

# Templars Primary School

## Newsletter 10.1.25

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### Headteacher's Messages

Welcome back to 2025! It's been a cold start for sure but classrooms are warm and toasty. We have plenty of jumpers and coats for those who need one, or to double up, you or the children just need to ask. We are also opening a classroom per year group for those who would prefer to stay in during the coldest lunchtimes (thank you to the teachers for giving up your lunchtime). Warwick Uni volunteers will also be coming to run a games club on a Wednesday this term, so encourage your children to look out for this.

This term is 13 weeks long and it is the Spring term in which we hope to see children make rapid progress following all the groundwork of the Autumn term. It is therefore vitally important that children are in school, on time, as much as possible. Our guidance is that children must stay off for 48 hours for sickness bugs but children can be in school with coughs and colds as long as they do not have a temperature. Rest assured if your child is unhappy or really unwell we will ring you but otherwise let us distract them and keep them busy for you.

Over the holiday, Mrs Fennel, our Personal, Social, Health Education Lead has analysed the results of a school survey run in December. The answer that scored worse across KS2 was: *Over the last week I have felt well rested and ready for the week ahead.* This is for the second year running.


Mrs Fennel has sent teachers new resources to use in their lessons with pupils, and I have asked the school nursing team to come in and provide workshops and assemblies but again, we need your help. Bedtime routines, without the use of TVs, phones and other devices is one massive area of concern. If you need help or advice please contact our Family Support Worker, Mrs Swallow or our Pastoral Care Manager, Mrs Rollings.

There is also lots of child friendly resources via the QR code

...you've worried about either topic, come  
your left.



**Sleep**

Sleep is really important. With enough sleep, we have the energy we need to get through the day. Take a look at the link to your right for advice on improving your sleep.



<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/sleep>

Sleep



Can you help Mrs Turk (the fabulous Art teacher)? She needs Pringles tins and cereal boxes for her creative lessons - just send them in with the children please.

## Find out how to support your child with reading and writing

Join our free 10 week course – English in the Primary School

### This course is for

All parents and carers with children at Templars School

### What we do

- learn the correct phonics sounds
- explore ways to help your child with reading
- focus on the grammar, spelling and handwriting taught in English primary schools
- give you fun games to take home and play with your children
- share a drink and snack

### Where it is

Come to the main school office

### When it is

9–11am every Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### How to join

Fill in the reply slip below and return to the school

To find out more email [kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk) or speak to Ms Benarous in school

See all Family Learning courses at <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>



'The games have helped make phonics fun. I am amazed by how much my son can do!'

**The course starts Monday - as you drop the children off, stay behind for just an hour of your time and learn with us to make a life-long difference for your children.**

**Are you anxious about helping your children? Are you new to the country or went to school abroad yourself? Did you find school difficult, interrupted or not as happy as it should have been? Do you want things to be easier or better for your children?**

It's free, it's here at Templars and run by a friendly expert, alongside Mrs Swallow. It's open to all parents, carers and family members (grandparents) of our pupils. - we promise a warm welcome, biscuits and a cup of tea or coffee too!



If you don't know already, TTRockStars is a super tool we have bought to support your children to learn their times tables. I can't stress enough how it makes a massive difference to children if they learn times table facts quickly; not only does it make maths easier, it is a really big boost to their self-esteem. Sometimes it feels like a fight to engage the children initially when we are competing with Fortnite and Minecraft but with your help, once the children get into TTRSs, it can be addictive and educational. We offer lots of incentives in

school - last term, 4H won a pyjama day and cake for having the most children on TTRS - but we need your help. Can you make it part of your evening routine, once or twice a week?

One last thing, if your child is in Year 4, they will be taking a national multiplication check this year which is a big indicator of end of primary Standard Attainment Tests (SATs). This check is on a laptop, so if you have a laptop at home, please use this as a preferred advice because the key layout is different.

