

### Weekly Newsletter - 20/12/24

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of the Coton Green Community,

As we approach the end of a busy and rewarding autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have achieved together. This term has been filled with exciting events, opportunities, and milestones that have made it truly memorable for our children, staff, and families.

First and foremost, I am delighted at the wonderful news that following our Ofsted inspection, Coton Green Primary School has been judged Good across all areas. This is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff, pupils, and governors, and to the support of our families and wider community. Thank you for being part of this incredible achievement!

The PTFA has been instrumental this term, organising fantastic events that have brought our school community together. The KS1 Supper with Santa and the KS2 disco were both hugely successful, with lots of smiles and festive cheer all around. We are so grateful to the PTFA team and everyone

Our pupils have showcased their talents and teamwork through wonderful performances this Christmas season. EYFS and KS1 amazed us all with their brilliant nativity plays, full of joy and heart. Year 3 and 4 gave us a fantastic Christmas play that was enjoyed by all, and Year 5 and 6 rounded off our celebrations with a lively and jolly Christmas singalong concert. Each performance reflected the hard work and enthusiasm of our children and staff.

This term, the whole school came together for a magical trip to the pantomime. The laughter, excitement, and festive spirit were truly a highlight of the season.

In addition to our creative and festive achievements, our pupils have also shone in sports. Our girls' football team has had a successful term, demonstrating skill, determination, and teamwork. We also saw excellent participation and effort in cross-country running events, with many pupils pushing themselves and supporting one another. Well done to everyone involved!

Finally, I would like to take a moment to wish Mrs. Tanner the best of luck as she begins her yearlong secondment to Curdworth Primary as Acting Deputy Head. While we will miss her greatly, we know she will do a fantastic job and look forward to welcoming her back next year.

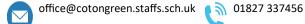
As we break for the holidays, I want to thank you all for your continued support of our school. On behalf of everyone at Coton Green. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January for another exciting term of learning and growth.

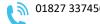
With warm wishes.

Mr Richard Osborne Headteacher Coton Green Primary School











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Thank you to you all for your support and patience while the office converted to MCAS 'My Child At School'

Please now use this site to see all your announcements, clubs and trips for next year.



🌟 Attendance Superstars 🤺

w/c 09.12.24 - 13.12.24

Mrs Lucas Beech Class 99.23%

Mrs Lewis Ash Class 99.66%

#### **Pastoral Support**

For pastoral support in school please message pastoral support@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk

### **Spring Term**

Monday 6th January INSET day School closed to pupils

**School Re-opens For Pupils Spring Term** 

Tuesday 7th January

EYFS Scooter Club 3.30 - 4.30pm KS1 Games Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 8th Jan

KS2 Netball Club 3.30 - 4.30pm KS1&KS2 Sign Language Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Thursday 9th Jan** 

Y3 Violins

Y6 Ukelele

**Violin Lessons** 

KS2 Podcast Club 3.30 - 4.30pm Y5/6 Dance Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 10th Jan

KS2 Craft Club 3.30 - 4.30pm











### January 2025

- 6<sup>th</sup> January ATLP Inset Day School Closed
- \*13<sup>th</sup> January INSPIRE Year 6 SAT parent workshop (9am)
- \*23<sup>rd</sup> January INSPIRE Year 4 maths parent workshop (9.15am)
- \*28<sup>th</sup> January INSPIRE Year 2 Learning Futures (iPad) parent workshop (2pm)

### **February**

- \*10<sup>th</sup> February INSPIRE Reception math's parent workshop (**9.15am**)
- \*10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February Parents' consultations (**3.30pm 6pm**)
- \*27<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 Ukuleles and Violin Parent Assembly (time to be confirmed)

### March

- 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day: Bedtime reading pyjama theme.
- \*7<sup>th</sup> March INSPIRE Year 5 reading parent workshop (**2.30pm**)
- \*10<sup>th</sup> March INSPIRE Year 3 Learning Futures (iPad) parent workshop (**2pm**)
- 10<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 visit (France)
- \*19<sup>th</sup> March Reception Easter Bonnet Parade (**2.15pm**)
- \*20<sup>TH</sup> March Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade (**2.15pm**)
- \*25<sup>th</sup> March Dance Festival (Lichfield Garrick)
- 27<sup>th</sup> March Year 5/6 visit (Shrewsbury Prison)

### **April**

- 9<sup>th</sup> April Year 3 & 4 School Trip to Tamworth Castle
- \*10<sup>th</sup> April PTFA Easter Event
- 28<sup>th</sup> April ATLP Inset Day **School Closed**



### TUCK SHOP





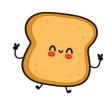
Fruit bags £1



Mini Cheese 50p



Yogurts 50p



Toast 50p



Yogurt raisins 50p



Yo-yo Bears 50p



### TUCK SHOP







Every Friday break time Year 3/4 door Cash only!

