



# Coten End Newsletter

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## Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been a truly memorable summer term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the last few months and share my heartfelt thanks with the whole Coten End community.

This has been my first term as Head of School, and I can honestly say it has been a privilege. From the moment I stepped into this role, I've felt the warmth, passion and positivity that make Coten End such a special place. This has always been the case, but to be able to realise that I have the pleasure of continuing to lead this special community into the future is truly special. I am constantly impressed by the determination, kindness and curiosity that our children bring into school every single day.

To our parents and carers – a heartfelt thank you. Your support, encouragement and involvement have made such a difference and it really is noticed over the Summer Term. A special mention to FRIENDS who have raised a staggering amount this year (please see the poster later in the newsletter). Whether it's attending events, volunteering, cheering children on from the sidelines, or simply offering a kind word at the start or end of the day, your partnership means so much. Schools thrive when they're at the heart of the community, and this term has shown just how strong that connection is here at Coten End.

A particular mention must go to our fantastic Year 6 cohort. You have been brilliant ambassadors for the school, showing maturity, resilience and a great sense of fun throughout your final year. We've loved celebrating your achievements, and we know that you're more than ready for the next step in your journey. As you head off to secondary school, please don't forget us; we always love it when former pupils pop back in to say hello. The Coten End Family is thousands strong, and you'll always be part of it.

While we're saying goodbye to some, we're also looking ahead with real excitement. One area we're especially looking forward to building on next year is OPAL. Since its introduction, OPAL has transformed playtimes – giving children the chance to explore, collaborate, take risks and, most importantly, have fun. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're excited to see how we can take it even further next year. I am sure you have noticed the work going on and I hope the children can't wait to get into our brand new sandpit come September.

Before we all head off for a well-deserved summer break, I'd also like to remind families about the Summer Reading Challenge I mentioned earlier this week. Reading regularly over the holidays is such a powerful way to keep young minds active and engaged. Whether it's discovering new authors, revisiting old favourites or sharing stories together at bedtime, every little bit helps. We can't wait to hear all about what your children have been reading when they return in September.



Finally, we wish the following members of staff all the very best in their moves to pastures new—Mrs Chenault, Mrs Helm, Mrs Walker, Mrs Chapman, and Miss Booth. Congratulations also to Miss Clayton who is getting married this summer and will return to school in September as Mrs Walters.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and restful summer.

Mr Williams

**BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL**

# Message from the Chair of Governors



As we reach the end of another school year, it's amazing to reflect on all that has happened here at Coten End. We've had plenty of sunshine this term, perfect for OPAL, and the final weeks have been filled with activity. As governors, we've had the pleasure of joining children on educational trips, attending music performances, and enjoying the brilliant Year Six show. We take great pride in knowing the school community well, as it allows us to make informed and strategic decisions that are in the best interest of all the children and staff.

While last year brought significant national changes, this year has seen exciting developments closer to home, particularly our much-anticipated joining of Stowe Valley MAT. A huge amount of work has gone into the transition, which remains ongoing, but it's fantastic to see the collaboration within the trust already benefiting both staff and children. One standout event this term was the Stowe Valley Primary Sports Festival on June 19th, where Coten End finished second overall, showcasing fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship.

With academisation, the responsibilities of our governing body have evolved, but we remain committed to holding the school to account and ensuring we continue to support the school to offer the best possible education. Our regular half-termly governor meetings provide valuable opportunities to discuss key issues such as attainment, inclusion and the school's Learning Improvement Plan. Early Years has been a particular focus this year, with training for the entire board and ongoing attention to this important area. We also greatly appreciate the feedback provided by parents regarding Reception induction. Additionally, it's been a privilege to meet with the SEND TAs to hear about their successes and challenges, and to understand the positive impact of their work for all of our children.

As Chair of Governors, it continues to be an incredible privilege to serve our fantastic school of which I am immensely proud. I'd like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Sheepy and Mr Williams for their outstanding leadership, and to all the staff for their continued dedication and hard work.

Looking ahead to the holidays, I want to thank our wonderful children, parents, carers, and grandparents for their support and commitment, it has been a busy and rewarding year! Finally, I wish all our Year 6 leavers every success in their next steps, confident that they are taking with them many happy memories of their time at Coten End.

I wish you all a very relaxing summer break.

