



# Coten End Newsletter

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## Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoyed both the Easter holidays and the recent long weekend. It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through this unusually short half term.

As we head into an important week, we want to send our very best wishes to all of our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare to sit their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year. These assessments are just one part of their learning journey, and we know they will give their best effort. Contrary to popular belief, the Year 6 pupils will continue with their learning after the SATs as we prepare them for the transition to secondary school. They have got some exciting events to look forward to over the coming weeks and we will keep you posted about them in future newsletters.

Yesterday also marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day—Victory in Europe Day—which commemorates the end of World War II in Europe on 8th May 1945. It was a moment to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who served and to honour the lasting peace that followed. Across school, we held a two minute silence and class teachers spoke to the children about the significance of the day.

On 1st May, Myton School joined Stowe Valley MAT. We have always worked closely with Myton and you will see on the calendar dates later in the newsletter that we have some language visits coming up this term for Year 6— it is always lovely to see the older Myton students sharing their knowledge with our children. There will be many more opportunities for collaboration between the schools which will only serve to benefit both children and staff as well as the wider MAT opportunities to come this term including a MAT-wide sports event where Coten End will be represented in each year in Key Stage 1 and 2.

Warm regards,

Sarah Sheepy  
Executive Headteacher

**BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL**

# Important Notices — please read

## Change to Gate Opening Time

Please note that there has been a change to the time that the school gates will be unlocked at the end of the school day. All external gates will now be unlocked at approximately **3:10pm**.

We kindly ask that parents do not enter the school site before this time.

If you need to collect your child before 3:15pm (KS1)/3.20pm (KS2)—for reasons such as a medical appointment, illness, or an emergency—please contact the school office in advance so appropriate arrangements can be made.

## Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in School

We would like to remind parents and pupils that mobile phones are not permitted in school; this includes pupils not using their phone on the school site before they enter their classroom or after they leave the classroom. The only exception is for pupils in Year 5 and 6 who have been given permission to walk to and from school independently, and whose parents feel it is necessary for them to carry a phone for emergency contact purposes.

In such cases, the phone must be switched off upon arrival at school and handed directly to the class teacher. It will be returned to the child at the end of the school day. Please note that the school cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones while they are on school premises. If a pupil is found in possession of a mobile phone during the school day, the device will be confiscated and returned to the parent directly.

Whilst we encourage children to wear watches to help them learn to tell the time, **smart watches or any device with similar functionality to a mobile phone or computer are not permitted in school.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Pope

## Music lessons cancelled next week

Please note that there are **NO** music lessons next week due to the SATs tests.

## Class photos

Class photos are being taken next Friday 16th May so please ensure that your child comes to school looking smart in correct school uniform and wearing any badges of responsibility as appropriate. Proofs cards of the photos will be sent home the week after and orders should be placed online.



## Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



## Safety on the school site

Further to messages previously sent out, there are still children and adults riding bikes and scooters on the school site. The message is that these should not be ridden at any time before, during or after the school day.



Children should not be playing on equipment or on the playgrounds or fields after school. The grounds are used daily for after school clubs and by KidzOwn — parents, please ensure that you and your children leave the school grounds in a timely manner so that clubs can run smoothly.

## Sunglasses and Sun Cream

As the sun starts to shine please may I remind parents that children are asked not to bring sunglasses to school unless they are prescription glasses. Children should be wearing sun hats when outside and there is no need for sunglasses, we cannot be responsible for loss or breakages and therefore request that they are not brought in to school at all unless absolutely necessary. Sun hats and caps can be worn to shield the sun from children's eyes.

Please remember that suncream needs to be applied before school so that children are protected. Children may bring in suncream to reapply however this cannot be done by staff.

Please also remember to send in a full water bottle each day, with your child's name clearly marked.

## Menu change — Thursday 15th May

There is a change to the lunch menu on Thursday; the options will be

**Red— Burger in a Bun (with optional cheese)**

**Green— Veggie Hot Dog**

If you have already chosen your child's meal for Thursday and would like to change your choice, please do this via your ParentPay account by 8.00am on Thursday morning.

