



Coten End Newsletter

Issue No 17

Friday 17th July

Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

My final message of the year begins with a number of heartfelt thank yous. This has been my first full year as Head of School and I simply couldn't have done it without the incredible support of the Coten End community.

Thank you to our parents, relatives and carers for your unwavering support with projects such as OPAL, Continuous Provision in KS1, school visits, school events, heatwave closures and the day-to-day life of the school. Thank you to the staff at Coten End: an incredible, dedicated and committed team who pour their energy, care and expertise into helping our young people thrive every day. Thank you to our Governing Body, a group of volunteers whose challenge, guidance and support are invaluable. Thank you to FRIENDS for organising so many memorable events for our children whilst raising a fantastic amount of money to enhance their school experience.

And finally, thank you to our children. Working with young people is the reason any of us are here. Whilst roles and responsibilities change, it is the moments spent every day with our wonderful Coten End children that stay with me most. One particular highlight this year was our first participation in the bi-annual Stowe Valley Arts Festival. The confidence, talent and skill displayed by so many of our Year 6 children was genuinely moving. You can read more about that later in this newsletter.

We have enjoyed a brilliant final day of term. The Talent Show, as always, gave us an opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate. Throwing in a 'Relax the Rules' day certainly added to the excitement! We recognised staff who are moving on to new chapters in their lives and careers, celebrated sporting successes from across the year and, most importantly, wished our Year 6 children farewell as they begin the next stage of their journey.

They leave us as yet another fine example of the remarkable young people we are privileged to support and develop at Coten End. We are incredibly proud of them and all they have achieved. For many families, today also marks the end of their own Coten End chapter. Thank you for the trust and support you have shown the school over the years. We wish you every success and happiness for the future.

As this academic year draws to a close, I hope you can take a moment to reflect on everything your children have achieved since September. We often focus on the big milestones, but it is the countless smaller moments of progress, determination, courage and kindness that make a school year truly special.

I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. Six weeks away from school can feel like a long time, but we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year at Coten End.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you, once again, for being part of our community.

Mr Nick Williams
Head of School



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Message from the Chair of Governors

I'm genuinely not quite sure how we've suddenly arrived at July, this academic year seems to have flown by! It has certainly been a jam-packed year at Coten End, full of moments that remind us why it is such a special place. On behalf of the Governing Body, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on another brilliant (and busy!) year.



Being a governor is a huge privilege, but it's also a significant responsibility. Our role is to support, challenge and hold the school to account, ensuring everything we do is rooted in what's best for the children. This year we've spent many hours discussing safeguarding, school improvement, attendance, inclusion and attainment, but we've also been out and about in school on monitoring visits, talking with children, meeting staff, visiting classrooms and experiencing school life. Those experiences matter to us enormously, giving us a genuine understanding of the children, families and staff behind the data.

This year has also seen us become firmly embedded within Stowe Valley MAT. As governors, it has been encouraging to see the support provided by the central team and the growing opportunities available to both staff and children through trust-wide collaboration. One particular highlight was seeing Coten End children's artwork proudly displayed at Compton Verney, a really wonderful opportunity for our children.

As governors, we rely hugely on the expertise and support of staff, and this year I'd particularly like to thank two colleagues who have worked especially closely with us as governors and are moving on this summer. Mr Grana and Mrs Munday have been an incredible support to us, helping us understand behaviour, attendance, SEND and academic outcomes with honesty, clarity and good humour. We are hugely grateful to them both and wish them every success in their new roles.

Our thanks go to Mrs Sheepy, Mr Williams and every single member of staff. Governors have the privilege of seeing first-hand just how much care, kindness and hard work goes into every school day. Much of it happens behind the scenes and long after the school gates have closed. We're incredibly grateful to every member of staff for everything they do for our children. It continues to be an enormous privilege to serve as Chair of Governors for a school and community that I am incredibly proud of.

To our fabulous Year 6 children heading off on new adventures, thank you for everything you have brought to Coten End. To everyone leaving us this summer, thank you for the difference you have made to our school community.

Finally to all of our families, thank you for your continued support throughout another fantastic year. I hope you all have a restful and well-deserved summer break (hopefully a degree or two cooler than the last few weeks!).

Dr Hannah Webber

Goodbye!

