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# COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

Issue 12

## Coughton CE Primary School

## Key dates



Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
March

Parents Evening 5pm-7pm (online via Wherby platform)

Thursday  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
March

Parents Evening 4pm-6pm (online via Wherby platform)

Monday  
27<sup>th</sup>  
March

Wellbeing day- pupils to wear non uniform

Monday  
27<sup>th</sup>  
March

Autism acceptance week

Wednesday  
29<sup>th</sup>  
March

**Easter Service**  
Maple, Birch, Ash 9.30am-10.20am  
  
Acer, Willow, Cedar, Oak 10.45am-11.45am

Friday  
31<sup>st</sup>  
March

Easter bake off and cake sale at end of school day

3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Dear families,

Walking around the school each day is a joy, with children working incredibly hard and producing some amazing work!

We look forward to sharing your children's progress with you at the upcoming parents' evenings. A reminder to book your slot if you haven't already done so. Pupils on the SEND register will be contacted separately regarding their appointments.

Thank you to those who attended our read and feed event. In May (4<sup>th</sup>) we have our next parent workshop. This time focusing on supporting pupils with mathematics.

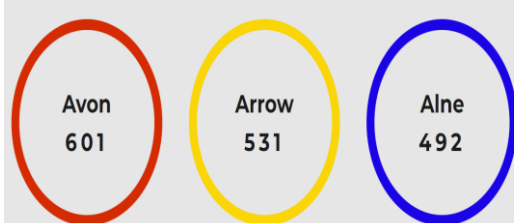
Our school virtue this half term is justice.



Head of School  
**Mr Alex Kolb**

Coughton CE Primary School  
Coughton Lane  
Coughton  
B49 5HN  
01789 762444

### Team points



Well done Avon.

# **Easter 2023- new date**



We will be having two Easter services at church this .  
These services will be conducted on the same morning.

## **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Maple, Birch, Ash 9.30am-10.20am**

**Acer, Willow, Cedar, Oak 10.45am-11.45am**

**This will take place at St Peter's church. Families welcome.**

***No photography/filming permitted.***



**With Rev. Katie  
Cross**

# Important updates for Parents and Carers

## Uniform

**A reminder that children should not be wearing trainers to school on the days that they do not have PE or forest school. Outdoor PE kits are dark tracksuit bottoms, red or dark jumper and trainers.**

**The second hand uniform shop is located in the parent gazebo with items for sale for £1.**

## **Holiday / Leave of Absence Requests**

All holiday requests will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional by the Head of School. Should you wish to request leave of absence for your child(ren) please collect a form from the office.

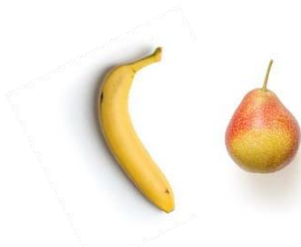
## **Snacks – Year 3-6**

Children in Year 3-6 can bring a snack into school for break time. This snack needs to be fruit or veg please.

Suggestions: a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit.

**Please don't provide food containing nuts.**

Fruit is provided for Maple, Birch and Ash



We also have additional fruit available for pupils in Key Stage 2 should this be required.

## Wraparound

There are still spaces available for wraparound this term.

[admin3021@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3021@welearn365.com)

Morning slots run from 7.30am from Reception up to year 6.

After school slots are up until 6pm (5.30pm on Fridays.)

## Hygiene

We have seen a rise in the number of cough and cold viruses in the school community.

Please encourage good hygiene practices such as washing hands before mealtimes, coughing into elbows and blowing noses, discarding tissues in the bin

# Important updates for Parents and Carers

## DATE reminder

### Maths and Munch

When: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> MAY, 9.30am in the school hall  
What: Mrs Bhogal talking about supporting pupils with maths. Refreshments available.

### Horrible Histories Day

When: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
What: Children can come to school dressed as a Historical character if they wish. Will be a History themed day of learning for children.

### Golf Day

The PTA are hosting a golf day for adults. This will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Hollywood Golf Club. For further information please contact The PTA via [coughtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:coughtonpta@outlook.com).

There are also sporting fixtures arranged across the term. If your child is selected, you will be sent a letter with details of the event. Often these letters will contain a Microsoft form to be completed. This will act as the consent form for playing and also support us in arranging transport to the fixture or event.





