

Friday 18th June 2021

Dates for your Diary

Monday Swimming

Year 6 – Top-Up

Don't forget your kits

Monday 5th July

School Inset Day – Staff Only

Y5/6 School Visits

Tuesday 6th July - Mr Newton's Class

Thursday 8th July – Miss Stevenson's Class

Friday 9th July – Mrs Tanner's Class

Tuesday 20th July

School closes for summer term at 1.30 pm for Pupils

Wednesday 21st July

INSET Day – Staff Only

PE will take place on these days:

Tuesday: Year 3 & 4

Wednesday: Year 5 & 6

Thursday: Year 1 & 2

Friday: EYFS

A Message from Year 1-2

Could you please send in used egg cartons please
for our current topic in school

Forest School – Y1/2

Please see below for your child's sessions for
the 'Forest School':

Mr Birch's Class

Wednesday 14th July

Miss Dowsett's Class

Wednesday 23rd June

Wednesday 14th July



Let's all say a big Thank You to our teachers and support staff through the National #ThankATeacher campaign

Parents, colleagues, students please take 5 minutes to thank someone in our school for their hard work with a FREE Thank You e-card. If you are feeling shy, you can send a card anonymously! The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises all staff working in schools; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. Not only is it lovely to receive a thank you but a card can be a springboard to entering the [Pearson National Teaching Awards](#). This year, the BBC One Show' presented a week-long celebration of teaching for the 2020 Award Gold Winners.

Simply go to www.thankateacher.co.uk and they will send a FREE personalised #ThankATeacher card on your behalf.

When completing the form please use year group emails so teachers get their messages:

eyfs@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk

year1and2@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk

year3and4@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk

year5and6@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk

Alternatively use the school office email: office@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk and we will make sure the message gets to the right member of staff.

This week, some of our children were lucky enough to make it into the Tamworth Herald. Not only once, but twice! Pictures of our children were used to promote school visits to Alvecote Woods after our recent trips here and we were also given a lovely full-page spread about our new Forest School development.

Please find a sample of the article below:

Tamworth community pitches in to create magical Forest School

Move aside Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan! 'Green' pupils and staff have created a woodland wonderland Forest School in their grounds – with a little help from the community of Tamworth.

Children at Coton Green Primary School, part of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership family (ATLP), are blooming, thanks to an outside classroom where they can explore a range of outdoor learning opportunities, including bird watching, crafting, tree identification and bug hunting. From wellies to timber, businesses and families have dug deep to bring the enchanted Forest school to fruition so that Coton Green fingered children can explore their learning potential.



The idea took seed ahead of the last lockdown when dedicated teacher and Tamworth resident, Emma Palser decided to create an immersive outside learning space for children.

"I wanted to develop a safe and accessible outdoor area that children could access during lockdown and beyond, and the idea grew from there," said Miss Palser.

"We found an existing space on the school site where trees had been planted eight years ago by our reception teacher. We asked the children in KS2 to design what they would like the area to look like."

"I was so motivated by the donations, and work began during the second lockdown in February when our team of volunteers started to bring the vision to life.."

Miss Palser hopes to get families more involved in the Forest School with the introduction of a Junior Forester Award, along with other events and activities. Miss Palser said: *"The children love it! We've had emails and comments from parents who can see the area on their walk to and from school. They've been so supportive and even donated a wheelie bin full of wellies and waterproofs!"*

"The main thing is getting children outdoors, especially those pupils that don't thrive in a conventional setting. I am keen that much of the learning in the area is child-led and children have the opportunity to face and take risks."



"One early success story is how a Year 5 child, Morgan, who has a diagnosis of autism, has found a new love for the outdoors since our forest school sessions commenced. During lockdown, while teaching remotely, we introduced a 'Get Wild!' challenge linked to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, where children could complete 20 or 50 mini challenges. We extended this to 80, and Morgan completed them all! He loves being in the Forest School and the setting really allows him to thrive. We are so proud of his engagement in sessions and we hope the development will support other children with special needs too."

Miss Palser, who has recently completed an outdoor learning teaching course, wants to build on the many benefits of the Forest School. She plans to link it to the curriculum, with an English unit based on a new book for each year group, where pupils will be inspired by their surroundings to write creatively.

Headteacher Richard Osbourne said: *"All the children love going to the Forest School – as do the staff! Miss Palser has created a lovely area for pupils to enjoy and learn in. It's our little corner of paradise."*



*If you love your Ukulele,
come and join us*

Tamworth Ukulele Orchestra

Introductory workshop: 10th July 2021

Landau Forte – QEMS Sixth Form

**Everybody welcome
FREE OF CHARGE!**

To register interest and for more details contact:
Tamworth Music Centre Manager, Alison McAusland
alison.mcausland@entrust-ed.co.uk

Staggered pick up and drop off at school

Start and finish times:

Group	Surname (child)	Approx. ch in group	Start time	Collection time	Minimum teaching time
Group a	Surname A-H	105	8:40	3:00	5 hours 20 minutes
Group b	Surname I(i)-P	105	8:50	3:10	5 hours 20 minutes
Group c	Surname Q-Z	100	9:00	3:20	5 hours 20 minutes

***Pupils brought to school by childminders or larger family groups are considered Group C children.**

BUBBLES	EXIT & ENTRY POINT
Year 5 and 6	KS2 DOOR (Yard 3)
Year 3 and 4	Class doors (Yard 2) Mrs Holbrook's (Nurture Room)
Year 1 and 2	Mrs Wesley's Class – Yard 1 Mr Birch Class – Yard 1 fence* Miss Dowsett's Class – Main office entrance
EYFS	Miss Coton's class – soft play entrance Miss Evan's Playground door.

*Mr Birch's class – children must be dropped at the fenced entrance. Parents should not attempt to walk to Mr Birch's door as the pathway is not wide enough for adequate social distancing. Staff will be on hand to meet children at the fence entrance.

Coton Green Primary School Dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Thursday 2 September (School Focus)

Inset day: Friday 3 September (School Focus)

Term starts: Monday 6 September

Inset day: Friday 22 October (School Focus)

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Inset day: Monday 29 November (ATLP Focus)

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January (ATLP Focus)

Term starts: Wednesday 5 January

Inset day: Friday 18 February (ATLP Focus)

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Inset day: Friday 8 April (ATLP Focus)

Term ends: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Inset day: Friday 1 July (School Focus)

Term ends: Friday 22 July 2022

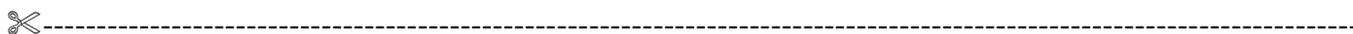
Holiday: Monday 25 July – Friday 2 September

*** Please remember school meals for KS2 now cost £2.35 per day ***

Please order your preferred meal choices using the menu below or collect one from your child's class.

Can we ask parents in KS2 to please ensure that their children only order meals that they will be eating, as any meals ordered and not taken will still be charged by the kitchen.

Thank you for your co-operation



Name		Class			Week 1
<i>Monday</i>	Hot Option Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Dough Balls (v)	Hot Option Burrito (v)	Hot Option Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Cold Option Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Tuesday</i>	Hot Chicken Sandwich With Potato wedges	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Wednesday</i>	Roast Chicken With Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Quorn Roast (v) With Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Thursday</i>	Pasta Bolognese	Veggie Hotdog (v) with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
<i>Friday</i>	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips	Quorn Nuggets (v) and Chips	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Sticks Tray Bake	
Subject to availability					