

Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you for our first school newsletter of 2025. I'm never quite sure when we stop wishing everyone 'Happy New Year' but I will anyway! The children have made a great start to the term, despite the usual challenges of getting back into the routines of school life and still contending with dark and chilly mornings.

I'm not a huge fan of New Year's resolutions - partly as I am never particularly good at sticking to them - but I do support the notion of trying to make things a little better each time we do something and getting into good routines. I would like to begin by asking for your support in helping our pupils become more independent and responsible learners. As you know, homework is an essential part of a child's education, allowing them to consolidate their learning and develop essential study skills, whether that is a written piece of homework, practising phonics, learning multiplication facts or reading. I'm aware of the battles that can, sometimes, be had at home but there are some successful ways to help your child consolidate their learning in school. The following article has some good tips to help parents support their child's home learning and enhance what is being done in school.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/home-and-school/supporting-learning-at-home>

By working together in this way, we can help our pupils develop the self-discipline and time management skills that will serve them so well, both in their time at Coten End and beyond.

In addition to academic progress, we are also committed to promoting respect and positive behaviour throughout our school community. Our pupils are expected to treat each other, the staff, and the school environment with kindness and consideration at all times. We would appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home, and in encouraging your child to be a positive role model for their peers.

We have 4 new members of staff this term and I am sure that you will join us all in welcoming them and helping them settle in to life at Coten End. Miss Amy Crees and Miss Hannah Clayton have joined the team of SEND Teaching Assistants, Miss Charlotte Ward is a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1 and also a Midday Supervisor, and Mrs Kathryn Turner is supporting Year 6 as they work towards their SATs this terms.

I am confident that by continuing to work in partnership, we can ensure that 2025 is a hugely successful and rewarding year for all our pupils. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Sarah Sheepy



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Lost property

This is a reminder that Lost Property will be available for parents to look through every Friday morning, either outside the office or in the foyer depending on the weather.

The lost property is checked by staff through the week and all **NAMED** items are returned to children's classes.

If your child mislays an item during the school day, please avoid coming to check lost property on the day as it is unlikely to be there — items will be put into lost property when it is ascertained that there is no name or confirmed owner.

All items of school clothing, bags, PE kit and so on must be clearly named so that lost property does not build up to unmanageable levels.

If you have an item from the second hand uniform shop please ensure that the original owners name does not remain and that it is clearly labelled with the new name.

Please encourage your child to be responsible for all of their belongings and to check that they not leaving anything behind when moving around school, particularly on the playgrounds.

Meal Booking on ParentPay

Many parents are now choosing their child's lunches on ParentPay; the system allows you to choose a Red or Green hot dinner or specify that they are bringing in a packed lunch.

We would be grateful if all parents could use this booking system so that meals do not need to be booked in class which takes up valuable teacher time. It also allows you to choose your child's meal with them and all allergens are clearly indicated where necessary.

Please click on the link below which explains how to book your child's meals:

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410744979473-How-to-make-meal-or-event-bookings#how-to-make-meal-or-event-bookings-0-0>

Please note, if you have not already done so, you will need to activate your child's ParentPay account before using this method.

Meals can be booked in advance daily, weekly or monthly and can be booked up to 8.00am in the morning for that day.

Your dinner money account must be in credit for you to be able to book your child's meals.

Pupil achievements

Drama

Evie (6AJ) auditioned for Playbox theatre's Christmas show of 'Alice through the Looking Glass', and was successfully cast and was the youngest member of the company.

Rehearsals took place during the Autumn half term, and then every weekend till the end of term. The cast performed 12 packed out shows over the Christmas holidays. Evie loved every minute of it!



Primary Bee Competition

Before Christmas 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, German and Spanish 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 now have a further 40 words to memorise! Madame Allison will be available every Friday brektime for those children who would like to practise for the next stage.

French

Orly, Natalie, Miki, Paal, Soraiya, Alistair, Evie, Alyssa, Seren, Annabel, Zara, Michaela, Bo, Alvina, Kimi.

German

Sedona, Roman, Sam, Alfie, Batu, Paal, Amarii, Lola.

Spanish

Paal, Yuvraj, Amarii, Christophe, Anil, Lily, Alvina, Sedona, Melina, Roman.