## **Alive 2023**

**All pupils in Key Stage 2 will be attending Alive 2023. This will take place at National Agricultural and Exhibition Centre (NAEC), Stoneleigh.**

**The children will enjoy singing, dancing, music and a mass picnic as over 12,000 pupils from across Warwickshire gather together with a view of inspiring hope, love and unity. In a fun and imaginative way, the event will remind children of their potential to be world changers.**

**This will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The event will be free of charge. More details to follow closer to the time.**

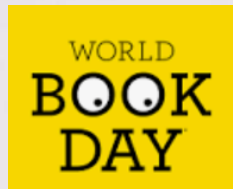
# Student Corner



We had a wonderful world book day where we celebrated a love of reading.

If you would like to contribute to purchasing a book for us you can do so here via our Amazon wish list. We are really grateful for any support and thank you to those who have already sent books into school.

## World Book Day



[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FRAI7FYRVM9N?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FRAI7FYRVM9N?ref=wl_share)



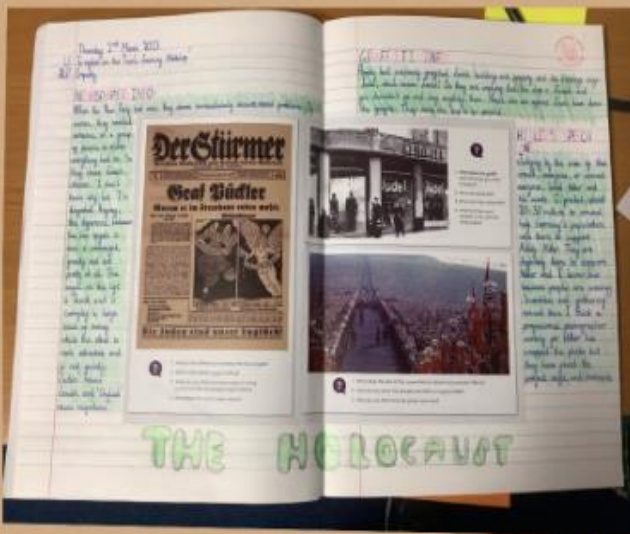
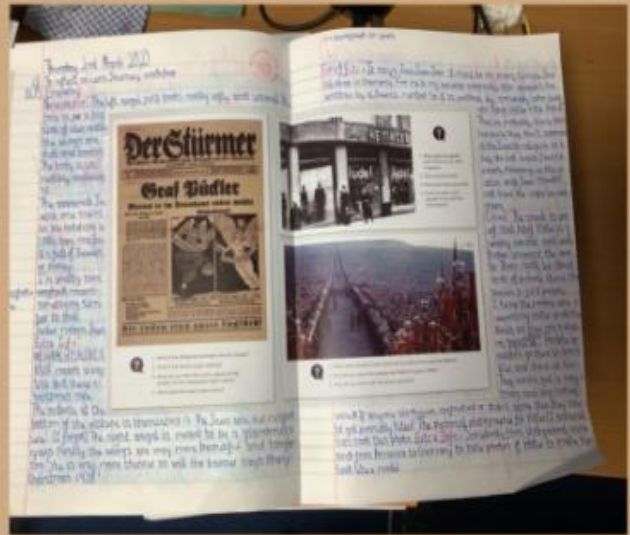
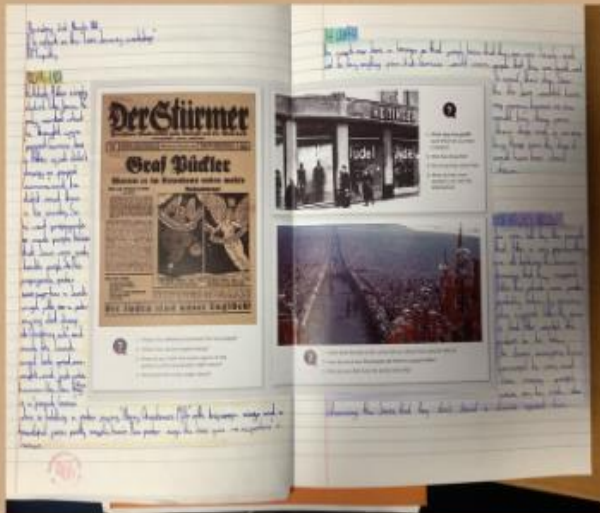
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**Brilliant design and engineering skills in Acer.**



# Student Corner



Some incredibly reflective work by Oak, following the workshop by The National Holocaust Museum.



If you have any old pots, pans or kitchenware you no longer need, Forest School would be very grateful, in preparation for our new mud kitchen.



A plea for good quality toys...