All funds raised go to fun enrichment activities!



### **Coton Green Primary School Term Dates 2023/2024**

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**Spring Term 2025** 

• Monday 6 January 2025 ATLP Training Day

Term Starts: Tuesday 7 January 2025

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Term Ends: Friday 11 April 2025

#### **Summer Term 2025**

- ATLP Training Day Monday 28 April 2025
- Term Starts: Tuesday 29 April 2025
- Monday 5 May 2025 Bank Holiday
- ATLP Training Day Friday 23 May 2025
- Half Term: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025
- ATLP Training Day Friday 4 July 2025
- Term Ends: Friday 18 July 2025

ATLP Training Day - Monday 21 July 2025

Please Note no leave of absence will be granted for holiday and only very exceptional circumstances will





### **Activities for Children during November and December**

Funclub: Tamworth Castle Grounds – Thursdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Last Youth club of 2024 is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Free Entry. 10 – 15-year-olds. <u>www.funclub.co.uk</u>

Tamworth Boxing Club: Monday and Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm. Last session of 2024 is Wednesday  $18^{th}$  December. £5 per session. 12 - 15-year-olds. Other age group sessions are available.

#### www.tamworthboxing.com

Tennis: Beacon Park Lichfield: Sunday 2pm-3pm all ages and abilities welcome. This a free session. <a href="https://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk">www.clubspark.lta.org.uk</a>

Lego Group: Glascote Library - Saturdays 10am – 11am. This is free of charge and for all ages. Children's gardening project: Fazeley, Tamworth - Saturday 10am-2pm. The community garden provides a safe and nurturing environment for kids to explore the joys of planting, nurturing, and harvesting their own vegetables. For children aged 8 –18 years. The is ongoing through to the New Year. This is free. For more information email: <a href="mailto:selfsufficentchildren@gmail.com">selfsufficentchildren@gmail.com</a>

Jump Xtreme: Wilnecote - For children of all ages. Open daily from 10am - 6pm.

#### www.jumpxtreme.com

Scouts: Tamworth -10 -14-year-olds and Explorer Scouts 14 - 18 years. There is a cost to this, and sessions times are different according to age. For more information go to <a href="https://www.tamworthscouts.org.uk">www.tamworthscouts.org.uk</a>



Tamworth Boys Brigade: Tamworth Baptist Church, Belgrave. 5 – 19 years old. Every Tuesday evening between 5pm and 9pm dependant on age. £5 per session with the first session free. This is at Tamworth Baptist church in Belgrave. For more information go to <a href="https://www.tamworthbaptistchurch.org.uk">www.tamworthbaptistchurch.org.uk</a>

Tamworth Girls Brigade: Tamworth Baptist Church, Belgrave. 5 – 19 years old. Every Wednesday evening between 5pm and 9pm dependant on age. £5 per session with the first session free. This is at Tamworth Baptist church in Belgrave. For more information go to <a href="https://www.tamworthbaptistchurch.org.uk">www.tamworthbaptistchurch.org.uk</a>

Rock and Bowl – Namco Tamworth - £10.00 per person for 2 games of bowling, every Sunday evening. Monday – Thursday games are £6 per person. For more information go to <a href="https://www.namcotamworth.com">www.namcotamworth.com</a>

Parkrun – Castle grounds – Saturday morning at 9am. Free entry. All ages and abilities are welcome

Tamworth Gymnastics club – Lichfield industrial estate – Saturday 3.15pm – 4.15pm. This is a boys session only and there is a fee for this. For more information email <a href="mailto:membership@tamworth-gymnastics.com">membership@tamworth-gymnastics.com</a>

Tamworth Gymnastics club – Lichfield industrial estate – Tuesday – 6.30pm – 8.15pm. This is a girls session only and there is a fee for this. For more information email <a href="mailto:membership@tamworth-gymnastics.com">membership@tamworth-gymnastics.com</a>

The Snowdome – Flume and Floats sessions – every Saturday – 12pm – 4pm. <u>There is a fee for this. To book email: guestservices@snowdome.co.uk</u>

The Snowdome – Indoor rock climbing – every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday – 5.40pm. There is a fee for this. To book email:  $\underline{guestservices@snowdome.co.uk}$ 

The Snowdome – Ice skating sessions – every Friday – 6pm – 8pm. There is a fee for this. To book email: There is a fee for this. To book email: <a href="mailto:guestservices@snowdome.co.uk">guestservices@snowdome.co.uk</a>

#### One off events in date order:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Christmas Light switch on – Free event 12 noon – 5.30pm. Lots of activities: Bert & Gerts festive market, Barker's Family Fun Fair, Food & drink stalls, Tamworth Round Table's Santa sleigh, Live entertainment stage including: The D-Day Juniors and Tamworth Voices Choir, Tamworth Pantomime Company, The Santa Show Elves, Rory & The Revellers (Youth Battle of the Bands runners-up) – Lights switch on at 5pm.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2pm – 4pm Wreath making workshop at Sacred Heart. Aged 16 years and over. Booking is essential

