

Coten End Newsletter

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Message from Mr Williams

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your attendance at Parents' Evening this week. Parents' Evening remains one of the most valuable points in the school year, as it gives us the chance to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Your insights, questions, and reflections help us build a clearer picture of each child as a learner, and your support greatly enhances what we are able to achieve in the classroom. We truly appreciate the time you take to be part of this important conversation. I would encourage you to ensure that you do not hesitate to reach out to school if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress at school, both academic and personal. You should not wait between Parents' Evening appointments to do this. We will always find time to discuss your child. Just send an email to the office and we can arrange appointments with the relevant adult.

It has been a joy to see the children dressed up for World Book Day today. The children were fully immersed in the fun and enjoyed sharing stories about their characters as well as stories with their partner classes. Days like this remind us just how powerful reading can be. Not only does it spark creativity and strengthen language skills, but it also opens the door to new ideas, experiences, and worlds far beyond the classroom. Thank you for supporting our celebrations and for continuing to nurture a love of reading at home. It is by far the most important aspect of school life we would ask parents to be a big part of, but please remember that your job should be about 'Reading for Pleasure' – enjoy reading with your child and read to your child. This is what builds a long term passion and love of reading.

Next week we have another opportunity to immerse the children in learning with British Science Week, and it is also another opportunity for parents of Year 2 to Year 6 children to get involved with learning in school. You should have seen the communication about arrangements for our Science Fair on Wednesday afternoon – please do come and join us. I am sure you will learn all sorts of fascinating facts and there will surely be a bicarbonate soda volcano somewhere!

A reminder that we are still on the hunt for loose parts as part of OPAL. Top of our list are pallets, tyres, plastic crates, rope, pushchairs and anything with wheels.

Finally, we are delighted to let you know that Mrs Sandhu gave birth to her second baby boy, Rhys, on Wednesday 18th February. Congratulations to both Mr and Mrs Sandhu and Rhys' older brother, Ash; we look forward to meeting the new arrival soon!

Best wishes,

Nick Williams



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL

2026-27 Term dates

Autumn term 2026

Tuesday 1 September - INSET day
Wednesday 2nd September—INSET day
Thursday 3rd September—children return to school
Friday 23rd October—INSET day
Half term - 26 to 30 October
Friday 18 December—Term ends

Spring term 2027

Monday 4 January - INSET day
Half term - 15 to 19 February
Thursday 25 March—Term ends

Summer term 2027

Monday 12 April — term starts
Half term - 31 May to 4 June
Monday 7th June— INSET day
Friday 16th July—Term ends

Friends Easter Egg Tombola

Our egg-cellent Easter Tombola will take place on Friday 20th March in the Upper School Hall from 3:30pm.

We are holding a non-uniform day on 20th March in exchange for an Easter treat! Please hand your donation to your class teacher at drop-off on the day.

Please see the poster for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

As always we really do need some help please, to set up and run the event. If you can help please sign up via the link below.

<https://signup.com/go/GxxAVdT>



MFL news

On Friday 27th February two Languages Ambassadors from the University of Warwick led sessions about the benefits of learning a language and also taught Year 6 some German. The undergraduates were incredibly inspiring and our children were keen to ask lots of questions about what it's like to learn a language at university and to spend a year abroad as part of their degree.



Our next language of the half-term is going to be **Portuguese**. If you speak Portuguese and would be interested in helping Madame Allison run the club please contact the school office.

Internet Safety workshops

Last week we were delighted to welcome **OpenView Education** into school to lead a series of engaging Internet Safety assemblies and workshops for all year groups.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in *Internet Safety Wizards*, where they met a very special puppet and travelled to "Internet Land" on an exciting adventure. Through stories and interactive discussion, the children learned simple but important ways to stay safe online and how to become confident "Internet Safety Wizards". The session focused on building early digital resilience in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed the interactive assembly *One Good Choice*. Through the story of friends navigating online games and group chats, pupils explored how to respond to unkind messages, why personal information should be kept private, and the importance of speaking up if something doesn't feel right. The key message was clear: one good choice can make a big difference.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in *Digital Skills for Life* workshops. These practical sessions focused on real-life scenarios involving group chats, online gaming and social media. Through discussion and role-play, pupils developed strategies to manage online behaviour, think critically about scams, and consider how to spot content that may be AI-generated. The workshops encouraged thoughtful decision-making and responsible digital citizenship.

We are proud of how maturely and thoughtfully our pupils engaged with these sessions. Online safety remains a key priority for us as a school, and we encourage families to continue these conversations at home. Talking regularly about children's online experiences is one of the most powerful ways to help them stay safe and confident in the digital world.



Year 6 Pupils Share Their Voice on Park Safety

This week, some of our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to take part in an important community discussion about safety in St Nicholas Park. They met with Leon Livermore from the local council and Liz Chalaczkiwicz from the Community Warden team to share their views and experiences of using the park.

