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C of E Primary School

Issue 1

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



Tuesday 20 th September	Open Day 9.30-11.30am
Tuesday 26 th September	Individual school photographs
Wednesday 27 th September	Open Day 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 4 th October	Parents evening (virtual)
Thursday 5 th October	Parents evening (virtual)
Thursday 26 th October	Wellbeing Day
13 th -17 th November	Anti Bullying week
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Nativity KS1 10am and 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Nativity KS1 10am
Friday 5 th January	Horrible Histories Day
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day 2023 You are a reader. Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book or wear non uniform and bring a book from home.
11 th -15 th March	Autism acceptance week
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening 5pm-7pm in person (hall)
Thursday 14 th March	Parents Evening 4pm-6pm in person (hall)

Dear Families,

Welcome back!

It has been wonderful to see the children returning back to school and settling so quickly into their routines.

A warm welcome to our new families in Maple and to those who have children who have joined us further up the school.

Thank you to those who have returned the data collection forms to us. This is really important, particularly those families who have changed addresses, updated phone numbers and where children have updated medical needs. Please ensure these are returned to the School Office.

I will be once again talking through each of the year group expectations online on the dates and times listed. I won't be recording the sessions but slides will be made available on the class Teams page.

Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

Coughton CE Primary School
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Important updates for Parents and Carers

Clubs

Clubs have resumed again this week. A full list of clubs was sent last week. These include clubs run by school staff which are free, and those led by external staff which require sign up and payment.

The school office will not be taking bookings or payments for the externally run clubs.

All clubs will start week beginning 11th September.

Monday				
Choir	KS1 and KS2	8.30am-9.00am	Miss Richardson	
Running Club	KS1 and KS2	Lunchtime	Mrs Hemming	
Gardening Club	KS2	Lunchtime	Mrs Stephens	
Multi sports	KS1	3.30pm-4.30pm	On Site coaching external	
Tuesday				
Multi sports	KS2	3.30pm-4.30pm	On Site coaching external	
Wednesday				
Aston Villa	Y5/6	Lunchtime and after school	external By invitation	
Netball	KS2	3.30-4.15pm	Mrs Walsh/Mrs Moss	
Thursday				
Art Base	Year 2 upwards	3.30-4.30pm	Art Base staff external	
Magic Club	KS2	Lunchtime	Angus Baskerville external	

Other clubs such as library, drama, creative arts, construction, lego and book club will continue each week for children from Years 1- 6 to join at lunchtimes as and when they wish. These clubs are free of charge and accessible for all.

Celebration assembly will again return to Friday mornings at 9am.

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Parent information meetings:

All meetings will be led by Mr Kolb on Microsoft Teams. They will not be recorded and slides will be available for those unable to attend. Meetings will include curriculum topics, year group expectations and information on assessments.

Monday 9th October- Birch information meeting
6pm

Tuesday 10th October Ash information meeting
6pm

Wednesday 11th October Acer information
meeting 6pm

Thursday 12th October Cedar information
meeting 6pm

Monday 16th October Willow information meeting
6pm

Tuesday 17th October Oak information meeting
6pm

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Communication

If you have any comments for the class teacher, you can write in your child's planner or email the office on admin3021@welearn365.com and the class teacher will make contact when they are able.



Class teachers will occasionally put some updates on the class 'Teams' page. This can be accessed through your child's welearn365 account.

Teams will also be used to facilitate the first parents evenings on 4th and 5th October.

More regular updates of children's work are shared via SeeSaw for children in Maple and Birch.

Homework

We have moved away from using the Education City platform for home learning. For the first half term we are prioritising reading at home and core maths total recall skills.

Important updates for Parents and Carers

Uniform

A reminder to name all clothing brought to school so that it can be easily returned to its owner. We are reminding children and allowing time at the end of the day for them to collect all of their things.

The second hand uniform stall in the PTA shelter is selling items for £1 each.

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.

Term dates 2023/24 can be found here:

<https://www.coughtonschool.org/term-dates/>

Snack

Children in Key Stage One have access to snacks each day. You are also welcome to bring a healthy snack to school each day.



