



# Coten End Newsletter

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## Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported our recent Sports Days. We were fortunate with the weather (just about!) and hope you all enjoyed the atmosphere, events, and energy that the children brought to the field. Sports Day is more than just a competition – it's a celebration of participation, teamwork, and inclusion. We aim to create a positive and enjoyable experience for every child, and we hope that spirit came through. A special thank you goes to Mr Rose and Mrs Morgan, whose leadership, planning, and enthusiasm were key in making the days such a success.

Earlier this week, we held our first-ever OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) "Come and Play" session – and what a fantastic experience it turned out to be! I'll admit, I was a little uncertain beforehand about how it would be received, but any nerves were quickly eased by the overwhelmingly positive response from those who attended. It's been truly encouraging to see how many of you value the importance of play and the approach we're developing through OPAL. This initiative is central to how we're reimagining our playtimes to be more inclusive, creative, and enriching – and we're so grateful for your support on this journey.

Over the past few weeks, our pupils have had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of exciting enrichment activities, many of which you'll read more about in the rest of this newsletter. These experiences – whether trips, performances, or workshops – are vital to the holistic education we aim to provide. They offer memorable moments that stay with children for years to come. One such example was the Year 4 trip to London, a long and jam-packed day from 6:00am to 8:30pm, but incredibly rewarding and enjoyable for all involved. The dedication of our staff in planning and running these activities is something we're extremely proud of.

Looking ahead, we're excited for our upcoming **Summer Fair on Friday 4th July**. It promises to be a wonderful event and we hope to see many of you there. Please keep an eye out for further details and updates from school as the date approaches – we know this is a busy time of year, and we truly appreciate you keeping up with our communications. As we have said before, these events are run by our wonderful volunteers and school staff, however we are very short this year and this could lead to the event not being its usual success. If you can give any time please sign up to help via this link:

[shorturl.at/5ethT](https://shorturl.at/5ethT)

Finally, we want to shine a spotlight on the amazing work of **FRIENDS**, our parent-led fundraising group. Their recent success in securing substantial funding for SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) will have a transformative effect on our school grounds. Projects like these, along with initiatives like OPAL and other enhancements to our school environment, simply wouldn't be possible without their commitment and hard work. We are hugely grateful for everything they do. To find out more about the project, please follow this link:

<https://shorturl.at/HhZv5>

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more special moments with you and your children as the term continues. I hope the children have enjoyed Francophone Art Day and that you will be able to join us next Friday for the related Art Exhibition.

Warm regards,

Nick Williams

**BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL**

# Sports Day reports

## Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

On our first Friday back after half term, Reception and KS1 enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day full of teamwork and determination. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 weaved through the obstacle course, raced through cup-stacking, balanced along the bean-bag race and showed focus during the egg and spoon. They even showed excellent aim in the bean bag target and competed in the furthest javelin throw. Despite a few rain showers in the morning, KS1 powered through with big smiles and a positive attitude. In the afternoon, the sun came out just in time for Reception's turn. All children took part in all the events with enthusiasm. They cheered loudly for their team mates and showed amazing perseverance throughout each event.

We would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful Year 6 Sports Ambassadors and House Captains. Their support in organising equipment and modelling the events helped the day run smoothly from start to finish. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support — your cheers and encouragement made the day even more special!

Well done Reception and Key Stage 1!



## Key Stage 2

We are thrilled to share the success of this year's Key Stage 2 Sports Day, held on Thursday, 5th June, at the fantastic St Nicholas Park Astro Turf. With the sun shining brightly and music adding to the festive atmosphere, the day was a true celebration of teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit.

The programme featured a wide variety of events designed to challenge and entertain. Children showcased their skills in the javelin, sack race, three-legged race, dressing-up race, relay, hurdles, obstacle course, and of course, the sprints. The layout of the Astro Turf allowed two events to run simultaneously—one for each year group—creating a vibrant and supportive environment where children could cheer on their housemates and enjoy the action.

