



Be our best selves

COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

Issue 15

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



Dear Families,

As we conclude the year I would like to thank you for all of your help and support. It was a pleasure reading through all of the reports and seeing how much progress the children have made.

It was great seeing so many of you at the school fair this week, bringing together our school community and raising money to support the children.

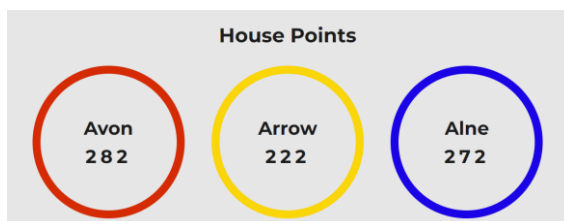
We will have a stall at the Coughton village fair on Saturday. Come and say hello if you are attending.

We are still at school for two more days. Monday 24th July is a wellbeing day and children can come wearing comfortable clothing. Also on Monday children can bring in a carrier bag as all books from the year will be sent home.

Tuesday is our final day of the school term. In September school reopens for children on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

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Well done Avon

Monday 4 th September	INSET day- School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 th September	School reopens to pupils.
Tuesday 26 th September	Open Day 9.30-11.30am
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
Friday 27 th October	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
Monday 30 th October – Friday 3 rd November	Half Term
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas Holidays
Monday 25 th December – Friday 5 th January	School Holidays
Monday 8 th January	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 9 th January	School re-opens to pupils

Important updates for Parents and Carers

Uniform

Lost property will be hung on the railings at the end of the day on Monday and Tuesday. A reminder to name all clothing brought to school so that it can be easily returned to its owner.

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

Holiday / Leave of Absence Requests

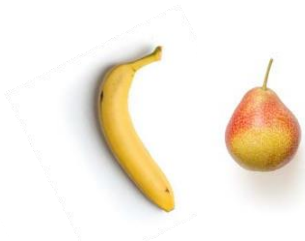
All holiday requests will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional by the Head of School. Should you wish to request leave of absence for your child(ren) please collect a form from the office.

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).

Timetables for Autumn Term

(Timetable of what to wear and bring each day- Autumn Term 1- subject to change after half term

Attached is a timetable of what days your child is doing certain activities and what they should wear and when they should be wearing it. You may want to print this out and put it on display for reference.

Class	Outdoor PE	Forest school
Maple (Reception)	Friday	Thursday
Birch (Year 1)	Friday	Tuesday
Ash (Year 2)	Wednesday (Villa)	Friday
Acer (Year 3)	Wednesday (Villa) Tuesday (Onside)	Wednesday
Cedar (Year 4)	Wednesday (Villa) Monday (Onside)	
Willow (Year 5)	Wednesday (Villa) Monday (Onside)	
Oak (Year 6)	Wednesday (Villa) Tuesday (onside)	

What to wear

Outdoor sports kit

Should consist of a plain tracksuit and white t-shirt, and appropriate footwear (trainers). For girls, hair should be tied back.

Indoor PE Kit

Red shorts and white t-shirt, kept in lockers.

Forest school

Wellies/walking boots

Long trousers (waterproof trousers if possible)

Long sleeve T-shirt, sweatshirt, fleece top (layers are best for colder days)

Spare socks

Hat (depending on the weather)

Waterproof jacket (this is essential in case of rain)

Student Corner

Church Leavers

Year Six had a lovely leavers service at church. Many thanks to Daniel and Jen from the church team for leading. It was great to share this with families and friends.



Student Corner

Farmers Market and Summer Fair



Thank you to everyone who attended the summer fair. It was a cracking event- thank you to everyone who volunteered to run a stall.



SEND events



SEND Parents Warwickshire

A website for parents of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities to explore clubs, groups and activities.

<https://www.sendparentswarwickshire.com/newpage>

 mind Coventry and Warwickshire



<https://cwmind.org.uk/cass-children-and-young-people/>

Information and Advice for Neurodivergent People and their Families

An e-booklet, aiming to improve the information and support available for neurodivergent people and their families, has been published and is available on the **news page of the Dimensions of Health and Wellbeing website**.

This e-booklet has been co-produced with neurodivergent people, their families and professionals across Coventry and Warwickshire. It provides a wealth of information all in one place about services and support available for those who are diagnosed or who self-identify as neurodivergent, and those who care for and support them.



