



# Weekly Newsletter

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## Dates for your Diary

June	July	September
2nd June- Teacher Training Day- School Closed	1st July- Year 1 parents invited in to performance 2:30pm.	1st and 2nd Sept- Teacher Training Day Gosford
3rd June- Year 4 Multiplication check (whole week)	8th July- Year 6 performance to parents 1:30pm.	3rd September school starts for Year 1-6
3rd June- 2:30 OPAL Parents and carer stay and play- Reception- Year 6 families invited.	10th July- Year 3 parents invited in from 2:00pm for showcase of learning.	Reception parents info about start dates to be sent out privately
9th June- Phonics screening for Year 1 and some Year 2s (whole week)	11th July- Summer fair 3:00-4:00 Reception- Year 6 families invited	
9th June- Class photos all years	14th July- Sports Day 10am and family picnic <b>PRE ORDER NOW ONLINE FOR SANDWICHES!</b>	Teacher Training Days Next Year: 1.9.25, 2.9.25, 5.1.26, 12.6.26, 20.7.25
17th June- Year 2 Trip (date TBC)	16th July 3:15-4:30- Year 6 Leaver Party after school	
19th June- Year 5 Trip	17th July- Leavers' Assembly- Year 6 parents invited 1:30pm.	
20th June- Year 6 Residential	18th July- Last day of school- Year 6 white t shirts to be signed.	
25th June- 9:00am Year 4 parents invited to see performance	18th July 11:30- Nursery showcase of learning for parents	



### Timetable Rockstars

This week's winners are:  
5 Phoenix (10 Dojos each!)

### This Week's Attendance:

1st: (5 Dojos each)  
2nd: (3 Dojos each)  
3rd: (1 Dojo each)

### Dinner Time Discussions

Wednesday 21st May was World Day for Cultural Diversity  
Explore your family culture, what do you do to celebrate your culture?

### Housepoints

South house win for this week

## Cleaner Vacancy!

We have a cleaning vacancy in school. If you would be interested in applying for this please contact Mrs Baldwin in the school office.



WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.

AGE RESTRICTION  
16+

# What parents need to know about WhatsApp

### AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

### FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with some-body they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

### SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people'. Encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

### THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

### LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.

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Safety**

## Top Tips for Parents

### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

### REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

### EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

### SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

### USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

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### Attendance

It is crucial that Year 4 attend school every day of the week beginning Tuesday June 3rd (June 2nd the school is closed).

It is crucial that Year 1 attend school every day of the 2 weeks beginning 9th June and 16th June.

The best way for your child to learn is to be in school, on time, all day, everyday and we really appreciate your support in this matter.

***Everyone. Everyday.***

## OPAL Stay and Play You're invited!

**When:** Tuesday 3rd June at 2:30pm

**Where:** Gosford Park Primary School

**Why:** To learn more about the benefits of OPAL alongside your children. Parents and Carers can come and join us for an extended break to celebrate international day of play in the month of June.

**\*\*The school day will finish as normal at 3:15pm.\*\***

## SPORTS DAY

### You're Invited!

Parents and Carers invited for Sports Day at 10am on Monday 14th July. Families can bring picnics to share after the event (these need to be nut and alcohol free) and we cannot facilitate BBQs.

Should you be unable to attend, or if you would like your child to have food to join your picnic, sandwiches are available to order from the canteen on school grid now.

### Celebrations Outside of School

If you have photographs or information about your child's achievements outside of school please send them to

[enquiries@gosfordpark.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@gosfordpark.coventry.sch.uk)

# May Holiday Activity Timetable



## Looking for fun activities to enjoy with your family this May half term?

Coventry Family Hubs are hosting a range of free activities for children of all ages during the school holidays. From crafts and games to outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone!

