



COCKINGTON NEWS

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Gold School Games Award!

We are incredibly proud to have achieved the Gold School Games Award 2025/26 – our third Gold Award in a row – in recognition of our commitment to PE, school sport and physical activity.

From Reception to Year 6, our children have embraced a huge range of sporting opportunities this year, including PE lessons, competitions, festivals, tennis coaching, cricket, tag rugby and clubs led by our fantastic external coaches. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and determination have made this achievement possible.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, external coaches and families for their continued support.

Most importantly, well done to all of our amazing children!



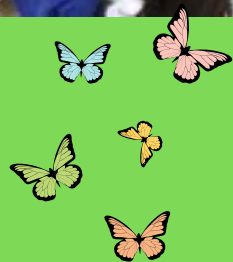


Hooked into Learning

This term, Year 4 went on a geography fieldwork trip to Totnes observing the human and physical features along the River Dart. They also took the opportunity to use the water to create watercolour paintings inspired by Monet. The public we met on the way said how amazingly well behaved the children all were.



Year 1's Beautiful Butterflies!



Year 1 have been looking after caterpillars this term and were very excited to see them emerge as butterflies!



Year 1 have also made Jigsaw Jack biscuits this week to mark the end of this years' jigsaw lessons!





Pupil Voice: Connect Council

We have been busy this half term with meetings about how we can improve our school. It's been interesting listening to all the projects happening across the eight schools in our MAT! We met most recently at Widey Court Primary School where we discussed a variety of topics such as reading and school dinners! We enjoyed exploring their woods and learned some interesting facts about their site.



We have been working on '30 ways to Connect' which is a list of activities that all of the schools in our MAT are committed to. They list 30 different things that each child in our schools should experience by the time they leave their school. In school, we have been working together to ensure we give all of the children in school these opportunities planned throughout their journey at Cockington. Can you spot how many your child has experienced so far?



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OPAL NEWS



Please keep donating items for our OPAL play. Even if you think we won't use it, we will find ways! You can donate at the main office or drop off at the Avenue Road gate at the beginning/end of the day. Thank you for donations of the below items:

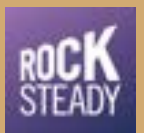


Upcycled Loose Parts						
						
Baking Pans	Cake Moulds	Ice Cube Trays	Kitchen Tools	Measuring Spoons	Pots & Pans	Strainers
						
Baskets	Cable Spools	Cardboard Items	Cones	Containers	Corrugated Pipes	Dress-Up Items
						
Fabric	Funnels	Milk Crates	Nets	Old Electronics	Pool Noodles	PVC Pipes
						
Rolling Carriers	Ropes	Shovels & Spades	Sinks & Tubs	Tarps	Tires & Wheels	Wooden Planks





Rocksteady Concert



Children who attend the Rock Steady music lessons performed an amazing concert for us. It included children from Year 1 all the way up to Year 6. We were very impressed by the standard they had got to in such a short period of time. They were mini rockstars!



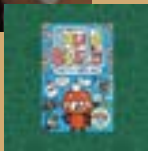


Brilliant Books!



A massive 'Thank you!' to Caleb who has bought the school new books from the money he raised at our school fair. These books will form part of our outdoor library. The PTA were awarded some money from the Wishing Well Foundation and, after consultation with the School Council, have bought a shed to be used as a reading nook.

The shed will be built over the summer holidays and we are excited to see it in action!



We were also visited by author and illustrator Jess Bradley. She lead an assembly to tell us about how she gets her inspiration for her comics and books. Some children were then invited to attend a workshop to show them how they can create their own magazines. If you would like to buy one of her books they are being sold in Sainsbury's.





WWII Day



Year 6's WWII Day was a huge success and we all got thoroughly into the wartime spirit.

Activities included:

Cypher School - cracking morse code messages

Make Do and Mend - learning to sew a button and thread a needle

Afternoon Tea - spam sandwiches and real tea

Dig for Victory - helping in our garden

Run Rabbit Run - learning about wartime food and how to prepare

PT drill - putting them through their paces

Sing-along - learning a WW2 classic by Vera Lynn

Postcards Home - writing to loved ones about their time as an evacuee

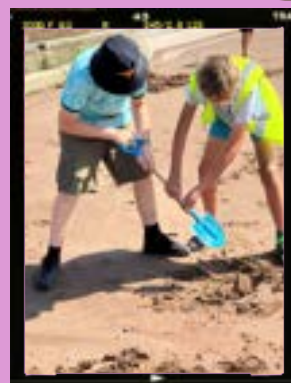
We even had a few air raid siren practices!

