

March 2026



of Coten End Primary School

# Spring is in the air!



As well as having brighter and longer days to look forward to, we also have lots of exciting fundraising events coming up.

Bingo Night Friday 13th March. Tickets have all been snapped up for our family favourite event! It's always a great night with plenty of fantastic prizes up for grabs. If you missed out, look out for tickets next year. If you're coming - dabbers at the ready!

The Easter Egg tombola Friday 20th March is another firm favourite!



For those new to school (or needing a reminder) children come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a chocolate donation. The tombola takes place at the end of the school day - it's eggcellent! Check out the poster on page 6 and follow this link to help: <https://signup.com/go/GxxAVdT>

IT'S BACK !!!

## THE SWISH

FIND OUT ABOUT  
EXCITING  
ADDITIONS TO OUR  
FAB PRE-LOVED  
CLOTHING EVENT!

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Dates  
to remember:

### Friends Committee Meeting



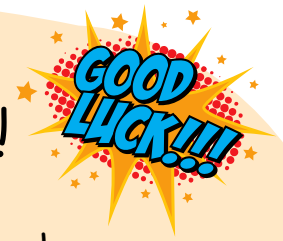
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 9am  
in the staff room

Everyone is welcome to join,  
have a coffee, find out what's  
happening and bring ideas.



Enter!  
to Win!

Get your tickets in our EPIC raffle!



Thanks to our amazing raffle team, we have yet another fabulous Spring raffle, currently live.

There are so many great prizes – you need to see it to believe it! Check them all out on page 5 – we really do have a prize for every occasion and for everyone! Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/friends-spring-raffle-2026>

You might be able to double our money when you help at Friends events! We can get you set up.

If you work for a big company, like a bank, utility or supermarket then chances are they might be able to 'match fund'. This means if you volunteer to help with a Friends event, your company will match the amount raised at the event up to a maximum they're happy with. We can help you set this up. Have a look at the poster on page 8 for more info and email [secretary+foce@mail.tidyhq.com](mailto:secretary+foce@mail.tidyhq.com) if you think you can help.



## Disco Fever!

We hope the children enjoyed the school discos this term. There were lots of great dance moves from the children and so many glowing faces.



We raised a whopping £1923, which will go towards new equipment and learning resources in school.



## Have an idea for an event?



We are always on the look out for parents who might like to lead on organising an event. We are a small team of parent volunteers and would love to welcome a few more faces. However big or small your idea, you'd always have a team behind you!

Interested? Email [secretary+foce@mail.tidyhq.com](mailto:secretary+foce@mail.tidyhq.com) or join our next meeting to find out more!



# Save money on costumes, party gear, PE and uniform

As well as our pop up events, Friends and Eco Friends have lots more ways to help you reduce waste and save money!

Hire theme day costumes from just £2!

Avoid that sinking feeling when you realise you need a costume ASAP.

We have costumes you can hire for just £2 such as Greek, Tudor, Victorian and flamenco outfits. And, for later in the year, nativity costumes too.

We're always looking for more costumes so please drop any donations in the Friends box or to the office.

## Buy uniform and PE kit

Our fantastic value second hand uniform shop is always open for good quality uniform, school shoes, PE kit, trainers and pumps. Simply choose what you need and pay on our website and the order will be delivered to your child's class. If anything isn't right or doesn't fit you can return it.



## Use our colourful 32-piece party tableware pack

With up to 32 cups and plates as well as bowls, cutlery, and a jug and serving platter our colourful, durable party pack can cover you for whole class birthday parties or any event you need it for.

We have an easy online booking system, you collect from the school office and return it, clean and complete.

It's free to hire but you can make a small donation if you wish when booking.



ORDER / BOOK ON THE NEW FRIENDS WEBSITE COMING SOON!!!



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# 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



**Tickets  
3 for £1**



# **EASTER EGG TOMBOLA**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT  
3.30PM**

Friends are holding a non uniform day at school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> March.

The Easter Egg Tombola will be held in the upper school hall at 3.30pm

**NON  
UNIFORM  
DAY**

Eco Friends present...



# THE SWISH

## PRE-LOVED CLOTHING EVENT

OOH...  
SOUNDS LIKE  
VINTED LIVE!



