

Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, our choir had an incredible experience at Young Voices at the 'bp pulse Live arena'. The excitement and joy that our pupils brought back from their trip to Young Voices in Birmingham was incredible. It was a day filled with music, energy, and unforgettable memories.

Our 151 talented young singers, joined forces with over 5,000 other children from across the country, all united by their love of music. They sang so enthusiastically, performing a range of songs including a Bob Marley medley, songs from the musical Hairspray, a range of songs in the pop medley and some songs specifically written for Young Voices.

What made the experience even more magical was the presence of professional artists and a live band accompanying the children. We were joined by Tommy Blaize – one of the Strictly singers, MC Grammar – rapper, educator and promoter of the love of reading and Souparnika Nair – a young singer who performed on Britain's Got Talent. The thrill of performing alongside such talented musicians was evident and I'm sure it's an experience they'll remember for years to come.

I felt an immense sense of pride watching the children perform and they have worked so hard over the last few months, attending our Wednesday morning rehearsals and practising the songs and dance moves in their own time.

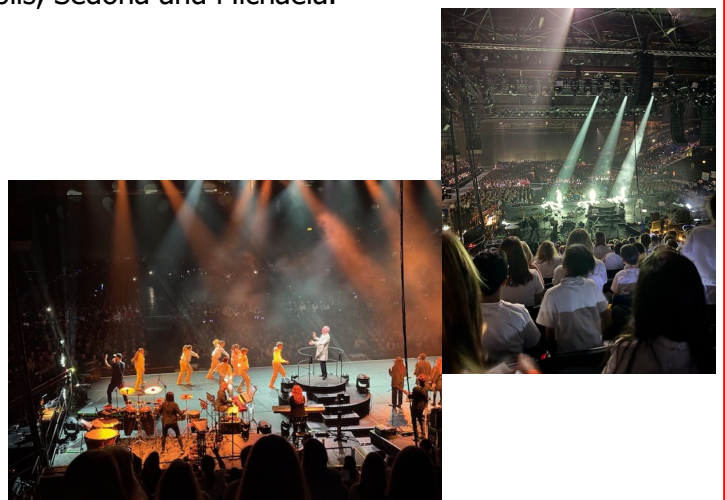
Events like Young Voices are so much more than just a performance. They're an opportunity for our pupils to connect with the wider world of music, to challenge themselves, and to grow both as performers and as individuals. The sense of achievement they felt after the concert was palpable, and I have no doubt that this experience will inspire many of them to continue pursuing their passion for music and singing, hopefully joining the YV choir again next year.

I'd like to extend my thanks to all the staff and parent volunteers who made this trip possible, to the parents in the audience for their support, and most of all, to our amazing pupils who represented Coten End so brilliantly. Their enthusiasm, talent, and dedication make our school community shine. Here's to next year! All children in KS2 will be welcomed to join the choir next September and information will be sent out in the summer term so do look out for it.

On page 2 is a review from two of our Year 6 pupils, Sedona and Michaela.

Best wishes,

Sarah Sheepy



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Young Voices

By Sedona and Michaela, Year 6

It all started with walking into the BP Pulse Live Arena. It was full of the busy crowds of schools ready to sing. After our rehearsals the parents started rushing in ready for a big night of singing, dancing and lots of fun. We will never forget that night at Young Voices where we had the best time of our lives enjoying every part of it. It is great for boosting confidence and uniting with other children who have a passion for singing. If you didn't have the chance to join Coten End this time, make sure to come next year to have the same great experience that we had.



Parents Evenings — 4th & 6th March

Parents' Evenings have been arranged for this term on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th March. The appointments will last 10 minutes and will be a discussion about children's progress and wellbeing.

Appointments should be booked via the online appointment booking system, which opens at 10.00am on Wednesday 12th February and will close on Friday 28th February at 5.00pm. Should you wish to change your appointment time after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit <https://cotenend.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments.

If you have difficulty booking an appointment, please contact the school office; they will be happy to add appointments on your behalf, however please do not leave a message on the ansaphone to book an appointment.

MFL

Culture Club (Japanese)

Our Languages Ambassadors and Japanese speakers have been having lots of fun learning about our language of the half-term, Japanese. Mari Trevena (Elliot's Mum) has very kindly given up her time to share her language and culture with the children. They have done some Origami, learnt about the differences between English and Japanese schools, learnt how to write their names in Japanese and are very much looking forward to sampling some Japanese snacks next week!



Madame Allison

Chinese New Year

Fiona, Laura and Joun from Year 5, James from Year 3 and Oscar from Reception participated in the Coventry Chinese School New Year Gala over the weekend. The children put on a fantastic show with new year themed performances.

We wish everyone a happy and prosperous year of the snake!



School Nursing Service newsletter

The latest edition of the Connect for Health newsletter is available to read at:

[C4H newsletter](#)



Year 5 and Reception

Wonderdome Planetarium

As part of their Space topic, Year 5 and Reception were treated to a presentation by Wonderdome Planetariums. This was a unique opportunity to bring their learning to life and see how the stars and planets look up in the night sky. All of the children were expertly guided on a journey through the Solar System by our visiting speaker - Chris - and marvelled at the wonders of the universe as they appeared above their heads.



