

Coten End Newsletter

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Friday 12th September 2025

Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely start to the school year and after two long INSET days last week, it was great to have all of the children back in school. I hope that our new Reception community have felt a warm Coten End welcome, as well as our other new starters across school, of which there are many.

As you know at Coten End, we like to kick things off quickly and we have already had some very important visitors in who held workshops with our KS2 children about Online Safety and Relationships. These are always really engaging and the children get a lot from them. There are also school visits coming thick and fast over the next few months, including an exciting trip to Harry Potter World for Year 5 and a trip to Mary Arden's Farm for Year 6 as well as their week long Residential Visit to North Wales of course! We have numerous Theme Days planned and another Author Visit in the diary – Curriculum Enrichment at Coten End is something on which we definitely pride ourselves.

We have some exciting new additions to OPAL that I am sure you have seen. We will be opening up our enormous sandpit next week as well as our outdoor music studio in Wildlife Way – please do make sure children are not accessing either of these before or after school.

Another reminder that children must have wellies in school from next week.

It is the FRIENDS AGM on Tuesday night at 6pm at Coten End. FRIENDS have performed wonders over the years raising an incredible amount of money. We always need more volunteers to keep the fantastic school events they arrange going so please do come along. Over the last 7 years, Emma Brayne (parent of Rhys, Lily and Reuben) has been part of the PTA and in recent years has been its Chairperson. Emma has done an incredible job and has dedicated so much time and effort to the role. The whole Coten End community offers its heartfelt thanks and I would like to extend that from our Staff Team as well. Thank you, Emma!

Finally, at the start of the school year, it is really important that children, but also you as parents, feel that you have someone to talk to at school. Children will have built trusted relationships with adults over the last academic year and that starts again in September. For most children, those relationships come quickly, but I do understand that for many it is a struggle. Please do get in touch with Senior Leadership Team if you need any support either yourself or for your child. We are all here to build relationships with families of Coten End and make sure that children feel safe and happy at school. Closely linked to our relationship building are of course our school values. Our values define exactly what our school community is about and we expect all of our children, staff and parent to uphold these values.

Have a lovely and restful weekend.

Best wishes

Nick Williams

BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Dates for your diaries

11/09/25	Young Shakespeare Company performance to Year 6
19/09/25	6AJ visit to Mary Arden's Farm
22/09/24	6MC visit to Mary Arden's Farm
23/09/25	6WS visit to Mary Arden's Farm
23/09/25	Reception Phonics meeting for parents, 9.00am or 6.00pm
25/09/25	Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents, 2.00pm or 6.00pm
26/09/25	European Day of Languages
30/09/25	Year 5 Maya Workshop
02/10/25	Year 5 Maya Workshop
03/10/25	Year 5 Maya Workshop
06/10/25	Year 4, 5, 6 Author Visit
09/10/25	Year 6 Heights & Weights
10/10/25	Friends Pumpkin event
13-17/10/25	Year 6 residential trip to Arete
14/10/25	Year 4 Greek Theme Day
16/10/25	Year 2 Maths Calculations meeting, 2.00pm or 6.00pm
21/10/25	Open Morning
22/10/25	Flu immunisations
23/10/25	Pupil photos
24/10/25	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
27-31/10/25	Half-term
04/11/25	Parent's Evenings (all classes)
05/11/25	2HH Parents' Evening
06/11/25	Parents' Evenings (not Class 2HH)
10/11/25	Reception 'Come and Play' - 2.00pm
11/11/25	OPAL parents' event
13/11/25	Reception 'Come and Play', 9.00am
14/11/25	Key Stage 2 Discos
18/11/25	Year 5 Come and Learn, 9.00am Year 2 Come and Learn, 9.00am
19/11/25	Year 4—Al Sylvester (Arctic explorer) online session
20/11/25	Year 5 Come and Learn, 9.00am Year 2 Come and Learn, 9.00am
28/11/25	Friends Christmas Fair—Rec and KS1
01/12/25	Friends Christmas Fair—KS2
04/12/25	Open Morning
04/12/25	Friends Christmas Wreath making event, 7.00pm
05/12/25	Year 5 visit to Harry Potter experience (Warner Bros studios)
09/12/25	Year 5/6 trip to Albany Theatre to see Beauty & The Beast
10/10/25	Year 6 Come and Learn, 9.00am Year 1 Come and Learn, 9.00am
10/12/25	Year 2 trip to Mill Arts Theatre to see Stick Man
11/12/25	Year 1 trip to Mill Arts Theatre to see Stick Man
12/12/25	Reception trip to Mill Arts Theatre to see Stick Man
12/12/25	Year 1 Come and Learn, 9.00am Year 6 Come and Learn, 9.00am



Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will take place on the following days and times this school year:

Day	Time	Year group(s) and venue	
Monday	2.40pm	Reception (assemblies start after half-term)	Lower School Hall
Wednesday	9.00am	Year 2	Lower School Hall
Thursday	9.00am	Year 4	Lower School Hall
Thursday	9.00am	Year 6	Upper School Hall
Thursday	2.40pm	Year 1	Lower School Hall
Friday	9.00am	Year 3	Upper School Hall
Friday	9.00am	Year 5	Lower School Hall

You will be notified 2 days before the day of the assembly if your child is due to receive an award to allow time to make arrangements to attend.

We do ask that all those attending the assemblies are silent once the children start to walk in, and that any younger children attending are taken out of the assembly if they become unsettled so that our pupils do not become distracted.

Unfortunately we are unable to postpone the award of individual certificates unless your child is absent from school due to illness.

Secondary School applications

If you have a child in Year 6 you need to apply for a secondary school place by **31st October 2025**.

Please follow the link below to find out more about the application process:

[Secondary school application](#)



Flu vaccinations—

This is advance notice of the flu vaccinations that are being administered to all year groups by the South Warwickshire Immunisation Team on **Wednesday 22nd October**. More information will follow and parents may choose for their child not to be immunised, however we encourage as many as possible to do so to prevent the spread of illness.

Open Mornings

We have 4 Open Mornings in the Autumn/Spring term for prospective parents to visit our school. Each Open Morning will start at 9.30am with an introduction from Sarah Sheepy. Parents will then have a tour of school and the opportunity to have tea/coffee and a chat with members of our Senior Leadership Team, Governors and our Admissions Officer. The Open Morning will be finish at 11.00am. Children are welcome to attend.

The dates of our Open Mornings are:

- Tuesday 20th October 2025
- Wednesday 19th November 2025
- Thursday 4th December 2025
- Thursday 8th January 2026

Please book on to an Open Morning via the google form below:

[Open Morning Booking Form](#)

Applications for Reception 2026 will open on 1st November and the deadline is 4pm on Wednesday 14th January 2026.

School Health newsletter

Read your September health and wellbeing newsletter, delivered to you from Connect for Health, your School Nursing Service.

[Click here for Newsletter](#)

Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



Park safety meeting—St Nicholas Park

Parents and carers are invited to a public meeting regarding safety in St Nicholas Park on 20th September at 6 p.m; this is taking place in the Pickard Street Community Centre. The meeting will be hosted by Warwickshire County Council's Head of Community Safety and Councillors and Officers will also be in attendance.

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Nut-free school

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** and therefore **no nuts can be brought into school**. These are nuts in all forms whether they be whole nuts or ingredients in other food or anything that may contain traces of nut — please do check ingredients carefully when providing snacks or lunches for your child; children will not be allowed to eat any nuts or any products containing, or maybe containing, nuts.



Safety in school

Children in **Reception—Year 5 must** be accompanied on to the school premises by an adult in the morning who must stay with them until they are inside the school building, this includes those attending KidzOwn.

No Ball Games / Cycling / Scootering

For everyone's safety children must not play any ball games before or after school on the playgrounds or fields (unless part of an organised club). Please ensure that children are properly supervised at all times. This message must be reinforced to your child if they come to school or leaves school unaccompanied so that they follow the same rules as other children.

There are still parents and children cycling/scootering on the school site. You are asked to dismount as soon as you get to the school gates—this applies to **everyone**, including children attending KidzOwn.



