

# Coten End Newsletter

Issue No 5

Friday 14th November 2025

## Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through this busy and exciting half-term, there is a wonderful sense of anticipation around school. The Christmas season is always a special time at Coten End, and this year is no exception. Our calendar is filled with festive activities organised by both the school and our FRIENDS PTA – from performances to fundraising events, there's plenty to look forward to. Please do keep an eye on updates so you don't miss any of the celebrations at this very busy time of year.

On the next page you will see our OPAL Wet Weather Plan, which will help ensure that playtimes remain enjoyable and safe through the winter months. It really is essential that children come prepared for the weather each day, with suitable clothing and footwear to make the most of their outdoor play. All children should have wellies in school. I am collecting some great photos of the fun children are getting up to in both mud and puddles and both all at once! I will share these in a future newsletter. Obviously the weather today has been extreme and I hope you understand that, on this occasion, the children have not been outside at break and lunchtime.

This week has also been Inter Faith Week, a time for reflection and learning as we explore and celebrate the many different faiths represented within our school community. The children have shared their experiences, asked thoughtful questions, and shown great respect and curiosity when they have had visitors come in to talk to them. A true reflection of the values that make Coten End such a welcoming and inclusive place to learn.

We are also looking forward to welcoming families into school for our "Come and Learn" sessions over the coming weeks. These events are always a highlight of the term, providing parents and carers with a chance to experience learning alongside their children and to see first-hand the enthusiasm and progress taking place in classrooms across the school.

Finally, you will find details later in this newsletter about a current job opportunity within our team. Many parents have taken the leap from parent to staff over the years and have found it to be a truly rewarding experience – if you're interested, we would love to hear from you so please find more details later on and give us a call.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for all that you do to contribute to our vibrant school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Williams



**BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL**



## OPAL Wet Weather Plan

At our school, we value outdoor play in all weathers. To keep everyone safe, comfortable and ready to enjoy OPAL, please follow the guidance below.



### Clothing – Non-Negotiable

Wellies and waterproof coats are essential during wet weather.

Trainers are not suitable as they soak up water.

Fashionable, absorbent coats or jackets are not appropriate. **Coats must be waterproof.**



### Where Wellies Are Required

Wellies must be worn in all muddy areas, including:

- o The fields
- o Astro area
- o Wildlife Way
- o Flowerbeds
- o The two mounds



**If you do not have wellies, you will only be allowed to play on the concrete areas, which are:**

- o Year 3 playground
- o Upper School playground
- o Lower School playground
- o Courtyard



# Are you interested in supporting children with additional need at Coten End?

We will shortly be advertising a Teaching Assistant position. This is an exciting opportunity for you to join our wonderful staff family and to help us provide the best possible learning environment for children across school.

If you are interested, please do get in touch and we will make sure to alert you to the job advert. Mr Williams will also be happy to have an informal conversation with you about the role.

## School News

### Year 6 Science Visit to Warwick Secondary School

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting afternoon at Warwick Secondary School, taking part in a hands-on Science lesson with Mr Etheridge. The session focused on electricity, with pupils learning about electrons and neutrons and how these charged particles attract and repel.

The children experimented with equipment to explore static electricity, observing how charges build up on different materials and cause objects—such as “Chads” (paper circles from a hole punch)—to be attracted or repelled. They were fascinated to see these concepts brought to life in a series of live demonstrations, including the dramatic Van de Graaff machine, which showed how electrical charge can pass through objects.

It was a highly engaging and memorable visit that deepened pupils’ understanding of electricity in a fun and practical way.

### Inter Faith week

This week we have been celebrating Inter Faith Week at Coten End Primary School. We were very lucky to have some visitors who came to speak to us about their faith and worldviews; sharing traditions, important artefacts and information about their places of worship. The children demonstrated our core values of curiosity, kindness and responsibility during their sessions and each visitor commented on how much they enjoyed speaking with them. Some of our children have also been sharing their own worldviews, traditions and beliefs in class, or sharing what they have learned about others. It has been a brilliant demonstration of the diversity and respect for others present in our school community.