DT Constructions

Year 5 have spent the last week constructing Lunar Rovers in DT using STEM kits purchased for this project. The children had to demonstrate many of our school values - not least collaboration and determination - in order to complete their models and design, construct and test out working electronic vehicles. As an evaluation of their projects, the year 5s met up with their reception buddies to test out their models in the reception outdoor area. The reception children demonstrated our school value of curiosity as they questioned their buddies about their designs. This was a wonderful project that showed superb collaboration between the two year groups.



Year 1 Australia Day celebrations

This week, Year 1 had a wonderful time celebrating Australia Day on Monday. The children were immersed in a variety of engaging activities that allowed them to experience the vibrant culture of Australia firsthand.

One of the highlights of the day was the food tasting session. The children eagerly sampled traditional Australian treats, including fairy bread, Tim Tams, Vegemite, and Anzac biscuits. It was delightful to see their reactions as they explored new flavours and textures, with some enjoying the sweetness of the fairy bread while others bravely tackled the distinctive taste of Vegemite!

In addition to the culinary delights, the children were also thrilled to meet some fascinating animals. They had the unique opportunity to observe a tree frog, a corn snake, a bearded dragon, a cockroach, and even a tarantula. The excitement in the room was palpable as the children learned about these amazing creatures and their habitats.



Overall, it was a busy and enjoyable day filled with learning and laughter. Our Year 1 students left with not only a taste of Australia but also wonderful memories of their day of exploration. We look forward to more exciting events in the future!

Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)

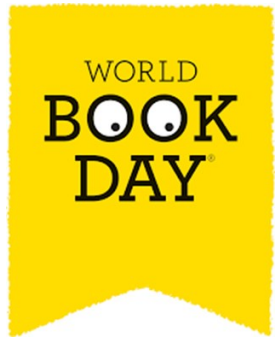


World Book Week

Coten End will be celebrating Book Week on the week beginning 3rd March. This year we are focussing on folk tales from around the world with each year group learning about traditional stories from different continents. Children are invited to come into school dressed up on Friday 7th March as a character from their favourite book or folk tale.

If any parents would be keen to come into school to share a story from their culture or in a different language please email the school office and mark FOA of Mr Mansell and Miss Siddorn.

There will be a special World Book Day menu on Thursday 6th March, please book your child's meal via ParentPay ensuring that there is sufficient credit on your account if your child is in Key Stage 2 and not in receipt of Free School Meals.



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WORLD BOOK DAY

Lunch
Thursday 6th March 2025.

Harry Potters Bangers and Mash (G.D.SU.SB)

(v.h) Gruffalo Mac 'n' Cheese (G.D)
Served with Freshly Baked Crusty Bread
Vegetables of the Day
or Salad

(h) James and the Giant Peach Melba sponge (G.E)
or
(v) Willy Wonka's Chocolate Mousse (D)

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Allergens
G-Gluten
D-Dairy
SU-Sulphite
SB-Soya
V-Vegetarian
H-Homemade
E-Egg

"Let's make our children love books, so that books become the needs of our children."

Book covers shown: The Gruffalo, I Am the Grinch, Roald Dahl's collection, James and the Giant Peach, Cat in the Hat.

Illustrations: A child reading, a chef on a stack of books, a child reading.

Opal Update

Whilst the weather has, and will continue to be (!), a challenge this winter, this has not stopped Coten End's play offer from being exciting, engaging and challenging. All of these photos were taken over the course of one lunchtime and there were a lot of other things going on as well!



Year 3 Gymnastics competition

On Wednesday, eight Year 3 children from across the classes went to Leamington and Warwick Gymnastics Club to take part in a Central Warwick Gymnastics competition. Mrs Arben supported the children having done some recent training with them of what was quite a complex routine!

The children were brilliant and in a very close-run competition with just a few points between each place, Coten End came 4th place out of 9 schools.

Well done Y3!



Nathan's new year challenge

After a year of challenges in 2024 Nathan (Year 6) has bounced back with an even bigger challenge this year raising money again for the Air Ambulance and Children's Air Ambulance with a World War themed challenge.

This journey is about more than just personal achievement; it's about honouring family history.

In February 2025, he plans to visit a war grave in France belonging to a family member who served in World War I—a grave that has never been visited. To make this trip truly special, he has decided to incorporate a personal triathlon into the journey.

His mission began with a run from St John's (the old Royal Warwickshires museum) through the historic barracks of the Royal Warwickshires to the war memorial of his great-great-grandfather in Bidford on Avon and then return home again—a total distance of 35 miles (over 7 weeks) - he has currently completed 25 of those 35 miles.

Next comes the swim: he aims to swim the distance of the English Channel, possibly following the route taken by his great-great-grandfather on his way to France in June 1915—totalling an impressive 21 miles (over 7 weeks). He's currently just 3 miles away from the coast of France.

Finally, he will cycle from Calais through the battlefields of the Somme all the way to his great-great-grandfather's war grave—a journey spanning 100 miles (over 2 days).

