



Coten End Newsletter

Issue No 1

Friday 13th September 2024

Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn term and I hope you all had a lovely summer break. Summer seems a dim and distant memory, especially after the chilly mornings we have had this week!

I trust everyone is fully back in the routine of school life and it has been wonderful to see the children return looking smart and eager to learn. We welcomed a number of new children into different year groups last week and this week it has been very exciting to welcome our new Reception children who started full time on Thursday. I have visited Reception classes this week and I have been incredibly impressed at how well the children have settled. Thank you to Reception parents for bearing with us whilst we did the staggered start – it really does make a difference to how well the children settle.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at the Introduction Evenings for Years 1 to 6 over the last two weeks. I hope you have found the information useful and that it was helpful to meet your child's class teacher. If you were unable to make it, please find the presentations and other information on the Year Group Blog pages on our website. Look out for the 'Introduction Evening' tab on the right-hand side of each year group page.

As well as welcoming new children, we also welcomed several new staff this term. I think that Miss Murdy (Reception), Mr Rose (Year 1), Mrs Morgan (Year 2), Mrs Woodhead (Year 4), Miss Allsopp (Year 4) and Miss Coombe (Year 5) are already starting to feel very much part of the Coten End family.

I was hoping to give you an update on the academisation process in today's newsletter but, due to the change in government, some processes have slowed down as new ministers settle into their roles and decide on their direction of travel. I will keep you updated as soon as I hear anything. In the meantime, I am supporting Stowe Valley MAT with the opening of their new primary school, Myton Gardens, based at Oakley School for this year. This means that I am not in school for some parts of the week but the senior leadership team are very much leading on the strategic development and day to day running of Coten End. Mr Williams and Mrs Pope are acting as Deputy Heads joining Mr Grana to create a very strong leadership team.

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Sheepy

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Dates for your diaries

- 16/09/2024 Year 1 Fire Service visit
Governors meeting (1.00pm)
- 18/09/2024 Year 5 Fire Service visit
Young Shakespeare Company performance to Y6
- 19/09/2024 Reception Phonics meetings (9.00am or 6.00pm)
- 20/09/2024 Friends Uniform Donation Day
- 23/09/2024 Friends AGM (6.00pm) followed by Friends meeting
- 25/09/2024 Author visit to Y4/5/6
- 27/09/2024 Bag2School donations
- 30/09/2024 Reception Parents social event (6.00pm)
- 01/10/2024 Year 6 Come & Learn (9.00am)
- 04/10/2024 Year 6 Come & Learn (9.00am)
- 07-09/10/24 Year 6 visit Mary Arden's Farm (one class per day)
- 08/10/2024 Y5 Mayan Workshop
- 08/10/2024 Year 3 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 10/10/2024 Year 6 Heights & Weights check
Year 5 Mayan Workshop
Year 3 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 11/10/2024 Year 5 Mayan Workshop
- 14-18/10/24 Year 6 residential trip to Arete
- 14/10/2024 Reception Come and Play (2.00pm)
- 15/10/2024 Year 5 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 16/10/2024 Year 5 Come and Learn (9.00am)
Year 3 Tribal Tales Day
Restart a Heart Day
- 17/10/2024 Reception Come and Play (2.00pm)
- 22/10/2024 Open Morning
Parents Evening
- 23/10/2024 Year 4 Groovy Greeks Day
- 24/10/2024 Pupil Photos
Parents Evening
- 25/10/2024 INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- w/c 28/10/24 Half-Term
- 04/11/2024 Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
- w/c 11/11/24 Inter-Faith Week
- 13/11/2024 Year 2 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 14/11/2024 Year 2 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 18/11/2024 Year 1 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 19/11/2024 Year 4 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 20/11/2024 Open Morning
- 21/11/2024 Year 4 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 22/11/2024 Year 1 Come and Learn (9.00am)
- 29/11/2024 KS1 Christmas Fair
- 02/12/2024 KS2 Christmas Fair
- 03/12/2024 Year 4 The Big Freeze
- 05/12/2024 Open Morning



10/12/2024 Y2 trip to Warwick Arts Centre to see Smeds & Smoods
 11/12/2024 Year 5/6 to Albany Theatre to see Alice in Wonderland
 12/12/2024 Year 3/4 to Albany Theatre to see Alice in Wonderland
 17/12/2024 Rec trip to Mill House Theatre to see The Gruffalo
 18/12/2024 Year 1 trip to Mill House Theatre to see The Gruffalo
 20/12/2024 Last day of term

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will take place on the following days and times this school year:

Day	Time	Year group(s) and venue	
Monday	2.40pm	Reception (assemblies start after half-	Lower School Hall
Thursday	9.00am	Year 4	Upper School Hall
Thursday	9.00am	Year 6	Lower School Hall
Thursday	2.40pm	Year 1	Lower School Hall
Friday	9.00am	Year 3	Upper School Hall
Friday	9.00am	Year 5	Lower School Hall
Friday	2.40pm	Year 2	Lower School Hall

You will be notified 2 days before the day of the assembly if your child is due to receive an award to allow time to make arrangements to attend.