### Hockey News

I had the absolute privilege of taking some children to St Nick's astro for a friendly hockey tournament arranged by Kingsley School.

The children showed every single one of the Coten End Values which was noticed by parents and adults from other schools. Every child listened to each other and myself, they organised themselves into positions and decided how they would do their rolling subs and explained the rules to me as I am very rusty. They were respectful to each other, other children and adults.

Although it was not a competitive tournament, the children asked me to keep scores and report back to everyone. The children won 2 games, lost 1 game and drew 2 games (although they took the last game as a win as they played the second half for another team who were 1-0 up) so I will leave that up for debate.

They really did the school proud and as you can see from the photo, they were very proud of themselves as was I.



Mrs Rebbeck

## Eco Committee

This year in Eco Committee, we began by harvesting the beans that last year's group had planted. We plan to repeat this process next spring, towards the end of the school year. Everyone received a share of beans to take home, with some saved for next year's committee. We also picked sweetcorn.

In our most recent Eco meeting (which takes place every Thursday), we planted strawberries — some to take home and some to keep at school to raise money. We also planted lettuce and rocket.

## Languages Cake Sale

Madame Allison and the Friends have once again been blown away by all of your fantastic contributions to today's languages' cake sale. We will be in touch again to let you know how much money has been raised for school.



## Christmas performances

Reception, Year 2 and Year 3 will be putting on Christmas performances for parents to watch in December; the dates of these are:

RSM—Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am

RSL—Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am

RFD—Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am

2CS—Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm

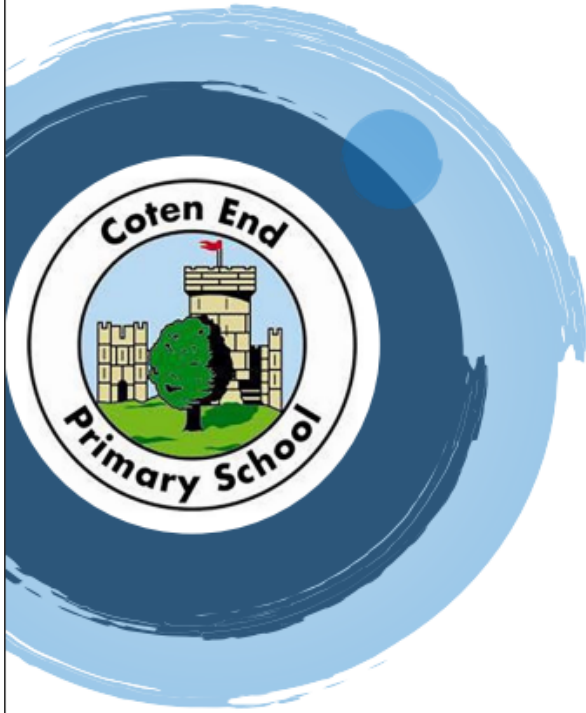
2CR—Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm

2HH—Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm

Year 3—Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am

More information to follow regarding location and entrance arrangements.

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 17th November	9.00am—Year 2 Come and Learn  <i>Friends Xmas Donation week (see poster)</i>			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 18th November	9.00am—Year 5 Come and Learn			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 19th November	Al Sylvester (explorer) - online session with Year 4  9.30am—Open Morning			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 20th November	9.00am—Year 2 and Year 5 Come and Learn			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 21st November	9.00am—Coffee Morning <i>(see poster)</i>			Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad
Monday 24th November				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 25th November				Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 26th November	9.00am—Year 3 Come and Learn			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 27th November	9.00am—Year 3 Come and Learn  <i>Non-uniform day (see poster)</i>			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 28th November	KS1 Christmas Fair			Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad



## Are You Worried About Your Child's Mental Health?

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

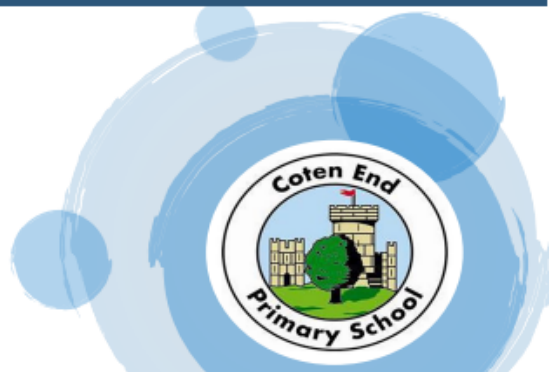
**On Friday 21st November  
9am - 10am**

**Coten End Primary School**

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**Stowe Valley**  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST





# AUTUMN RAFFLE

TICKETS  
£1

Prizes include: Shakespeare Story Family Pass for a whole year; 4 tickets to Warwick Races; Digital art work from Luna Casa Art; £40 Piccolinos Voucher; £30 Charles Clinkard Voucher, 5x £20 Panela Vouchers; 10x £25 Mcdonalds Emscote Road Vouchers; 2x £10 Happy Puccia Vouchers; Box of 16 Handmade Chocolates from 1683 Chocolate Place; Family tickets to Batsford Arboretum, Lord Leycester Hospital and Stratford Butterfly Farm, Fairytale Farm and Birdland; Entry to Cotswold Wildlife Park; Round of Disc Golf at Quarry Park; Paddleboarding session at Spot on Wake; Go Karting at Mr Karting; Tickets to Spa Centre Cinema and Loft Theatre; Holiday Camp Sessions from Let's Play!; Weekday session at The Riverside Hub; Bounce sessions at Red Kangaroo; Family Swims at Everyone Active and Swim in a Tin; Bottles of wine from Wine Poole; Gin Tasting Experience for 2 at Warwickshire Gin Company and prizes from Warwick Sports and Present Days; Plus vouchers to spend at Art Kitchen, Cook!, AirHop, Aubrey Allen, Golden Monkey Tea Company, Warwick Books, Chip Shed, Dice Box, Form and Flow, Playbox, Oliver Bonas.. and many more!!

Tickets are £1 and can be purchased  
by following the QR code



23 Nov 2025, 2.30-5.30pm

# Stir Up Sunday

**CASTLE HILL**  
BAPTIST CHURCH, WARWICK  
CASTLE HILL, CV34 4EX

Join us for festive fun &  
make a Christmas pudding!



Fun for all ages  
Pudding for approx. 8  
Craft activities for children

Raising money for Mary's  
Meals and Blood Bikers  
Ingredients & basin provided

Suggested donation £8  
Register by Fri 21 Nov  
Don't forget large bowl  
& mixing spoon



For more info, time slots and registration: [warwickbaptists.org.uk/stir](https://warwickbaptists.org.uk/stir)

**Christmas is coming** and that means that registration for **"Stir Up Sunday"** **(23 November)** when we hold our community Christmas pudding making event is now open.

We'd love you to join us for a fun filled afternoon suitable for all ages: to make a pudding, engage in some Christmas craft activities, enjoy some seasonal refreshments, all accompanied by festive music. It's also a great opportunity to raise funds for two charitable causes at this special time of the year.

To register for this event please go to: <https://warwickbaptists.org.uk/stir/> (or use the QR code in the poster) and choose your time slot.

We look forward to seeing you there.



# 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.



# 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



of Coten End Primary School

# Christmas Fair

R/KS1 Friday 28 November



KS2 Monday 1 December

The Christmas fair magic is happening in school hours! Child only event - children will visit with their class.

• Every child will have the opportunity to visit and take part in lots of fun games and stalls.