### The FUN & FREE activities include:

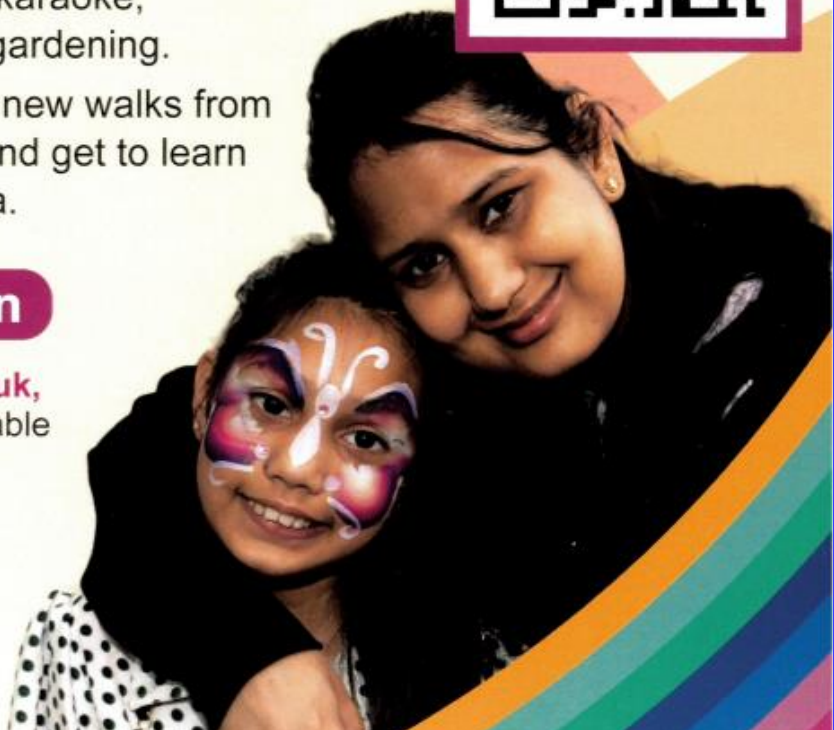
- **Baby and Me:** Special sessions for babies (up to 2 years) to explore and develop new skills while parents connect.
- **Sports in the Park:** outdoor fun with physical play and games for all the family
- **Fun Family Sessions:** enjoy activities such as crafting, cooking, karaoke, science experiments and gardening.
- **Go Walks:** Join us for our new walks from each of the Family Hubs and get to learn more about your local area.

SCAN FOR FULL  
TIMETABLES



### For more information

Visit [www.coventryfamilies.co.uk](http://www.coventryfamilies.co.uk),  
scan the QR code for full timetable  
details or email  
[earlyhelp@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@coventry.gov.uk)





## Gosford Greatest

Stepping Stones: Aawaj and Nahi

Nursery: Edna and Zohan

R Swanswell: Pandora and Naomi

R Memorial: Aswath and Lilia

1 Humber: Qasim and Elena

1 Jaguar: Nathan and Sojanya

2 Whittle: Daphne and Osman

2 Cash's: Amiyrah and Atheran

3 Westwood: Alaz and Oswald

3 Baginton: Maryam and Niyah

4 Coffantre: Prestige & Taleen

4 Sherbourne: Pavel and Jack

5 Phoenix: Cohen and Kate

5 Dunlop: Ashleigh and Kavien

6 Whitefriars: Tianna and Sofia

6 Greyfriars: Hamza and Taja



## Dates For Your Diary

### May 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
26	27	28	29	30
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

### June 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 School Closed	3 Yr4 Swimming OPAL parent and carer stay and play 2:30 Year 4 Multiplication Check	4 Year 4 Multiplication Check	5 Year 4 Multiplication Check	6 Gosford's Greatest Year 4 Multiplication Check
9 Photographs Year 1 Phonics Screen	10 Yr4 Swimming Year 1 Phonics Screen	11 Year 1 Phonics Screen	12 Year 1 Phonics Screen	13 Gosford's Greatest Year 1 Phonics Screen
16	17 <del>Year 2 Trip</del> - date tbc Yr4 Swimming	18	19 Year 5 Trip Herbert	20 Gosford's Greatest Yr6 Residential Year 3 parents 3:00 invited
23 Yr6 Residential returns	24 Yr4 Swimming	25 9:00 Year 4 families invited in for performance	26	27 Gosford's Greatest Gosford's Greatest
30	1 NED assembly Yr4 Swimming	2 Transition Day	3	4 Gosford's Greatest

### July 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7	8 Yr4 Swimming Year 6 parent performance 1:30	9	10	11 Gosford's Greatest Summer fair after school
14 Sports Day Get active week	15 Get active week	16 Get active week Yr6 Leaver disco	17 Get active week Leaver Assembly 1:30	18 Get active week Last day of term

July 19th is a Teacher Training Day- School is Closed for the Summer!