At the Talent Show today the children were able to say goodbye to the staff moving on to pastures new. These are:

Mr Grana, Mrs Munday, Mrs Pittaway, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Caspar, Miss Coombe, Mrs Arben and Mrs Vera Oteros.

We are sad to see each of these valued members of staff go but wish them all the very best for their futures.



Parent Information Evenings - September

A reminder that we will be holding Parent Information Evenings for each year group in the first 2 weeks of September. The meetings for Years 1 – 5 will last approximately 1 hour; the Year 6 evening includes information about the Arete residential and will last approximately 1.5 hours.

Dates and times are as follows:

Year	Date	Time	Venue
Year 1	Thursday 10 th September	6.00 p.m.	LS Hall
Year 2	Monday 7 th September	6.00 p.m.	LS Hall
Year 3	Thursday 3 rd September	6.00 p.m.	LS Hall
Year 4	Tuesday 8 th September	6.00 p.m.	LS Hall
Year 5	Wednesday 9 th September	6.00 p.m.	US Hall
Year 6	Monday 14 th September	6.00 p.m.	LS Hall

These meetings provide an opportunity for parents and carers to:

- Meet their child's teacher.
- Learn about the curriculum and key areas of learning for the year ahead.
- Understand classroom routines, expectations and homework arrangements.
- Receive information about educational visits, assessment and ways to support learning at home.
- Ask general questions about the year group.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to attend, as these sessions help establish a positive partnership between home and school and ensure that everyone has the information needed to support children in having a successful and enjoyable year. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our plans for the exciting year ahead.

Parking Permit—St Nicholas Park

Season tickets can be purchased for £60 each for the upcoming school year and are valid from 1 September 2026 to 31 July 2027.

Season tickets are valid for use in St Nicholas Park Car Park and may only be used in school term time between either 8:35am and 09:05am or 3pm and 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Please see the link to the Warwick District Council website below for more information. The application form will be available online towards the end of the month using this link.

https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20535/car_parks/2118/term-time_season_tickets

If you have any queries, please contact Parking Services via email, parking@warwickdc.gov.uk

Year 6 perform at the Belgrade Theatre

Bringing History to life on stage as part of the Stowe Valley Arts Festival

What an amazing day for some of our Year 6 pupils, who proudly took to the stage at the Belgrade Theatre to represent Coten End and perform their World War II-inspired production.

Combining monologue, dance and drama, the children brought their learning to life, taking the audience on an emotional journey from the darkness of the Blitz, through the hope of D-Day, to the joyful celebrations of VE Day. Through powerful storytelling and expressive movement, they captured the courage, resilience and spirit of a generation shaped by war.

The day began with a professional dress rehearsal, where pupils worked alongside the theatre's stage and sound staff before performing two fantastic shows – one in the afternoon and another in the evening. Both performances were truly outstanding and the children dazzled audiences with their confidence, energy and talent.

Throughout the day, the children were excellent ambassadors for Coten End, embodying our school values, particularly courage and responsibility.

A huge thank you goes to Coten End's dance teacher, Suzanne, whose creativity, encouragement and dedication helped bring the production to life.



Author visit—Year 1 and 2

On Wednesday 8th July, our Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed a fantastic author visit with Myles McLeod and Evgenia Golubeva, organised by Warwick Books as part of Story Seeds: Growing a Love of Reading, a children's festival taking place in Warwick. The authors, creators of the Fairytale Fiasco series, shared how their backgrounds in animation and television inspired their books and explained the creative process of working together to develop their stories. The children listened to a chapter from one of their books, helped create a hilarious modern twist on Jack and the Beanstalk while Evgenia brought the ideas to life through live drawing, and designed their own Book Mark character. It was an inspiring and enjoyable experience that encouraged a love of reading and storytelling.



Netball team success

The Y5/6 girls netball team are champions of the whole primary school league!

Undefeated all season, they played in the league finals on Monday 29th June, beating Southam 12-0, Barford 6-3 and St Laurence 9-0. In the deciding match they played Barford again, it was 1-1 at half time but the girls then settled and took a convincing 5-2 win to be crowned.

Well done to all the players in the netball squad who have contributed to this great achievement.



