

Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term draws to a close and we prepare to welcome the festive season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful term we have all shared over the past few months.

This term has been packed with learning, growth, and lots of memorable moments. The classrooms have been filled with curiosity, creativity, and hard work as the children embraced the challenges and opportunities of the new school year. From their enthusiasm in lessons and on school trips to their kindness towards one another, I am immensely proud of all they have achieved and how the children continually uphold our school values.

The past few weeks have been particularly special as we celebrated the magic of Christmas together. From the excitement of the Christmas Fairs to the wonderful performances in our nativity plays and concerts, the children have brought such joy to the school community. Seeing their talent and confidence shine on stage was a highlight for us all. A big thank you to everyone who attended, supported, or helped organise these events—it truly is a team effort, and your involvement makes such a difference. It was also lovely to see all children enjoying their annual trip to the theatre.

I'd also like to extend my gratitude to our staff for their unwavering dedication and to all of you, our families, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

As we approach the holidays, I wish you all a peaceful and joyful festive period. May it be filled with fun, love and cherished moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 7th January**, refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Thank you once again for being part of our wonderful school community. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

Sarah Sheepy



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Message from the Chair of Governors

It's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of another busy and rewarding term at Coten End! On behalf of the governing body, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff governor, Miss Hollie Allsopp, who joined us this autumn. We are thrilled to have her on board and are confident she will provide valuable contributions to our shared goal supporting the school's work in securing the very best education for all the children at Coten End. We also thank Mr Nick Williams for his contribution as Staff Governor over many years.



Knowing the school community is important to us as governors, and we've heard fantastic feedback from the children who attended *Alice in Wonderland* at the Albany Theatre recently (with particularly enthusiastic reviews about the interval ice cream!) and have had the pleasure of accompanying several classes on their festive Christmas trips. We have also been at many of the performances, including Reception's Nativity and Year 3's Christmas Extravaganza. These events beautifully showcased the children's hard work, courage, and enthusiasm!

It has been a productive term in our strategic role. Highlights of our work this term, alongside our usual meetings, include planning our monitoring activities for the year around key priorities in the school's Learning Improvement Plan. Our monitoring visits so far have focused on SEND, safeguarding, and early years provision. These visits consistently highlight the children's independence and enthusiasm for learning, as well as the strength of the school's safeguarding and inclusion procedures, and we look forward to continuing this in the new year.

We are continuing to support the senior leadership team, Stowe Valley Multi-Academy Trust, and Warwickshire County Council on the due diligence process for our voluntary conversion to academy status in spring/summer 2025. This marks an exciting milestone for Coten End, and we are committed to facilitating a smooth and beneficial transition for the whole school community.

As we approach a well-deserved break, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Sheepy and her outstanding team for their unwavering dedication and hard work this term. We remain immensely proud of our wonderful school! Thank you to the parents, carers, grandparents, and all those encouraging the children for your continued support. Wishing you a relaxing Christmas and very happy New Year!

Hannah Webber

Chair of Governors

MFL

Primary Bee French Competition

Last week all of Year 6 took part in Stage 1 of the highly regarded Primary Bee Competition, run by Routes into Languages. The children had to translate up to 40 high-frequency words into French with accurate pronunciation in just one minute. Well done to the following children who are going through to the Regional stage of the competition. They will have a further 40 words to memorise!

Some children have also chosen to enter the Spanish and German competition and will be tested before the end of term.

6AJ

Alistair
Rona
Evie
Seren
Beatrice

6WH

Orly
Natalie
Miki
Paal
Soraiya

6MC

Zara
Michaela
Bo
Alvina
Kimi

Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



Pupil achievements

Football

On Tuesday 10th December, a mixed team of boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 took part in the EFL Kids Cup. This tournament was hosted by Sky Blues in the Community and 32 schools participated, including many larger primary schools from the centre of Coventry.

Coten End did incredibly well on what was a thrilling day of ups and downs. They came 2nd in the group stage having won 2 and lost 1; in the last 16 they won a penalty shootout 13-12(!); in the quarters they managed to defeat the team who beat them 2-0 in the group stage before finally being knocked out at the semi-final stage 1-0 by a Coventry school featuring multiple Aston Villa academy players. We all feel this is an incredible achievement.



Most importantly, the team supported each other through the ups and downs and a particular shout out to Olivia (5BM) and Orly (6WH) who were representing the girls' team in the squad and who performed brilliantly.

Well done to all involved.

Netball

The Coten End Cobra girls had reason to be proud last week, as they became the winners of the Annabelle Cup at the Kid Squad Warwickshire netball series. The team consisting of Freya, Lily, Eleanor, Paloma, Emily, Izzy, Orly and Arriettie (all YR 6) dominated the series winning all of their 10 matches and scoring a total of 139 goals and only conceding 10. They have demonstrated great team work and team spirit throughout, even consoling the newer teams in the series at the end of the games. Well done girls!

