

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week: 3rd-7th February

From the 3rd to the 7th of February, we'll be marking Children's Mental Health Week, a vital opportunity to focus on the well-being of our children and young people. This year, we're celebrating themes of building resilience, embracing self-awareness, and forming strong connections with others.

Wear Any Colour Day - Wednesday 5th February

We are inviting all children to come to school on Wednesday 5th February, dressed in their own clothes, featuring any colour they choose. This will help spark conversations about emotions and how different colours can represent feelings.



WHY IS READING AT HOME IMPORTANT?

Reading, being read to, and sharing books at home helps to build a child's vocabulary and understanding of the world.

Research shows children who start school with good vocabulary and communication skills make friends more easily, have fewer behavioural issues and are more likely to do well academically. A strong, early foundation in language has even been linked to better mental health as children get older.

Reading with your child, or encouraging your child to read independently for just ten minutes each day can make all the difference.

At Coton Green we also encourage our children to use Reading Plus as it improves fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, stamina, and motivation.

 READ MORE



NUMBER DAY!

This annual campaign organised by the charity NSPCC encourages children to get involved in numbers-based activities including 'Dress up for Digits', in which children get dressed up in number-themed costumes.

We'd like to invite children to come dressed as a number on Friday 7th February.



MATHS METHODS USED IN SCHOOL

We understand that many parents find it challenging to help their children with maths homework due to the fact that teaching methods have evolved over time. To make this easier, we have added our Calculation Policy to our website. (Our Curriculum-Mathematics)

A WEEK AT COTON GREEN...



Reception-

This week in the EYFS, children have been busy exploring the composition of 6. They have been learning to partition 6 flexibly- using a range of practical resources to aid their thinking. Children have also loved carrying out their own science investigation with ice- exploring how to change a solid to a liquid and a liquid to a solid. They have even learnt about what the particles look like! In English, children have written their very first sentence in their new books. They have been learning to form their letters accurately- with a specific focus on ascenders and descenders. Children have also loved developing their fine motor strength on our 'Funky Fingers' area where they been challenged to make an igloo using sugar cubes.



KS1-

Year 1 have been working hard this week! In English, we have continued to explore the story of 'hibernation hotel' creating a conversation between bear and the bell boy. In our maths this week we have been looking at numbers to 20 and how they are formed. Identifying the tens and ones used to make each number. Our science came alive this week as we are looking at weather and we have seen some different weathers this week including lots of wind today! We have also thoroughly enjoyed our story 'Max and the tag along moon' finding out that we are loved even when we are far away from our family. A super week enjoy your weekend.

What a busy week it has been in Year 2! This week, we have started our new maths unit of multiplication, children have been recognising equal and unequal groups and started to make arrays. In English, we have been writing our own narratives relating to bravery, we can't wait to read these to Year 1 children next week! We have also had fun taking part in the RSPB's Birdwatch, we created our own bird cakes, put them around our school grounds and have recorded what birds visit us at Coton Green. The week has finished with us discussing what climates are like around the world in geography. Well done Year 2, what a fun week we have had!

LKS2-

What a week we have had in Year 3/4! They have published their own stories based on the text, 'Leon and the place between,' and what creative writers we have! They cannot wait to read them to Year 2 next week! In Geography, we have been learning all about the rivers in the UK and researching facts about the River Tame in Tamworth. D&T was a highlight of our week, creating a circuit... there were lots of squeals of excitement coming from the classrooms when the lightbulb lit up and the buzzer made a sound!



UKS2-

This week, Y5/6 have hit pinnacle points in both our English and Guided Reading texts with the mighty Beowulf facing defeat in his third battle along with a happy ending for Eve and Mama in the Diver's daughter. We have written book reviews and reflected on what we liked, disliked and if we still have any unanswered questions. In maths, Year 5 have moved on to division and Year 6 have been converting units of measure - with some children calculating the length of the classroom in meters and converting that into the length of the classroom in 2pence pieces! In Art, we have been considering shadows and how this looks depending on the position of a light source. In RE, we have started looking at different marriage ceremonies. If 5/6 children have pictures of themselves or any family members at a wedding, we would love to see them!



