



Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers

Next week marks a momentous time in the history of Coten End Primary School as we convert to an academy and join Stowe Valley MAT (SVMAT) on Tuesday 1st April. As previously mentioned, there will be no obvious changes to the day to day running of our school or the educational provision for our children.

Staff will be wearing a pale blue lanyard instead of a red one and the Stowe Valley logo will appear on letters and signs etc. over the coming weeks and months but that's about it. Children will not be expected to wear suits as suggested by a pupil recently!

On Tuesday, some members of the SVMAT will be visiting school to recognise the occasion and meet with staff. Ranjit Samra, CEO, has written the following message:

As the CEO of Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust, I am delighted that Coten End Primary School will be joining our Trust on Tuesday 1st April. We are thrilled to have a school of such high standing join our Trust.

The school's vision of 'Learning for everyone, learning from everyone', aligns seamlessly with the overarching goal of the Trust. In the simplest terms, this is to give every child the most fantastic school experience and support them to 'Be the best they can be'.

Our core values of Kindness, Confidence and Resilience are at the heart of everything we do. We promote kindness, teaching our pupils the importance of empathy, respect, and compassion in their interactions with others. We strive to instil confidence in our pupils, helping them to believe in their abilities and take on new challenges with enthusiasm. We foster resilience, encouraging our pupils to persevere through difficulties and learn from their experiences. In an ever-changing world, if pupils live by these values, they will be successful in whatever they choose to do in their adult life.

I have visited Coten End on several occasions and have always been warmly welcomed by the children and staff alike, and I look forward to meeting more members of the school community in the weeks and months to come.



As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions about this.

Thinking of all this weekend who are mums, grandmas, new mums, step-mums, foster and adoptive mums, mums in heaven, dads who are mums, those who would like to be mums but are unable and all those who care. Thank you for all you do.

Best wishes

Sarah Sheepy

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Year 4 Book Reviewers

A group of children from Y4 visited Warwick Library last week to share their book reviews and artwork of the surrounding texts that they have been reading this year in school. These included: When The Mountains Roared, Variety of Life and The Last Bear.

Jordyn, Baran, Ayana and Bella were fantastic representatives of our school and also spoke so passionately about their love of reading. Well done Y4!



Languages news

Year 6/Myton German workshop

Last Friday some Year 9 Myton students led a German workshop for all of Year 6. The secondary students had planned various fun and engaging activities for our children to enjoy. It was a lovely way to recap all of the German that they have been learning this term.



Culture Club (Cantonese)

Our Languages Ambassadors have been having lots of fun learning about the Chinese language and culture thanks to our very own Miss Tso and Miss Hui. We are also lucky to have lots of Cantonese speaking children to help out.

Madame Allison has yet to decide what next half-term's language is going to be. If you speak another language and would be willing to help her out on Wednesday lunchtimes, she would love to hear from you!



Road safety

Unfortunately a cyclist was knocked off his bike earlier in the week when a child opened their car door into the cycle lane near to school. Fortunately no damage was done but it has been reported that this happens many times and cyclists have had near misses due to children exiting from cars on to the road. Some parents are also choosing to cross the road away from the crossing lights and walking between stand still cars and straight on to the cycle lane without checking for cyclists.

Please remember that the cycle lane is frequently used and, under no circumstances should children be leaving cars that are not safely parked up. Parents are also strongly encouraged to cross at the pedestrian lights for obvious safety reasons.

Ruby's kindness

Last week Ruby (1BS) donated over 12 Inches of her hair to The Little Princess Trust (they make wigs for young people who have had cancer).

Ruby has been amazing in this process and raised over £500 in doing so.

Ruby had grown her hair in order to be able to donate such an amount to this Trust, knowing how valuable this would be, and her family are super proud of her doing this for such a worthwhile charity.

If anyone would like to donate more to the charity, this can be done via Ruby's JustGiving page below:



Basketball success for Robert and Lewis

This season Robert and Lewis (both 6WH) have represented Warwickshire Hawks in the Warwickshire Basketball Association (WBA) league. The WBA league covers 4 teams: Warwickshire Hawks, Coventry Tornadoes, Solihull Griffins and Redditch.



There were 4 Under-11 WBA tournaments this season with all 4 teams competing against each other. Each tournament consisted of 3 games.

Selection for the squad depended on performances and progress within weekly training sessions and monthly inter team tournaments between Warwick, Leamington, Stratford and Moreton Morrell teams (with approximately 20 members in each team) within Warwickshire Hawks Group.

Both Lewis and Robert were selected to play in the squad for all U11 WBA tournaments — a great achievement and they helped Warwickshire Hawks finish the league in 2nd place.

Congratulations Nathan!

Thank you to Nathan's parents for this lovely report

During the February half term holidays Nathan set out to finish the final leg of his WW1 Family History Swim Bike Run challenge raising money for the local air ambulance and children's air ambulance charities.

