

Coten End Newsletter

Issue No 10

Friday 13 February 2026

Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that the end of this half-term will mark the start of some better weather! The OPAL Working Party at school met recently and we discussed the impact that the weather was having on our school grounds. It is certainly not in any state that we would like it to be and you will undoubtedly feel the same as you walk around school. It has certainly been one of the downsides of OPAL as whilst it is great that the children have access to our whole site, it is causing significant damage. We are putting together a plan to rewild/replant one third of our outdoor environment, so please be assured that we are thinking about how to fix the problem. If you have any ideas or suggestions for rewilding/planting projects, don't hesitate to get in touch.

You will see numerous articles within this week's newsletter of tremendous sporting success that we have had as a school recently. We are going to multiple regional competitions having won local events. We are still quite early in the year for the sporting events that we take part in as part of the Central Warwick School Sports Partnership, so there will be plenty more opportunities for success as the year goes on. I am incredibly passionate about sport and will always ensure that we are accessing as many events as possible. It is also not just about competition, as we take part in many inclusive events as well where we ensure that children who don't often represent school competitively get a chance to participate. We are wishing our successful Year 3 Gymnasts, Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletes and our Year 6 Girls' Football Team good luck for their regional events that are coming up in March.

There are a number of events in school soon after half-term that do involve some parental input (British Science Week, World Book Day, Red Nose Day) and we have tried to give you plenty of notice. We are very conscious about the demand placed on parents for events like these, but we don't want to not enable children to join in with these events that can be a lot of fun and great learning opportunities. Having said that, we would always say that your involvement can be kept to a minimum. Science projects can be a quick bit of research about something they are interested in and World Book Day costumes can be very simple.

After half-term we welcome 2 new permanent members of staff—Mrs Hernakia and Mrs Akten are both joining us as Teaching Assistants, I am sure that they will be made to feel very welcome by all the school community.

I hope you have a restful half-term. I was going to say that hopefully we will get some sunshine, but it looks like snow is more likely than that!

Best wishes,

Nick Williams



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

Year group news

Magistrates in the Making—Year 6

On Wednesday 11th February 3 local magistrates visited Year 6 to give an insight into the judicial system. Classrooms were turned into functioning courtrooms and each role in the proceedings was played by one of our Year 6 pupils.

The proceedings started with an Usher calling, "All stand!" as the newly trained magistrates entered to take their seats. From that moment, the pupils took full ownership of the proceedings.

A Legal Adviser opened the case by outlining charges, which centred around cyberbullying and these were read out in detail to the court. What followed was a compelling sequence of witness testimonies and then the response of the defendant.

The young magistrates listened intently, taking notes and conferring quietly as each piece of evidence was presented.

After retiring to deliberate, the magistrates returned to deliver their decision, which was that they found the defendant guilty of harassment and concluded that the impact of the defendant's actions on the victim met the legal threshold explained by the Legal Adviser.

Their verdict demonstrated not only a clear understanding of the law but also a mature appreciation of the seriousness of online behaviour—an issue highly relevant to pupils' lives today.

The mock trial was an authentic learning experience that brought citizenship, law, and digital responsibility to life. Pupils gained first-hand insight into:

- how magistrates weigh evidence
- the importance of impartiality
- the real-world consequences of online actions
- the role of the justice system in protecting individuals

Teachers and visitors alike praised the professionalism and confidence shown by every participant. The newly trained magistrates, in particular, demonstrated exceptional focus and teamwork as they presided over the case.

This workshop has left a lasting impression on the pupils: one that will shape their understanding of justice, responsibility, and respectful online behaviour for years to come.

Spanish visitors—Year 3

Some Spanish speaking Year 3 parents have visited Year 3 in the past two weeks. They spoke to the children all about Spanish festivals and gave them the opportunity to try some flamenco dancing! The children in 3SS were also able to try some Spanish food, including paella, which was delicious. Thank you to the parents for giving up their time.



Author visit — Reception

On Thursday 12th February, Reception had a visit from Mog at Warwick books. The children got to meet Frank and Bert (although they were a little shy!) and listened to two stories about them. One was about playing a game of hide and seek and the other about a picnic and some naughty squirrels. They played games linked to the stories and got a chance to buy a book at the end of the session.



Reception Round Up

We have replaced our Reception year group blog with 'Reception Round-Up', here you will find a 'Snapshot of the Week' section detailing the things we have been exploring in Learning Theme, PE, Maths and within our continuous provision. You will also find a 'Phonics' section. This will tell you our weekly sounds and tricky words. Finally, there will be a 'Ways to Help at Home' section. This contains small ways you can continue to support your children at home. The suggestions will be linked to our week's learning or general areas for development across the cohort. We hope you enjoy the 'Reception Round-Up' and find it useful!

