

Coten End Newsletter

Issue No 4

Friday 24th October 2025

Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had our first Open Morning of the year. It was a wonderful celebration of what makes Coten End such a special place to learn and grow. Families were welcomed into school to hear from staff and children. Most importantly, we focussed on the lasting importance of relationships between staff, children, and parents that define our community.

Visitors learned how our school values come alive in everything we do, from the Year 6 residential in North Wales to our innovative approaches in the classroom. Highlights included the introduction of continuous provision in Year 1, our OPAL initiative transforming playtimes, and our ongoing work with Smartphone Free Childhood.

We were also proud to celebrate the incredible support of our FRIENDS PTA, whose fundraising directly enriches the experiences of all our pupils. Most of all, our pupil tour guides shone as true "Coten Enders": confident, kind, and curious learners who make our school such a vibrant and welcoming community.

Later on in the Newsletter there is an article about our adventure to North Wales last week. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and had an amazing time; credit to all the children who behaved brilliantly and approached the week with a fantastic attitude – there are some photos on the Year Group Blog for Year 6 so do take a look.

This term, we say a very fond farewell to a truly dedicated member of our Coten End community. Emma Hodges first joined the school as a pupil, she returned as a parent when her son Zachary started in 2010, and soon became an integral part of school life. After decades of service and care, she has decided it's time for a new chapter - one that allows more time for family, travel, and gardening! We thank her wholeheartedly for her contribution and wish her every happiness and success in her new adventure.

Finally, I would like to wish you a happy half-term. It has been a long 8 weeks and just today I, and other leaders, spent the day around school seeing just how much progress has been made by the children in this time. After half-term, we will be faced with new challenges especially during playtimes and we will endeavour to put together a 'wet weather plan' to provide children and parents with more guidance on how to best prepare for our OPAL Play during the Winter Period.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th November. Please don't forget that Monday 3rd is an INSET day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Williams



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

School Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

At Coten End Primary School, we are committed to supporting every child to achieve their best — and **excellent attendance and punctuality** play a huge part in that success. Regular attendance helps children make steady progress, build friendships, and develop good learning habits that will last a lifetime.

🕒 Punctuality Matters

Arriving on time each day helps children start the day calmly and ready to learn. When children are late, they can miss key learning moments and it can be unsettling for the rest of the class.

- Children should arrive at school between 8.40am and 8.50am.

Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives on time and ready for the day ahead.

🏥 Medical Appointments/ Illness

Where possible, please arrange **medical or dental appointments outside of school hours**. If this isn't possible, we ask that children attend school before and/or after their appointment to minimise lost learning time.

The NHS provides clear [guidance](#) on when children are well enough to attend school. Most mild illnesses — such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough — do **not** require time off school, unless a child has a temperature. The article below provides some useful information for parents to follow ahead of the winter season.

Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea - please do remember that children **must stay off school for 48 hours since the last incident of any sickness or diarrhoea**. This is in line with NHS guidance detailed in the link above.

[Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school – The Education Hub](#)

🗣️ Talking About Attendance

We understand that sometimes there are genuine reasons for absence. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to us — we're here to help. There will also be an opportunity to discuss attendance and punctuality with your child's class teacher at **Parents' Evening**. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to meet with myself or our Parent Support Advisor, Nicky Pittaway. Working together, we can make sure your child achieves their full potential.

✂️ Holidays During Term Time

Please remember that **holidays should not be taken during term time**. Taking time off for holidays can have a significant impact on your child's learning and progress. Requests for leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Please find below a link to our attendance page on the school website. Here you will find further guidance and our updated Attendance policy.

[Coten End Primary School - Attendance](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time. Every day really does make a difference.

