

Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we were delighted to host Reading Information Parent Sessions for Reception and Year 1 parents. It was a fantastic opportunity to share the many benefits of reading with our young learners, how we teach phonics and discuss how we, as adults, can help nurture a love of books in our children. Thank you to the staff who organised and led these events. It was another example of how our staff go above and beyond to work together with you in the best interests of our children.

Reading is more than just a way to gain knowledge; it's a wonderful journey that opens doors to new worlds, spark creativity, and build vocabulary. As we know, children learn best when they see the adults around them engaged in reading, too. When parents model reading as an enjoyable and rewarding activity, children are more likely to develop a lifelong love for it. I was proud of myself for reading several books in the summer holidays although now term has started I know I need to make more of an effort to keep reading my book!

These are ways you can help at home to develop a love of and interest in reading:

- **Read aloud together:** Whether it's a picture book, a chapter from a favourite story, or even a recipe. Doing this with your child strengthens your connection with them as well as building important listening and comprehension skills. Chatting together about what has been read, also develops understanding.
- **Have a range of reading materials:** Whether it's books to read for fun or for learning, have these in easy reach. Charity shops are great for inexpensive books and the library, of course, is free!
- **Limit screen time:** we all know that children very quickly and easily become absorbed in screen but reducing and limiting screen time, encouraging reading instead will help develop their imagination and cognitive ability.

Please remember that your child's class teacher is always available to support with reading strategies or to make suggestions about what to read. Please also visit the school website and check out the Year Group blog pages where there are recommended reading lists for Year 2 up (Useful Website and Resources).

Wishing you a relaxing weekend (and maybe find time to curl up with a good book!)

Best wishes

Sarah Sheepy



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

School App—please use



We are asking all parents and carers to download and use the new school app, mychildatschool.com (MCAS). It is simple to sign up to—please click on the link below:

[MyChildAtSchool - Login](#)

All parents have previously been sent login links, however if this has not been activated simply select **reset password** and follow instructions from there.

We are aiming to use MCAS for dinner ordering after half-term and this will be the only method to let us know your child's lunch choice, whether this be a school dinner or packed lunch. It is therefore essential that you activate your account.

We also use the app to email and message and parents can use it to report any absences and also to communicate with school.

As you see below, we will also be using the App to book Parents' Evening appointments.

We will send messages via both App and Email—if you have push notifications applied then you should receive the message via App.

Once you have downloaded the app it may take up to 24 hours to sync with your child's record; if you have any problems or queries please contact the office.

A screenshot of the mychildatschool.com parent login page. At the top is the logo. Below it is a blue button labeled 'PARENT LOGIN'. There are two input fields: 'Email' with a person icon and 'Password' with a lock icon. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Email Address' and a red-bordered button labeled 'Reset Password'. At the bottom is a large blue button labeled 'Login'. The footer contains the version number 'v5.2023.8517.20808' and 'Powered by Bromcom'.

Parents' Evenings—Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th November

**** Note—2HH Parents Evenings are Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th November**

This is just to let you know that this term's Parents' Evenings will take place after half-term. The appointments will last 10 minutes and will be a discussion about children's progress and wellbeing.

Parents will need to make their appointments will be made via the MCAS (mychildatschool) app. The booking system will open at 10.00am on Tuesday 14th October and will close on Monday 3rd November October. Should you wish to change your appointment time after this date please contact the school office.

Further information on how to book will be sent out nearer the time.

Please remember that if you have difficulty booking an appointment, please contact the school office; they will be happy to add appointments on your behalf, however please do not leave a message on the ansafone to book an appointment.

European Day of Languages

We have had a very exciting day in school today celebrating 'European Day of Languages'. This special day is an opportunity to explore the rich diversity of languages spoken across Europe/the world/at Coten End and to appreciate the power that comes with learning a new language.

Learning a language does more than just help us communicate. It opens doors to new cultures, perspectives, and opportunities. In our global world, speaking another language helps children develop critical thinking skills, enhances creativity, and fosters empathy. It also strengthens their understanding of their own language and builds confidence.

To celebrate the special day, Madame Allison organised a range of activities including a **whole school game of 'pass the hello' tag**. All adults in school wore a sticker with 'hello' in a certain language and the children had to find out as many of the different words as they could by having lots of interactions throughout the day. The class who remembered the most will be awarded the annual EDL quiz trophy and will have their class name engraved onto it. It was amazing to hear children and adults talking about the different languages. The popular **Duolingo** competition has been relaunched to children and staff. Key Stage 2 should now have their login details. Madame Allison will check scores every Sunday night and update the leaderboard in the Year 6 corridor. Given how popular it was last year, Madame Allison has once again teamed up with Friends for this year's **Coten End Cake Off**. On **Friday 14th November** children and staff are invited to bring in a cake which represents a language or country. There will be a cake sale after school on the day (more details to follow).

Please do ask your child about the celebration of European Day of Languages and encourage your child to share what they've learned. Why not listen to some music or watch a film in a different language or practise some simple greetings in a new language together as a family?

We look forward to continuing the celebration of the beauty of languages with your children and seeing how this experience broadens their horizons!



* * * REMINDERS * * *

No Cycling / Scootering on school site at any time

There are still adults 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 Kids Club.

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, they should be tied up outside the school gates, 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.