[Coten End Primary School - Reception Round Up](#)

MFL

Culture Club (German)

This half-term the children have been learning about all things German. The Languages Ambassadors taught their chosen guests what they had been taught by the Warwick University Languages Ambassador and they also made masks when discussing the German celebration of 'Karneval'. As has become customary for the last session of a language, they enjoyed sampling some German food!



After half-term our language of the half-term will be **RUSSIAN**.

Myton workshops - Year 6

Myton students have visited twice this half-term to deliver a French and German workshop to all of Year 6. The students planned and delivered a number of different activities for our children to enjoy. It was lovely to see the students interacting with each other as they revisited familiar language.



Children's Mental Health week

The focus for this year's mental health week has been Place2be so the children have been thinking about all the communities and places that they belong to, both in and out of school. Each year group has also had the opportunity to try some activities to support their mental wellbeing, either with some experts in our school or external visitors. These included Year 1 participating in yoga with Nicola, Year 3 learning about mindfulness with Candice and Year 4 learning about how to look after their mental health with Jeremy.

Sports News

Year 3 / 4 Girls Football

Some of our Year 3 and 4 footballers took part in a recent Girls' Football Festival, which was a fantastic celebration of skill, teamwork and fun! The event focused on four key areas of the game — passing, dribbling, 1v1s and agility — giving the players the chance to develop and showcase their abilities in different challenges.

The session finished with an exciting 5v5 match, where the girls put their skills into action, demonstrating great teamwork, determination and creativity on the ball. They all played in positions they were not used to and gave it their all, showing fantastic effort and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

The girls who represented Coten End were brilliant throughout — encouraging one another, building confidence and celebrating each other's successes. Most importantly, they played with smiles on their faces and truly enjoyed their football, making it a wonderful and memorable festival for all involved!



Sara, Y4, a happy footballer with her medal!

Year 3 Gymnastics

Congratulations to our Year 3 Gymnastics Superstars who are off to County Finals after an excellent performance at Leamington and Warwick Gymnastics Club.

Last Wednesday, our Year 3 Gymnastics Team took part in the School Games Gymnastics Competition along with 12 other local schools at the Leamington and Warwick Gymnastics Club. The gymnasts were judged on a floor and a vault routine testing their balance, posture and control through a series of movements. Their hard work and practice paid off as they came top and won the competition's gold medal. They will now represent Central Warwickshire at the County Finals which will take place at the end of March in Solihull. We are incredibly proud of their determination and team spirit – we wish them the very best of luck for the County Finals.



Year 5 and 6 Athletics

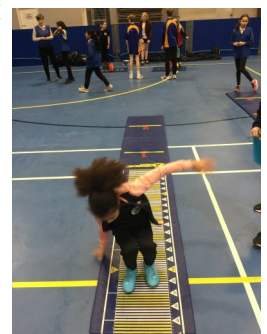
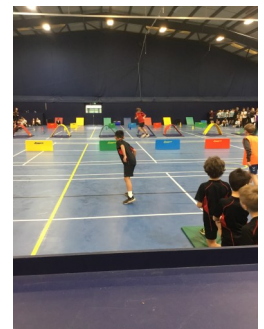
On Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 athletics team travelled to Ryton Connections to take part in the Indoor Athletics Tournament. The children competed brilliantly across a wide range of events, including sprints, relays, obstacle races, javelin, long jump, triple jump and chest push.

Throughout the afternoon, the team showed outstanding determination and collaboration. Many of the races were fiercely contested, right down to the final moments, but our athletes never gave up.

Their hard work and team spirit truly paid off, as Coten End were crowned winners out of 14 large schools from the local area—making them the **Central Warwickshire Champions!** This fantastic achievement means the team will now progress to the next round to represent Central Warwickshire at the county final.

We are incredibly proud of all 25 children who took part.

Well done, team—an amazing achievement!



NSPCC Number Day - A Wonderful Celebration of Maths

On Friday 6 February, children and staff took part in a truly exciting and fun-filled NSPCC Number Day. Throughout the day, different year groups enjoyed a range of engaging mathematical challenges, including cipher and code-breaking activities, logic problems, shape investigations and much more.

The effort put into preparing for the day was fantastic. We were blown away by the creativity on display, with pupils arriving in an array of brilliant outfits such as Numberblocks, hand-drawn T-shirts, football kits, dice, calculators and many other imaginative number-themed costumes.