If you are having a sort out after Christmas, our Wraparound club would be grateful for donations of any of the following items in clean, undamaged condition:

- Duplo
- toy cars/ car mat
- dolls / Barbies
- Snakes and Ladders / draughts
- Dobble
- small world animals
- HappyLand

Many thanks, Emma Hemming (Wraparound Care Manager)





Thousands of children across Warwickshire were offered places at secondary schools on Wednesday 1 March with a record number of children being offered one of their top three school choices.

The deadline for Warwickshire parents to respond to their secondary school offer is 15 March. More information on how to do this is on the Warwickshire County Council

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3980/national-secondary-school-offer-day-2023-in-warwickshire>

AT HENLEY IN ARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL cool sportz

**COOLSPORTZ EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUB**

Mon 3rd to Thurs 6th & Tues 11th to Fri 14th April

Fun Multi Sports Club for 4 - 13yr olds including football, dodge ball, tennis, multi-skills & much more including football specific afternoons

HALF DAY (8.45am - 12pm or 12.15 - 3.15pm)  
FULL DAY (8.30am to 3.15pm)  
LATE PICK UP: 3.15pm - 5.30pm - on TUE, WED & THURSDAY

Ofsted Registered - Childcare Vouchers accepted

Book now at [www.coolsportz.co.uk/henley](http://www.coolsportz.co.uk/henley) or contact Neil on 07912 664426  
Neil@coolsportz.co.uk

AT HENLEY TENNIS CLUB cool sportz

**COOLSPORTZ EASTER TENNIS CLUB**

Tue 4th, Wed 5th, Tue 11th, Wed 12th

10am - 12pm - 4yrs - 9yrs  
1pm - 3pm - 10yrs to 16yrs

Book as many or as few days as you like. If you are unsure which group would be best (as some ages may overlap) please contact Neil

Young Leaders Courses - Ages 9 - 12yrs  
Dates - Wed 12th - 3pm - 5pm and Thurs 13th - 2pm - 5pm  
Venue - Henley Tennis Club  
Contact for more info - 07912 664426

Book now at [www.coolsportz.co.uk/henley](http://www.coolsportz.co.uk/henley) or contact Neil on 07912664426  
neil@coolsportz.co.uk



Your school nursing service

## Connect for Health - March Newsletter

In this month's newsletter, Connect for Health is highlighting Nutrition and Hydration Week, Child Exploitation Awareness Day and Sign Language Week.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/March-newsletter-v3.pdf>



## Big Difference Scheme

The Big Difference Scheme can offer a reduction of up to 90% off the average water bill to any Severn Trent customer with a household income below £18,278. Households with child dependants may be eligible for an additional income allowance.

The Big Difference Scheme will assess your household income when you apply, and this will determine the amount of reduction you're able to get.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/>



## Help for Warwickshire residents struggling to pay utility bills

Warwickshire residents financially struggling to pay their utility bills can look to the county council for support.

This month the council's Local Welfare Scheme is distributing government funding from the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund to people living in the county who are finding it difficult to meet these costs.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3994/help-for-warwickshire-residents-struggling-to-pay-utility-bills>



### **Warm Hubs in Warwickshire**

[Warwickshire Libraries](#) are open throughout the week, with events taking place. They also provide Warm Bags (containing a blanket, hat, scarf, hot water bottle and gloves) and Toiletry Bags (3 options available; sanitary products, hygiene products for children and hygiene products for adults), while stocks last.

[Market Hall Museum, Warwick](#), is hosting events, activities, and additional opening hours.

[Warwickshire County Records Office](#) is open every Wednesday between 16.30 – 18.30 until the end of March.

Enjoy hot drinks, warm snacks, access to WiFi and computers. You can also access online family history resources and expert advice on using them.

[Warwick Arts Centre](#) is open 09.00 – 21.00 everyday and has access to toilets, Changing Space and free sanitary products and nappies. Free activities are also available.

[Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service](#) wholetime fire stations Warm Hubs are located at Atherstone (Mondays 14.00 – 16.00), Coleshill (Fridays 10.00 – 12.00), Leamington (Thursdays 10.00 – 12.00), Nuneaton (Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.00) and Rugby (Wednesdays 10.00 – 12.00).



