



# Coten End Newsletter

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## Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been inundated today with wonderful entries for the European Day of Languages Cake Off – this is going to be extremely hard to judge! Madame Allison, our Language Ambassadors and Friends will be selling these delicious looking cakes and biscuits after school today as a fundraiser that we hope many of you support; thank you to everyone who has taken part, we will endeavour to return tins, Tupperware and boxes as soon as we can.

Next week many of our Year 6 pupils are attending the school trip to Arete, which is a 4-night residential trip to Wales where the children will experience gorge scrambling, sea level traversing, rafting, body boarding, abseiling, orienteering, bush craft...and more! I am sure that this will be a trip of great adventure and happy memories and I would like to thank the school adults also attending the trip who look after the physical, social, medical and emotional needs of the children as well as participating in all the activities themselves! Photos will be uploaded when staff have time (and wifi!) and we look forward to hearing about the experiences on your return.

The school value of this half-term is **CURIOSITY** and it has been lovely to see this in action at playtime and lunchtimes when children have been able to explore more of our school grounds as they enjoy the opportunities that OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is giving them. If you may be interested in supporting with lunchtimes, please take time to read the article on the next page!



Year 4 have also had the opportunity this term to be curious when visiting Warwick School on Friday afternoons to see science in action and Year 5 have experienced Mayan theme days this week – more of which later on. Year 6 visited Mary Arden's Farm to find out what life was like in Shakespeare's time and it was also lovely for Reception to be visited by local paramedics and police today and they were able to try on some of their kit, see inside an ambulance and police car and also hear the siren at close range! Just another typical week at Coten End!

Although we said goodbye as a school to Mr Garlick in July, he actually retired from Coten End on 30th September. We have now welcomed a new caretaker, Mr Alan Robbins, and hope that he is made to feel welcome by adults and children alike as they see him going about his duties on site.

Finally, as the evenings start to draw in we would like parents and carers to take time to discuss road / pedestrian safety with children so that all are aware of potential hazards and reasons to take care when walking out and about. Children who walk to and from school alone should be particularly vigilant and all should be aware that drivers may not always be aware of pedestrians, so always stick to pavements and only cross at appropriate crossings and traffic lights.

Best wishes

Sarah Sheepy

**BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL**

# Positions of responsibility



## House Captains

We have recently held our House Captain elections for children in Years 6, 4 and Year 2. The children has clearly taken time with preparing for the election and, as always, there were difficult decisions to make:

The house captains are:

	<b>Rubies</b>	<b>Emeralds</b>	<b>Diamonds</b>	<b>Sapphires</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	Annabel, Seren Micayla, Zara	Lola, Malaika Dakota, Jacob	Alfie, Anvita Michaela, Eva	Emily, Toby Elliot, Luisa
<b>Year 4</b>	Jordyn, Archie	Marko, Baran	Shourjak, Milo	Erin, Hudson
<b>Year 2</b>	Tudor, Maria	Ariyah, Ellis	Josie, Ellis	Laurie, Charlotte

## Communications Team

<b>Action Team</b>	Lily, Bo
<b>Meeting Leader</b>	Rona
<b>Progress Board</b>	Tommaso, Naomi
<b>Question Finder</b>	Chloe
<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Jake
<b>Website manager</b>	Eleanor



## Play facilitator/Midday Supervisor opportunity

Join our team as we enhance outdoor play opportunities through the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) program. We believe in the power of play to support children's development and well-being.

We are seeking a motivated and enthusiastic individual to support our OPAL initiative during lunchtimes. The Play Facilitator will create a safe, engaging, and inspiring outdoor environment for children, encouraging active play and social interaction.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Supervise and engage with children during outdoor play.
- Facilitate a variety of play activities and promote creativity.
- Ensure a safe and inclusive play environment for all students.
- Support children in developing social skills and teamwork.
- Collaborate with staff to implement OPAL principles.