To find out more about Kid Squad, please visit: <https://kidsquadwarwickshire.co.uk/about-us/>



Ballet

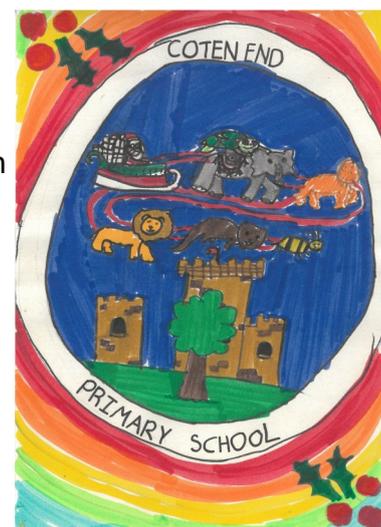
Miki (Y6) was recently invited to audition for the Royal Ballet mid-associate program, which is a great achievement and took place at the Royal Ballet in Covent Garden. It's a long wait until Miki finds out whether she has been successful but we wish her every success and in the words of Strictly, KEEP DANCING!!



School Christmas Card competition

Unfortunately there was a surprising lack of entries for the school Christmas card competition with just a few designs submitted to Mr Grana from across the whole school. It was therefore decided to have one overall winner however, although the entries were limited, it was still a very difficult decision to make!

The winning card design included all of the animals representing our school values and was created by Anna Steele-Gardner, Year 5. Well done Anna—your design has been sent (either digitally or as a card) to governors, local Heads and also the two residential homes that the Wellbeing Choir visited this week.



Christmas Fundraising

Reverse Advent Calendar for LWS Night Shelter

Vogue in 4VW has been collecting for the Reverse Advent Calendar in support of the LWS Night Shelter in Leamington. Vogue has always been passionate about giving at Christmas time and this year the family decided to support the local night shelter who provide support for the homeless and vulnerably-housed people in our local community. Thank you to everyone in 4VW for their contributions towards this fantastic cause. Vogue will be delivering the donations to the shelter on Sunday 22nd December. Well done Vogue and 4VW!



Charity Committee Advent Donations for Evelyn's Gift

As parents will be aware, Coten End's Charity Committee have worked in conjunction with Smart School Council to collect donations for Evelyn's Gift. Evelyn's Gift is a charity close to the Coten End community as Evelyn attended Coten End Primary School up until she passed away in 2013.

Evelyn's Gift support our local community in a number of ways and we were keen to ensure that our help would be useful and having spoken to the charity we were directed to collect as many donations of men's toiletries as we could, as they often struggle to collect donations specifically for men.

Charity Committee were overwhelmed (literally!) by the number of donations as we collected close to 500 items across the two weeks. Thank you to all of you for your support and we know that these donations will make a huge difference to the work Evelyn's Gift do in our local community.

A special well done to those in Charity Committee for their hard work and Support.



Evelyn's Gift
— Little acts of kindness —



	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY (school closed to children)			
Tuesday 7th January				Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 8th January				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 9th January				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 10th January				Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Rec, Y2)
Monday 13th January				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 14th January	9.30am OPEN MORNING			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 15th January			Closing date for Reception 2025 applications	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 16th January				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 17th January				Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Rec, Y2)



There is always someone that can

HELP



Parents and Carers - During the Christmas holidays the Safeguarding team want to remind you that support is available

WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Looking for some help and advice? Try visiting Warwickshire FIS website for lots of free advice and guidance available to all Warwickshire residents

Website - www.warwickshire.gov.uk

EARLY HELP FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

For service for advice and guidance on:

Parenting and all aspects of family life, Children and young people's behaviour

To speak to a family support worker over the telephone, call 01926 412412, Monday to Friday between 9am - 4pm. If you would like to book a face-to-face consultation with a family support worker at one of the sessions shown below, please telephone the family support line on 01926 412412, Monday to Friday, between 9am-4pm.

Website - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/service-changes-children-families/2

WARWICKSHIRE REFUGE

If you are experiencing domestic abuse of any kind in Warwickshire, Refuge's regional Domestic Violence and Abuse Service can support you and your children to keep safe.

Call Refuge's Domestic Violence and Abuse Service Warwickshire Helpline on 0800 408 1552 (Monday-Friday 8:30am-8:30pm) to speak to one of our support workers.

Website - www.refuge.org.uk

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

Wellbeing for Warwickshire is 'joined-up' support service for adult mental health that can meet a number of needs in a way, and a time and a place, that suits people best. For ease of use, the service has a single phone number **0800 616171** and a single website address

www.wellbeingforwarwickshire.org.uk and these are available for Warwickshire residents 24/7, 365 days a year.

WORRIED A CHILD IS AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM?

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door (Front Door)** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.

If you think that **a child is at immediate risk**, contact the Police immediately by calling **999**.



Tell us what you think...



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

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