Kerry Pope



LATEST NEWS

Year 6 Residential Adventure at Arete, North Wales

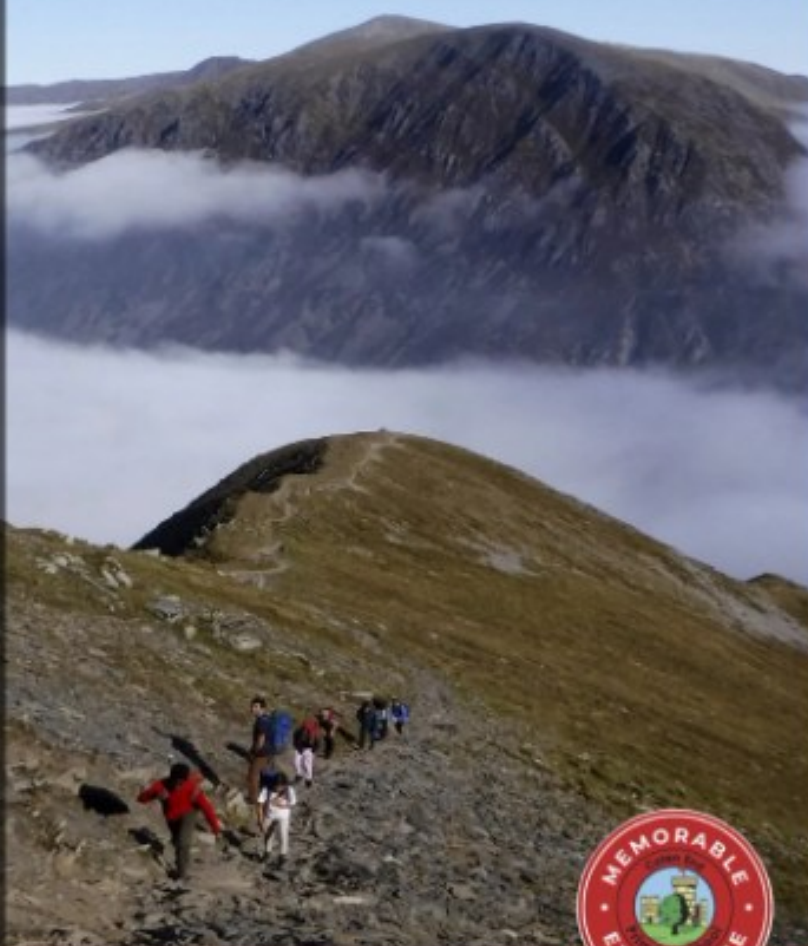
Earlier this month, our Year 6 pupils embarked on an unforgettable week at the Arete Outdoor Centre in North Wales.

From Monday to Friday, the children immersed themselves in the great outdoors, taking part in a range of once-in-a-lifetime adventures – including gorge scrambling, coasteering, kayaking and mountain climbing.

Throughout the week, pupils truly embodied our MAT values of Kindness, Confidence and Resilience. Whether supporting one another during a challenging climb, cheering friends across a gorge, or facing new experiences with determination and courage, they made us all incredibly proud.

Life at Arete also offered opportunities to grow in independence. Each day, the children were responsible for making their own beds and lunches, and completing evening chores: all taken on with enthusiasm (and a few impressive sandwich-making skills!).

The week was a fantastic celebration of learning, adventure and friendship: a fitting way to mark the children's final year of primary school. A huge thank you to the staff who supported this experience and to the children, whose teamwork and positivity made the week such a success.



Learning for everyone, learning from everyone.

Year Group News

Reception and Year 1 Author Visit

Cat Weatherill Inspires Our Young Storytellers!

Reception and Year 1 were treated to a magical visit from Cat Weatherill, a wonderful author and storyteller who led an engaging session all about story and rhyme.

Cat captivated the children with her energetic storytelling and lively performances of traditional tales including *Aladdin* and *Mother Goose*. The children were completely enthralled — joining in with actions, rhymes and laughter throughout the session.

It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the joy of storytelling and to inspire our youngest pupils to develop a love of words, rhythm and imagination!

Ms White and Mr Mansell.



Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic Ancient Greek Theme Day this week! The children arrived in incredible costumes — from powerful gods and goddesses to brave soldiers and fearsome monsters — and threw themselves into a day of creativity and collaboration. They painted their clay pots with intricate Greek patterns, cooked delicious spinach and feta parcels inspired by *spanakopita*, and created striking mixed-media collages based on Greek mythology.

Throughout the day, the children showed our school values of **curiosity**, **determination** and **responsibility**, as well as remembering to **Be Safe** and **Be Respectful** in every activity.

It was a brilliant celebration of learning—a true highlight of our Ancient Greece topic!



Modern Foreign Languages

Quiz Winners - European Day of Languages

Well done to 4JL who remembered the most different ways of saying 'hello' when we played a whole school game of 'pass the hello tag' on European Day of Languages. They were very happy to be awarded the engraved trophy in their celebration assembly.



Culture Club

If you speak another language at home and would be interested in helping Madame Allison run Culture Club, please contact the school office.

Coten End Café

Some Year 6 students enjoyed 'visiting' a French café on Friday and also had fun playing the very popular French game of 'pétanque'.



COTEN END'S LANGUAGES THEMED CAKE OFF



As part of our European Day of Languages celebrations Friends have teamed up with Madame Allison and will be holding a languages themed bake off after school on Friday 14th November. Parents and children will be able to attend the cake sale and see the creations in all their glory. The cake sale will take place from 3.20pm in Upper School Hall. There will be a one-way system in place. Please enter the hall via the fire exit door and exit via the Year 3 doors.

Rules: Bake a cake/biscuits using a traditional recipe or decorate a cake/biscuits to represent a country. Please note that we are a nut free school so please only use ingredients free from nuts.

Please bring your cake/biscuits to the school office at drop off on Friday 14th November. Please make sure that you have named your cake and its container clearly and include a list of the main allergens (gluten, eggs, milk, etc).

Who can take part: All the children from all year groups and staff.

Eco Committee News

Hundreds raised for Foodbank at Pumpkin Event

We're very excited to announce that the children have helped to raise around £280 for the Warwick District Foodbank and sales of sweet treats raised around £100 for Friends. Exact figures will be available soon.

Enormous thanks to everyone who supported this special community event by coming along, getting involved, donating, helping to set up and more. Very special thanks go to the children from the Eco Committee who were fantastic - taking payments, going around with donation buckets, tidying up and generally being enthusiastic and helpful. Huge thanks also to the staff who stayed after work to support them.

Catherine from Eco Friends said: "It's been a joy and a privilege to run this event where so many people come together, have fun and contribute what they can to give people a hand through tough times. This is my last year at the school and I hope others can take the event forward and enjoy it as much as I have." Anyone wishing to get involved in this event or others can pop along to say hello at a Friends meeting, email secretary.foce@mail.tidy.hq.com or speak to their class rep.

How much did those huge pumpkins weigh?

It's the news everyone's been waiting for! The all important weights of our Guess the Weight competition were: **Doris 14.2kg. Dougal 15.1kg**

Felix in year 1 won Doris - he was closest with his guess of 15kg. Julian in year 1 won Dougal with a brilliant guess of 14.92kg. Being closest overall, Julian also won the top prize from our incredibly generous friends at Hatton Adventure World - a year's annual membership for his family! Guess the Weight brings so many smiles and gets people chatting and laughing together as well as raising funds. Thank you so much to the lovely teams at Hatton and Tesco Warwick for supporting the event with pumpkins and prizes.

The Eco Committee kids grew many of the beautiful pumpkins at school, including Captain's favourite variety which they do for him every year. As you can see he was very grateful.



OPAL NEEDS YOU!!!

Do you have any of the following, or know anyone who can provide...