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Tamworth Castle – 1pm – textile wreath making. There is a £20 fee for this, all materials are supplied with a complimentary mince pie and drink. To book go to <a href="https://www.tamworthcastle.co.uk">www.tamworthcastle.co.uk</a>



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Antler fun run – 10am at the Castle Grounds. All ages welcome, fancy dress, reindeer antlers and Santa hats are encouraged.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Berts and Gerts Christmas market 10am – 5pm – Ankerside shopping centre.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Gartmore riding school: 30 minute session for beginners aged 5-19 years. Riding boots and hats are supplied. Call the booking team to book/express an interest in an activity, cancel an activity or ask any questions: 0300 111 8007 (option 2, then option 3).

The Wildlife Trust Tamworth: Friday 20th December: Wild skills 10:30am – 12:30pm SEND aged 6 – 19 years + family members Dosthill Park, Blackwood Road, Dosthill, Tamworth, B77 1LJ \*Available to all Staffordshire families\* \*Bookings close 18.12.24 at 12-noon\*

The Wildlife Trust Tamworth: Saturday 21st December Wooden Reindeer Workshop 10:30am – 12:30pm SEND aged 6 – 19 years + family members Dosthill Park, Blackwood Road, Dosthill, Tamworth, B77 1LJ \*Available to all Staffordshire families\* \*Bookings close 19.12.24 at 12-noon\*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Santa Paws - different time allocations throughout the day. Children are encouraged to take their family dog with their parents to get a gift from Santa for their pets.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Santa's in the building! – Ankerside shopping centre 11am – 4pm. Visit Santa in his grotto, for children of all ages. Tamworth Assembly Rooms:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Elf movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Polar Express Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 4pm, film starts at 5pm. Tickets are £5 each.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – A Muppets Christmas Carol Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Despicable Me 4 Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Deadpool and Wolverine Movie – Tamworth Assembly rooms. Doors open at 9am, film starts at 10am. Tickets are £5 each. For 15 years and over.



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### **Relish Food Ordering System**

https://atlp.relishops.com

Helpline: Phone: 0330 024 0016

Thank you to all parents who have been ordering their children's meals through Relish

The kitchen have asked that when you are ordering Sandwich and Jacket Potato options that you specify which filling you would like.

Also if you could make sure that you scroll down and also order your child's Pudding choice at the same time for each day.

Remember you can order for the day, week or term in advance.

Please cancel any orders made if your child will be absent for lunch.

Cut off for ordering is midnight the previous day

E.g Sunday night Midnight for Monday meal order.

Please make sure your dinner account is in credit so that the kitchen can view your orders.

Children from Y3 upwards will need to pay for meals at a cost of £2.70 per meal unless in receipt of Free school Meals

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Please pay for all meals on MCAS - My Child At School App

ParentPay is no longer in use.

Thank you for all your support.



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Selected stores. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+.

App & opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools.

Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Minimum spend £2+. Ends 30.11.24





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A SAFE SPACE FOR GIRLS TO BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, CONFIDENCE, SELF-ESTEEM AND WELLBEING!



### · Primary Blossom (school years 4-6)

Mondays 4.30pm-5.45pm | Chester Road Baptist Church B73 5HG Wednesdays 6.15pm-7.30pm | St. Peters Church B72 1JJ

· Primary Blossom Tamworth (school years 4-6)

Tuesday 5.30-7pm | Landau Forte Academy Amington. Woodland Road. Amington. B77 4FF

· Secondary Blossom (school years 7-8)

Monday 6pm-7.15pm | Sutton Baptist Church, Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TA.

· Blossom Bloomers (school year 9+)

Tuesdays 6.30pm-8pm | Sutton Baptist Church, Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TA.



#### **Attendance**

Our school attendance target is 96%

#### The School Day

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.50am and the registers close at 8.55am. The school doors are open at 8.45am to allow the children to get in with plenty of time to be settled. Once the registers have closed then your child is marked absent and this will affect their overall attendance. The school day

Finishes at 3.15pm for EYFS 3.20pm for KS1 and 3.25pm for KS2.

#### Please note if your child is late then this will count as an absence

The table below demonstrates how much school children miss if they are absent, and it is surprising how this adds up. We are fully aware that the circumstances around illnesses that children have picked up are unavoidable for the majority of absences. The aim of this initiative is the positive promotion of attendance for all.

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

#### Why does attendance matter?

Statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school, children who are absent will have gaps in their sequential knowledge. For our younger children, both attendance and punctuality are extremely important as they go straight into their phonics groups after the register has been taken.

#### Working Together

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 90%. If this is the case, we'd like to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.