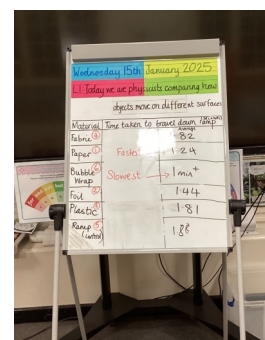
Culture Club/Language of the half-term

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Our language of the half-term is **JAPANESE**. Languages Ambassadors and any Japanese speakers are welcome to attend Culture Club on Wednesday lunchtimes. Culture Club provides children with the opportunity for native speakers to share their language and culture with others. It is always so lovely to hear our native speakers conversing together in their own language. If you speak Japanese and would be interested in helping Madame Allison run the club, please contact the school office. Also, if you speak another language and would be willing to help out on Wednesdays, please contact the school office.

Year 3 news

This week our Year 3 physicists conducted some exciting investigations to discover which material creates the most friction. Using a toy car and a ramp, the children tested various materials, including paper, fabric, bubble wrap, foil and plastic. The children's challenge (set by Sci) was to observe how different surfaces affected the car's speed as it travelled down the ramp. By accurately measuring the speed at which the car travelled on each material, they were able to determine which one produced the most friction. The investigation helped the children better understand the science behind forces and motion, and sparked great discussions about how friction impacts their daily lives.



Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 20th January				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 21st January				Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 22nd January	KS2 Holocaust Memorial Assembly			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 23rd January				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 24th January	Year 5 Orchestra of the Swan workshops			Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y1, Y2)
Monday 27th January	Holocaust Memorial Day			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 28th January	5BM DT day			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 29th January	5MC DT day			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 30th January	5JL DT day			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 31st January			<i>Young Voices concert</i>	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6) Football (Y1, Y2)

 FROM
£10 PER DAY



 **TIMES**
8:30AM – 4:30PM

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

17TH FEBRUARY – 21ST FEBRUARY

4 GREAT LOCATIONS



Coventry

Hollyfast
Primary
School
CV6 2AH



Nuneaton

Park Lane
Primary
School
CV10 8NL



Rugby

Rugby
College
CV21 1AR



Warwick

Newburgh
Primary
School
CV34 6LD

ACTIVITIES

LITTLE LACES



MULTI-SPORTS



AMERICAN FLAG FOOTBALL & TAG RUGBY

FOOTBALL

ARCHERY & FENCING

TRAMPOLINING & GYMNASTICS

DANCE



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CAMP FANTASY

THIS FEB HALF TERM

17TH - 21ST
FEBRUARY



OUR AGE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

MINI'S RECEPTION

- GO GO CREATORS
- GO GO GROOVERS
- GO GO ACTIVE
- GO GO EINSTEIN'S
- PLUS FREE PLAY
- SMALLER GROUPS (RATIO 1:8)
- DAILY FEEDBACK

JNR'S 5-7 YEARS

- ART
- DANCE
- STEM
- SPORT
- ARCHERY

SNR'S 8-12 YEARS

- CRBTIVES
- BATTLE SESSIONS
- SPORTS SKILLS
- SCIENCE LAB
- FUTURE STARS (DANCE)
- + MORE!

ACTIVITIES CAN VARY AT VENUES & ON DAYS

NEW IMPROVED PROGRAM FOR RECEPTION YEARS!!!

WE ARE BACK!
FINHAM PARK SCHOOL
COVENTRY
NEW LOCATION

EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL
WARWICK

PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
EDNETHORPE

HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
WARWICK GATES

10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
PLUS 10% SIBLINGS DISCOUNT & PAYMENT INSTALMENTS

See website for details. Offers can not be used in conjunction

£34.50 FOR A STANDARD DAYS CARE FROM 9AM - 3.30PM
EARLY 8AM DROP OFF AND LATE 5.30PM PICK UP AVAILABLE WITH A SURPLUS FEE

W: www.gogomakers.co.uk | E: hello@gogomakers.co.uk | T: 01926 935377

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OFSTED
REGISTERED

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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF ST NICHOLAS PARK!

Whether you're a regular or occasional visitor to St Nicholas Park, we want your views on any improvements we might make in the future.

Visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/stnicssurvey or scan the QR code to complete the survey.



www.warwickdc.gov.uk

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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

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