We do ask that all those attending the assemblies are silent once the children start to walk in, and that any younger children attending are taken out of the assembly if they become unsettled so that our pupils do not become distracted.

Unfortunately we are unable to postpone the award of individual certificates unless your child is absent from school due to illness.

Secondary School applications

If you have a child in Year 6 you need to apply for a secondary school place by **31st October 2024**.

Please follow the link below to find out more about the application process:

[Secondary school application](#)



Flu vaccinations—Monday 4th November

This is advance notice of the flu vaccinations that are being administered to all year groups by the South Warwickshire Immunisation Team on Monday 4th November. More information will follow and parents may choose for their child not to be immunised, however we encourage as many as possible to do so to prevent the spread of illness.

Modern Foreign Languages

As part of our celebrations for European Day of Languages there is going to be a Cake sale after school on Friday 11th October. This is being run by Madame Allison and Friends—more details to follow but please make a note in your diaries.

Open Mornings

We have 4 Open Mornings in the Autumn/Spring term for prospective parents to visit our school. Each Open Morning will start at 9.30am with an introduction from Sarah Sheepy. Parents will then have a tour of school and the opportunity to have tea/coffee and a chat with members of our Senior Leadership Team, Governors and our Admissions Officer. The Open Morning will be finish at 11.00am. Children are welcome to attend.

The dates of our Open Mornings are:

- Tuesday 22nd October 2024
- Wednesday 20th November 2024
- Thursday 5th December 2024
- Tuesday 14th January 2025

Please book on to an Open Morning via the google form below:

[Open Morning Booking Form](#)

Applications for Reception 2025 will open on 1st November and the deadline is 4pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

School Health newsletter

Read your September health and wellbeing newsletter, delivered to you from Connect for Health, your School Nursing Service.

[Click here for Newsletter](#)

Family Information Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at:

[FIS Newsletter](#)



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Nut-free school

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** and therefore **no nuts can be brought into school**. These are nuts in all forms whether they be whole nuts or ingredients in other food or anything that may contain traces of nut — please do check ingredients carefully when providing snacks or lunches for your child; children will not be allowed to eat any nuts or any products containing, or maybe containing, nuts.



Safety in school

Children in **Reception—Year 4 must** be accompanied on to the school premises by an adult in the morning who must stay with them until they are inside the school building, this includes those attending KidzOwn.

No Ball Games / Cycling / Scootering

For everyone's safety children must not play any ball games before or after school on the playgrounds or fields (unless part of an organised club). Please ensure that children are properly supervised at all times. This message must be reinforced to your child if they come to school or leaves school unaccompanied so that they follow the same rules as other children.

There are still parents and children cycling/scootering on the school site. You are asked to dismount as soon as you get to the school gates—this applies to **everyone**, including children attending KidzOwn.



Dogs

Please remember that, with the exception of assistance dogs, that dogs must not be brought on to the school site at any time (this includes carrying dogs in arms). If you need to leave your dog outside the school gates, please ensure that it is tied up well away from the paths—some children and adults are fearful of dogs and we need to ensure that they feel safe coming into school.

Changes to collection arrangements

As far as possible, any changes to collection of children after school should be notified to the office before 12.00 noon – this ensures that a message can be given to the teacher at lunchtime and not in the afternoon which disrupts a lesson and is sometimes difficult for office staff.

We do understand that there may be occasions when traffic delays mean that children are collected late from school. Children will stay with their teachers until the last child has been dismissed and then are brought to the office to wait to be collected—office staff cannot relay messages to teachers at the last minute about late collection.

School App—please use

We are asking all parents and carers to download and use the MyEd school app. We use the app to email and message and parents can use it to report any absences and also to communicate with school. More recently we have had to send parents emails when a simple app message (not text) would suffice—this is because parents have either not downloaded the app or not used it for some time, in which case you may need to uninstall and reinstall it the app.

Once you have downloaded the app it will take up to 24 hours to sync with your child's record; if you have any problems or queries please contact the office.