Each child participated in at least one event, with everyone joining in for the much-anticipated sprint race. From the moment the first whistle blew, the energy and enthusiasm from both pupils and spectators were infectious.

Parents played a vital role in the day's success, offering encouragement from the designated viewing areas and helping to maintain a smooth and safe event. We're grateful for everyone's cooperation in respecting the guidelines, which helped ensure the day ran efficiently and inclusively.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, from children proudly completing their races to parents applauding every effort, big or small.

Thank you to all staff, volunteers, and families who helped make Sports Day 2025 such a memorable occasion. Your support and enthusiasm truly brought the event to life. We're already looking forward to next year!



# Year Group News

## Reception

We had a very busy day on Wednesday at 'All Things Wild'! We rode the dino train and saw lots of different dinosaurs and a woolly mammoth. The animals were very cheeky, especially the goats when they tried to escape. We also saw zebras, meerkats, lemurs, reindeer, birds and a range of farm animals. There were lots of different play areas to explore too, one even had a helicopter and digger to play in. It was very hot but we had the best day!

## Year 6

We had a fantastic time at our Junior Apprentice event, where the whole school had the opportunity to visit the Year 6 classes and explore their incredible stalls. Our Year 6 students worked hard to design, create and sell a variety of products, showcasing their creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial spirit.

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who supported the event - your encouragement and enthusiasm made Wednesday and Thursday even more special. Your contributions helped make this a valuable and memorable learning experience for our pupils. We will be using the money raised for our end of year party and a chosen charity.

## Inspiring Assembly led by local Goddess!

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Athena the Gladiator came to speak to KS2 children in assembly. Athena, aka Karenjeet Kaur Baines, grew up locally and went to Myton School. She is a British powerlifter, former track and field athlete and television personality known for appearing on the television show Gladiators as "Athena". And if that wasn't enough, she has a degree in accounting from Durham University. She spoke honestly with the children about the hard work and effort that it took to get her to where she is today. She also encouraged them to follow their dreams and to work hard at school as well as their sports. The children asked her questions, and she ended by giving the school a signed photo and a copy of a book all about the Gladiators past and present. It was a truly memorable assembly.

Here are a few photos from these activities:



## Primary Bee Competition - Cambridge University

Good luck to the following Year 6 children who will be heading to Cambridge University on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July for the final of the Primary Bee Competition...

Evie, Kimi, Roman, Anil, Lola, Paal, Batu, Alvina, Alfie, Sedona

## Children buzzing about pollinator-friendly plants

Just before half term a brilliant team of 18 children from across the school, including children with SEND, were thrilled to be among the first people to see designs for Phase 1 of our Water, play and plants project. They were taking part in a workshop to help choose robust pollinator-friendly plants to help take up rain water.

First they did a species count in the year three playground and field to see what variety of plants and wildlife there is now. As they predicted, they didn't find much but hope to find more when they repeat this after the area has been planted. Back inside, they enjoyed learning about the importance of pollinators from Sara Lever of Bee Friendly Warwick. They especially enjoyed hearing about how some bees buzz their bottoms against plants to release pollen and a game about which common foods rely on pollinators.

Finally they got hands on, looking at cuttings of plants, shrubs and trees, finding out what conditions they need and which pollinators they help. They then chose and planned plants on an outline of the design in small groups. At the end, the children were delighted to hear that they will form a special team to help with planting and looking after the area when the time comes. Huge thanks to all the parents and staff who helped with the workshop.

## Summer Fair volunteers needed urgently to help rebuild Friends funds

**We are desperately low on volunteers to help at the Summer Fair on Friday 4 July after school.** As our biggest fundraiser of the year, it is a vital contributor to school, paying for books, trips, equipment and works on the school site. Not to mention Friends' ability to enable exceptional projects such as Water, play and plants! Without the initial £10,000 matched funding from Friends, it would have been impossible to apply for and win the £58,000.

