

Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of an incredibly short but wonderfully busy half-term, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work and enthusiasm shown by both our staff and children. It's been a whirlwind of learning and fun—well done to everyone for making the most of every moment!

We're especially proud of our Year 6 children for their effort and determination during SATs. They approached the challenge with maturity and resilience, and we couldn't be more proud of them. They really took it in their stride and I am always so pleased to see how Coten End are able to balance the importance of doing our best in such assessments, with a rational understanding that it really isn't of life defining importance! I am sure they will enjoy their reward of a trip to Drayton Manor on the Monday after half-term.

Looking ahead, there's so much to be excited about. Our Central Warwick athletics events are just around the corner, and Year 4 are eagerly anticipating their visit to London. We're also preparing for our sports days, which are always a fantastic showcase of teamwork and school spirit. We also have a new addition this year of some of our pupils taking part in a Stowe Valley MAT 'Mini Olympics' later in June. And of course, we'll soon begin our much-loved end of year celebrations, particularly for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to take their next steps. Watch this space for information around Headteacher Assemblies, Talent Shows and much more.

Lastly, a quick reminder that our *Come and Play* events are coming up soon (17th June and 4th July)—this is a new opportunity for parents to come and hear about our OPAL journey and also to see play in action. Just a reminder that we cannot allow other children to attend with parents and **this session is not about interacting with your own child.**

Wishing you all a restful and sunny half-term break.

Warm regards,

Nick Williams

JOIN US FOR COME AND PLAY!

HEAR FROM MR WILLIAMS ABOUT OUR OPAL JOURNEY SO FAR AND EXCITING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. SEE PLAY IN ACTION DURING A TOUR AROUND ALL OF OUR OUTDOOR SPACES

EVENT DATES: 17TH JUNE AND 3RD JULY
1 HOUR SLOTS AT 1PM, 1.30PM AND 2PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA EVENTBRITE LINKS EMAILED TO PARENTS

BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Year 2's Magical Trip to Warwick Castle!

On Thursday, Year 2 embarked on a fantastic adventure to Warwick Castle, kickstarting their new learning theme, *Castle Quest*. The trip was filled with excitement, discovery, and plenty of opportunities to bring history to life!

The children were treated to a lively performance of *Zog*, the beloved dragon story that had everyone laughing and learning about bravery and friendship. The excitement continued as the children gathered for the thrilling **Falconer's Quest**, where they watched majestic birds of prey soar through the sky — a truly unforgettable sight!

One of the highlights of the day was the **trebuchet show**. The children were amazed to see this giant medieval catapult in action, and they learned how it was used in battles long ago.

The adventure didn't stop there — Year 2 bravely climbed the **Conqueror's Fortress**, discovering stunning views from the top. As they explored, they learned that Warwick Castle is a **motte and bailey castle**, originally built by **William the Conqueror** over 900 years ago!

The trip was a perfect way to spark curiosity and set the stage for our upcoming learning in *Castle Quest*. Well done, Year 2 — what a brilliant start to your medieval journey!



Modern Foreign Languages

Culture Club (Shona)

As has become customary for our last Culture Club of a half-term, the children enjoyed sampling a selection of traditional Zimbabwean foods. It was certainly a novelty eating a warm meal with our fingers, as is the norm in Zimbabwe! Madame Allison would like to thank Chiedza Mupfumira (Mambo and Mukuru's Mum) and Douglas Mubayiwa (Maka's Dad) for giving up their time to come into school and share their language and culture.



Class photos

Your child should have brought home their class photo proof yesterday. Please note that orders can only be made online and the deadline for order is **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



Visit from Warwickshire Waste

Recently, we were delighted to welcome the Warwickshire Waste Team to our school, who worked with both children and staff to deepen our understanding of recycling—both at home and in school. The sessions were informative and engaging, highlighting how small actions can make a big difference. Our pupils showed remarkable responsibility and genuine care for the environment, eager to learn which items can and cannot be recycled locally. We discovered that in Warwickshire, toothpaste tubes, plastic bags, crisp packets, and certain types of food wrappers cannot be recycled through the kerbside collections. This knowledge helps us all make better choices to reduce waste and protect our planet.

In addition to this, Year 5 participated in impactful workshops focused on Climate Change and the urgent need to take the Climate Crisis seriously. The children learned practical steps they can take every day to help combat climate change, such as reducing energy use, saving water, and minimizing waste. As a school, we are committed to embedding sustainable practices throughout our daily routines and teaching. We hope you share our vision and support us in nurturing a generation that is informed, responsible, and motivated to care for our world.

Miss Chacko

Sporting success!