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Connecting parents, students and schools

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Step 2: Search for My Ed

Step 3: Download the app

TERM DATES

Autumn term 2024

INSET Day: Monday 2nd September 2024

Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (Years 1 to 6)

Thursday 12th September 2024 (Reception)

INSET Day: Friday 25th October 2024

Half term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

Ends: Friday 20th December 2024

Spring term 2025

INSET Day: Monday 6th January 2025

Term starts: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Ends: Friday 11th April 2024

Summer term 2025

Starts: Monday 28th April 2025

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

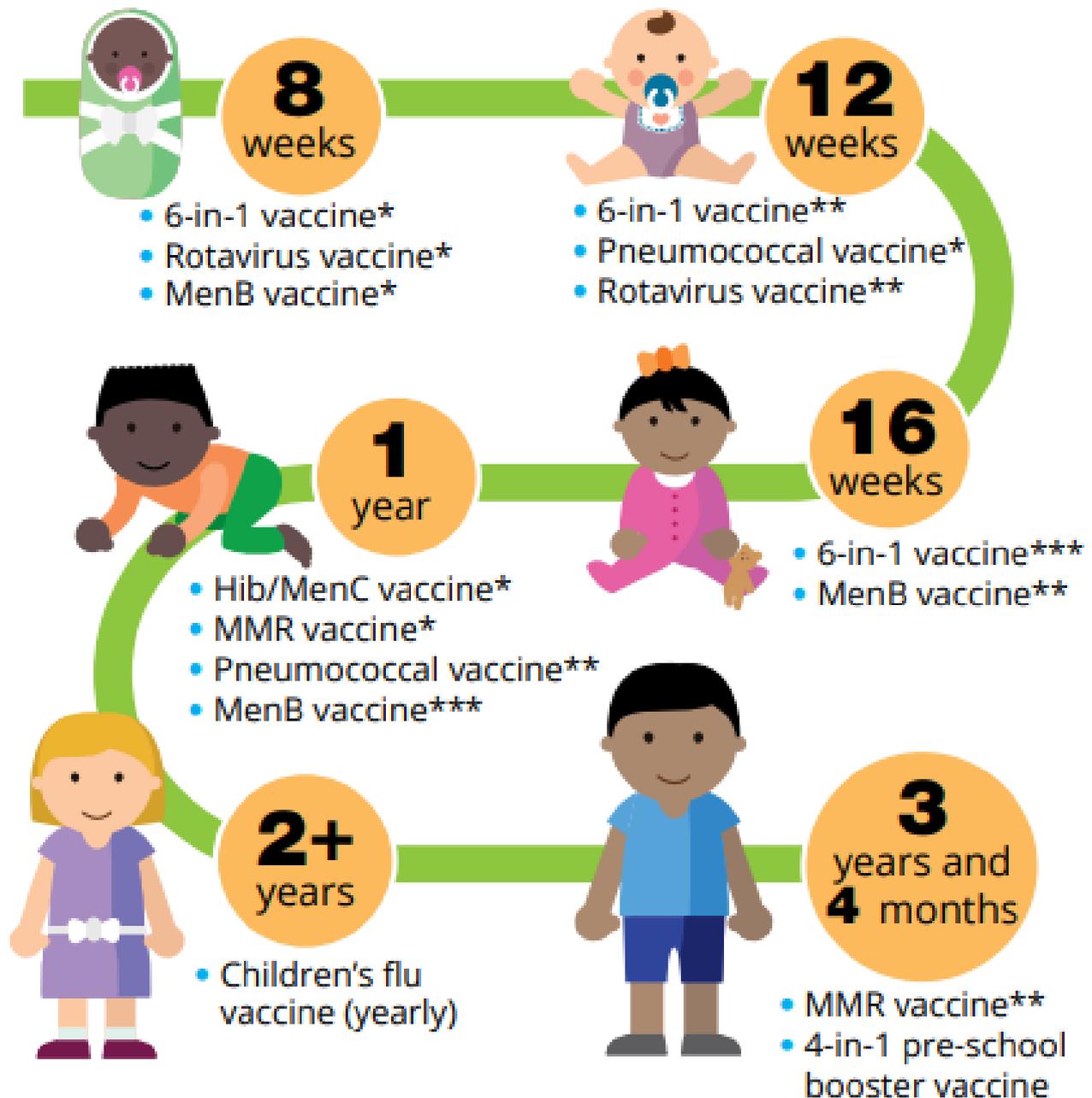
INSET Day: Friday 13th June 2025

Ends: Friday 18th July 2025

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 16th September	Year 1 Fire Service visit		1.00pm Governors' mt	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 17th September				Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 18th September	Y5 Fire Service visit Young Shakespeare Company visit Y6			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Chess (Y3-6)
Thursday 19th September	9.00am—Reception phonics meeting		6.00pm—Reception phonics meeting	Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 20th September	Friends uniform donation day			Dance (Y1—2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y2)
Monday 23rd September			6.00pm Friends AGM followed by meeting	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 24th September				Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 25th September	Y4/5/6 Author visit		Reception Road Safety sessions	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Chess (Y3-6)
Thursday 26th September				Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 27th September	Bag2School donation day			Dance (Y1—2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y2)