Hannah Webber  
Chair of Governors

## Introduction Evenings—a reminder

We have arranged Introduction Evenings again for next term. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, find out about the curriculum, behaviour expectations, Year group trips and online safety information plus ways to help your child with their learning at home. Meetings will last for approximately one hour. The meeting dates for specific year groups are:

Year 2 — Wednesday 3rd September, 6.15pm  
Year 3 — Thursday 4th September, 6.00pm  
Year 6 — Monday 8th September, 6.00pm  
Year 1 — Tuesday 9th September, 6.00pm  
Year 4 — Wednesday 10th September, 6.15pm  
Year 5 — Thursday 11th September, 6.00pm

Please note that you should attend the meeting that applies to your child's new year group and not this year's.

# School App—Mychildatschool.com

From September we will be using our new school app, **mychildatschool.com**, for dinner orders and payments, absence notifications, and all communications, view your child's attendance and more.....

We do request that all parents use this app — if you have not already done so please download the app, and select 'forgot password' - this will enable you to then create an account.

## Year 2 Castle Theme Day: A Royal Adventure!

Year 2 stepped back in time on Thursday for a magical Castle Theme Day, filled with exciting activities and creative fun! The children arrived ready for a day of adventure and imagination, kicking things off by crafting their own regal crowns fit for kings and queens. The fun continued with range of castle-themed crafts that brought history to life. In true royal fashion, the day wouldn't have been complete without a banquet feast in the Lower School Hall, where everyone enjoyed a well-deserved meal together.



After school, families were invited to a special exhibition where the children proudly showcased their model castles and Paul Klee-inspired castle artwork. It was a wonderful opportunity for us all to celebrate the learning and creativity of our young historians and artists.

## Year 5 activity week

Last week year 5 took part in an exciting activity week. It was an incredibly active week where we had to work together in teams. The weather was incredible all week allowing us to complete activities like Viking longship rowing, den building, team building games and a river walk. It was no nice to get out of the classroom and enjoy the sunshine whilst learning. Here are some pictures taken during the week.



## Donations Bingo!

Thank you all for your generous donations during our Donations Bingo Raffle. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community. The donations will be used to help resource OPAL lunchtimes and Continuous Provision within school. The 2 winners of the £50 worth of Amazon vouchers were announced during today's Talent Show Final and are Alfie (Year 2) and Elahee (Year 5).



## School Games Gold Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we, Coten End, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include County finals for archery, basketball winners, representing Leamington FC in the girls' football final in York, Panathlon 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, girls football league champions, girls' netball league champions, KS1 dodgeball 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place indoor athletics amongst many other sporting successes.

With a huge total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Mr Thompson and his hard work in PE lessons, Mrs Morgan for working to create a fantastic PE curriculum, all the parents who have transported children to and from sporting events, made sure they had the correct kit and were at the event on time, we cannot thank you all enough. We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

Many thanks,

Mr Rose

## Central Warwickshire Athletics

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, we took an 18 strong team from across KS2 to represent Warwick South at the Central Warwickshire Athletics Championships.

These children had qualified from a local event the week before and had done incredibly well to get to this stage. It was a brilliant event in the sunshine and children performed admirably. We had a number of children place in the top 3 and Harry Denton and Ava Cunningham were Central Warwickshire Champions for Triple Jump (we must be teaching that correctly, or at least Mr Mansell is!).



A special mention to all those who participated at King's High in our local event a couple of weeks earlier. Another fantastic event with lots of skill and talent on show with many children missing out on Edmondscote by fractions of a second or a centimetre.

# Inter-House Dodgeball Tournament

Over the last two weeks Diamonds, Rubies, Sapphires, and Emeralds took to the pitch in our Inter-House Dodgeball Competition. With teams made up of a mixture of year groups from each key stage.



## KS1

Year 1 and Year 2 competed against each other last Wednesday. In the first match, Sapphires triumphed over Diamonds, followed by Rubies winning against Emeralds. This led to a very close final between Sapphires and Rubies, with Rubies taking home the KS1 dodgeball crown!

## KS2

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed with each other on Monday for KS2's turn. Sapphires once moved into the final, defeating Diamonds in the opening match. Emeralds then won a close game against Rubies. In a lively final Emeralds emerged as the KS2 champions.



Well done to all the children who took part for their positive attitudes, teamwork, and for cheering each other on throughout. A special thank you also goes to our amazing Sports Ambassadors for helping to set up and run the matches so smoothly.

# Coten End's Got Talent 2025

Our end of year talent show was a truly unforgettable event, showcasing the incredible talent and creativity of our pupils. The audience was treated to a variety of outstanding performances including powerful vocal solos from Josh, Taylor, Isabel and Sam, a graceful and creative gymnastic routine from Anna and Jess, a captivating dance routine from Felix and an energetic cheerleading display from Jessica and Evelyn.