During the meeting, the children spoke confidently and thoughtfully about a range of topics including park safety, the environment, anti-social behaviour, and the general upkeep of the space. They described how they use the park, what they enjoy about it, and the concerns they sometimes have when visiting or travelling to and from school.

The pupils were incredibly articulate and demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility for their local community. Their honest reflections provided a valuable perspective for the council representatives, helping adults better understand how young people experience the park.

Following the discussion, the children have been invited to write a formal letter outlining their ideas and concerns. This letter will be presented at the next council meeting as part of ongoing discussions about improving safety and the environment in the park.

We are extremely proud of how well the children represented our school. They spoke with confidence, maturity and respect, and showed how young people can play an important role in shaping their community.

Coten End Girls Represent Leamington Town FC at the National League Regional Competition

On Thursday 26th February, the Y5/6 Coten End Girls' Football Team travelled to Solihull Moors FC having qualified at a local event held earlier in the year.

By winning the local event, the girls earned the opportunity to represent Leamington Town all the way through to a final at Wembley!

At the regional stage, 8 National League teams were represented by their respective local winners, so we knew that every team would be very competitive.

This turned out to be the case and it was by far the most intense competition I have been part of. Every match went to the wire with last minute goals and penalty shoots.

The tournament started with a traditional 4 team group stage. Coten End were up against Telford AFC first. With chances either end, Telford grabbed a goal late in the match. With the last kick of the game, Olivia struck the post – FT 1-0 loss.

In the 2nd game, we were up against Bedford Town where we twice took the lead through goals from Olivia and Genevieve but were pegged back each time and it ended 2-2.

This left us right on the edge of elimination, but a tense final match against Brackley ended 1-0 after an early goal from Olivia and some excellent goalkeeping and defending from Keziah, Ava and Bethany – we made it to the semi-final!

We were up against Kidderminster Harriers who had won all 3 of their group matches. However, Coten End controlled the game and took another early lead. As the match went on, we sat deeper and deeper and Kidderminster scored a late equalizer. The deadlock could not be broken in extra time, so penalties were next. The shoot out went all the way to sudden death penalties with Keziah the hero who saved her opponent goalkeeper's penalty and then scored her own to send us through to the final.



Just look at the shootout tension!

The final was a repeat of our very first match against Telford who defeated us 1-0, but the girls knew that they could have won that game. Unfortunately, the semi-final had taken a lot out of the girls and two early first half goals knocked us back. Erin made it 2-1 in the second half and we gave it our all in the last few minutes, but couldn't find the equalizer.

The girls did an incredible job. Competition was incredibly fierce. It also ended on a big positive as the girls found out they qualified for the National Finals at York City in April – one step away from Wembley!!

Well done Coten End Girls.



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 9th March	<i>SCIENCE WEEK</i>			Football (Y2-4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3-6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 10th March	9.00am—Year 5 Come and Learn Year 6 visit to Castle Hill Baptist Church		2.00pm—Reception Come and Play	Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Advanced Sewing (Y3-6)
Wednesday 11th March			2.15pm—3.00pm Science Fair	Judo (Y2-6) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 12th March	9.00am—Year 5 Come and Learn		2.00pm—Reception Come and Play	Multi-Sports (Y2-4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Multi-Sports (Rec & Y1) Puzzle Club (Y3)
Friday 13th March			Year 5 at Warwick School Science Show	Dance (Rec-2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad
Monday 16th March	9.00am—Year 2 Come and Learn			Football (Y2-4) Girls' Football (Y3/4) Spanish (Y1-6) Dance (Y3-6) Mandarin (Y1-6) Boys' Football Squad
Tuesday 17th March	9.00am—Year 1 Come and Learn			Football (Y1) Netball (Y5 & 6) Hockey (Y3 & 4) Drama (Y3-6) Cookery (Y2-6) Advanced Sewing (Y3-6)
Wednesday 18th March	9.00am—Year 1 Come and Learn			Judo (Y2-6) Arts & Crafts (Y1 & 2) Football (Y5 & 6) Spanish Sewing (Y3-6)
Thursday 19th March	9.00am—Year 2 Come and Learn			Multi-Sports (Y2-4) 11+ Maths & English (Y5) Young Voices (Y3-6) Multi-Sports (Rec & Y1) Puzzle Club (Y3)
Friday 20th March	NON-UNIFORM DAY Myton/Year 6 German Workshop		3.20pm Friends Easter Egg Tombola	Dance (Rec-2) Chess (Y3-6) Girls' Football Squad

Helping your child use YouTube and YouTube Kids safely

YouTube is hugely popular with children. It can be fun, creative and educational, but like any online space, it isn't risk free. Even apps designed for children, such as YouTube Kids, can sometimes show content that isn't right for younger viewers.

