instruments.
- Large muscle activities – running, climbing, throwing etc.
- Small muscle activities – cutting, drawing, playdough
- Social sciences – the world near home and faraway,

- Care, concern and awareness of nature,
- Technology – interactive whiteboard use - Seesaw
- Social and emotional developmental program.

Our program aims to provide a wide variety of experiences for the children. They will explore the areas of painting, creating with recycled materials, investigating puzzles, blocks and other manipulative equipment, home corner, playing with dough/clay. They will also experience large and small groups, e.g. discussion time, music & movement and story time.

The children will gain control over large and small muscles, learn co-operation with others, understand facts about the world around them, use their imagination and creative ability, and respect the rights of others.

Our aim is to make the Kindy an enjoyable place where your child will feel safe and happy to learn and develop at his/her own pace.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Personal interviews with the teacher are welcome. You are urged to use the interview time to clear misunderstandings, discuss your child's progress and discuss any other matter, which may be causing concern. It is in your child's best interests that a good communication exists between school and home.

Please arrange a suitable time with child's teacher.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays will be recognised in the classroom but due to hygiene protocol, birthday cakes or other food items (eg. Lollies) are **not allowed** to be shared at school. Children can give out a wrapped birthday treat to the class at the end of the day eg. Freddo, icypole etc. Please do not ask us to give out party invitations at Kindy unless all children are invited!!

TOYS

Please do not bring toys to school as it is upsetting to the child when it is broken or lost.

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