- Tarpaulins (any size but we need more small ones)
- Pallets
- Large tyres (Tractor size)
- Swings
- Frameless slides
- Wendy houses (Little Tykes)
- Astro turf
- Piping (all sizes)
- Large pipes children can go through
- Milk crates
- Scooters
- Trikes
- Plastic garden chairs
- Storage sheds

If you have any of the above, please bring to the office labelled
FAO Mrs Patterson or Mrs Rebbeck

Thank you

Forest School

Forest School are also asking for donations. We are looking for waterproof coats and trousers suitable for Year 3 up to year 6, tarpaulin, rope, hand tools such as bow saw, palm drill, axe, hammers, gimlets. We also are looking for adult support on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. If you have already applied to be a parent volunteer and have had the necessary checks and would like to help out please email the school office. Thank you, Mrs Wiseman



Badminton success for James!

James' (4BB) badminton success continues.....

In the recent Warwickshire Schools Badminton Association event for Under-10s held in Kenilworth, James had a fantastic result and won the Gold Medal in the tournament! James trains with the county each week and his hard work is certainly paying off. Well done James!





Are You Worried About Your Child's Mental Health?

- Emotional Wellbeing
 - Anxiety
 - Low Mood
 - Self-Harm
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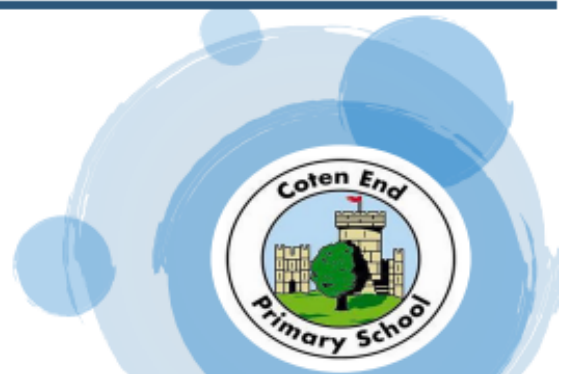
Come and join us for a
Parents and Carers
Coffee Morning

**On Friday 21st November
9am - 10am**

Coten End Primary School



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	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 3rd November	INSET DAY			
Tuesday 4th November	Dr visit to Reception		Parents' Evening	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) * Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 5th November			Parents' Evening (2HH)	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 6th November			Parents' Evening (not 2HH)	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 7th November				Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad
Monday 10th November	9.00am Reception Heights & Weights		2.00pm - Reception 'Come and Play'	Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 11th November			OPAL Parents event	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 12th November			2.00pm - Reception 'Come and Play'	Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 13th November				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 14th November				Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad

* Arts Insight Drama Club which runs out of the lower school hall on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:30pm has a small number of places available for the last half term of 2025. This will run from Tuesday 4th November - 16th December. So please get in touch if your child would like to join us after half term.

Every £100 raised = 5
mins of extra play!

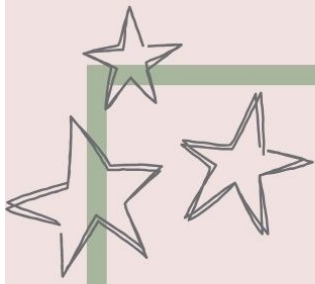


FUND-RAISIN!

Enjoy your raisins; keep the box; fill it with coins by completing chores for family and friends over half term; return the filled box to school. Thank you!

Pounds or pennies, they all add up :)

Please return your boxes filled with coins on 4th November to your class teacher.



Help Us; Help You!

Cash FOR Clothes

Looking to create some space in your home? Having a clear out? We'll happily accept your old clothes!

Friday 7th November

~ outside the school office ~



Cash for Clothes are collecting and will take your old, clean clothes including swimsuits, jackets and baby wear; paired shoes; handbags, belts, hats and ties; and accessories such as jewellery and watches.

Please put them in a tied bin bag outside the school office on the date above, and they will be taken in exchange for cash for the school!



Thank you for supporting our school!



NON-UNIFORM DAY

To support the Christmas Fair

Thursday 27th November

Please bring (NUT-FREE) Chocolate & Confectionery donations that kids enjoy.

Donations to be handed to your class teacher
on the morning of the 27th November



Christmas DONATIONS



17TH TO 21ST NOVEMBER

Donations to be left in donation box outside the office.