A jeep visited us too and it was fascinating to hear stories about how it was once used.



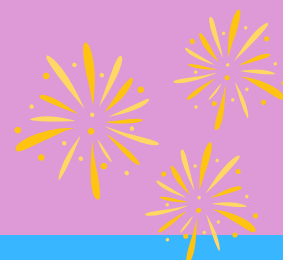
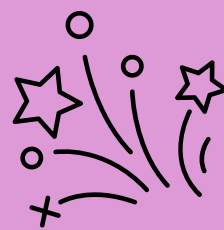
Y6 Leavers' Events

Year 6 have had a busy few weeks. They entertained us all with their performance of 'Rock Bottom'; they have also enjoyed the cinema, the beach, their Prom and have made so many other great memories!





Y6 Prom



Cockington's Got Talent!

Miss Morgan and Mrs Pattison organised a 'Cockington's Got Talent' show. Auditions were held at lunchtimes after half term, with 12 acts getting through to the live final. The talent was amazing and it was a close call with the winner, Ivan, being announced in front of their parents. Well done to everyone who took part!





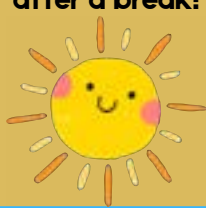
OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Moving on!

We have a few staff leaving us this year. Mr Dobson is moving on and we wish him all the best in his new school!



Mrs Howard and Miss Morgan are both taking some time away from Cockington but are planning to return after a break!



School Start Times

Please remember that lessons start at 8:45am.

Our school gates open at 8:40am to allow time for your child to be in school at 8:45am. The gates shut at 8:50am to allow parents time to leave the site. If your child arrives after 8:50am, please head to the main office to sign them into school.

Thank you!

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER HOLIDAY
EVERYONE!**

Key Dates

Thursday 3rd September
Return to school

Monday 6th October
Nasal Flu Vaccinations - CHECK

Thursday 22nd October
Break up for Half Term

Friday 23rd October
Non-Pupil Day

Monday 2nd November
Children return to school

Tuesday 10th November
Individual Photos

Friday 18th December
Break up for Christmas Holidays



Parking around school

Please remember to park courteously around school. We have free parking permits for Torre Valley North car park that you can display whilst dropping off or picking up your child.

These are available from the main office.

Over the holidays, why not see if you can visit your local library and get signed up?

Torquay Library is running a Summer Book Quest. You can join in every day during the summer at Torquay Library. They have so many activities for you to try over the summer. Please call into the library or ring 01803 714452 for more information and to book.





OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

We know children love spending time outdoors, whether in the garden, park or beach, however, their skin is more delicate than an adult's and can easily be damaged by the sun, even when it doesn't seem strong.

SUN SAFETY



Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection.



Wear sunglasses, ideally with wrap around lenses or wide arms, which carry CE and British Standard marks.



Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating.



No sunscreen offers 100% protection so cover up with loose close weave clothing (such as cotton) and a wide brimmed hat to protect the neck, ears and face.



Generously apply sunscreen (5 teaspoons to cover the whole body) 15 to 20 minutes before going out.

Seek shade between 11am – 3pm when the sun is at its strongest. Always keep babies and toddlers in the shade if you can.



By following these simple tips your child will be able to stay safe and enjoy the sun. Remember parents, set your child a good example by also following this advice, and the whole family can have a happy sun safe summer.

For more information about the British Skin Foundation see www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk

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SUN SAFETY SUNSCREEN

**Sunscreen does not give the Sun Protection Factor (SPF) it states on the bottle if it is not applied correctly.
Follow our tips to stay sun safe!**

 Firstly, check the expiry date of your sunscreen, as out of date sunscreen will not be as effective and you risk burning.

 Use five teaspoons of sunscreen to cover your whole body.

 One teaspoon is enough for just your face, neck and shoulders.

 Apply sunscreen 15 to 20 minutes before going outside.

 Reapply every two hours, or after swimming, even if your sunscreen is 'water resistant' or exercise.

 Rub sunscreen in gently and make sure you cover all exposed body parts such as face, ears, backs of hands and feet.

 Don't forget to protect your lips - using a SPF30+ lip balm

 UV rays penetrate clouds and reflect off sand, water, snow, and even concrete. Sunscreen still needs to be applied when it is cloudy!



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Crossing Patrol

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy at Cockington Primary School

Do you have some time to help our
children before and after school?

Can you help?

We are looking for a patrol person to
help our children cross the road to
our school.

To find out more - please contact
<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/crossing-patrols>

Or call 01803 207678