Before travelling to France Nathan's challenge began with a run from St John's (the old Royal Warwickshire Regiment museum) through the historic barracks of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment to the war memorial of his great-great-grandfather in Bidford on Avon and then returned home again—a total distance of 35 miles (over 7 weeks)

He then swam 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).

Once in France he cycled from Calais through the battlefields of the Somme all the way to his great-great-grandfather's war grave—a journey spanning 97.6 miles (over a day and a half).

We are super proud of Nathan of his achievement throughout the whole of his challenge. Whilst challenging and difficult at times, Nathan enjoyed the experience of riding in France, and was undeterred by the constant uphill sloping roads, strong headwinds and even having to ride through a thick muddy field on the cycle route before reaching the final resting place of his great-great-grandfather, this brave soldier, A.E. Harris, lost his life on July 31st, 1915.

The trip was an experience for us all as a family, once at the end point of the challenge the sheer size and number of graves on the site was surprising especially seeing the number of soldiers who died from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and also the number of "Unknown Soldiers" who are also buried there.

Nathan has finished his challenge having raised an amazing total (including gift aid) of £1356 for the Air Ambulance and children's air ambulance charities. Nathan wishes to thank all those that have sponsored him and followed him through his journey. Anyone wishing to still sponsor him can do until 1st April 2025.



Boys' Football Team — Match Reports

Sydenham Primary School

On Monday, Coten End faced off against Sydenham Primary School in a thrilling football match that had spectators on the edge of their seats. Coten End made a strong start, showcasing some fantastic teamwork as they moved the ball quickly and effectively. Displaying excellent spatial awareness, the players shifted the ball across the pitch in small triangles, asserting their dominance early in the game. This relentless pressure paid off when Coten End finally broke through the Sydenham defence, finishing the first half with a well-earned lead of 1-0.

However, the second half unfolded quite differently. Sydenham found their rhythm and quickly adapted to the game's pace, resembling the fluid play that Coten End had displayed earlier. In a remarkable turnaround, within just five minutes, Sydenham managed to score four goals, leaving Coten End momentarily deflated. Two of these goals came from a particularly strong performer on the Sydenham team, who was able to exploit gaps in the Coten End defence.

Despite this setback, Coten End demonstrated resilience and continued to press forward. The team's hard work bore fruit when a foul in the box led to a penalty, which was calmly slotted home, bringing the score to 4-2. This match highlighted the competitive spirit and talent of both teams, and while the final result tilted in favour of Sydenham, Coten End can take pride in their performance. There is much to build upon as they look forward to their next match.

St Margaret's C of E Junior School

This week witnessed an exhilarating display of football as Coten End faced off against St Margaret's in Whitnash. The match commenced with a rather cagey start from both teams, where nervous energy was palpable. Both sides showcased their defensive prowess, leading to notable saves and crucial last-ditch tackles from the St Margaret's defenders, setting the stage for an intense contest.

However, it wasn't long before Coten End found a breakthrough. In a moment of brilliance, Tommaso managed to slip the ball past the St Margaret's goalkeeper, igniting a spark in the Coten End camp. The momentum began to swing, and the game turned into a thrilling exchange of possession, characterised by end-to-end action. Just before the half-time whistle, a pivotal moment occurred when Jordan received the ball on the halfway line. Seizing the opportunity, he unleashed a powerful shot that soared over the goalkeeper, striking the net with an impressive bounce that left spectators in awe.

Emerging from the half-time break with renewed energy, Coten End found their rhythm and began to exploit the spaces effectively. Their attacking play gradually dismantled the St Margaret's defence, leading to a flurry of goals that showcased their improvement since the earlier match in the week. Tommaso, riding high on confidence, completed his hat-trick, underlining his importance to the team.

Amongst the scoring, a standout moment arrived when Sam showcased remarkable control, bringing the ball down deftly in the penalty area before firing a thunderous volley into the top corner, leaving the goalkeeper with little chance.

As the final whistle blew, the scoreline read 5-0 in favour of Coten End, a testament to their development and teamwork. Their performance was not only a celebration of skills but a thrilling victory that will undoubtedly enthuse both players and supporters alike as they continue their campaign.



Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



Kids' Bikeathon Sunday 4th May 2025

Victoria Park, Leamington Spa

10am -12 noon

£10 for the first child and £8.50 for siblings.

This sponsored event will be fun for children and help to raise money for Blood cancer UK; it's organised by Anne Oliver from Warwick.

Anne's daughter, Sophie (7), died of leukaemia in 1998 and the family have been raising money for the charity ever since.

Children can cycle or scoot around the tarmac track in Victoria Park as many times as they wish; it's NOT a race; all must wear a helmet.