HAVE A CLEAR OUT FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIRS

If you can support these events by donating any of the items below it will be hugely appreciated and will help us give the children another super festive experience!

We don't want you to spend money - second hand things in good condition are perfect and will save waste too!

- **Pre-loved Christmas jumpers and party wear for our second-hand event**
- **Pre-loved clean teddy bears and cuddly toys**
- **Small gifts for 'Elfridges' where children pick and wrap a gift for a family member. These don't need to be new but in good condition. Unwanted gifts are great, for example - scarves, mugs, photo frames, candle's smellies, homemade craft item, toys and games**
- **Small prizes such as sweets or party bag-type fillers (McDonald's toys are perfect!)**

FOR ECO CRAFT AND WRAPPING

- **Lightweight fabric or scarves (drop in to the office any time)**
- **Christmas wrapping paper or gift bags saved from last year**

SIGN UP TO HELP - THE KIDS NEED YOU!

Both fairs will be during the school day on:

- Reception/Key Stage 1 - Friday 28th November
- Key stage 2 - Monday 1st of December



★ A sign up link is coming out soon - please look out for it and sign up if you can. We can't run the fair without helpers like you.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

With Halloween fast approaching please have a read about the importance of safety at this time of year

In some places, on average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

TOP TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN SAFETY

1. Check costumes are safe. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls and be aware of fire risk. Use LED candles rather than real ones as some costumes can burn very quickly. Choose face paint over masks when possible. Masks can limit children's vision.
2. Children under age 12 should normally be accompanied by a grown up. Consider going trick or treating as a small group rather than alone.
3. Plan your Route - No one wants to get lost or find themselves far away from home on Halloween night. Make sure you plan your trick or treating route in advance.
4. If you are not trick or treating with an adult, teenagers should know when they are expected home, to save parents unwanted worry. Know what to do if a someone or something makes you feel unsafe.
5. Adults should know where children are - and give clear boundaries and times to return home.
6. Carry glow sticks LEDs, or torches, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colours to help children see and be seen by drivers.
7. Cross all roads with care - If you come to cross a road, remove your mask, and make sure the road is completely clear when you come to make your move.
8. Children - watch out for unpredictable drivers. Drivers watch out for unpredictable children!
9. Only to trick or treat at houses which are well lit, or which are decorated with Halloween themed decorations or lit pumpkins. Some people may not want to be disturbed.
10. CHECK YOUR SWEETS - Are you allergic? Make sure you or your parents check your sweets to make sure you are not allergic to any of your Halloween treats, or that you have received any treats that aren't worth eating... nobody wants to be poorly for Bonfire Night.



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

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

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct
England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

BURGER KING

From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales),

FLAMING GRILL

1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &
Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland)
& Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales),

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 all day

PREMIER INN

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

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

HALF TERM THEATRE WORKSHOPS FOR 7 - 14 YRS

THEATRE GAMES

PROP
MAKING

SCRIPT
WORK

SHADOW
PUPPETRY

SINGING AND
SONG WRITING

SHORT PUBLIC
PERFORMANCES

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TO ENQUIRE AND BOOK!

CRAFTS * MUSIC * GAMES * FOOD

FREE

Light Party

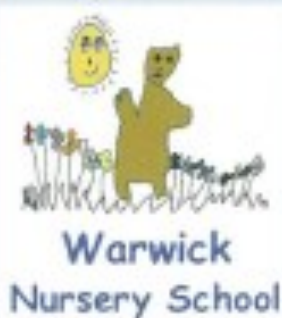
AN ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWE'EN
FOR PRIMARY AGE & YOUNGER

Friday 31st October 2025
4-6PM • GERRARD ST HALL CV34
4HD

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MOMENTUM

ADULT DANCE AND FITNESS CLASS

CUBBINGTON VILLAGE HALL BROADWAY CV32 7JR



MONDAY EVENINGS: 7:45 - 8:45PM

FRIDAY MORNINGS: 9:30-10:30AM

CLASS FEE:
£5 PER DROP-IN SESSION

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