⚠️ What parents and carers should know about the risks

Most children start by watching something completely harmless. The risk usually comes from how the platform works, not from what they set out to watch.

Some common ways children can come across unsuitable content include:

- **Autoplay:** one video can quickly lead to another without your child choosing it.

How parents/carers can reduce this risk:

- Turn Autoplay off in settings
- Encourage children to choose videos rather than letting videos be chosen for them
- Check what the next suggested video is if Autoplay is left on
- Use YouTube Kids 'Approved Content Only' mode where possible

- **Search:** children might search for something innocent but get unexpected results

How parents/carers can reduce this risk:

- Turn off search in YouTube Kids
- Sit with children when they are searching, especially younger primary-aged children
- Talk about what to do if they see something confusing or upsetting
- Save or subscribe to trusted channels so children can go straight to safe content
- **Adverts:** young children can struggle to tell the difference between adverts and videos

How parents/carers can reduce this risk:

- Explain simply what an advert is (for example: "This is trying to sell you something")
- Watch together sometimes so you can talk about adverts when they appear
- Consider using YouTube Kids, which usually has fewer and more age-appropriate adverts
- Teach children not to click on adverts or pop-ups without checking with you first

Even YouTube Kids, while safer, is not perfect because content is filtered by systems rather than checked by a person first.

Practical ways

TO MAKE YOUTUBE SAFER



Use YouTube Kids where possible



- Set up separate profiles for each child
- Choose an age level
- Turn on 'Approved Content Only'
- Set screen time limits
- Block videos or channels you don't want your child to see

When using normal YouTube, switch on safety settings



- Turn on Restricted Mode
- Use Supervised Accounts to manage what they can access
- Turn Autoplay off
- Check their watch history regularly

Watch together when you can



- Ask what they like watching
- Occasionally watch a video with them
- Keep devices in shared family spaces

Talk about what to do if something feels wrong



- It's never their fault if they see something upsetting
- They can tell you and won't be in trouble
- They can close the video and come and get you

A helpful mindset for parents and carers

It can help to think of YouTube like a busy public place. There are lots of great things there, but children still need guidance, boundaries and support while they learn how to navigate it safely.

You don't have to know everything about technology. Staying curious, setting simple rules, and keeping conversations open are some of the most powerful safety tools you have.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Important update for parents and carers: Understanding AI and the new UK law

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has rapidly become a part of our children's digital playground. From creating imaginative stories to generating funny images, AI tools offer endless possibilities. However, it's crucial to be aware of how innocent fun can sometimes cross into harmful territory.

The appeal of AI for children

Children are naturally curious and love to experiment. AI tools that can transform photos or generate images can be fascinating. They might use these tools to create humorous pictures of themselves or friends, thinking it's all in good fun.