FOOTBALL SESSION

As part of a new initiative to get more children participating in sport outside of school, Cottage Farm Rangers (a local football club) will be running two after-school taster sessions for children at Coton Green. This is an opportunity for both boys and girls to enjoy a fun football session by professional coaches as well as an opportunity to experience a football-training session from a well-known and successful local club.

Dates are as follows:
Thursday 27th February - KS2 3:30 - 4:30
Thursday 13th March - EYFS/ KS1 3:20 - 4:20

No football boots for the taster session please.
Children may bring in a football kit and trainers, otherwise normal PE kit is fine.

If your child would like to attend, please sign up on MCAS. Thank you.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to this weeks celebration award winners:

- Reception Chestnut- Zofia
- Reception Elder- Louie
- Year 1 Maple- Oakley
- Year 1 Rowan- Ava
- Year 2 Beech- Harry
- Year 2 Hazel- Sofia
- Year 3/4 Willow- Harrison
- Year 3/4 Hawthorn- Kourtney
- Year 5/6 Ash- Jayda
- Year 5/6 Holly- Skye

ATTENDANCE

Last week's attendance for school was:
Our target each week is 97%

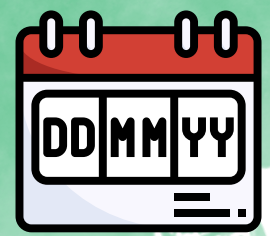
The class attendance winners this week are:
KS1- Maple 99%
KS2- Willow 98%

Attendance Ladder




DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- Monday 3rd- 9th February- Children's Mental Health Week
- Monday 3rd February- EYFS Maths Inspire Parents workshop
- Wednesday 5th February- Wear a colour!
- Thursday 6th February- Year 3 Sealife Centre Sleepover
- Friday 7th February- Number day- wear a number!




PTFA EVENTS

Donut Friday



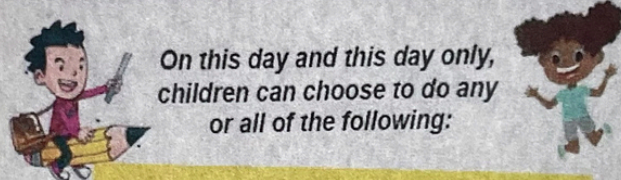
Coton Green PTFA are excited to announce we will be selling donuts after school on Friday 31st January!! Come and grab yourself an end of week treat 😊

These will be available on both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds - donuts will be £1 each!



Tuesday 4th February 2025

~~BREAK~~ THE ~~RULES~~ DAY



On this day and this day only, children can choose to do any or all of the following:

- 1: Crazy Hair and/or hair accessories
- 2: Wear a bright top instead of school jumper/poloshirt
- 3: Wear a temporary tattoo
- 4: Wear a hat
- 5: Wear sunglasses
- 6: Paint your nails
- 7: Be known by a different name for the day
- 8: Wear pyjamas to school

Pay £1 to Break The Rules!



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START THE WEEK RIGHT!
EVERY MONDAY 8:30AM

Wake Up Shake Up!

KS2 YARD - ALL WELCOME!



THE SCHOOL DAY WILL STILL START AT NORMAL TIME.
PARENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN UNTIL THIS TIME.

SIMPLY PLAY!



Scan the QR code for more information

Starting January 2025

Glascote Hub - 13:00-14:30 - Monday

Leyfields Hub - 13:00-14:30 - Thursday

Would you like to learn more about your child's development? Would you like to find new ways of supporting them through play? Then Simply Play might be the course for you!

We offer free courses for parents of 0-4 year olds in a stay and play format, so you can enjoy quality time with your little one alongside learning.

To register your interest, please contact:
Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk



SIMPLY PLAY FOR BABIES

Starting January 2025

Glascote - Monday - 10:00-11:30

Leyfields - Friday -13:00-14:30



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would you like to learn more about your baby's development? Would you like to find new ways of supporting them through play? Then Simply Play might be the course for you!

We offer free courses for parents of 0-12 month olds in a stay and play format, so you can enjoy quality time with your baby alongside learning.

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