



Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this first newsletter as Head of School, I feel both a deep sense of pride and genuine excitement for the journey ahead. Some of you will know that this school has been a part of my life for the past 13 years, ever since I arrived as a Newly Qualified Teacher. It has been a privilege to grow with this community—teaching, learning, and sharing in so many milestones along the way.

That time has allowed me to get to know many of our families well, to watch siblings come through the school, and to be part of countless experiences as a teacher and at school events. These connections mean a great deal to me, and I'm equally looking forward to getting to know those who are newer to our school. Whether this is your first year with us or your sixth, you are very much part of the heart of our community.

Some of you may know that I have the ill-fortune of being a lifelong Everton fan. I often find myself drawing on our club's motto: *Nil Satis Nisi Optimum—Nothing but the best is good enough*. It's a powerful phrase, and one that speaks to high standards and ambition. But in schools (and as an Everton fan), it's important we remember that striving for the best doesn't mean being perfect. Learning is messy. Mistakes are essential. What matters most is that we all support each other, bounce back, and keep aiming high. That's a message I will continue to share with our children and staff every day and is equally well supported by our school motto: *Learning for Everyone, Learning from Everyone*.

This term also marked a new chapter for our school as we officially became part of Stowe Valley Multi-Academy Trust. While we will always remain true to our unique character and values, joining a wider family of schools brings fresh opportunities—to collaborate, to share expertise, and to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. We're already seeing the benefits of these new partnerships, and I look forward to sharing more with you in the months to come. A small insight into this for parents comes in the wonderful articles about some recent school events which you will find in the newsletter below.

I would also like to make a special mention to our Year 4 colleagues and families this week. They have had a truly memorable experience at Blackwell and I would like to thank all those who are supporting. Residential Visits are one of the school events I look forward to most and whilst a 6-week old has prevented me from attending this year, I know exactly how much the children will have benefitted from this experience. We will be sure to put an article with photos in our next newsletter.

As we settle into the new term, my door is always open. I'm keen to listen, to learn, and to work together with you all—staff, parents, carers, and of course, our amazing children—to make this school the best it can be, because nothing but the best is good enough.

Thank you for the warm support I've already received. I'm truly excited for what lies ahead. I wish all of you a pleasant and restful Easter.

Warm regards,

Nick Williams
Head of School



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

INSET days—2025/26

To help parents prepare for the new academic year, here are the 5 INSET days on which school will be closed to children:

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Tuesday 6th January 2026

Please follow the link below to see the calendar for 2025/26 school year:

[2025/26 Academic year](#)

School meal price increasing

Our school caterers, Educaterers, have faced challenges over recent years and, now with increases in inflation through 2025 due to various national and international political and environmental factors, changes to the living wage and increased National Insurance contributions, are faced with having to re-view their pricing in order to take account of these cost pressures.

As a result of the above, school meals will be increasing with effect from 28th April 2025 to £3.00 per meal. Please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your ParentPay account to cover this increase for any meals that your child may take.

Here is the link to next term's school dinner menu:

[Summer term menus](#)

School news

Basketball success

On Wednesday 9th April, Coten End attended a basketball competition at Moreton Morrell College. In the afternoon session there were 6 schools from the local area competing with teams split into 2 groups. Coten End played 2 games with the winners from each group competing in a final at the end of the session. We started incredibly strongly winning our first match 36-0. In our second match we also won impressively, 26-4. Each member of the team was fantastic, playing with enthusiasm and a competitive nature.

Those two results meant that we made it through to play in a final against Milverton Primary School. This was a much closer match with impressive defence on both sides and some great teamwork displayed. Coten End defended fiercely to hang on for a 10-8 victory, finishing the day as competition winners. Well done to the team on a brilliant achievement. Here are some photos from the day.



School news continued...

Here are 2 articles that have been produced by Stowe Valley MAT on recent events in school. To read more about what events that have taken place at other schools in the MAT please follow this link:

[Stowe Valley school news](#)

COTEN END PRIMARY SCHOOL APRIL 2025



LATEST NEWS

Onjali Q. Rauf, Author visit



On Tuesday 8th April we were honoured to welcome award-winning author and MBE, Onjali Q. Rauf to Coten End to speak with our Year 5 and 6 children. During the session Onjali was thoroughly engaging and entertaining as she spoke about the incredible inspiration for her new book, *The Letter With the Golden Stamp*. Children loved listening to extracts from the story (Read in a Welsh accent!!) and hearing about how Onjali's own experience of charitable work during lockdown and being a young carer had inspired the events in the story. Onjali was very generous with her time, answering questions and signing copies of the book. It was a very inspiring experience for the children to meet Onjali and we thank her sincerely for visiting us.

This event was made possible by Stratford Literary Festival who work hard to fundraise in order to subsidise author visits.



Learning for everyone, learning from everyone.