Each performer brought their own unique style to the stage and showed the Coten End value of courage, performing in front of the 700-strong crowd.

We were also delighted to welcome back last year's winner, Frederic who gave a beautiful performance of his own composition on the piano, reminding us why he won last year.

Well done to all our performers and all of those who auditioned in the earlier rounds - what a talented bunch you are!

The final results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor (Year 3)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh (Year 2)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna and Jess (Year 5)



## House news....

Through the year children in every class collect House Points for behaviour, school work, demonstrating school values and so on. As you know, the house point trophy is presented to the winning house each week and this culminates in a winner for the whole school year. The points have now been added up and the results were:

- 1st place—Sapphires 14,839
- 2nd place—Emeralds, 14,511
- 3rd place—Diamonds, 13,595
- 4th place—Rubies, 11,226



Finally, we can announce the house winners of Sports Day. All children competed for their house in the various events at the Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days that took place in June.

The winning house was **EMERALDS** with 816 points, with Diamonds, Sapphires and Rubies finishing 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

## Information

### Raring2Go magazine

[Summer holiday events and activities](#)

### Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)

### Connect for Health

[Latest health and wellbeing newsletter from the school nursing service.](#)

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 1st September	INSET DAY			
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET DAY			
Wednesday 3rd September	Children return to school		Y2 Introduction Eve 6.15pm	
Thursday 4th September			Y3 Introduction Eve 6.00pm	
Friday 5th September				
Monday 8th September			Y6 Introduction Eve 6.00pm	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y3-6)
Tuesday 9th September			Y1 Introduction Eve 6.00pm	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Hockey (Y3&4)
Wednesday 10th September			Y4 Introduction Eve 6.15pm	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 11th September			Y5 Introduction Eve 6.00pm	Young Voices (Y3-6) Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y4/5) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2) Music (Y1 & 2)
Friday 12th September				Dance (Rec, Y1 & 2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6)

# THANK YOU!!!

Together we have raised

# £21,209

 this year

Academic Year  
2024 - 2025



**Spring Raffle**  
**£969**



**Match funding**  
**£956**



**Bag2School** £87



**£868** **Easter Egg Tombola**



**Eco Events**  
**£175**



**Burger & Bingo Evening**

**£1692**



**Christmas Events**

Christmas Fair  
Christmas Hampers  
Letters from Santa  
Storytime with Santa



**£4474**

**Summer Events**

Summer Fair  
Rainbow Raffle  
Summer Fair Programme  
Freeze Friday

**£7832**



**Cake Sales** **£532**



**£57** **Donations**



**Discos**  
**£1533**



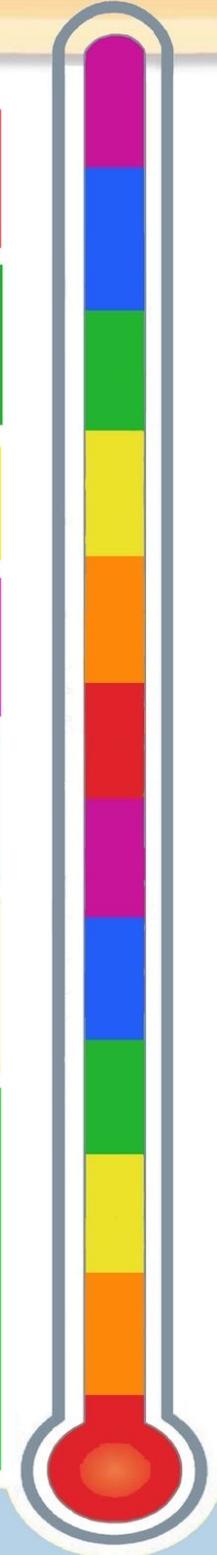
**Autumn Raffle**  
**£901**



**2nd Hand**  
School Uniform Shop

**Second Hand Uniform Sales**

**£1133**





# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

## **ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

## **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

## **ASK ITALIAN**

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

## **BEEFEATER**

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

## **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

## **BILLS**

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

## **BREWERS FAYRE**

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

## **BREWDOG**

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

## **BURGER KING**

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

## **CHIQUITO**

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

## **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

## **FRANKIE & BENNY'S**

Kids Eat Free from 14<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

## **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

## **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

## **HARVESTER**

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

## **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## **LAS IGUANAS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

## **MARCO PIERRE WHITE**

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

## **MORRISONS**

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

## **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## **PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

## **PUREZZA**

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

## **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## **SIZZLING PUBS**

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

## **TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

## **TESCO**

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

## **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

## **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

## **TOBY CARVERY**

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

## **WHITBREAD INNS**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

## **ZIZZI**

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)



COME AND JOIN US AT

# SYDNI COMMUNITY BBQ

Cost of Living FREE Community Event.