Alongside the activities, pupils explored our theme, *"Moving up the Mathematical Mindset Mountain"*, discussing how mistakes, perseverance and moments of struggle are all an important part of learning maths. It was wonderful to hear children talking confidently about growth mindset strategies and the value of keeping going when challenges feel tricky.

A huge thank you to all parents and families for your generosity in supporting the NSPCC, a very worthy cause. We are delighted to share that we raised an amazing £691!

Well done to our pupils for their curiosity and enthusiasm for maths, and thank you to families for your continued support.

Miss Chacko and Mrs Leadbeater

World Book Day—Friday 6th March

Coten End Primary School will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March — a wonderful opportunity to share our love of reading and stories across the school.

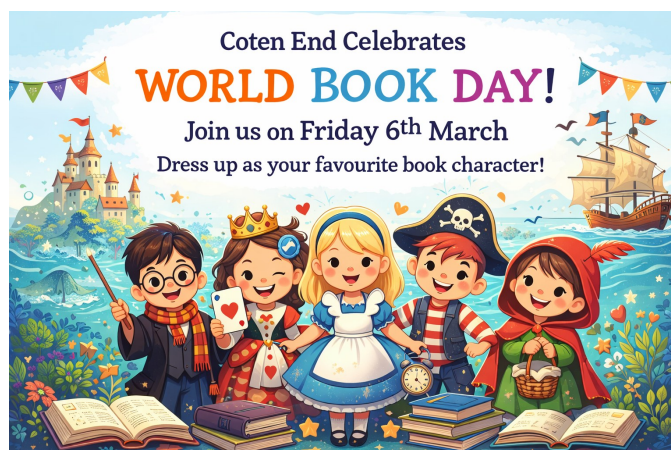
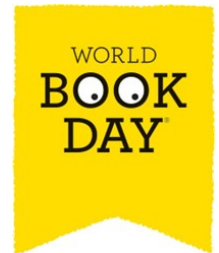
To mark the occasion, we would love to invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day. Costumes can be as simple or as creative as you like — a homemade outfit, a prop linked to a character, or even just a favourite book brought in to share. The most important thing is that children feel comfortable and excited to celebrate reading.

Throughout the day, classes will take part in a range of reading-based activities. There will be opportunities to share favourite stories, explore new texts and celebrate the joy of books together. We will also be encouraging children to talk about why they love their chosen character and what makes them special.

World Book Day is a fantastic chance to promote reading for pleasure and to celebrate the imagination, creativity and curiosity that books inspire. We look forward to seeing a wonderful variety of characters walking through the gates on 6th March!

Book tokens will be handed out today allowing children to choose a free book from participating book stores. You can find your nearest participating book store and also see what books are available at

www.Worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/participating-retailers/



Literacy News

Letter-join

To help support your child's handwriting practice at home, you can use the login details provided to access **Letter-join** from any iPad, tablet, or computer. This gives you full access to the same engaging, easy-to-use handwriting activities we use in school, so your child can continue building confidence and fluency at home.

Letter-join Pupil log-in

Dear Parents,

Our school is now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and our pupils can log in to the Letter-join website at home on iPads, tablets and computers.

There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources that we use at school.



PC DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Log in at www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Desktop log-in option with these details:

Username: ab6515
Password: home

PC Browsers:

Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs/Macs:

- Google Chrome
- Safari

Do not use Internet Explorer.

IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Tablet log-in option with these details:

Username: ab6515
Swipe code
(starting at top left):

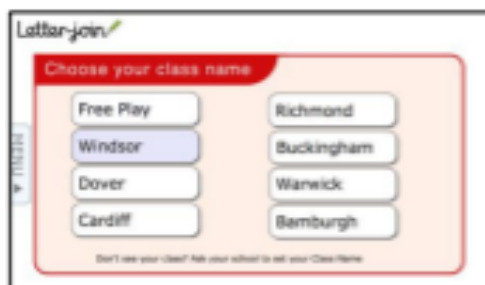


Tablet/iPad Browsers:

Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running iOS7 and above through the Safari browser.
- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome.

Choose a Classroom



Once logged-in, choose your child's classroom and you can use Letter-join's resources and fun activities to reinforce the handwriting we teach at school. You can trace over the letters and words and play the games on your tablet.

We are limited to the number of users who can log in to this account, so please do not share these log-in details.

Wet weather and OPAL - Come rain or shine!