After this big commitment plus another very sizable sum Friends contributed for work in the lower school courtyard, funds are very low and need building up.

Please, sign up now to make the fair a success so we can pay for things that benefit all the children and hopefully address more of the puddling and flooding problems you identified in other parts of the school site.

**Sign up now: [shorturl.at/5ethT](https://shorturl.at/5ethT)**

## Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 23rd June				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 24th June	Year 6 visit to Castle Hill Baptist Church			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6) Spanish
Wednesday 25th June	10.30am— new Reception children visit		1.30pm— new Reception children visit  Edmondscote Athletics Finals (selected children)	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 26th June				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 27th June			Francophone Art Exhibition, Upper School Hall  Reception welly walk	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Athletics (Y1, Y2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6)
Monday 30th June	Year 1 trip to Twycross Zoo		Year 5 flute performance to parents (timings to follow)	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) 11+ Maths & English (Y5)
Tuesday 1st July	Primary Spelling Bee Final at Cambridge University			Football (Rec/Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Chess (Y3-6) Spanish
Wednesday 2nd July	Changeover Day  10.30am—new Reception children visit classrooms		1.30pm— new Reception children visit classrooms	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Rec, Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish
Thursday 3rd July			OPAL Come and Play  4.30pm—Governors meeting	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) Boys' Football squad (Y5 & 6) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Gymnastics (Rec, Y1 & 2)
Friday 4th July			3.30pm—5.30pm Summer Fair	Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Athletics (Y1, Y2) Girls' Football squad (Y5 & 6)

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE INAUGURAL

# COTEN END FRANCOPHONE ART EXHIBITION



VIEW THE CHILDREN'S ARTWORK

ENJOY THE POP UP ICE CREAM SHOP

PRACTISE YOUR FRENCH



FRIDAY 27 JUNE • 3:15 PM

UPPER SCHOOL HALL, ENTRANCE BY MAIN U.S. PLAYGROUND

FREE ENTRY



Arts Insight are proud to present *Masters of the Verse* a Shakespeare inspired original musical debuting at the Albany Theatre from 30th July - 3rd August 2025.

This show has something for everyone, so if you're looking for things to do in the summer holidays this could be the perfect trip out for the entire family. Also if you look really closely you might be able to spot some familiar faces in the cast from *Coten End*!

**ARTS  
INSIGHT**  
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**THE  
ALBANY**  
theatre



**A BRAND NEW MUSICAL**  
**MASTERS OF THE  
VERSE**



**THE BARD GETS A BOLD NEW BEAT**

**30<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**THE ALBANY THEATRE, COVENTRY CV5 6JQ**

# MASTERS OF THE VERSE

In the eerie realm of Avonsville a familiar trio of witches are seeking a poignant revenge on William Shakespeare. Their ultimate mission: To rewrite history & steal his legacy; punishment for downplaying their villainous potential in a certain 'Scottish play'.

Inconveniently their plan for after-world domination is interrupted by a traitor that joins forces with six of The Bard's most iconic characters. Their bold plan is to summon modern-day descendants to assist in their quest setting the stage for an epic showdown of wit, magic, and ultimate redemption.

This thrilling musical blends modern and classic text, original music and a powerful message which celebrates the enduring impact of Shakespeare's timeless words to shape and inspire future generations.

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY: 7:30PM**

**THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY: 7:30PM**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST: 7:30PM**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST: 2:30PM**

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**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST: 5:00PM**



# Warwickshire Youth Choirs



## SING TOGETHER

July

11

2025

### Coventry Cathedral

Featuring Warwickshire Youth Choirs and Primary  
School Children from across the region

with Apollo Academy



*Earth*  
Hans Zimmer

*Romany Wood*  
David Gaukroger & David Carr



Tickets £15 from  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wyc)



#SALUTEOURFORCES

**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](http://warwickdc.gov.uk/armedforcesday)**



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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](http://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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send)

