

# Coten End Newsletter

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## Message from Mrs Sheepy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this month we had a review day as part of Stowe Valley MAT's quality assurance processes. The review was carried out by a colleague headteacher and an independent inspector. The focus of the review was on teaching and learning, pupil behaviour, and engagement and I am delighted to share some of the findings below. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and reflects the hard work and commitment of our staff and pupils.

Teaching was found to be consistently strong across the school, with examples of exceptional practice. Teachers' subject knowledge and enthusiasm were praised for inspiring pupils and making learning enjoyable. Our continuous provision approach in Key Stage 1 was highlighted as highly effective.

The review also identified the school's ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum and was commended for being broad, balanced, and inclusive. The strong emphasis on reading and mathematics was also noted with pupils achieving very well in these areas. They felt that our curriculum inspires pupils and helps them build knowledge and skills confidently and this was validated by the comments children made during pupil voice interviews. They enjoyed listening to the children talk so enthusiastically about their learning and seeing the work in books and on display around school.

In addition, they commented that school was calm, purposeful, and welcoming. They could see pupils behaving well and saying that they feel safe and enjoy their learning. Our high attendance of 96.9%, reflects that children want to be in school.

In our Ofsted inspection in 2024, personal development of pupils was graded as outstanding, and it was clear to the review team that our work in this area continues to be a real strength. Planned and reactive PSHE and a wide range of enrichment activities, including residential visits and outdoor play through the OPAL programme, were praised for promoting pupils' well-being, resilience, and character.

We are proud of these findings and grateful to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and wonderful pupils who make Coten End such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Sarah Sheepy**  
Executive Headteacher



**BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL**

## Myton Hospice Santa Dash

Sam Rowe, mum of Ollie in Year 1, is taking part in the annual Myton Hospice Santa Dash along with a team of friends including other mums from 1NL and their children plus her nephew, Josh (Y3). Sam and the team are hoping to contribute to Myton Hospice's £60,000 target which is raised entirely through sponsorship.

To support Sam and her fellow runners, please follow the link below:

[The Myton Hospices - Sam Rowe](#)

Thank you for your support.

## Charity news

LWS Night Shelter are running their yearly 'Reverse Advent Calendar' again and, although we are not going to be receiving and passing on donations via school, we wanted to share the list of specific donations that they are hoping for over the course of December. More information about the Advent Calendar can be found at [LWS Night Shelter - Christmas](#)

We hope you are able to support.

Thank you,

Mrs Hawkins  
(Charity Committee Lead)

## Lock bikes and scooters

Unfortunately it has been reported that a scooter has been taken from the bike shed near to William Tarver Close. We must ask parents to ensure that bikes and scooters are kept padlocked at all times on the school site as we cannot guarantee their security.

## Languages news

On Wednesday two of Warwick University's Languages Ambassadors visited school to help run Culture Club. They spoke to our Languages Ambassadors about what it is like to study languages at University and also taught the children some German. In two weeks' time they will return in order to teach the Languages Ambassadors some Russian.

After Christmas German and Russian will be languages of the half-term and our Languages Ambassadors will share what they have learnt with other children in school.



**If you speak German or Russian and would be interested in helping Madame Allison run Culture Club please contact the school office.**

## After School Clubs—Spring term

Information regarding next term's After School Clubs will be sent home by email on Wednesday 3rd December; you will be informed on Wednesday 17th December if your child has a place. The clubs will stay mainly the same but some will be opened up to Reception children.

# Christmas Jumper Days

Rec/KS1—Tuesday 16th December

Y3—6—Thursday 18th December



This year we are helping raise money for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper Days that are being held when the different year groups have their Christmas lunch. On these days children are invited to come to school in their festive tops/jumpers and parents may donate to Save the Children via their ParentPay account. The payment will be set up on ParentPay next week.

The official Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 11th December; to find out more, please visit:

[Christmas Jumper Day 2025 | Save the Children UK](#)

## Christmas cards

If children wish to send Christmas cards to their friends via our postal system (!) they can now be posted in the large red postbox just outside the office (please don't confuse this with the postbox in the foyer which is for the children's letters to Santa). Please ensure that each envelope is clearly marked with the **child's name and class**. The last posting date is Wednesday 17th December.