LATEST NEWS

Girls' Football

On Wednesday 2nd April, Coten End Primary School represented Leamington Town FC at the National U11 Girls' Football Tournament at York City FC knowing that victory would mean taking part in the North - South final at Wembley Stadium.

We are incredibly proud of the girls' efforts at the end of what has been quite a journey to represent Leamington Town at this level having demonstrated that we are the best in the region. It was evident straight away that the level of football was exceptionally high. Our girls battled tremendously well and in our first game were 1-0 up with moments to go. Backs were against the wall and a deflected shot made it 1-1 in the final moments.

In our second game, we quickly went 2-0 down, but a spirited display brought it back to 2-1 and the girls were pushing and pushing for the final 5 minutes - coming very close to an equaliser which unfortunately did not arrive. From that point onwards, the difficulty simply increased but the girls continued to fight and represented Coten End and Leamington brilliantly.

To put into context the level of challenge, the eventual winners who were representing AFC Fylde, had two Manchester City Academy players and a Blackpool Academy player. The level of girls' football was beyond any level of girls' football I have ever seen, but at no point were our girls out of their depth and it was an incredible experience for us to build on as the local girls' football league continues with a league fixture against Barford next week.

Well done to Olivia, Keziah, Orly, Imogen, Zariah, Erin and Genevieve!



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Year 3's Fossil-Filled Adventures at Cross Hands Quarry

Over the past two weeks, all three Year 3 classes have enjoyed exciting trips to Cross Hands Quarry, where the children stepped back in time to explore fossils of marine animals from the Middle Jurassic age. Armed with keen eyes and lots of enthusiasm, the children had the chance to dig for real fossils and learn all about the sea creatures that lived in that part of Warwickshire millions of years ago – 170 million years ago to be exact! The highlight of the day was when the children discovered echinoids, brachiopods, ammonites and fossilised coral. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that brought their Fossil Hunters topic and science lessons to life. Well done, Year 3!



Welcome to the Royal Mint Museum's Short Story Competition page.

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>

For the fifth year running, we are holding our annual Short Story Competition. Open to Primary school pupils aged 8 to 11, students are invited to submit a story of no more than 500 words based around a chosen topic.

This year's topic is **Sustainable Futures**. Over the last few years the Royal Mint has been moving toward a more sustainable way of working by increasing its use of renewable energies and changing what we do by building a new precious metal recycling department on our site in South Wales. As we are looking to the future, we'd like you to do the same with your story.

Read our inspiration pages to find out how the Royal Mint is moving toward a more sustainable future, hopefully this will help to inspire you and give you some ideas for your story.

The competition will be open for entries from 17th February until 25th April. Winners will be announced on our website in May.

Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



Club availability

There are spaces left in some of our After School Clubs:

Monday— Football (Y3/4), Dance (Y3-6)

Tuesday—Spanish, Drama (Y3-6)

Wednesday—Arts & Crafts (R, Y1-2)

Thursday—Multi-Sports (Y2-4)

Friday—Dance (R, Y1-2), Athletics (Y1, 2)

Please see the club summary for information on these clubs and contact details:

[Summer clubs](#)

Arts Insight auditions

There are some places left on the **Masters of the Verse** Auditions taking place in Warwick and Coventry on the 19th, 26th and 27th April.

If your child enjoyed the workshop Arts Insight lead for Year 4 in school or attend weekly drama classes or simply want to get involved call or text Laura on 07540 874642.

Weekly rehearsals start on the 1st May at WarwickSpace (a stone's throw from school).



MASTERS OF THE VERSE

OPEN CASTING CALL

AUDITIONS FOR A NEW MUSICAL

CALLING ALL 7-17YR OLD PERFORMERS

WarwickSpace
19th & 26th April 2025
10 minute solo audition
between 9:30-2:30pm

The Albany Theatre
27th April 2025
10 minute solo audition
between 10:00-2:30pm

Please be available for recalls on the day between 2:30-4pm

Audition Material

- Learn, prepare and perform **3 short speeches** (provided).
- Perform **one section of a song**. A song list is provided and categorised by experience and ability.

"This above all: to thine own self be true" - Hamlet

THE ALBANY theatre

To book an audition slot email:
admin@arts-insight.com

ARTS INSIGHT THEATRE COMPANY

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 28th April				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 29th April			Year 5 Recycling and Climate Change workshops	Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 30th April				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 1st May			2.00pm & 6.00pm Reception/Y1—Covid babies workshop for Parents	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 2nd May				Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Athletics (Y1, Y2)
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY— SCHOOL CLOSED			
Tuesday 6th May			7.00pm Friends' Committee Meeting	Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 7th May				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 8th May				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 9th May	Girls' Football team tournament at Leamington Lions			Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Girls Football squad (Y5 & 6) Athletics (Y1, Y2)

SINGING FOR MUMS



- Coffee, tea and chat
- Friendly and supportive
- No singing experience necessary

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
OLD SQUARE
WARWICK**

**WEDNESDAYS
10-11.30**



St. Mary's
Warwick's Church of Treasures

A free singing group for mums and babies to promote emotional and mental wellbeing

Register Here



For more information contact:
✉ singingtown@warwickschools.co.uk

Warwick A Singing Town
are pleased to launch.....