**TICKETS  
£5**

**AN  
INCLUSIVE  
EVENT FOR  
ALL  
CHILDREN**



**Children will need a named carrier bag to bring home prizes and crafts!**



To purchase your tickets please visit: [www.cotenend.zero-waste.org.uk/events/](http://www.cotenend.zero-waste.org.uk/events/)




# ELF POST

## returns to Coten End!

**Write your letter to Santa**  
and receive a personalised reply


- 1. Order your letter at the website below**
- 2. Ask your child to write their letter to Santa**
- 3. Pop it in the post box in the School Office by 12<sup>th</sup> December**
- 4. Your child's personalised letter will be delivered to your home w/c 15<sup>th</sup> December**



Orders for Santa Letters must be placed online by 5.12.25 at midday



**£3.75**



Look out for the Letters to Santa Postbox in the School Office from 10.11.25 to 12.12.25

**[cotenend.zero-waste.org.uk/events](http://cotenend.zero-waste.org.uk/events)**





Storytime with

**SANTA**

Watch out Reception & KS1

Santa Claus is coming to Coten End.

An inclusive event  
for all Reception  
and KS1 children

WEDNESDAY 17TH  
DECEMBER  
WITHIN SCHOOL HOURS  
£3 PER TICKET

Storytime with Santa will bring the magic of Christmas alive as the children will be captivated by a modern day Christmas related story.

A Christmas gift will be handed to every child by Santa's elves and it promises to be a fun experience for all the children.

Ho, Ho, Ho!

To purchase a ticket for this event please follow the link

[WWW.COTENEND.ZERO-WASTE.ORG.UK/EVENTS/](http://WWW.COTENEND.ZERO-WASTE.ORG.UK/EVENTS/)



# **WARWICKSHIRE**

## CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Kestrel Ridge | Shenington | Banbury | OX15 6NP

**T:** 07975544754 **E:** info@warwickshirechristmastrees.co.uk

[www.warwickshirechristmastrees.co.uk](http://www.warwickshirechristmastrees.co.uk)

## **School Donation Project**

- 1) BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AT WARWICKSHIRE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM
- 2) MENTION THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL WHEN PAYING FOR YOUR TREE
- 3) WE WILL DONATE 10% OF YOUR TREES' VALUE BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

**IT'S THAT SIMPLE. HELP US HELP YOU THIS CHRISTMAS.**



**UPLOAD YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE PICS & TAG US  
@WARWICKSHIRECHRISTMASTREES**



Christmas Holiday  
**Childcare**  
Reception to Yr 6

JOIN **THE** **ADVENTURE!**

Festive Fun and Games this Holiday Season



Monday **22nd** and  
Tuesday **23rd December**

**Times 9am to 3.30pm**

Early Drop off 8 - 9am

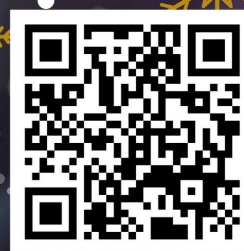
Late Pick up 1 3:30 - 4:30pm

Late Pick up 2 4:30 - 5:30pm

**WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS &  
TAX-FREE CHILDCARE** search 'Coten End Kids Club'

**Ofsted**  
Registered EY2857545

to book visit [cotenend.onsidelive.co.uk](http://cotenend.onsidelive.co.uk)



# CAROLS AT WARWICK CASTLE

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT!  
SING ALONG TO FESTIVE CAROLS WITH THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S,  
ACCOMPANIED BY THE FANTASTIC ROYAL SPA BRASS

**SAT 20.12.2025**

GATES OPEN **6.30 - 9 PM**

EVENT LOCATION:

**WARWICK CASTLE**

WARWICK, WARWICKSHIRE, CV34 6AH

TICKET  
PRICES

**£10**

ADULT

**£5**

CHILD

FOR MORE EVENT INFO AND TICKETS VISIT: [WWW.CAROLSWARWICK.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CAROLSWARWICK.ORG.UK)

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