If your child does not normally have hot dinners, please remember that you can see the menus on the school website and children can order these on an ad hoc basis if they like a particular meal; meals in Reception to Year 2 are not charged, meals in Y3-6 cost £3.00 (free if eligible for Free School Meals).

## MFL News

Here is a round up of the languages activities that have been happening in school recently.

### Video call with Austria - Year 6

Before the Easter break Year 6 enjoyed practising their German with some German speaking children at a school in Austria.



## French pen pals

Year 5 LOVED receiving letters from their French pen pals once they finally arrived. They had been anticipating these for quite some time but it was worth the wait!

## Primary Bee Competition

Well done to the following Year 6 children who have made it through to the final of this prestigious competition which is being held at Cambridge University on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Madame Allison will be in touch with parents once travel arrangements have been finalised.

French - Evie and Kimi  
Spanish - Roman and Anil  
German - Lola, Paal, Sam, Batu, Alvina, Alfie and Sedona

## Culture Club (Cantonese)

In our last Cantonese session the children thoroughly enjoyed tasting some Cantonese food thanks to Miss Tso and her husband, Alston, Miss Hui and Jingle's Mum (Joanna).



## Culture Club (Shona)

Our Languages Ambassadors have very much enjoyed starting to learn about our new language of the half-term which is SHONA. Chiedza (Mambo and Mukuru's Mum) and Douglas (Maka's Dad) have very kindly agreed to help run the club. This week the children found out where Shona is spoken (Zimbabwe, Africa) and learnt some greetings and associated hand gestures. We are very much looking forward to learning lots more about this language.



# Football report

## Boys' Football League Tournament at Leamington FC

The second half of the boys' football league tournament took place at Leamington FC on Monday, with the Coten End team facing a daunting challenge of needing to secure victories in all three matches to enhance their chances of clinching the league title.

Coten End's first encounter was against Newburgh. The two teams were evenly matched at the outset, with both sides creating opportunities. However, as the game progressed, Coten End began to break through Newburgh's defence, crafting several chances to score. Unfortunately, they could not find the back of the net. It was a brilliant individual effort from a Newburgh player that broke the deadlock, as they executed a stunning volley that rifled into the top corner. The match concluded with a narrow 1-0 defeat for Coten End.



In their second game, Coten End faced Sydenham, a team they had previously succumbed to in a 9-a-side match earlier in the term. This time, however, Coten End entered the match with renewed determination. They quickly took the lead after a well-blocked shot fell kindly to their advantage, and they smashed it home to go 1-0 up. They soon doubled their lead with a fantastically worked team goal, showcasing their improved cohesion and skill. The match ended with Coten End triumphing 2-0.

The final match saw Coten End up against the current league leaders, Milverton. Both sides began enthusiastically, but an early goal from a disciplined and confident Milverton team put Coten End on the back foot. The game opened up, with chances arising for both teams, including a notable clearance off the line from Milverton. Ultimately, the match finished 1-0 in favour of Milverton, who went on to secure the league title with a convincing 3-0 victory over Brookhurst, further underscoring the resilience Coten End displayed against a strong Milverton side.



Mr Rose

# Year Group News

## Year 2

This week Year 2 have welcomed chicks and ducklings to our classes!

We have watched some of them start to hatch and can't wait to see what new arrivals may appear over the weekend. We are all very 'egg-cited' to watch our new classmates continue to grow.



## Year 3

Last Friday, Year 3 had an amazing experience exploring Ancient Egypt through virtual reality! As part of our history topic, the children put on special VR headsets and were instantly transported back in time to the land of pharaohs, the pyramids and the River Nile. The children walked through giant temples, saw the Great Pyramid of Giza up close, and even peeked inside a tomb filled with ancient treasures.

Everyone was full of excitement and curiosity. The children learnt so much about Egyptian life and their gods — all without leaving the classroom. This activity was funded by Friends - thank you so much!