You would ideally work each day, hours to be confirmed (£11.59/hour)

If you would like more information or wish to apply, please contact the school office via email, [admin2623@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2623@welearn365.com)

# Harvest Celebration

Year 2 are celebrating their Harvest Festival on Wednesday 23rd October and a representative from LWS Night Shelter will attend to take canned donations back to the shelter. We appreciate that this may not be possible for all, but we would like to extend the opportunity to children from all year groups, who are able to donate, to bring a can of food into school between the 21st and 23rd October please. Please give any donations to your child's class teacher.

- UHT milk
- Tinned meat meals - curry, hotdogs, meatballs, stews, pies, spam
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Crisps
- Biscuits
- Sweets

Thank you.

## Flu immunisations

The Immunisation team are in school on Monday 4th November to deliver flu vaccinations to children in all years.

Parents need to give their consent for this and needs to be done by **20th October 2024**. Information has already been sent out by email, or you may scan the QR code here to give consent.

There is no option to give consent verbally via the office or your child's class teacher or via email/letter.



## Christmas Lunches

This year the school Christmas lunch will happen over 2 days in December.

Reception and Key Stage 1— Thursday 19th December

Key Stage 2—Wednesday 18th December



The cost of the Christmas Lunch is £2.80 for children in Key Stage 2 (not in receipt of Free School Meals)

There will be hot dinner alternative offered to children on the days when other year groups are having Christmas lunch.

The kitchen needs to place their orders for Christmas lunches by Thursday 24th October. If your child would like a school Christmas lunch please complete the google form below by **Wednesday 23rd October**.

### [Christmas Lunch](#)





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# Christmas Lunch

**Roast Turkey**

**Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing Ball with  
Gravy [G.SU]**

or

**[vg] Roast Quorn Fillet, Veggie Sausage,  
Stuffing Ball with Gravy [G]**

**Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes, Garden  
Peas, and Sliced Carrots**

**[vg.h] Christmas Cracknel [G.SU]**

or

**[vg.h] Christmas Shortbread[G]**

  
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V - Vegetarian  
VG - Vegan  
D - Dairy  
G - Gluten  
SB - Soya  
SU - Sulphites  
H - Homemade



## Year 5 Mayan visit

This week, Year 5 students have had the delightful opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich and vibrant culture of the ancient Maya civilisation through a series of engaging theme days held across all three classes. The event not only aligned with our current curriculum focus on the ancient Maya but also provided an invaluable opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of this fascinating society.

Across the 3 days, students demonstrated their knowledge and curiosity as they were taught by a real-life explorer. They learned about the history of the Maya civilisation and the challenges the Maya faced in living in tough rainforest conditions. They also found out about different Mayan beliefs and traditions. Throughout the sessions, children took part in team building challenges, puzzles and learned about Mayan numbers in a maths challenge. They loved asking questions, especially about the dangerous animals that inhabit the rainforest.



## Nathan's cycling success

Nathan (Y6) has had some amazing achievements over the summer of which he is super proud of and is already enjoying being back in the saddle for the winter cyclocross season.

He trains really hard over the course of the year, and this shows in his achievements this summer.

- Malory summer cycling series 2024 (9 races) 1st kept yellow (leaders) jersey from start to finish.
- British cycling Road/circuit racing-3rd in the West Midlands over 8 races in under 10's
- tour de l'aviner (West Midlands) 3 stage race over two days, 3rd overall
- British schools Grass track national and regional champion 1st u11s, British schools regional hill climb event, 2nd U11's.
- He finished the summer off on a high at the 3 day national junior bike race in the north west the biggest junior bike race in the UK (a mini Tour de France style race):
  - stage 1 time trial 3rd.
  - stage 2 hill climb joint 5th.
  - stage 3 circuit race 9th.
- General classification/ overall 6th out of 44 under 10's from across the country, this puts him 6th in the UK in his age category.



These are incredible achievements Nathan! Mrs Pope was delighted to present you with one of your cycling trophies this week and we all look forward to hearing of more success over the rest of the year.

## Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



## Considerate parking

As many people are experiencing the school car park is extremely busy after school when parents are collecting children from after school clubs.

There have been occasions when staff and parents have been unable to leave the car park as not enough space has been left for cars to get through.

Please be aware of where you are parking and ensure that your car is parked considerately and not blocking any exit routes or cars themselves.