Wraparound

We have a new digital wraparound booking system. For details and to book a place please follow the link:

<https://coughton.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

Breakfast club from 7.30am, after school club until 6pm (Fridays until 5.30pm).

Key Dates- In advance

Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024 Year
6 SATS week

Friday 17th May 2024- Grandparent Gardening
Day

Thursday 20th June 2024- Sports Day

Thursday 11th July 2024 - Farmers Market

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (*Platt v Isle of Wight* 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 ~~is~~ 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.



WE ARE RECRUITING

Catering Assistant

At Coughton Primary School

Are you looking for a role where you can spread smiles by serving delicious food to children and also be a part of an amazing team?

15 hours per week

£10.52 per hour

If you are interested in the role, please
email your CV to hr@educaterers.co.uk or call 01926 743439
 and leave your details along with the school you are applying for.

Educaterers offer great **benefits:**

- School holidays off - equated pay
- Term time only working hours
- Nest pension scheme
- Staff benefits package offering discounts for you and your family on shopping vouchers, cinema tickets, holidays and more...

Educaterers are recruiting a member of staff to work at Coughton.

Open Evenings for secondary schools

Open Evening

Come and see us in action!

Studley High School
OPEN EVENING
 Thursday 28th September

St Benedict's Catholic High School Alcester

**Open Evening
 Wednesday 27th September
 5pm-7pm**

Come and see our fantastic school and have the opportunity to meet our brilliant staff and students

You can also visit us on our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on Wednesday 8th November 5pm-7pm

Limited spaces also available for in year admissions in some year groups

For further information, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or email sbe-office@sbe.magnificat.org.uk

St Benedict's Catholic High School is proudly part of the Our Lady of the Magnificat Catholic Multi Academy Company family of schools



ALCESTER ACADEMY OPEN EVENTS 2023

Open Evening—including headteacher address

Thursday 21st September—6.30pm to 8.30pm

Guided Open Mornings

Monday 18th September to Friday 22nd September—at 9.30am

Open Evening—guided evening tour with a student guide or

Guided Open Mornings—guided tour with a member of the leadership team. All guided tours are pre-bookable only.

To book a guided tour at either our open evening, or an open morning, call the main office on 01789 762285 in September, or alternatively email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk anytime.

Prospective students and their parents will have a unique opportunity to gain a real insight into Academy life



Student Corner



A really positive return to school this term.





Family Information Service

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. Head over to our [Facebook](#) to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.



Parenting workshops and programmes

Parent Coaches are linking up with schools to provide workshops and programmes around parenting and relationships.

Please complete the questionnaire so the team know what support you feel is needed and what you'd like to access in your school/area.

[here](#)



Connect for Health September newsletter

In the September edition of the Connect for Health newsletter, there is information about National Fitness Day and tips for getting ready for school.

Free School Meals

Schools should provide meal options for all children attending school. Meals are available free of charge to:

- all infant pupils (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) – known as universal FSM
- pupils who meet the free school meals [eligibility criteria](#) – known as benefits-related FSM

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals. However, if you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply to receive additional benefits:

- [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme](#) is for children aged 4 to 16, in reception to year 11, in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. HAF offers eligible pupils access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays.
- [Pupil premium](#) is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

You can apply for benefits-related FSM at any time online through the [Parent Portal](#).

If you have any questions or need support with applying, please contact the team by emailing freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 359189.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals/2>

<https://admissions.warwickshire.gov.uk/Synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>



Applications open for Secondary School places

If you have a child that is due to start Secondary School in September 2024, then the time has come to apply for their school place. This applies to children currently in Year 6.

All applications received by the deadline of 31 October will receive a school offer on 1 March next year, which is National Offer Day. Any applications submitted after the 31 October deadline will only be considered after this, meaning the child is much less likely to be offered a place at a preferred school.



Act on Energy event

Is the cost of living and your energy bills keeping you up at night? Not sure where to go for support? Then go along and talk with Act on Energy, and other support services, at their Winter is Coming event at the Fred Winter Centre, Stratford upon Avon, on Monday 18 September, 11:00 – 15:00.

They will be discussing how to tackle fuel poverty and cost of living, advising on energy bill discounts, and giving away freebies!