Warwick
A Singing
Town

Warwick A Singing Town Children's Choir



Introducing the WAST Children's Choir, a new singing group led by members of the WAST team.

This FREE choir will rehearse at All Saints, Emscote on Wednesdays from 16:00 – 17:15.

Open to all in school years 2-5.
Initial open rehearsal: **Wednesday May 7th**

Scan the QR Code to register.

Warwick A Singing Town Children's
Choir Registration



There is always someone that can

HELP



Parents and Carers - During the Easter 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**.



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During the Easter holidays the **Safeguarding team** want to remind you that support is available.



Childline

You can talk to us about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

Telephone 0800 1111



Runaway Helpline

If you are thinking about running away, if you have already run away, or if you have been away and come back. You can also contact the Helpline if you are worried that someone else is going to run away or if they are being treated badly or abused.

Telephone 116 000 www.runawayhelpline.org.uk



Samaritans

24hr service offering emotional support.

Telephone 116 123 **Email** joesamaritans.org



Look Ahead

Works with vulnerable people throughout the UK, those with learning difficulties, mental health, young people and the homeless.

Telephone 0333 010 4600 www.lookahead.org.uk/



Stay safe young minds

If you feel overwhelmed, or like you want to hurt yourself, support is available for you to talk things through. You deserve help as soon as you need it.

Telephone 0800 068 4141 **Text 85258**



Kooth

Safe, anonymous online community and counselling for young people

Kooth.com



Stowe Valley
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST
SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION



MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE NOW, WITH **TWO MONTHS FREE***

Warwick Boat Club is Warwickshire's premier multi-sport club and welcomes tennis players of all ages and standards. It's a great place to exercise, improve your skills, and above all make new friends.

We can promise you laughter, fresh air, and stunning scenery. Moreover, if we receive your application by **Friday 9 May 2025**, you need only pay for 10 months in your first year.

* Offer applies to tennis & bowls

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

The club is holding
Open Days on
**Saturday 26 April &
Saturday 7 June**

Times are between 10.00 am and 12 noon for Juniors (aged between 7-16 years old) and between 12 noon to 2.00 pm for adults.

Please email tennis.manager@warwickboatclub.co.uk to book your place and find out more details about the open days.

Come and along and meet the members, check out the clubhouse, enjoy a drink at our bar or a coffee and cake at our café - and see what you think. All ages and standards most welcome.



A CLUB WITH A VIEW

Arguably the most scenic club in the UK, on the banks of the River Avon and in the shadow of Warwick Castle. A great place to relax, enjoy and have fun!

Warwick Boat Club 01926 40793

Tennis: tennis.manager@warwickboatclub.co.uk

Bowls: bowls@warwickboatclub.co.uk

33 Mill St, Warwick, CV34 4HB

www.warwickboatclub.co.uk

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BOAT CLUB



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EVER DREAMED OF TRAINING LIKE YOUR ENGLAND FUTSAL HEROES? NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!

Welcome to the Home of England Futsal Camps — the **ONLY** holiday camp that gives you a taste of what it's like to play for England Futsal. Designed for girls and boys aged 4–14, this is your chance to feel like a true England futsal star!

Experience the England Futsal Way

Our camps are built to replicate the England Futsal national team experience, with training programs written by some of the best futsal developers in England. From mastering ball control to building confidence and teamwork, every session is packed with expert coaching and non-stop fun — all in a safe and inclusive environment.

What makes our camps special?

- Official England futsal experience — train like the stars with the England futsal badge proudly on display
- Elite coaching to boost your skills, speed, and game awareness
- Exclusive & premium camps — with limited spots to keep sessions focused and elite

10 AM – 3 PM sessions packed with drills, games, and epic futsal moments!

KING'S HIGH SCHOOL, WARWICK

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April
10am-3pm

Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th May
10am-3pm

Be Part of England Futsal History

This is the very first camp of its kind, and you can be one of the first to take part. Whether you're scoring goals or learning to command the pitch, this is your chance to experience what it's like to wear the England futsal badge and train like a national team player.

Ready to live your England futsal dream?

Camp costs £50 per day. Spots are strictly limited — register now and start your journey to greatness!
<https://englandfutsal.coordinate.cloud/>

11 courts (10 floodlit); an experienced coaching team; regular social, competitive games and matches for all ages means there is something for everyone.



TENNIS



BOWLS



BOWLS

We have a full programme of social, galas, matches and competitions, all played on our lovely four-rink green overlooking the river. Our coaching team are here to support those new to the sport.



Full details about the club and its sporting sections, membership fees (including our special offer) and how to join can be found at www.warwickboatclub.co.uk. If you have any queries, please see sporting or admin contacts at www.warwickboatclub.co.uk/contact

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Tell us what you think...



... 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