Jacob's Judo success

On 4th May Jacob (4VW) won the British Judo Council's biggest competition. After a few tough and competitive bouts he is now the National Champion for the under 27kg weight category. This is a huge achievement for Jacob who has been practising Judo for over three years and trains at least 5 hours a week at Warwick Judo and RedStar Judo, which runs here at school on Wednesdays.



Fantastic result for Rhys

Last weekend Rhys took part in a broken triathlon organised by the pool where he has swimming lessons. In his age category he came 1st in the Swim element, 1st in the cycling element and 3rd boy in the run element meaning he finished 1st overall and was super pleased with his achievements and being able to stand in gold spot on the podium.

He enjoyed showing the class some more pictures/ videos of the event.



Friends' Rainbow Raffle

Several volunteers have been in school today putting together a number of hampers filled with donations from our non-uniform day. Children brought in an assortment of items of a particular colour (based on their year group) and a collection of these have been put into each hamper.



For the opportunity to win a hamper that will be filled with colourful goodies, please buy a ticket via the link below:

[Rainbow raffle tickets](#)

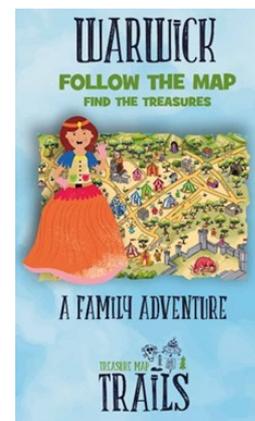
Ticket sales close at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd June.

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 2nd June	Year 6 trip to Drayton Manor			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 3rd June				Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6) Spanish
Wednesday 4th June				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 5th June	Bag 2 School collection Y5/6 Sports Morning (St Nicholas Astro turf)		Y3/4 Sports Afternoon (St Nicholas Astro turf)	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 6th June	Y1/2 Sports Morning (Lower School Field)		Reception Sports Afternoon (Lower School Field)	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Athletics (Y1, Y2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6)
Monday 9th June	Reserve Sports Day—KS2			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 10th June	Reserve Sports Day—Rec—Y2			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6) Spanish
Wednesday 11th June				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 12th June	Year 4 trip to London			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 13th June	INSET DAY <i>School closed to children</i>			

WHAT'S ON IN WARWICK IN HALF-TERM

Town Council:

A brand-new Treasure Map Trail for Warwick is being launched ahead of the half-term break, providing families with more affordable entertainment for the school holidays. Designed specifically for the town and themed on its historic tale of Guy of Wawick, the maps will lead children on a trail around the town centre, highlighting unique hidden gems and offering families the perfect way to explore Warwick at their own pace. Maps for the trail will be available from Warwick Visitor Information Centre for just £3.00.



Warwick Hall Museum:

Free Family Fossil Trail. Saturday 24th - Saturday 31st May.

Pick up a free activity trail and explore the fossils on display at the Market Hall Museum. Find out about fossil hunter Mary Anning and Jurassic Warwickshire. Just ask for a trail at the front desk.



Hill Close Gardens:

29th May Creepy Crawlies, Wiggling Worms and Slimy Slugs' Family workshop

Come along to our Boggling Bug Family Workshop – find out what The Very Hungry Caterpillar ate that gave him a tummy ache!

See if you can wiggle like a worm or fly like a butterfly and make a bug hotel to take home so you can have your very own creepy crawlies.

£5 per child, £2 siblings. Big people go free. 10.00am – 12.00pm

Warwick Castle:

Are open 10am to 5pm daily, with the return of jousting twice daily telling the story of the Wars of the Roses.

Book in advance for the best prices. Restrictions on local annual pass usage on the Bank Holiday.

Lord Leycester:

Family Tours, every Saturday at 2pm

Join a costumed character on an interactive journey through the Lord Leycester. Discover the story of medieval guildsmen, Tudor nobility and the Master and Brethren of the Lord Leycester.

FREE (with a valid General Admission Ticket)

Perfect for
Father's Day

PURSUIITS FESTIVAL WARWICK

RETURNS

14-15 JUNE

ST NICHOLAS PARK, WARWICK

FAMILY FRIENDLY

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

LIVE MUSIC FOOD & DRINK



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**Saturday 28 June
2025**



I'm supporting

ARMED FORCES DAY

FREE

Community Event

*Free activities & food for children - hot dogs, burgers and ice creams**

*Free Indian vegetarian food (Sikh Langar)**

Paid food & drink vendors including coffee, pizza and a bar

Music from Ruby Ann Sings | Military reenactors & vehicles

Military heritage village | Tri-Service competition

Find out more about a career in the military

Flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight - Avro Lancaster

**while stocks last*

Saturday 28 June, 11am to 3pm
Pump Room Gardens,
Leamington Spa, CV32 4AA



For further information visit: warwickdc.gov.uk/armedforcesday



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which aids understanding and
enables better solutions.**

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