Park safety meeting—St Nicholas Park

Parents and carers are invited to a public meeting regarding safety in St Nicholas Park—this was scheduled to take place on 20th September however it will now take place on **4th October at 2.00pm**. 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.

OPAL Update:

Autumnal OPAL is on its way and we feel much better prepared this year. Lots of Loose Part play, our brilliant new Outdoor Music Studio and Sandpit and a great new stage area. A lot of this has been funded through School Fund, so you can see how this money directly enhances your child's play and learning!

A reminder that children MUST have wellies in school!



Year 6 news

The Young Shakespeare performance of Macbeth

It was a wonderful experience that I will never forget, totally unique to Co-ten End. It was amazing having professional actors come to the school and perform especially for us, I know that all my classmates enjoyed it. Macbeth is one of my favourite Shakespeare plays and all of the actors were so inspiring. Lady Macbeth was mesmerizing (but she is my personal favourite so I'm biased). The way that they got all of year 6 involved in some way, whether it be creating the sound of a storm with body percussion or acting a small role, they still got everyone involved and to enjoy it as well.



For me it was simply magical, mainly because I would really love to be an actor when I'm older but also just because I think to get 90 children into a hall, some of which will say that they 'detest drama' and for them to sit through an hour of said 'drama' is really special for me and definitely an experience I will cherish for a long time afterward. Honestly, to sum it up in three words: I LOVED IT!!!!!!!

By Otilie, 6MC

Mary Arden's Farm trip

I will never forget the first time I became a Tudor child. What a fantastic experience that really made me feel like I was in the past. When we first arrived, they told us a bit about how Shakespeare grew up. I remember that they said William had a few siblings, but he was most fond of one of his sisters. Then we split up into our groups to do the activities, and my group went to the herb garden first. I was welcomed to a place of beautiful smells. We were told that the Tudors didn't know what bacteria was, so they had different ways of protecting themselves against germs. They explained how the Tudors thought bad smells made people sick and what they did to stop it. We made pouches that were called a nose gay. I used herbs from the garden, and then we crushed them into small pieces. We used lavender, sage, lemon balm, and rosemary. Most of them were quite pungent, but I think it really did help with the smells.



In the afternoon, we saw the animals and my favourites were the little piglets. They had a lot of animals, but the most memorable one was the massive pig! We went back to the courtyard to learn a Tudor dance, and I thought it was fun. My partner was Aggie, but I felt like the boys had to do massive steps and the girls (except Mr. Williams) had to do little steps. All in all it was a GREAT day!!

By Sam, 6MC

PUPIL NEWS

Harry reaches new heights!

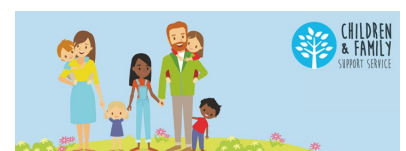
Over the summer holidays Harry Druce (4BB) took on an exciting adventure—climbing Mount Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales, raising a total of £585 for the Brain Tumour charity in the process! With determination, courage, and a big smile, he hiked all the way to the summit, reaching an impressive 1,085m above sea level. Harry said it was a tough climb but the stunning views along the way made it well worth it! A big thank you for all the support, a great achievement – well done Harry!



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 29th September				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 30th September	Year 5 Maya workshop			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 1st October				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 2nd October	Year 5 Maya workshop			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 3rd October	Year 5 Maya workshop			Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad
Monday 6th October			Year 4, 5 & 6 author workshop	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 7th October	9.00am Year 4 'Come and Learn'*			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 8th October				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 9th October	9.00am Year 4 'Come and Learn'* Year 6 Heights & Weights			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 10th October			Friends Pumpkin Pop up event	Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad

* Parents invited to specific sessions



COFFEE MORNING

**03 OCT 2025 • 9.15AM
AT KIDS CLUB**

Whether you're a new parent at the school or a familiar face with a bit of spare time, we'd love for you to join us.

Come along to find out more about the events we run to raise money for the school, share your thoughts, and bring along any fresh ideas!



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10:15AM - 11AM FOR PLAYERS AGED 8 & UNDER

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COACH - STEVE HAYWARD

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Your Community Survey

We would like to know what life is like where you live.

- What is your community like?
- Do you get involved in activities or events?
- What do you enjoy?

Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. This will help us to understand what is working well and whether more support is needed in some areas or within our diverse communities.

Please scan the QR code to complete the survey.



The survey closes on 27 October.



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OCTOBER HALF TERM

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HOLIDAY CAMPS

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SECONDARY**
FINHAM

PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY
KENTWORTH

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WARWICK

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WARWICK GATES

NEW



**NORTH LEAMINGTON
SCHOOL**
LEAMINGTON SPA

27TH-31ST OCTOBER

**GO GO
MINI'S**
RECEPTION
CHILDREN ONLY
4-5 YEARS

JNR'S
5-7 YEARS
(YEAR GROUP 1-2)

SNR'S
8-12 YEARS
(YEAR GROUP 3-6)

**ACTIVITIES
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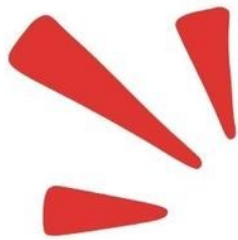
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