This brave soldier, A.E. Harris, lost his life on July 31st, 1915

You can follow Nathan's progress on his just giving page:

[WW1 Family History Swim Bike Run](#)



Well done Nathan, what an inspiring challenge—we hope that you raise a lot of money for this very worthwhile charity.

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 10th February	Safer Internet Week		Year 5 to Symphony Hall, Birmingham	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 11th February	9.00am—Year 4 Come and Learn			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 12th February				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 13th February	9.00am—Year 4 Come and Learn			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 14th February				Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y1, Y2)
				HALF-TERM
Monday 24th February				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 25th February	Year 2 'Under the Sea' workshop			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 26th February				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 27th February			6.00pm—Blackwell Residential Parents' meeting	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 28th February	Year 2 Orchestra of the Swan workshops		Rec and KS1 School Discos (see poster on next page)	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y1, Y2)

Come and see some of our children perform in this year's Gang Show!

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Gang Show

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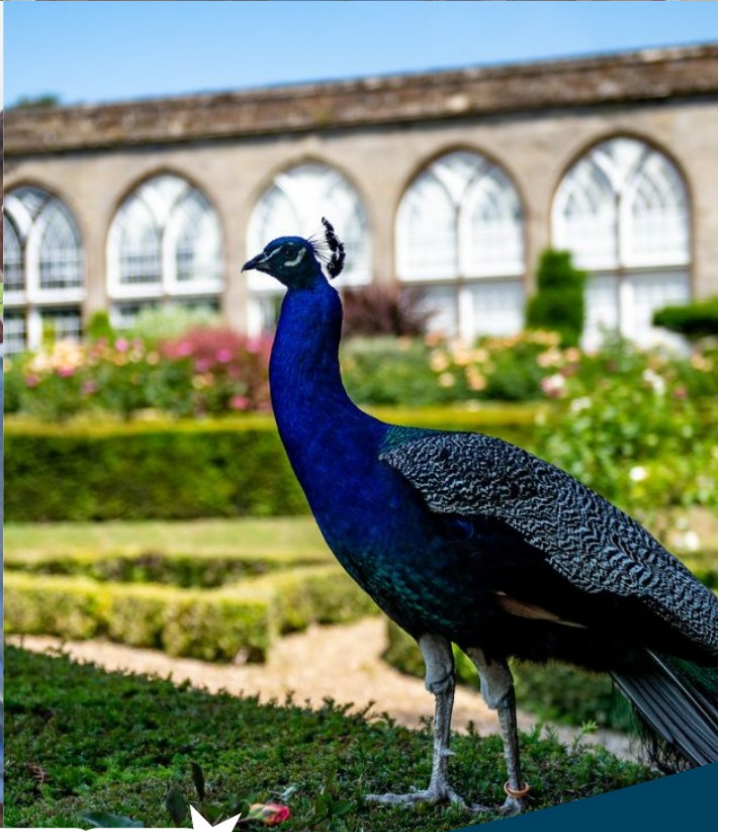
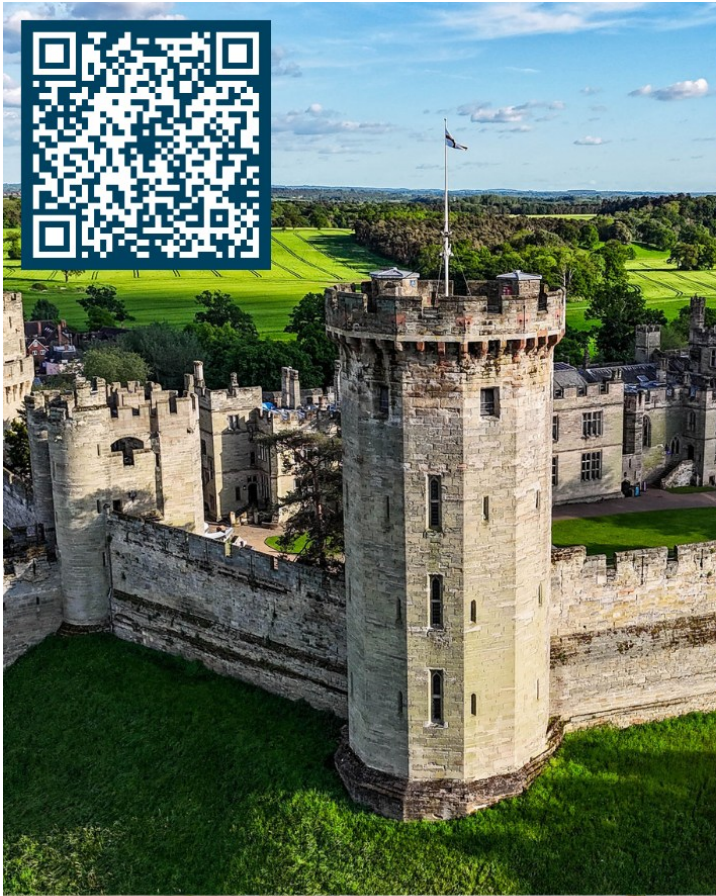
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