**WITH:**  
**KIDS FASHION SHOW**  
**GRAFFITI UNIFORM CHALLENGE**  
**DRINKS & SNACKS**  
**STALLS & PRIZES**

**FRIDAY 24 APRIL**

**6.30PM - 8PM**  
**UPPER SCHOOL HALL**

**KIDS FREE - ADULTS £5 ENTRY INCLUDES:**  
**PROSECCO OR MOCKTAIL**



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# PTA TREASURER NEEDED!

Help Support Our School Community

**FRIENDS** of Coten End Primary School is looking for a **friendly**, organised volunteer to join our PTA as **Treasurer**.



## What You'll Do

- ✓ Manage PTA income and payments
- ✓ Keep simple financial records
- ✓ Give short updates at meetings
- ✓ Help at fundraising events
- ✓ Prepare a simple yearly summary



## You'll Need

- ✓ Good attention to detail
- ✓ Basic spreadsheet skills
- ✓ Reliability and honesty
- ✓ Team spirit



**Time commitment:** A few hours per month



**Elected annually** at the AGM



## Interested?

Contact us:



[secretary+foce@mail.tidyhq.com](mailto:secretary+foce@mail.tidyhq.com)



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# IT ADMIN HELP

**THIS ROLE CAN EASILY FIT AROUND WORK AND FAMILY LIFE. IT'S MAINLY SMALL CHECK-INS AND UPDATES AS NEEDED, WITH BUSIER PERIODS AROUND SCHOOL EVENTS.**

## What's Involved:

- ★ Managing and updating the Friends website
- ★ Uploading events and keeping information up to date
- ★ Setting up and exporting online ticket sales for events
- ★ Managing a few simple online systems

## ⌚ Time Commitment:

- Flexible – updates as and when needed
- Quieter most of the year, slightly busier around events

## ★ Experience Needed:

- Some experience editing websites
- Comfortable using online tools (full guidance provided)
- No need to be an IT expert – everything is simple and easy to use

## ♥ Support & Handover:

- ★ Full handover provided
- ★ Ongoing support from the PTA team
- ★ The role can be shared between more than one person if that works better



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OF COTEN END AT  
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# PTA Secretary

Join Our Friendly PTA Team!

We're looking for a **PTA Secretary** to join our supportive and welcoming PTA. This role is not a big commitment and is ideal for someone who's organised, enjoys communicating, and wants to help support the school community.

## What's involved?

### Working with the

- ✓ Working with the co-chairs to help put together meeting agendas
- ✓ Taking brief minutes at PTA meetings and sharing them with the committee
- ✓ Sharing updates and reminders on class WhatsApp groups.
- ✓ Posting information and photos on the Friends Facebook page to promote events.
- ✓ Creating the occasional newsletter highlighting recent fundraising activities.

### Experience needed

- ✓ No previous PTA experience required
- ✓ As long as you're comfortable communicating via email, WhatsApp, and Facebook, you'll be great in this role

### Support & handover

- ✓ Full handover provided
- ✓ Ongoing support from the PTA team
- ✓ The role can be shared between more than one person if that works better for you

If you'd like to get involved without a big time commitment – and help make a **real difference** – we'd love to hear from you!

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**JOIN US!**

**Interested in the environment and sustainability?**

**We will soon need a new:**

***Main Co-ordinator + other flexible opportunities***

- ▶ Keen to help school be more sustainable?
- ▶ Got eco skills / knowledge / passion?
- ▶ Interest or experience in specific areas such as reuse, waste or veg growing?

**GET IN TOUCH FOR A CHAT!**

 [eco.foce@mail.tidyhq.com](mailto:eco.foce@mail.tidyhq.com)

 **07900 817134**



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# What is go henry

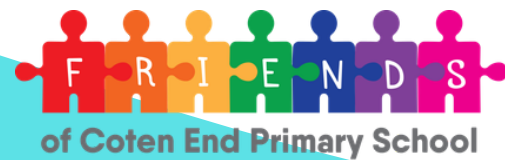
It's a prepaid debit card and app for kids and teens (6-18) that helps them **learn** to **earn**, **save**, **spend**, and **invest** responsibly, all managed by parents through their own app. (Fees apply)

**FRIENDS** will earn **£25**  
for every parent that signs up

Scan to  
learn more ▶



# You could raise hundreds of extra £££s for school!



## Many employers offer matched funding

### When you help us fundraise they'll put in extra

#### How does matched funding work?



We help you get signed up with your employer

\*Up to a certain amount

You volunteer for Friends. Often a small task once a year is enough!

Your employer matches what's raised at that event or fundraiser, up to a certain amount preset by them.

*These companies and many more match fund*



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