It has been noticeable how as children have got used to going outside in the rain, they have become far more interested in how rain can actually change their play environment and give them different play opportunities. We encourage children to wear wellies and ensure coats are zipped up and hooded. It is possible to be outside in the rain and stay dry – the adults achieve it! And we do discourage certain types of play when it is wet and muddy, however children are children, and therefore having a full PE kit in school or some spare uniform is never a bad idea.



Red Nose Day—Friday 30th March

On Friday 20th March, we're going to get creative for Comic Relief with this year's theme of 'Design-Yer-Nose'. Children can express themselves by creating their very own red nose with whatever design they like! Here are some links that you/the children can refer to for ideas/information.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/noses/>

https://youtu.be/Yu7gCp_GIA

More information and suggestions to follow after half-term.

Science week—9th—13th March

We are excited to announce the launch of our Science Week 2026 which will be taking place in school during the week of 9th-13 March.

We will be hosting our annual science fair for parents on Wednesday 11th March in the afternoon. Parents will be able to visit between 2.15 and 3.00pm – more information will be shared closer to the time.

The Theme this year is 'Curiosity: What's Your Question' which we are delighted about with it being one of our School Values. Please check your email for a letter that has been sent home today with more information about the week's activities.



Family Information Service

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

[FIS Newsletter](#)



St Nicholas Park Walk—Monday 9th March

Women across Warwick are being invited to take part in a walk being held 'in solidarity against violence to women and girls'.

The event, which will take place on Monday March 9, has been organised by the [Warwick Safer Neighbourhood Team \(SNT\)](#).

It will run from 6pm to 7pm and start at the St Nicholas Cafe in St Nicholas Park.

This walk is a good chance to get out, get active, and tell the local team your thoughts and concerns on unsafe places in Warwick where you would not feel safe walking, whether that be parks, unlit areas etc, and we can see if we can help the situation by working with partner agencies.

Information packs and alarms will be provided on the day (numbers permitting).

[Warwick police officers hosting walk 'in solidarity against violence to women and girls'](#)

	Morning		Afternoon/Evening	After School Clubs
Monday 23rd February				Football (Y2-4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 24th February	9.00am—Year 6 Come and Learn Online safety workshops		Warwick Town Pancake Races	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 25th February	Online safety workshops			Judo (Y2—6) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 26th February				Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Multi-Sports (Rec & Y1) Puzzle Club (Y3)
Friday 27th February	9.00am—Year 6 Come and Learn		Year 5 Netball workshop at Warwick School	Dance (Rec—2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad
Monday 2nd March				Football (Y2-4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3—6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 3rd March			Parents Evening	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6)
Wednesday 4th March				Judo (Y2—6) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 5th March			Parents Evening	Multi-Sports (Y2—4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Multi-Sports (Rec & Y1) Puzzle Club (Y3)
Friday 6th March	World Book Day			Dance (Rec—2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad

INTERSTELLAR - Warwick 2026

Saturday 21 March - 7.00pm

The Collegiate Church of St Mary

Join world-renowned organist Roger Sayer on a celestial journey celebrating the music of Christopher Nolan's groundbreaking film, 'INTERSTELLAR'. Over the course of the evening, St Mary's will reverberate to the glorious sounds of the building's epic pipe organ as we journey through space and time in music from Holst's 'The Planets', themes from '2001: A Space Odyssey', and the music that Roger Sayer helped to create for the blockbuster film, 'Interstellar'.

Audience members will learn how Sayer became involved with Hans Zimmer to create the iconic soundtrack to the film, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions about Sayer's life and work.

This is the perfect evening for film lovers, music fans, and space enthusiasts alike.

Please note: the performance does not include a screening of the film. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

Tickets available via <https://tinyurl.com/interstellarwarwick26>

INTERSTELLAR

THE ICONIC SOUNDTRACK PERFORMED ON THE ST MARY'S ORGAN BY
INTERNATIONAL CONCERT ORGANIST ROGER SAYER

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH - 7:00PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH, WARWICK

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3 for £1**

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YR3 doors**



EASTER EGG TOMBOLA

**FRIDAY 20TH MARCH AT
3.20PM**

Friends are holding a non uniform day at school on Friday 20th March in exchange for a chocolate donation to support their Easter Egg Tombola.

Please hand your chocolate donations to your class teacher at morning drop off on Friday 20th March.

The Easter Egg Tombola will be held in the upper school hall at 3.20pm.

**NON
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Explore kindness with
crafts, games and food.

**Sat 21st March
10.30-12.30**

Messy Easter!
Choc-tastic fun
celebrating Easter, with
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