Period: 2022 to 2023  
Courses for Parents and  
those Caring for Children



**Courses available online – via Zoom**

**Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children** – 1 session – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

**Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People** – 1 session – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 10am to 12pm

**Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety** – 1 session – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 10am to 12pm

**Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children** – 1 session – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 9am to 11pm  
(Saturday course)

**Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People** – 1 session – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 12pm to 2pm  
(Saturday course)

**Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People** – 1 session – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 2:30pm to 4:30pm  
(Saturday course)

**Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years with Anxiety** – 1 session – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

**Understanding Emotional Regulation in School Aged Children** – 1 session – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

**Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance** – 1 session – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 10am to 12pm

**Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People** – 1 session – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

**Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm** – 1 session – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023, 10am to 12pm

**Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children** – 1 session – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 10am to 12pm

**Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People** – 1 session – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Our Academy is not a School, College or Academy in the traditional sense of the word, you don't need to be academically minded to attend and there are no tests, exams or assessments. The Academy delivers a learning approach to personal recovery and wellbeing that is offered by a partnership of organisations across Coventry and Warwickshire. We offer a wide range of FREE courses and workshops designed to empower you to become an expert in your own recovery and wellbeing.

**For course descriptions and to enrol, please see website below:**



Online registration:

Visit: <https://www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/>

Email: [Recovery.Academy@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:Recovery.Academy@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

Call: 0300 303 2626



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## **Car Parking**

As a continued reminder to park sensibly when collecting children and not to block any driveways. Thank you with your continued support with this.

## **Drop off**

If you would to be able to assist with drop off in the mornings, please contact the school office on [admin3021@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3021@welearn365.com). Unfortunately if we are unable to recruit some more volunteers this arrangement may have to cease.

# LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

## UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.*

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.]

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.



# Thinking of a career in teaching?

You could train at  
The Arden Forest Teaching School!

**Welford on Avon Primary School is committed to supporting the training of new teachers coming into the profession.**

Welford on Avon Primary School lead the Arden Forest School Direct programme in partnership with local primary schools and the University of Worcester. We provide placements and training opportunities within our community of schools for those training to teach through the School Direct teacher programme.

School Direct is a school-based teacher training programme that offers a great opportunity to train, qualify and gain employment as a teacher.

If you want to find out more about life as a teacher before you apply, please contact us to arrange a 'taster day' or some voluntary experience in school.

**We are recruiting now** to find out about the recruitment process please call to speak to us or visit our Arden Forest Teacher Training link on our school website:

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

"As a partnership of schools, we are fully committed to offering the best possible support and training to grow the next generation of teachers. We have a wealth of experience and expertise in supporting those new to the profession and feel that our School Direct programme will give teachers the best possible start in their career."

**Julie Leeman - Headteacher  
(Welford on Avon Primary School)**



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

# Community News

## THE REPAIR CAFÉ



Every fourth Thursday of the month



2pm until 5:30pm at The Depot



Eric Payne Community Centre, St Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 6AG



Come along and bring your broken items



[Courses for families to support children:](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>



## WELL CONNECTED



Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month



10am to 12 midday at Alcester Unionist Club



46 High St, London House, Alcester, B49 5AB



Come and learn how to stay connected safely on your computer

Email Wendy: [info@alcester-rc.gov.uk](mailto:info@alcester-rc.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 01789 766084  
Mobile: 07434 664435  
Facebook: [Facebook.com/RepairCafeAlcester](https://www.facebook.com/RepairCafeAlcester),  
[Facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester](https://www.facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester)

Information and advice for neurodivergent people and their families.

<https://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/News.aspx?NID=26>

## @Warwickshire Libraries



# Free warm bags and toiletry bags

### Warm bags contain:

- Blanket
- Hat
- Scarf
- Hot water bottle
- Gloves

### Three different toiletry bags are available:

- *Bag 1* - Sanitary towels
- *Bag 2* - Toiletry products for children - toothpaste (3 - 8 years), toothbrush (6+ years), shampoo and bubble bath
- *Bag 3* - Toiletry products for adults - toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shower gel and soap

**Bags are available, for free, while stocks last. Customers collecting a bag do not need to speak to a member of staff.**

**Find your nearest Warm Welcome location:**  
[www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/warm-welcome-locations](http://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/warm-welcome-locations)

Or scan the QR code



# PTA

## Race Night

**This event has been postponed.**

## Golf Day

The PTA are hosting a golf day. This will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Hollywood Golf Club. For further information please contact the PTA via [coughtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:coughtonpta@outlook.com).



Coughton C of E PTA are  
proud to present....



# THE COUGHTON QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by Quiz Master Kolb!



Friday 21st April  
7pm, School Hall

Teams of 6 for £30  
or 4 for £20  
(both inc pizza)

Bar and other  
refreshments  
available

Tickets at: <https://coughton-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>  
or message [coughtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:coughtonpta@outlook.com) for more info