## BBQ

Burger, chicken drumstick or hotdog & veggie hotdogs  
NO ALCOHOL EVENT

Children must be supervised at all times

Games for all the family

Cost of living information stalls

Active Travel Smoothie Bike

Table Tennis

Crafting Time

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**27 JULY 2025**

**11AM - 2PM**

**FOOD FROM 12 NOON - 1.15PM**

**REGISTER & COLLECT FOOD TICKET AT RECEPTION**

Limited Tickets - First Come, First Served

# Barnardo's Warwick District Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to age 25 with SEND

Email: [warwickdistrictcfcbarnardos.org.uk](mailto:warwickdistrictcfcbarnardos.org.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/warwickcfcb/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/warwickcfcb/>

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/children-and-family-centres/warwick/>

<https://coventryandwarwickshire.barnardos.org.uk/children-and-family-centres/warwick/>

Interested in volunteering with us? Please contact :  
[sally.hesselworth@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:sally.hesselworth@barnardos.org.uk)

## Summer Holiday Timetable

### 21<sup>st</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025



#### Monday

##### Lillington

Postnatal Fitness Class  
for families - Drop in  
9.30-10.30am

#### Tuesday

##### Sydnii Centre

Family Time  
10-11.30am  
Not on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> July  
& 26<sup>th</sup> August

#### Wednesday

##### Westgate

Baby Chatter Matters  
(for 6-14 months)  
9.30-10.30am  
Not on 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Booking is essential

#### Thursday

##### Jephson Gardens

Family Time  
9.30-11am  
Not on 31<sup>st</sup> July, &  
21<sup>st</sup> August

#### Friday

##### Lillington

Family Time  
9.30-11am  
On 29<sup>th</sup> August:  
10-11.30am

Sydnii Centre  
Cottage Square  
Sydenham  
CV31 1PT

St Margaret's Church  
Toddler Time  
10-11.30am  
Not on 1<sup>st</sup> August

Jephson Gardens  
Glasshouse entrance  
Leamington Spa  
CV32 4AA

Do you need a smaller group?  
We have a nurturing session called "Stepping Stones". If you think this is a better fit for you and your child.  
Please contact :  
karen.chin@barnardos.org.uk

**NEW**  
Lillington  
Baby Chatter Matters  
(for 6-14months)  
12.30-1.30pm  
Booking is essential

Kingsway.  
Baby Chatter Matters  
(for 6-14months)  
11.30am-12.30pm  
Booking is essential

Family Time  
10-11.30am  
On 30<sup>th</sup> July:  
11.30am-1pm

Westgate  
Baby Time  
10.00-11.30am

Kingsway  
Family Time  
1.30-3pm

St Margaret's Church  
Church Close  
Whitnash  
CV31 2HU

Baby Time  
A relaxed environment. Come along to meet other families and play

**Lillington C&FC**  
3 Mason Avenue  
Lillington  
CV32 7QE  
01926 887597

**Kingsway C&FC**  
Baker Avenue  
Leamington Spa  
CV31 3HB  
01926 336793

**Westgate C&FC**  
Bowling Green  
Street  
Warwick  
CV34 4DD  
01926 490629



Lillington  
Home Education  
Parent Led Group  
1.30-3.30pm  
Booking is essential

**NEW**  
Lillington  
Time Together  
for age 5-11 with  
parents  
12.30-2pm  
&  
2.30-4pm  
Not on 27<sup>th</sup> August

Baby Chatter Matters is a session dedicated to early communication, with singing, stories and activities!  
Booking is essential:  
<https://warwickdistrictcfcbarnardos.org.uk>  
or scan the QR code

Time Together is a summer Arts and Activities Family Time DROP-IN session aimed at children age 5-11 and their parents. Siblings are welcome to join in. Please note the same activity is repeated for both sessions. Specific activities for each week will be posted on our website and social media, or contact the centre for more information.

Scan me:



Most of our Baby, Toddler and Family Time sessions are DROP IN SESSIONS. Please note our sessions do have limited spaces. When we are full we can not have any more families in the room for safety reasons. If there are any changes we will inform you on our Eventbrite and Facebook page.



Changing childhoods.  
Changing lives.



Speech Concern?  
Please contact Helen on  
07703 381764 or  
[helen.keaney@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:helen.keaney@barnardos.org.uk)

# 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)