For more information about the event or being a partner on the day to support the local community, please email paul@actonenergy.org.uk

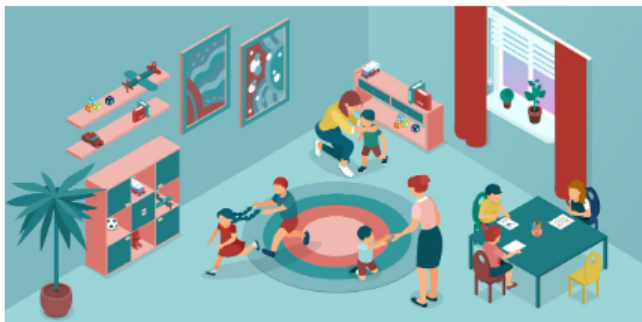


Mental health support for young people

As children and young people start a new school or new school year, it is normal for them to feel nervous, anxious, or unsure. Learning how to manage and cope with these feelings is important.

It's important to look after your body to improve mental health by having a good diet, regular exercise, plenty of sleep and limiting screen time. For those who may need more specialist support, the Warwickshire County Council website has a range of information and links to services dedicated to helping young people.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/yo>



Tax-Free Childcare

With the new school term starting, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding families to open a Tax-Free Childcare account today to save up to £2,000 per child on their yearly childcare bills.

Families can use their Tax-Free Childcare account to pay for any approved childcare including holiday clubs, breakfast and after school clubs, childminders and nurseries.

The scheme provides working families, with children up to the age of 11, or 16 if their child has a disability, up to £2,000 a year per child or £4,000 a year if their child is disabled. For every £8 paid into a Tax-Free Childcare account, families automatically receive the government top up of £2. Families can save up to £500 every 3 months for each child or £1,000 if their child is disabled.

[here](#)

Spotlight on parenting support

Nurture Programme

The 10-week Nurture Programme gives parents and carers practical tools and information to support them to raise happy, confident and emotionally resilient children. This programme is suitable for parents and carers of children up to 12-years-old.

The programme will cover many of the common parenting issues and offer advice that will help parents and carers gain confidence and develop insight by understanding why children behave as they do, recognising the feelings behind behaviour, exploring different positive parenting strategies to help guide behaviours, finding different ways to develop co-operation and emotional regulation in children and learning the importance of looking after yourselves as parents and carers.

The program is highly effective in improving the mental health outcomes for children and their parents.

On average 8/10 parents attending groups report a significant improvement in their child's behaviour and family life.

Read what parents have to say about the workshop...

"I've got more insight into my children's needs and have learnt to be more patient and listen more. My expectations of them are more realistic now than before."

"I learned how to change the way I communicate with my son to better support his understanding, and this has improved my relationship with him."

"I think about how I talk to my son now more, I take a breath before reacting, I'm not flying off the handle and shouting as much, I have learnt that his behaviour is communicating something to me and I need to look beyond what he's doing and more to why is he doing it."

To check availability and book a workshop or programme in your area please go to [Eventbrite](#). [here](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Sleep Better programme

If you have a child with additional needs and sleep issues, bedtime can be tricky. Whether they struggle to communicate how they're feeling, have increased anxiety, sensory issues, or social cueing problems, sleeping well may be difficult.

The Sleep Better programme is suitable for parents and carers of children who are one year old and over who are struggling with bedtime routines, their child's sleeping patterns or bedtime as a whole.

The Sleep Better programme can support you to:

- Establish why your child isn't sleeping
- Learn about gentle methods to encourage better sleep habits
- Consider an improved bedtime routine
- Meet other parents/carers in the same situation
- Explore useful resources to aid sleep

The Sleep Better programme is delivered over 5 weeks and covers:

- Understanding sleep cycles
- Common sleep issues and strategies to manage these
- Establishing appropriate routines
- Keeping sleep diaries and interpreting the data
- Environments

To check availability and book a workshop or programme in your area please go to [Eventbrite](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk.

For information on the sleep better course and other courses see the link below.

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

Community News



Coventry and Warwickshire Community Support for Neurodivergent People and their Families

Information and advice for neurodivergent people and their families.

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

Information and Advice for Neurodivergent People and their Families



[here](#)

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