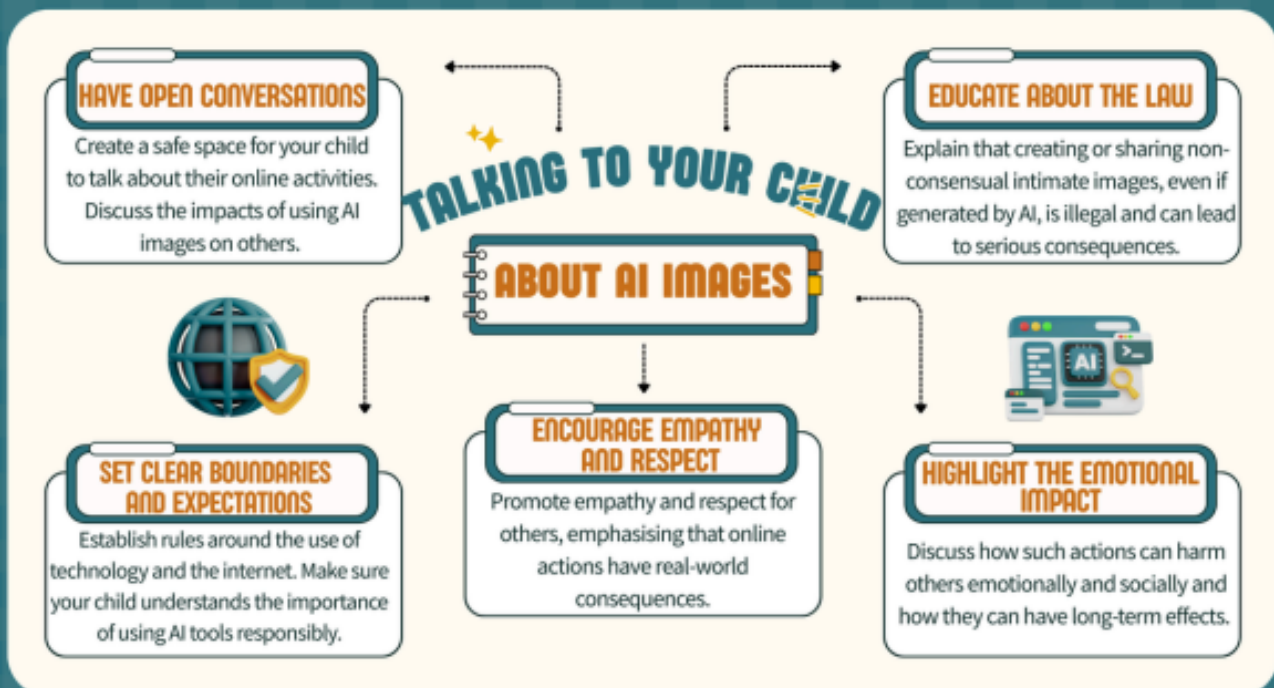
When fun turns harmful

What starts as a joke can quickly escalate. Altering images to make someone look silly can lead to embarrassment or bullying. More concerning is the potential to create or share images that are inappropriate or indecent, even if unintentionally. Such actions can have serious emotional impacts on all involved.

The legal perspective

The UK has stringent laws to protect individuals from the creation and distribution of indecent images, especially involving minors. Even digitally altered images fall under these laws. It's essential to understand that:

- Creating or sharing indecent images of anyone under 18 is illegal, regardless of intent.
- Possessing such images, even if created as a joke, is a criminal offence.
- Encouraging others to create or share these images is also against the law.



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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
UNIFORM
DAY**



SPRING RAFFLE

TICKETS
£1

Prizes include: Reformer Pilates or Small Group Strength Training Sessions from Humanity Warwick (RRP £134); Entry to Farm Fest at Stoneleigh, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Bekonscot Model Village, Stratford Butterfly Farm, Batsford Arboretum, 360 Play, Jam Jam Boomerang and Tiny Rebels Soft play; Vouchers to spend at Onside Coaching, the Coffee Tavern, Newbold Comyn Arms, Hart & Co, Dice Box, New Bowling Green, Warwick Books, Oliver Bonas, Playbox, Yum Yum Vietnamese, Cook! and Rosas's Thai; Tropic Skincare Hand and foot cream set; Lindt Chocolates and Gin and candle set donated by Tesco; Hair Cuts from Raspberry Hair and The Den; entrance to Warwick Racecourse for 4; Pizzas from Leopard's Spots; Paddle boarding with Spot on Wake; Boating with Leam Boat Centre; a child craft workshop from Ursula Westwood; holiday club sessions from GoGo Makers and Let's Play, a family pie from Eric Lyons, theatre tickets for the Loft and many more!!

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



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Tiny Rebels in Stratford have some dedicated SEN sessions, including a weekend one.



INTRODUCING

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Saturday 8:30 - 10am
Wednesday 4:30pm-6pm

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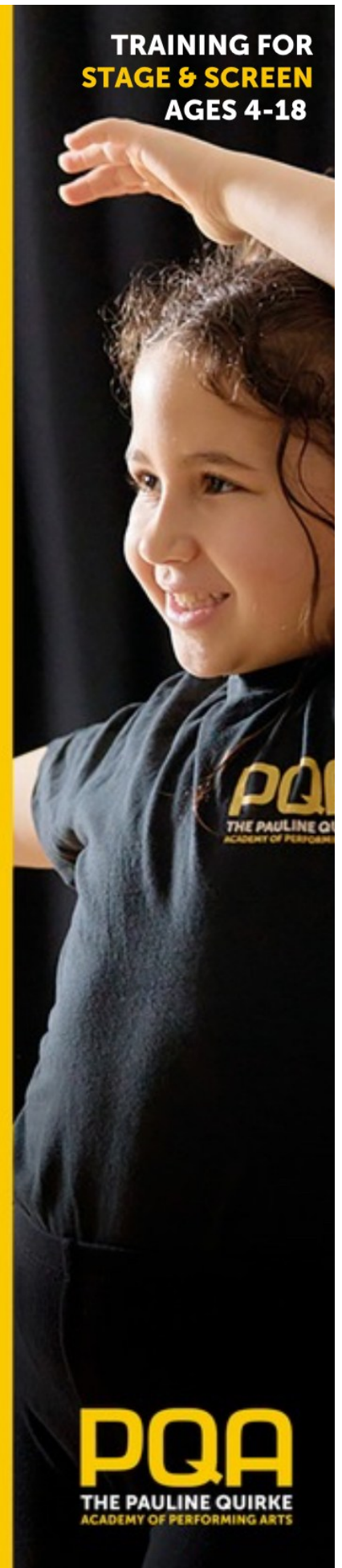
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