## Reception play equipment

Items we would gratefully receive for our Outdoor Play and Learning Programme for Reception—thank you!



- large toy animals & dinosaurs
- plastic jugs, funnels, bowls
- large painting rollers & brushes
- Children's gardening tools & gloves
- steering wheels
- dressing up (police, fire fighter, doctor, nurse, astronaut etc)
- dolls house, people & furniture
- builders hats
- hi-vis jackets
- wooden pallets
- wooden logs & slices (that can be used as seats)
- den building resources (tarpaulin, large pegs, rope etc)

## ARTS INSIGHT (Drama Club) — spaces available

There are some places available in the KS2 drama club that runs on Tuesdays, 3.30pm—4.30pm.

If your child is interested or would like a trial session, please get in touch with Laura Berridge either via email, [laura.berridge@arts-insight.com](mailto:laura.berridge@arts-insight.com), or phone, 07540 874642.



## From Monday 7th October you can recycle plastic bags and wrapping in your blue lidded bin!

Warwick District residents can recycle plastic bags and wrapping along with their usual recycling at the kerbside. Plastics such as plastic bags, confectionery wrappers, foil lined packaging, plastic film, bubble wrap, food wrapping, fruit and vegetable net bags and more can be placed in the blue lidded recycling bin (or red box/bag) for fortnightly collection.

! The plastic must be empty and clean, free from food residue and other contaminants. Warwick District residents only, please contact the council if you need any additional information ¶

Read more:

<https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/news/article/1225/plastic-bags-and-wrapping-recycling-launches-in-warwick-district>



	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 14th October	Year 6 to Arete (all week)		2.00pm—Reception 'Come & Play'	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 15th October	9.00am—Year 5 'Come & Learn'			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 16th October	Year 3 Tribal Tales Day 9.00am—First Aid & CPR training 9.00am—Year 5 'Come & Learn'		2.00pm & 6.15pm — First Aid & CPR training	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 17th October	Year 4 Loudmouth workshop		2.00pm—Reception 'Come & Play'	Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 18th October				Dance (Y1—2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y2)
Monday 21st October				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 22nd October	9.30am—11.00am OPEN MORNING		Parents' Evening	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Coding (Y3-6)
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 4 Groovy Greek Day		Parents' Evening (5JL only)	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Chess (Y3-6)
Thursday 24th October	School photographer in (individual & siblings)		Parents' Evening	Athletics (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Y1 & 2)
Friday 25th October	<b>INSET DAY</b> (school closed to children)			



## Coten End Primary School

WE WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON **04/11/2024**

CLOSING DATE OF CONSENT LINK IS: **20/10/2024** PLEASE NOTE THIS QR CODE IS ONLY FOR THIS SCHOOL

*Scan Me to consent for your child's Flu vaccination*



South Warwickshire schools: Tel: 01926 353899  
Email: [SOUTHIMMS@covworkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:SOUTHIMMS@covworkpt.nhs.uk)



# POPPY POETRY COMPETITION



Closing Date Friday 1st November



To enter the 'Poppy Poetry Competition', all you need to do is write a poem themed around remembrance/ reflection/ Veterans or what the poppy means to you. Your poem can be as short or as long as you like. There are two categories; one for adults and one for children (up to 16 years). The lucky winner will have their poem framed and read out at our Remembrance Event on Friday 8th November 2024.

**Email your entry to [opmu@swft.nhs.uk](mailto:opmu@swft.nhs.uk)**

Please include your name and age.

*- lest we forget -*

# BIG PUMPKIN PLAY DAYS



**Saturday 26th October**

Whitnash Methodist Church

1.45pm - 3.15pm

**Wednesday 30th October**

Leek Wooton Village Hall

1.45pm - 3.15pm

**nature makers**

MIX A SPELL IN THE  
PUMPKIN POTION LAB

PRINT A SPOOKY  
SPIDER

COME & JOIN THE FUN AT A NATURE MAKERS  
BIG PUMPKIN PLAY DAY

MAKE A PUMPKIN  
CROWN

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... and help influence the development of services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Warwickshire

**Progress starts with listening,  
which aids understanding and  
enables better solutions.**

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback)

## Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer

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

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send)