Ask your teacher for login details if you are not yet using at home and follow this link to see how the app is improving:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmsJFmSRZbQ&ab\\_channel=TimesTablesRockStars](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmsJFmSRZbQ&ab_channel=TimesTablesRockStars)

## HEADTEACHERS AWARD 2024-25



**Happy New Year. Each week staff select a winner per class for achievements, stand out improvement, demonstrating our school values and or great learning behaviours. The winner brings home their certificate and then, on the following Friday, they take part in a celebration tea with Mrs Benarous. At 3pm on that Friday, parents can come, join in the fun and then leave a little early as a special treat.**

**This week's winners are:**

**RS Elliot for following our school values All week!**

**1KF Lillie-Jean for being a really good friend**

**1P Tia-Grace for fantastic effort in her Maths lessons and our Spark Day**

**2C Noah for an amazing Learning to Learn Week!**

**2H Joseph for a super improvement in his handwriting**

**3M Bakary for trying really hard in Maths and for great listening in lessons**

**3D Ian for your amazing improvement in behaviour and learning**

**3S Charlie for reading poems beautifully**

**4A Jamie for great knowledge and enthusiasm in our Knowledge Harvest**

**4G Livia for careful working out when finding Factor Pairs in Maths**

**4H Jacob for showing enthusiasm for learning especially when writing and performing poetry**

**5A Alfie for his enthusiasm towards our writing task**

**5F Savannah for lovely expression during her reading of the Jabberwocky and coming back with super positivity!**

**6D Ruqeyyah for going above and beyond by completing an English writing task at home**

**6L Warren for fantastic effort and a new attitude to learning!**

**6T Payman for working hard to improve his handwriting this week and participating more**

## Dates and Events


Event	Dates
Pupils Return to School	6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 6 to Library	WB 6.1.25
Reception Vision checks	WB 13.1.25
New to school parents	13.1.25 2.00pm
Year 4 and choir to Young Voices	16 <sup>th</sup> January
R Library visitor	20 <sup>th</sup> January
School Pantomime	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Yr 3 visits to Library	WB 27.1.25
Parents Forum	28 <sup>th</sup> January
Bedtime Stories	29 <sup>th</sup> January
SEN Coffee Morning	31 <sup>st</sup> January
Bonanza Creative workshops for Yr 2 and 5	WB 3.2.25
Boot Fund Application deadline	4 <sup>th</sup> February
World Numbers Day – dress as a digit	7 <sup>th</sup> February
Opal Parent Event	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm
Safer Internet Day	11 <sup>th</sup> February
1? To Warwick Arts Centre	13 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Pupils Return to School	24 <sup>th</sup> February
BOOST Day	During this week
Yr 6 to Coventry Cathedral	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Whole School ART project day	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Yr 2 to Motor Museum	26 <sup>th</sup> February
1? To Warwick Arts Centre	27 <sup>th</sup> February
National Careers Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Yr 5 to Tamworth Castle	4 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	6 <sup>th</sup> March
1? To Warwick Arts Centre	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3 Egyptian visitors	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents Evenings (no after-school activities)	18 <sup>th</sup> –and 19 <sup>th</sup> March
STEM week	24 <sup>th</sup> March
Yr1 to Twycross Zoo	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Yr 2 Be Our Guest event	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2.15pm
Templars Community One Stop Shop	3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Yr 1 Be Our Guest event	4 <sup>th</sup> April 9.15am
Class and Yr 6 Photo Day	8 <sup>th</sup> April
Yr 6 Be Our Guest event	9 <sup>th</sup> April 9.15am
<b>Teacher Training Day – school closed for pupils</b>	<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Easter Holidays	14 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Pupils Return to School	28 <sup>th</sup> April

