



Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Families,

We have reached the end of yet another half term and what a busy one it has been, filled with fun, learning and new beginnings. As we look ahead to the next half term, we welcome the changes in our staffing team with the return of Miss McConkey, after her maternity leave. The children were so excited to see her and it has been wonderful to have her back in school this week.

We have also welcomed a new member of staff, Miss Park. Miss Park is our Family Support Worker, who will be working across school supporting children and their families. We are so pleased that she has joined our team and she is very much looking forward to working with our wonderful children.

Next half term, we will also welcome Miss Marsh, who will be teaching Elm Class whilst Mrs Cooke begins her maternity leave. As our wonderful SENCo and Elm Class teacher, Mrs Cooke, prepares to welcome her little one, we would like to wish her and her lovely husband the very best as they start the biggest and most wonderful job of all – becoming parents. Whilst Mrs Cooke is on maternity leave, I will be covering the role of SENCo.

Along with welcoming staff, we have also had to say goodbye to Mrs Bateson. We would like to thank Mrs Bateson for all her hard work whilst at Coupe Green, the children and staff will certainly miss her.

To continue to strengthen our PE offer and lunchtime provision, Dan, from Kick On, will continue to work in school. Dan will be delivering PE to Elder Class on Tuesdays from the second week back after half term (week beginning 2.3.26) and will continue to run two lunchtime and breakfast clubs for us. If you wish for your child to attend a breakfast football club, please contact the school office for further details.

Pupil Voice

It is important to all at Coupe Green that our children's voices are heard, and we find out what they think about school. To gather this information, we conducted a pupil questionnaire. Below is an overview of the children's responses and comments.

Responses	
95% of children said that they enjoyed learning in school.	82% of children identified behaviour in school as good.
96% of children agreed that teachers helped them to do their best.	Over 90% of our children felt they could speak to adults in school when they feel worried.
Over 80% of our children feel challenged in learning.	95% of children agreed that school supports them to take care of their physical health and 97% feel that school helps them look after their mental health.
97% of children feel that schools helps them to develop independence and take responsibility.	100% of children agreed that school encourages them to respect people from other cultures and treat everyone equally.

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The questionnaire also gave children the opportunity to share comments and worries. In this section, some children commented on the lockdown drill and worrying about others who feel sad or angry.

Unfortunately, we are required to practice lockdown drills as part of our safety procedures. From looking at new guidance, schools are now encouraged to schedule lockdown drills frequently throughout the year to familiarise children with the procedure, alike a fire drill. Therefore, moving forwards we will hold the drill each term, continuing to do so in the most child friendly way, speaking to our children about why we do this at an age-appropriate level. Increasing the number of drills planned throughout the year, will help reduce children's worries about them. It is unfortunate that these drills have to take place, but we must follow guidance to ensure that we can keep our children safe in any eventuality.

Children also spoke about seeing people feeling sad and angry. As part of our behaviour curriculum, we are continuing to look at the power of kindness and focusing on self-kindness and consideration for others. As part of this we will explore how we, as individuals, feel and how others can feel and respond differently to us, along with sharing and teaching our children strategies that they can use to help them feel happy and calm.

Celebrations

This half term, as all others, has been filled with much to celebrate. Our children have continued to represent school at sporting events; Tennis, Dance from the Heart, Inclusion events, and it has been wonderful to hear staff from the sports clubs and other schools' comments on our children's manners and kindness towards others. A huge well done to all those children who took part and represented our school values so beautifully.

The school council have been busy generating ideas for upcoming fundraisers and using their well-earned monies to purchase more resources for lunchtime. The new resources have been very well received and are being put to great use!

Along with the school council, Friends of Coupe Green have continued to work hard to provide fun and memorable experiences for our children. This week's 'wear what you love day' was a great success and the monies raised will be put towards the next phase of the playground development project. We hope to build a sheltered area, when we have met our fundraising target, which can be used for arts at lunchtime. Many of our children are wonderfully creative and having a calm and sheltered area for them to display their creativity will be a fantastic addition. The next FOCG event is the school disco, with DJ Taz, which I am certain will be thoroughly enjoyed by our children.

Friends of Coupe Green works very hard and would welcome any support that you can offer, whether that be ideas, time or resources. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the team or the school office if you wish to find out more. The fund raising that they do comes straight back to school so that we can continue to develop and improve the provision for our children. Please see below the planned design for the outdoor structure, which we are currently fundraising towards.

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Planned Outdoor Structure

We hope to place this in the corner of our playground, where the buddy bench currently sits, making use of this space.



I hope that you all have a wonderful half term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the final half of this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Littlewood

Headteacher



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