Culture Club Day & Festival

On Wednesday 17th June all children spent a whole day learning about another language and culture. Each class learnt how to say some key phrases in their language, found out about the language (where it is spoken, how many speakers there are in the world, etc), made some decorations and a traditional craft and even tasted some authentic food. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the rich diversity of our school and an opportunity for all children to experience what the ever-popular Culture Club is like! At the festival on Friday 10th July all children and parents were able to 'visit' the 15 countries and see what each class had learnt and created. Well done to everyone who managed to complete their mini passports by collecting all 15 stickers and speaking in all 15 languages. The following children were chosen randomly and awarded a small prize...

RFD - Ellis, RSL - Luca, RSM - William, 1NL - Mariam, 1AM - Oscar, 1BS - Casper, 2CS - Summer, 2CR - Imogen, 2HH - Sophie, 3LA - Leo W, 3CC - Olivia, 3SS - Raza, 4JL - Armaan, 4BB - Maka, 4VW - Ethan, 5MC - Olivia, 5HA - Ruedi, 5BM - Paavika, 6WS - Maggie, 6AJ - Riley, 6MC - Hunter & Glyn



Primary Bee Final

On Monday 22nd June Madame Allison and Mrs White accompanied 5 Year 6 children to the grand final of the prestigious Primary Bee competition organised by the organisation Routes Into Languages. The aim of the contest is for pupils who have started learning a foreign language to practise and improve their vocabulary, pronunciation and memory skills in the target language (French, German and Spanish). Words and phrases were selected according to the work of NCELP (National Centre For Excellence in Language Pedagogy), which highlights the importance of word frequency in informing learning, particularly during the early stages of language development. We are incredibly proud of Elena, Maggie, Priyanjali, Seb and Theo R for making it down to the last 90 children out of a total of 2654 who entered!

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Please take time to read the latest Safeguarding newsletter from Stowe Valley—it contains very important information that we do ask you to take note of. Please follow the link below:

[Spotlight on Safeguarding](#)

Coten End's Got Talent 2026

Our end-of-year talent show was a fantastic celebration of the many talents and skills of our pupils. The event featured an impressive range of performances that kept the audience entertained throughout.

Highlights included stunning individual vocal performances from Benji, Isabel and Freya, as well as group performances from Miral and Ellie and the 11-a-side 6MC boys; a tremendous gymnastics routine by Maka, an engaging dance performance by Helena, Clara and Eva, and a lovely keyboard performance from Luna.

Every performer demonstrated remarkable confidence and determination, embodying the Coten End value of courage as they took to the stage in front of an audience of over 600 pupils and staff.

During the interval we celebrated the many sports achievements of our teams in Key Stage 1 and 2 and we were also treated to a repeat performance from last year's winner, Taylor, with a stunning rendition of 'Believer'. One surprise act to also perform was Mr Grana who treated everyone to his unique rendition of the theme tune from 'Home and Away'!

A huge congratulations to everyone who performed, as well as to all those who took part in the audition rounds. We are incredibly proud of the talent, creativity and enthusiasm shown by our pupils. What an amazing showcase of Coten End talent!

The top 3 places were awarded to:

1st place—Isabel

2nd place—Freya

3rd place—Ellie and Miral



House news

Throughout the year children in every class collect House Points for behaviour, school work, demonstrating school values and so on. Each week the house point trophy is presented to the winning house in Celebration Assemblies and this culminates in a winner for the whole school year. The points have now been added up and the results are:

1st place — Rubies 10,391

2nd place — Emeralds 9,180

3rd place — Sapphires 8,813

4th place — Diamonds 8,516

Sports Days

After three fantastic Sports Days earlier this term, we are delighted to finally reveal this year's overall House winners! Throughout Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days, every child gave their all, competing with determination, enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship to earn valuable points for their house.

From sprint races and relays to team challenges, pupils demonstrated resilience, teamwork and a positive attitude, making each event a joy to watch. The competition was fierce, with every house showing tremendous spirit and support for one another right until the final results were calculated.

A huge well done to all of our pupils for their fantastic efforts and congratulations to our winning house; the total scores were within 40 points of each other and there were only 4 points separating first and second place.

Congratulation go to **DIAMONDS**, for a well-earned victory!

Platinum School Games Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that Coten End Primary School has been awarded the School Games Platinum Mark for 2025–27!