SEN Parent Coffee Morning	1 <sup>st</sup> May 9-9.45
Bank Holiday	5 <sup>th</sup> May
Boot Fund Application deadline	6 <sup>th</sup> May
KS2 SATs for Year 6	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Mental Health Awareness Week	
Half Term	26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May
Pupils Return to School	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>BOOST Day</b>	<b>During this week</b>
Yr 4 Multiplication Check	Begins 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Year 5 Swimming Sessions	Begin 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Yr 1 and 2 Phonics Screening	Begins 9 <sup>th</sup> June
New to Nursery Parents Evening	18 <sup>th</sup> June
New to Reception Parents Evening	25 <sup>th</sup> June
Transition Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Be Our Guest Events	14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Fayre	16 <sup>th</sup> July
School Ends for Summer	18 <sup>th</sup> July

**Morning Drop-off between 8.40 and 8.50 am. Gates shut at 8.55. 9am Registers Close.**

**Collection between 3.15 and 3.30pm.**


## Community Activities for Children



**TREASURE ISLAND**  
A SWASHBUCKLING PANTOMIME  
By Ben Crocker

24th January	7:30pm
25th January	2:30pm & 7:30pm
31st January	7:30pm
1st February	2:30pm & 7:30pm

Adults: £10 Children: £6  
Box office: [centrestagebc.com](http://centrestagebc.com)  
Location: Heart of England School, Balsall Common  
Questions? 07713298722 or [centrestagebc18@gmail.com](mailto:centrestagebc18@gmail.com)

 TICKETS

1 - You might spot some people you know!

# Parent Support




**Understanding young people and their mental health**

# MENTAL HEALTH

## Matters



**What is Mental Health?**

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act.

**Importance of Mental Health**

Good mental health is essential for overall well-being, enabling us to handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices.

**Visit our website or scan the QR code to complete the survey: END of survey 15th January 2025**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp9YY3ZOLNcJ6\\_vVx1BjtRbfx9MPBU7R16tgPmuIBIDSzg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp9YY3ZOLNcJ6_vVx1BjtRbfx9MPBU7R16tgPmuIBIDSzg/viewform)



**SCAN ME**

### CAN YOU HELP US?

**YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!**

Hello there! In Coventry and Warwickshire, we are aiming to improve mental health services for young people like YOU.

Your thoughts and experiences can assist us in developing services that will genuinely benefit you and your friends.

**What Can You Do to Help?**

We want to hear your opinions on what matters in mental health care!

We are working hard to make our services more "trauma-informed," which means recognising the best ways to support young people who may be experiencing anxiety, stress, or sadness due to difficult situations.

**Your voice matters, and by working together, we can create services that benefit everyone.**

## Find out how to support your child with reading and writing

Join our free 10-week online course- **'English in the Primary School'**

**This course is for**  
All parents and carers with children in Coventry

**What you'll learn**  
The phonics, reading, grammar and spelling used in primary schools and how you can help at home

**What we do**

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email

**Where it is**  
A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like

**When it is**  
Online, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January for 10 weeks

**How to join** (the course code is FL24548)  
Scan the QR code to enrol  
View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted)

To find out more email [aeslofeskills@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:aeslofeskills@coventry.gov.uk)

free  
online  
course



This was great as I work full-time and couldn't go to the daytime classes.



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## Find out more about supporting your child with primary school maths

Join our free 10-week online course - **'Maths in the Primary School'**

free  
online  
course

### This course is for

All parents and carers with children in Coventry

### What you'll learn

The maths words and methods used in primary schools and how you can help at home

### What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
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- answer any questions you've got by email

### Where it is

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### When it is

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### How to join

 (the course code is FL24547)

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'I learnt a lot – now it's much easier to help my son with his maths'



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## Find out more about raising happy, secure and well-behaved children

Join our free 10-week online course - **'Positive Family Foundations'**

free  
online  
course

### This course is for

All parents and carers with children aged 0 - 10 in Coventry

### What you'll learn

How children develop with practical examples to support behaviour, well-being and mental health

### What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email

### Where it is

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### When it is

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### How to join

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