Dogs

Please remember that, with the exception of assistance dogs, that dogs must not be brought on to the school site at any time (this includes carrying dogs in arms). If you need to leave your dog outside the school gates, please ensure that it is tied up well away from the paths—some children and adults are fearful of dogs and we need to ensure that they feel safe coming into school.

Changes to collection arrangements

As far as possible, any changes to collection of children after school should be notified to the office before 12.00 noon – this ensures that a message can be given to the teacher at lunchtime and not in the afternoon which disrupts a lesson and is sometimes difficult for office staff.

We do understand that there may be occasions when traffic delays mean that children are collected late from school. Children will stay with their teachers until the last child has been dismissed and then are brought to the office to wait to be collected—office staff cannot relay messages to teachers at the last minute about late collection.

School App—please use

We are asking all parents and carers to download and use the new school app, mychildatschool.com.



We use the app to email and message and parents can use it to report any absences and also to communicate with school. More recently we have had to send parents emails when a simple app message (not text) would suffice—this is because parents have either not downloaded the app.

You are also able to report your child's absence via this app.

TERM DATES

Autumn term 2025

INSET Day: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2025

Term Starts: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

INSET Day: Friday 24th October 2025

Half term: Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025

INSET Day: Monday 3rd November

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring term 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Friday 27th March 2025

Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Half term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

INSET Day: Monday 1st June 2026

Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

PUPIL NEWS

Jessica—a great mascot for the USA!

Jessica, 3CC, was the mascot for the USA ladies team last Saturday night when they were playing Australia as part of the Women's Rugby World Cup. Jessica went out with the team onto the pitch and stood with the Captain whilst they sang the National anthems. She did a great job and took it very seriously!

She was very lucky, we were only asked a couple of hours before the game as the original mascot was stuck in France!



Poppy and Marnie—top ice cream sellers!

Over the summer holidays, Poppy (6MC) and Marnie (2CR) sold ice lollies to residents of their street and rose a tremendous £33.50 for our Friends Association. Thank you Poppy and Marnie, it's great to see such young entrepreneurs!



	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 15th September				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6)
Tuesday 16th September				Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 17th September			Young Shakespeare company performance—Year 6	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 18th September				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 19th September	6AJ visit Mary Arden's Farm			Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6)
Monday 22nd September	6MC visit Mary Arden's Farm			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 23rd September	6WS visit Mary Arden's Farm 9.00am—Reception phonics meeting		6.00pm—Reception phonics meeting	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 24th September				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 25th September			2.00pm or 6.00pm Year 1 Phonics meeting	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 26th September	European Day of Languages			Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad



Christmas Wreath Workshop

£40 per person

Thursday 4th December 2025 - 7pm

Coten End School Hall

Ticket includes 1 drink

Mince pies and drinks available all evening



Scan the QR code or visit the link below to book

<https://www.cotenend.zero-waste.org.uk/product/christmas-wreath-workshop/>



NETBALL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Weekly netball sessions for children aged Reception to Year 6.

Wednesday @ King's High School 6-7pm
Thursday @ Leamington Netball Club 4:30-5:30pm
Thursday @ Kenilworth School 6-7pm

First session for free, sign up now!



What parents say about Kid Squad...

"My daughter is having an amazing time with Kid Squad Warwickshire. She loves her netball training. Can't speak highly enough of the coaches, they are empowering the kids for sure. Highly recommend for anyone looking to start a journey in netball."


"This is such a fantastic club. My daughter absolutely loves the training sessions and the league matches. Her knowledge, skills and confidence have improved significantly since joining and this is all down to the quality teaching and care from the wonderful coaches"


"Kid Squad is the netball club that every primary-aged kid needs in their life!"

"My daughter LOVES going to Kid Squad Warwickshire. Kid Squad is a fantastic introduction to netball for primary age school children - something that seemed to be lacking in typical girls team sports in the area. The sessions are run by coaches who are clearly passionate about netball and sport in general. A great opportunity for children to make friends, keep fit & agile, develop hand/eye coordination skills, learn drills & new skills and play together as a team."

"This has been a fantastic group for my daughter to join. Learning netball skills, gaining confidence and playing with girls from all different schools. The coaches are fab, always developing them and making them feel special."

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