## Christmas Dates—reminders for your diaries

Monday 1st December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Fair
Tuesday 2nd December	Year 4 to St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday 9th December	Year 5 & 6 to see Beauty and the Beast at Albany Theatre RSM Nativity, 9.30am
Wednesday 10th December	Year 2 to see Stickman at Mill Arts Centre RSL Nativity, 9.30am
Thursday 11th December	Year 1 to see Stickman at Mill Arts Centre RFD Nativity
Friday 12th December	Reception to see Stickman at Mill Arts Centre
Monday 15th December	Year 1 Christingle Year 6 Christmas Party Year 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16th December	Year 3 / 4 to see Beauty and the Beast at Albany Theatre Rec—Year 2 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Year 1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December	Reception/Year 1 & 2 Storytime with Santa Year 5 Christmas Party 3SS/3CC Christmas parties
Thursday 18th December	Year 3 Christmas Extravaganza, 9.00am 3LA Christmas Party Year 4 Christmas Party



# LATEST NEWS

## Visit from Coten End Year 5 Buddies



**We were absolutely delighted to welcome a Year 5 class from Coten End Primary School to Myton Gardens for the first of our buddy sessions on Monday. The morning was a wonderful success and a truly joyful experience for all the children involved.**

The visit focused on our shared school values, particularly Kindness and Collaboration. It was fantastic to see the Year 1 children working so confidently alongside their older peers, who were brilliant role models throughout the morning.

The children took part in a range of activities designed to build friendships and teamwork. Together, they created kindness crowns, enjoyed shared artwork, explored junk modelling, and spent time playing and collaborating on our outdoor equipment. The atmosphere was full of enthusiasm, care, and genuine enjoyment.

It was a pleasure to see the older children supporting, encouraging, and celebrating our Year 1 pupils, and equally inspiring to watch our children welcome them so warmly.

We are excited to continue developing this link and have plenty of plans for future visits and shared experiences. We look forward to watching these new friendships grow over the year.



**Growing Minds, Nurturing Futures**

# Sports News

## Rowing Competition Report

A huge well done to our first group of rowers who competed on Wednesday 5 November in the mixed rowing event. All four children demonstrated outstanding collaboration and determination, truly reflecting the Coten End values. Competing against 14 other schools, the team secured an excellent 10th place finish. They also enjoyed taking part in several additional activities throughout the day, making it a memorable experience for all involved. Congratulations to Poppy, Jonah, Keziah and Daniel.



Our second rowing event took place the following day on Thursday 6 November, with eight children representing the school in separate boys' and girls' teams. Both groups faced tough competition, rowing against 25 other schools. In the boys' event, the team achieved a fantastic total distance of 1571m, finishing in a strong 8th place. The girls' team also performed brilliantly, rowing 1563m and securing 11th place overall. A huge well done to all of our rowers for their effort, resilience and teamwork across both days.

## Hockey Tournament Report

On the same day as our second rowing competition, the Coten End hockey team travelled to St. Nick's astro turf for a tournament hosted by Kingsley School. It was a very busy day for our sports teams, and the hockey players rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and skill.

The team made an excellent start, securing victories in both of their opening matches. The second game was slightly shortened due to time constraints, and the team went on to finish with a well-earned draw in their third and final match. Mrs Rebbeck was incredibly proud, sharing how much the children grew in confidence as the tournament progressed. Well done to the whole team for fantastic teamwork and commitment throughout the afternoon.

## Speed Stacking Competition Report

Thursday 27 November saw our Year 3 Cup Speed Stacking team travel to Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre to take part in an exciting tournament against several other schools. The children performed brilliantly, demonstrating excellent focus, sportsmanship and determination. Their conduct and attitude made Coten End very proud.

We are now eagerly awaiting the final results, and fingers are firmly crossed that the team will progress to the next round and secure a place in the county finals. Well done to all involved.



## Netball matches

On Wednesday 26th, the Coten End netball team took to the court for their first round of league fixtures. With three matches scheduled at Kingsley's netball courts in Leamington, the team demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the evening.