For more information, and to register, please use this link, or the QR code on the poster further on in the newsletter:

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/blood-cancer-uk/kids-bikeathon-leamington-spa-2025>

Raring2Go magazine

The sun is shining and Spring has arrived! The Spring edition of Raring2go! is out now and is full of ideas to keep local families busy and entertained right through to May Half Term.

You will find a copy on the link below:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/spring2025/>



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Exploring the world through play



We are looking for donations to help enhance our play offer and to give every child access to enriching play times.

We need regular donations of the following items:

- Dressing up costumes
- Small world toys i.e. toy cars, tractors, doctors and nurse toys, plastic foods and shopping toys
- Milk crates
- Lengths of rope
- Guttering or piping
- Buckets and spades
- Tires
- Tarpaulin
- Musical instruments

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 31st March	9.00am Year 1 Come & Learn			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 1st April	Conversion to Academy and joining Stowe Valley MAT			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 6 trip to Winchcombe 3CC trip to Cross Hands Quarry			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 3rd April				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 4th April	9.00am Year 1 Come & Learn			Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y1, Y2)
Monday 7th April	3LA trip to Cross Hands Quarry Reception vision tests			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 8th April	Rocksteady Concert Year 5/6 Author visit— Onjali Q. Raúf			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 9th April			Year 4 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 10th April	3SC to Cross Hands Quarry		Year 4 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 11th April			Year 4 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure END OF TERM	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y1, Y2)



of Coten End Primary School

Spring Raffle

Prizes include: AEG Warwick Sessions Concert tickets for 6 people; KEF Audio in-ear headphones (RRP £199); A photoshoot and images from Michelle Lutley Photography; Reformer Pilates 1:1 induction, sessions and socks from Humanity Pilates; Magazine Subscription from DC Thomson; Vouchers for Aubrey Allen, Bread & Co, Charles Clinkard, COOK, Golden Monkey Tea Company, Presto Music, Stratford Garden Centre, The Black Pug, The Wine House and Warwick Books; Holiday Club vouchers from GoGo Makers, Let's Play and Onside Coaching; Entry to Jam Jam Boomerang and Little Monkeys Funhouse; Family days out at Batsford Arboretum, Birdland, Hill Close Gardens, Fairytale Farm and Umberslade Adventure; Boat voucher from Leam Boat and Paddle Board voucher from Spot on Wake; Family Swims at St Nicks and 30 minute session at Swim in a Tin; Mini Fish and Chips from St Johns Fishbar; Cream tea for Two at Thomas Oken Tea Rooms; Brunch at Boston Tea Party Stratford; Music Tuition from Top of the Rock; Disc Golf at Gilly's Disc Golf; Mini makeover from Raspberry Hair; Adult hair cut from the Den Barbers; Wine from Wine Poole; Mr Karting Sessions; Main Enclosure tickets for Warwick Racecourse; Acting classes from Pauline Quirke Academy and Gymnastics from Warwickshire Elite; Tickets to a Loft Production

Raffle tickets are £1 each and are available through People's Fundraising by scanning the QR code.



With our thanks to all businesses who have supported our fundraising by donating incredible prizes.

Friends of Coten End Primary (Charity no. 1071996) c/o Coten End Primary School, Coten End, Warwick, CV34 4NP.

FUNDRAISING LAUNCH

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Online

Raffle

Saturday 29th March
Market Place, Warwick
9am-3pm

RAFFLE

STALLS

MUSIC

FOOD

+WARWICK MARKET+
STAGE & LIVE MUSIC
FACE PAINTING

THRIVE YOUTH ACTIVITY BUS
FIRE ENGINE & AMBULANCE

MOTHERS DAY GIFTS & PLANT STALL

EASTER TREASURE TRAIL

RAFFLE & TOMBOLA & GAMES

STAGE
RUNNING
ORDER

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OF GROOVE

SPA BRASS

ROCK CHOIR

PLUM JERKUM
MORRIS DANCERS

SPAKULELE

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for ages 7 - 11

Tues 15, Weds 16, Thurs 17 April

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GapGO! – Outdoor Skills

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log in to: <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>

Not eligible for a HAF code?

Email Jane for prices and to book your place
jane.lisle-holmes@thegapwarwick.org

The Gap Community Centre
Oakwood Grove, Warwick CV34 5TD



Kids' Bikeathon

Leamington 2025

A sponsored cycle/scoot around Victoria Park for children up to Year 6.

Have fun and raise money for blood cancer research.

£10 to register (£8.50 for siblings).

Scan the QR code to register.



Sunday, 4th May 2025

Time:

10am - 12 (register from 9.40)

Location

Victoria Park, Princes Drive,
Leamington Spa, CV31 3PH

Contact email:

bloodcancerukhoe@gmail.com



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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sendfamilyfeedback

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

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send