## Year 4

Just before the Easter break, Year 4 set off on their 3 day adventure to Blackwell. Whilst there, all of the children demonstrated the full range of Coten End values throughout each day.

We saw examples of determination in tackling the high ropes, leap of faith and zip line. We saw kindness in the way that children looked after each other (and the staff) when an activity seemed challenging. We saw responsibility in how each group looked after the equipment they were using as well as how they kept their pods organised. All of the staff and children involved had a wonderful time and it has been lovely to reflect on these moments since we returned to school for the new term.



# Events happening this term

Please note that this list is not exhaustive. There will be more dates added through the term and we will inform relevant year groups as anything is added or amended. The calendar on the website will also be kept up to date, you can subscribe to the calendar via the school website: [Calendar](#)

Date	Event
12-15 May	KS2 SATS
16 May 2025	Class photos (all day)
22 May	Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
26 – 31 May	Half term
02 June	Y6 trip to Drayton Manor
05 June	Year 5/6 Sports Morning at St Nick's Park
	Year 3/4 Sports Afternoon at St Nick's Park
06 June	Year 1/2 Sports Morning, Lower School Field
	Myton/Year 6 Spanish workshop
	Reception Sports Afternoon, Lower School Field
09 June	KS2 reserve sports day
10 June	KS1/Reception reserve sports day
12 June	Year 4 London visit
13 June	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
17 June	OPAL Come and Play afternoon New Reception Parents' meeting
18 June	Reception trip to All Things Wild
18 & 19 June	Year 6 Junior Apprentice
20 June	Francophone Art Day
25 June	New Reception Stay & Play (am and pm sessions)
30 June	Year 1 to Twycross Zoo
	Y5 Flute performance to parents (pm)
02 July	Changeover morning (Year 6 pupils visit secondary schools for the day)
	New Reception children Stay & Play (am and pm sessions)
03 July	OPAL Come and Play afternoon
	Governors meeting (4.30pm)
04 July	Year 6/Myton MFL workshop
	Summer Fair (after school)
07 July	Year 1 HT assemblies and Come & Share (information already sent out)
	Provisional Y5 Activity week
08 July	Year 4 HT assemblies and Come & Share (information already sent out)
	Year 6 show – 6AJ (6.30pm)
09 July	Year 6 show – 6MC (6.30pm)
10 July	Year 6 show – 6WH (6.30pm)
10 July	Year 3 HT assemblies and Come & Share (information already sent out)
14 July	Year 2 HT assemblies and Come & Share (information already sent out)
15 July	Year 5 HT assemblies and Come & Share (information already sent out)
	Reports sent home
16 July	Reception HT assemblies and Come & Share (information already sent out)
17 July	Y6 Leavers assemblies and Come & Share (information already sent out)
18 July	Last day of term

# Around The World



**CENSUS DAY**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Cheese (optional) Burger  
in a Bun (D.G.SB.SU)  
or  
(v) Vegetarian Hot Dog (G)**

**Italian 'Patate al Forno'  
(Garlic & Herb Diced Potatoes)**

**Petit Pois (Peas)  
Salade Verte (Green Salad)**

**(v) Belgium Waffle with  
Chocolate Sauce (G.E.SB)  
or  
(v) Jam Sponge  
& Custard (E.G.D)**

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SB-Soya  
SU-Sulphite  
V-Vegetarian  
F-Fish  
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	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 13th May	Year 6 SATs			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 14th May	Year 6 SATs			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs		4.30pm—Governors' meeting	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 16th May	<b>CLASS PHOTOS</b>		Girls Football match vs Aylesford Primary	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Athletics (Y1, Y2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6)
Monday 19th May				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 20th May				Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6)
Wednesday 21st May				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 22nd May	Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 23rd May			Girls Football match vs St Paul's  <i>Break up for half-term</i>	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Girls Football squad (Y5 & 6) Athletics (Y1, Y2)

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