The Platinum Award is the highest recognition available through the School Games Mark programme and celebrates a school's commitment to providing high-quality PE, school sport and physical activity opportunities for all children. The award is valid for two years and is a reflection of the outstanding sporting culture that exists across our school.



This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff team, who generously give their time to run clubs, organise events, transport pupils, support competitions and create opportunities for children to be active and successful. We are incredibly grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment.

A particular strength of our application was the way we listened to pupil voice and removed barriers to participation. Following feedback from our Pupil Premium pupils, we introduced a targeted club during the school day for children who were unable to attend after-school clubs due to time constraints. This resulted in a significant increase in participation and helped ensure that more children could experience the benefits of physical activity and sport.

Most importantly, this award recognises our wonderful children. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, resilience and willingness to get involved in a wide range of sporting opportunities have been at the heart of this success.

We are proud that a Platinum Award plaque will now be displayed in our entrance hall as a symbol of what we have achieved together as a school community. Thank you to everyone who has supported PE, school sport and physical activity at Coten End. We look forward to building on this success over the next two years.

Well done Team Coten End!

Summer Reading Challenge

Message from Warwickshire Libraries

This summer, Warwickshire Libraries is offering a range of free activities to help children and families stay engaged with reading throughout the holidays.

The **Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat** launches on **Saturday 4 July**, inviting children to enjoy a music-themed reading journey, earn rewards and celebrate their reading achievements. You can find out more at: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Alongside the challenge, libraries across Warwickshire will be running free activities, including music workshops, digital sound sessions, dance events and Summer Reading Challenge clubs.

For families looking for an additional reading activity, our [Family Book Bingo](#) encourages shared reading and can be completed alongside the Summer Reading Challenge.

There are also opportunities for teens, including [Teen Book Bingo](#), the [Young Poet Laureate Competition](#) and our Young Volunteers Programme.

We would be grateful if you could encourage families to visit their local library, sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and take part in our free summer activities.

The full programme of summer events can be found on [Eventbrite](#) and in the [Warwickshire Libraries What's On guide](#).

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 31st August				
Tuesday 1st September	INSET day			
Wednesday 2nd September	INSET day			
Thursday 3rd September	Year 1 to Year 6 children return to school			
Friday 4th September				
Monday 7th September				Girls Football (Y3/4) Football (Y1/2) Spanish (Rec—Y6) Dance (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-5) SATs club (Y6)
Tuesday 8th September				Rounders (Y1/2) Athletics (Y1-3) Advanced Sewing (Y3-6) Arts Insight (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-5)
Wednesday 9th September				Judo (Y2—6) Construction (Y1-3) Football for Fun (Y3-6) Spanish (Rec-Y6) Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 10th September	Reception children in full-time			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Tuition (Y4 & 5) Mandarin Club (Y3) Basketball (Y3/4) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 11th September				Dance (Rec—2) Chess (Y3-6) Cricket (Y3 & 4)



The Mental Health in Schools Team present:

Worried about moving up to secondary school? Transitions workshop

Starting secondary school is a big change for both children and families. This workshop brings children and parents/carers together to understand common worries and learn simple, practical strategies to manage them. It will help you feel more prepared, confident, and able to support your child through the transition.

We are hosting several 'transitions' focused workshops over the summer holidays for **parents/carers and their year 6, going into year 7** child(ren). These are activity based and expected to last 1 hour – 90 minutes. Please note, simple refreshments are provided but please bring drinks/snacks as required – there will be breaks!

Lillington Children Family Centre

3 Mason Avenue, CV32 7QE

Friday 31st July – 9:30am

Stratford Childrens Family Centre

Drayton Avenue, CV37 9PB

Thursday 6th August - 1:00pm

Monday 24th August – 1:00pm

Orchard House Family Room 1

83 Radford Road, CV31 1JQ

Thursday 13th August 9:30am

If you would like to register for one of these dates, please scan the QR code which will provide you with an email to send to our team. Or email mhst@covwarkpt.nhs.uk



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Safety Guide for Young People & Parents

COVER UP

- Wear clothing that covers your skin.

APPLY SUNSCREEN

- SPF 30 or higher, 20 minutes before sun exposure.
- Reapply every 2 hours.

WEAR A HAT & SUNGLASSES

- Broad-brimmed hats provide better protection.

SEEK SHADE

- Reduce UV radiation by taking shelter under a tree, umbrella or another shady spot.

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