Scan the QR code or visit
<https://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/News.aspx?NID=26>

Feedback is welcomed to enable improvements to this first version of the e-booklet. Please share any comments with disabilitiescommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk





New newsletter launched by Warwickshire's Country Park Rangers

Warwickshire's Country Park Rangers have launched a new monthly newsletter, bringing visitors the latest news, updates, and useful information from across the picturesque parks and greenways.

Through the newsletter, rangers will provide exciting event announcements, their favourite nature highlights, stunning photographs from across the County, and much, much more!

<https://mailchi.mp/79c8ca0fbb3e/warwickshire-country-parks-update-friday-14-july-2023>



Eight ways to save on school uniform

Kids grow at a rapid rate, so they're going to need a number of different uniforms during their years at school. Parents spend an average of £337 a year on school uniform for each secondary school child and £315 a year for each primary school child.

MoneySavingExpert has put together their tips and tricks for saving money on uniform.

[Here:](#)

Housing support

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=28a3f265d3>



Stay safe in the sun this summer

Sunshine, summer holidays and trying to stay cool, the summer has arrived and Warwickshire County Council is launching a new campaign to help residents stay safe and well through the summer months.

During the summer we may be spending more time outside, this is great for wellbeing as including more activity into daily routines and being outside in nature can help to reduce stress and improve mood. However, remembering to stay sun safe is important.

[here](#)



Enjoy an adventurous summer of family events from Heritage and Culture Warwickshire

The summer holidays are just round the corner and if you're looking for things to keep the kids occupied, there are a host of events for all the family taking place across Warwickshire.

There's a wide variety of events from digging for fossils at Cross Hand Quarry, meeting the Lowe Ranger and her baby dinosaurs, Bug Hunting in the County Record Office gardens, taking on a Knights Quest, enjoying outdoor theatre and much more!

[here](#)

Children invited to participate in the 'Ready, Set, Read!' Summer Reading Challenge at Warwickshire Libraries from Saturday 8 July 2023

This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit Warwickshire libraries to join a fictional superstar team and their marvellous mascots to get involved in a Summer Reading Challenge themed around the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

A popular annual activity in the library calendar, the Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to borrow and read six books, which can include eBook and eAudio formats, over the course of the summer holidays.

[here](#)



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

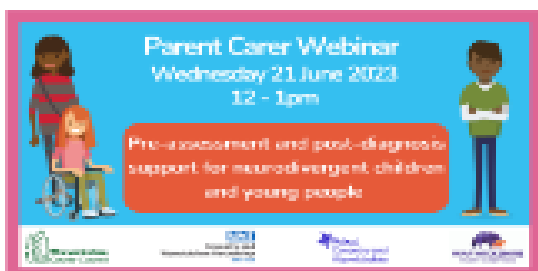
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns



Free webinar to understand the neurodevelopmental pathway for children and young people

Parents and carers are invited to register for a free webinar taking place on Wednesday 21 June, 12:00 - 13:00, to learn about the support available in Coventry and Warwickshire for neurodivergent children and young people.

The webinar, organised by Warwickshire County Council in partnership with Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust and CW Mind, will explain the pre-assessment and post-diagnosis support available through the clinical neurodevelopmental pathway and how families can access this. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the enhanced offer from the Community Autism Support Service. The service aims to respond to local need and provide better targeted support, focusing on self-esteem, confidence, relationships and improving emotional wellbeing and mental health. The session will end with a Q&A giving parents and carers the chance to put their questions to professionals.



New resources available to support parents and carers with SEND

Parents and carers of children or young people with a special educational need and/or disability (SEND) can now access a host of useful free resources through the Whole School SEND website.

The information is aimed at helping to develop successful partnerships between families and education settings and although aimed at education professionals, the guidance is also useful for parents and carers. There are a series of 'Ask, Listen, Do' leaflets including subjects such as 'Understanding SEN support', 'Making conversations count' and 'Returning to school after a period of absence', as well as webinars and handbooks.

<https://www.wholeschoosend.org.uk/parents-and-carers>

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BqqwiCdZu0uok4nMJxOsgjSsUxM7CR9Lle6sqd8ufgRUM1JWSFMxQU1ZNzQyMUJLUkJHWFVJRVkwUy4u>

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.

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>

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