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# COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

**Issue 2**

## Coughton CE Primary School

## Key dates



Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Birch information meeting (Teams)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Ash information meeting (Teams)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Acer information meeting (Teams)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Cedar information meeting (Teams)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Willow information meeting (Teams)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Oak information meeting (Teams)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival (pupils only)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Wellbeing Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation Spray (Year R-6)
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying week
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service KS2 at St Peter's Church, Coughton at 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity KS1 10am and 2pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity KS1 10am and 2pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity KS1 10am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens to pupils

Dear Families,

The children have been working really hard over these past few weeks. Parents evenings have been really positive and we continue to be grateful for your support.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming week or so at the information meetings. These will take place at 6pm on Microsoft Teams. A link will be sent out on the day of each meeting. During these meetings I will be talking through the year, focusing on curriculum topics and themes, assessments (e.g SATs), key texts, trips and more. If you are unable to join I will post the slide deck on the class Teams page and on our website. The sessions are not recorded.

A number of parents have asked about the Thrive approach at our school so Mrs Salkeld is running a workshop in the hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10am-11am. Anyone is welcome.

Head of School  
**Mr Alex Kolb**

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Coughton CE Primary School

# Important updates for Parents and Carers

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> October- Birch information meeting  
6pm

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6pm

# Important updates for Parents and Carers

## 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](mailto: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.

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

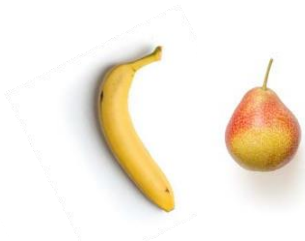
All holiday requests will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional by the Head of School. Should you wish to request leave of absence for your child(ren) please collect a form from the office.

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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Grandparent Gardening  
Day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024- Sports Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Farmers Market

### **Car Parking**

A reminder to park sensibly around the school site so that residents have access to their driveways at all times.

### **Pens**

We have seen some amazing writing so far this term and some children have been awarded pens. Pens will be replaced when they have run out of ink but there will be a charge to replace any lost pens.

## **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.**

# Student Corner

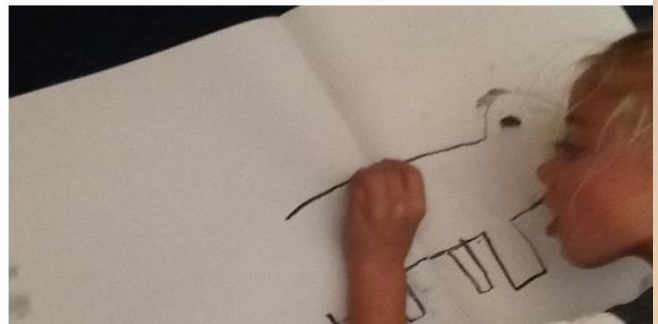
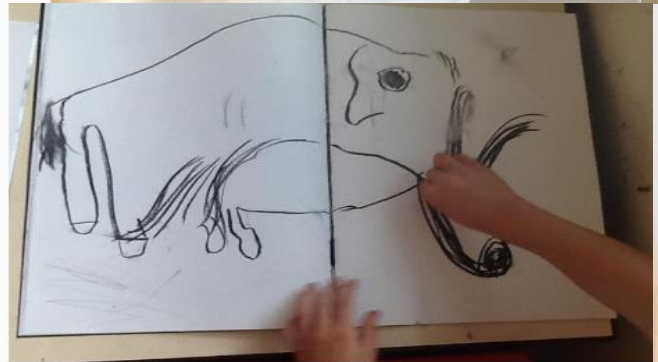


Oak class enjoyed bellboating with Olympian Andy Train in Stratford.



# Student Corner

Great stone age drawings from Acer class





## **Connect for Health's October health and well- being update**

Read the latest newsletter to find out about Dyslexia and how people with Dyslexia may experience more challenges, there are links to webpages to access further information and support. Also take a look at their Halloween activities and trick or treat safety advice, 'Do's' and 'Dont's' to ensure children have fun safely this Halloween.

<https://mailchi.mp/9a44a0b69cf7/your-c4h-april-health-and-well-being-update-13639136?e=01d6463923>



## **Visit a National Trust place for free this autumn**

The National Trust is giving away a number of free passes for families to use between 18 September and 20 October 2023.

Each single-use pass allows free entry for 2 adults and up to 3 children or 1 adult and up to 4 children.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/escape-into-autumn>



## 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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://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](mailto: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>

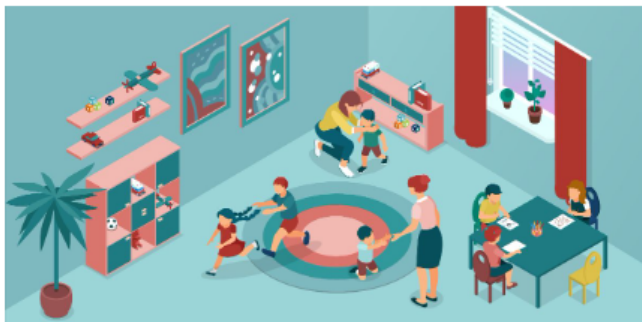


## Mental health support for young people

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](#)

## How to find us



Stratford-upon-Avon Library  
12 Henley Street, CV37 6PZ



Stratford Town Trust  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Bridgefoot, CV37 6YR



Royal Shakespeare Company  
PACCAR Room, Level 2  
Royal Shakespeare Theatre  
Waterside, CV37 6BB



Shakespeare Birthplace Trust  
Outside the Shakespeare Centre,  
Henley Street, CV37 6QW

All activities are free, and take place between 10am - 3pm. Collect a stamp at any of the locations to receive free refreshments kindly provided by the Crowne Plaza. For more detail see inside!



# CREATE • MAKE • SHARE FUN PALACE

Saturday 7th October  
10am - 3pm

A day of free activities celebrating community and culture in Stratford-upon-Avon



# SUPPORT AND ADVICE FOR FAMILIES IN WARWICKSHIRE



No one ever said being a parent or carer was easy! There are lots of support services available in Warwickshire to support you and your family...

## THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Get in touch with Warwickshire's Family Information Service for advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects including:

- Housing
- Finance
- Childcare
- Parental conflict and contact
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

☎ 01926 742274

✉ [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

## FAMILY SUPPORT

Get in touch with a Family Support Worker for advice and guidance on parenting and all aspects of family life.

Support can be offered through telephone calls, video calls, text messages or email to suit your needs.

☎ 01926 412412

Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

To contact your local district or borough family support team via email please visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport) for more information.



SCAN THE QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to sign up to the Family Information Service newsletter for regular updates to support you and your family!



[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates)

For more information and advice for families including parenting courses, workshops and other support services go to: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies)

# 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](mailto: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

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing [ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto: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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Coughton Primary School PTA  
are pleased to present....



# PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE

Friday 13th October, 3:20pm, on the playground.  
(Weather permitting - if raining sale will be held on 20th Oct)



Come and grab some bargain school uniform - everything from branded jumpers and cardis to PE kit to Forest School items.... All laid out across the playground in size order.

**Cash and Card accepted**