The opening match set the tone for the night, with Coten End securing a dominant 14–0 victory over Budbrooke. The girls continued their strong form into the second game, achieving another impressive win with an 8–2 result against Brookhurst.

The final fixture saw Coten End face Kingsley, and once again the team rose to the challenge, finishing the night with a confident 8–0 victory.

This series of outstanding performances marks a fantastic start to the netball league. With more games ahead, the team are in a strong position and full of confidence as they prepare for the second round.

Mr Rose

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 1st December	KS2 Christmas Fair			Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 2nd December	9.30am Rocksteady Concert Year 4 to St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 3rd December				Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 4th December	9.30am Open Morning			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 5th December			Year 5 trip to Harry Potter Studios	Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad
Monday 8th December				Football (Y3/4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 9th December	<i>Christmas jumper day for Rec &amp; KS1</i> Year 5/6 to Albany Theatre 9.30am—RSM Nativity		Reception & KS1 Christmas Lunch	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 10th December	Y2 to Mill Arts Centre 9.00am Year 1 Come & Learn Year 6 Come & Learn 9.30am—RSL Nativity			Judo (Y2—6) Music (Y1 & 2) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 11th December	Y1 to Mill Arts Centre 9.30am—RFD Nativity			Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Bat & Ball (Y1 & 2)
Friday 12th December	Rec to Mill Arts Centre 9.00am Year 1 Come & Learn Year 6 Come & Learn			Dance (Y1—2) Football (Y2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad

# Raise funds for us for FREE

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Coten End Primary School - Warwick

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**£60m**  
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**£0**  
extra cost to anyone



# 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





# The GREATEST GIFT

ALL-AGE  
CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
9:15 & 11:15 am

TRADITIONAL  
CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
5pm & 7pm

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CHRISTINGLE  
SERVICE

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
4pm

CHRISTMAS  
DAY SERVICE

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
10am

MYTON CHURCH

Westbury Community Centre  
Leamington Spa  
CV31 3JE



# St Nicholas Church Nativity Workshop

Would you like to be in our Nativity Play on Christmas Eve? Come along to our workshop to rehearse the play. Open to all children and young people who enjoy performing!

**Monday 22nd  
Dec  
2-4pm  
St Nics Church**

**Come and  
join in!**



To book your place, email Ellie:  
[Ellie.stnicswarwick@gmail.com](mailto:Ellie.stnicswarwick@gmail.com)



# Messy Christmas!

**CHURCH - THE MESSY WAY!**

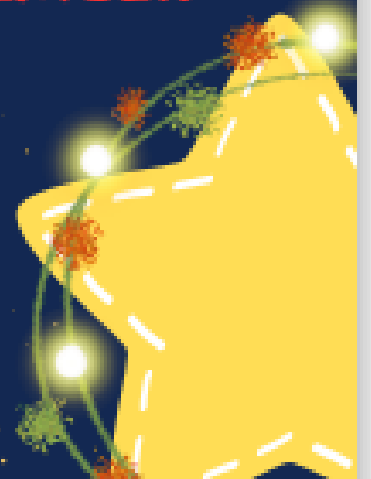
**NATIVITY STORY  
LOADS OF CRAFTS  
GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD  
SHARED LUNCH  
FREE OF CHARGE!**

**WHERE: WOODLOES PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**WHEN: SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

**@ 10.30 - 12.30**

**MESSY CHURCH IS CHURCH AND IS  
PERFECT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE  
CHILDREN WITH A PARENT OR CARER.  
OLDER/YOUNGER SIBLINGS  
WELCOME.**






# 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/)

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR CHOIR PRESENTS



# CHRISTMAS CAROL COME & SING!

A Fun Workshop for CHILDREN

**Ages 6-12**

*Join us during our magical Christmas tree festival to sing some festive favourite carols together!*



 **When:** Friday 5th December 2025

 **Time:** 4:15pm - 6:00pm

 **Concert for Parents:** 5:45pm


 **Sing favourite carols including:** 

★ I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

★ Jingle Bells

★ Ding Dong Merrily on High

 **Just turn up and join in!** 

 **All Saints Church**  
**Priory Terrace, Leamington Spa**  
**CV31 1AA**



# 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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