Your child's vaccine schedule



* first dose, **second dose, *** third dose

6-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, Hib and hepatitis B

4-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio

Follow your child's vaccine schedule to protect them against illnesses

Stick this timeline up as a useful reminder



- Childhood illnesses like measles and whooping cough are rising
- These illnesses can make children very sick, leading to hospital stays or lifelong problems
- If your child is not vaccinated, they are not protected
- It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection. Some need booster doses later too
- Check your child's red book or speak to your GP practice to see if they have missed any
- You can still catch up on most missed vaccines
- All the childhood vaccinations are free. As children grow up, they will be offered more vaccine appointments, right up until they are teenagers. Some vaccines are offered at school
- Vaccinations offered by the NHS are thoroughly tested to assess how safe and effective they are. All medicines can cause side effects, but vaccines are among the very safest.
- Research from around the world shows that immunisation is the safest way to protect our children's health

**Are your child's vaccines up to date?
Book now at their GP practice**



Information Sessions for Warwickshire Parents and Carers

Courses available online – via Zoom

Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Thursday 26th September 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Emotion Regulation in School Aged Children

Thursday 10th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety

Thursday 24th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years Anxiety

Thursday 7th November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children

Thursday 5th December 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People

Thursday 10th April 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Places on our sessions are subject to availability. To book your place please email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only.

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Sat 26th October

10am-11.15am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Enchanted Cinema

£10 (adults £5) | Age 4+



Imagine going to the cinema and becoming part of a pop-up orchestra that creates every single sound effect and the musical score! Using your voice, hands and playing a range of unusual, delightful and ingenious instruments, you'll join in to create sound effects to excerpts from the enchanting animation, *My Neighbour Totoro*. A magical experience for children and parents alike.

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Sat 26th October

2pm

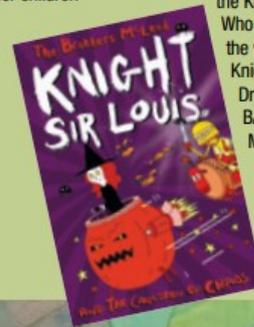
Crowne Plaza Hotel

The Brothers McLeod Knight Sir Louis and the Cauldron of Chaos

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



Get ready to laugh your socks off at the fifth Knight Sir Louis adventure! A powerful magical object has been rediscovered: the Cauldron of Chaos. A scheming witch finds the cursed pot and plans to make her fortune with it, even if it means the end of the Kingdom of Squirrel Helm. Who will rescue the land from the witch's dodgy deals? Knight Sir Louis, of course! Draw along with the BAFTA-winning Brothers McLeod, Greg and Myles.



Sun 27th October

9.30am

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch Bartie Bristle and Other Stories

£8 (adults £5) | Age 3+



Step into the magical world of Bartie Bristle and friends in this stunning treasury written by the Teddy Bear Ladies, Julie Tatchell and Amanda Middleditch, best known as stars of the BBC's *The Repair Shop*. Set in a village in the heart of the Old Woods, enter the magical world of the teddy bear shop and the heart-warming stories of Bartie and his teddy bear friends. Bring a teddy from home for a fun, interactive event.



Sun 27th October

10.15am-11.15am

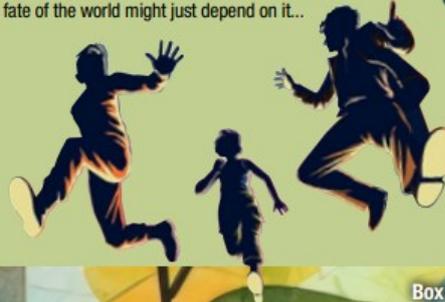
Crowne Plaza Hotel

Christopher Edge Black Hole Cinema Club

£8 (adults £5) | Age 8+



We welcome the award-winning author of *Escape Room* with another edge-of-your-seat adventure. When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema - nicknamed 'The Black Hole' - they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. But as the lights go down, Lucas, Ash, Maya, Caitlin and Finn watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic and perilous adventure. Can they save the day before the end credits roll? The fate of the world might just depend on it...



Sun 27th October

2pm - 4pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Halloween Craft with Becci Books

£8 (adults Free) | Age 4-7



It's time for spooktacular Halloween craft, with pumpkins and ghosties galore! Make flying bats and witches' hats, with pom poms, pipe cleaners and more... All materials and instructions provided. Book your slot between 2pm and 3pm, or 3pm and 4pm.



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which aids understanding and
enables better solutions.**

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Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer

Has lots of information and support for children and young people with SEND and their families.

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