

# Templars Primary School

## Newsletter 20.12.24

Date: 13th December 2024

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### Headteacher's Messages

Our first festive PTA event was Supper with Santa last Wednesday. A huge thank you to all helpers and especially our special guests from Amazon who provided the decorations for the event. Santa was particularly happy that he got to see many more children from Templars than normal and nobody had to queue!



*1 - Bluey surprised all at Supper with Santa!*



*2 - The elves jumped off the shelf!*



*3 - Santa worked his magic*



*4 - Hundreds of children fed and entertained.*

Thank you to the Junior Leadership Team who have made cards for our neighbours and supporters and helped organise the great 'Take a free book home for the holidays' idea. A very big thank you to the Coventry Book Bank who supplied the books. Every child in the school was able to choose and take home a quality book.



5 - Templars' JLT



6 - A huge thank you to The Book Bank.

The kitchen cooked the best ever Christmas dinner for over 500 children and staff. Delicious - thank you so much to the kitchen and Lunchtime Supervisor Team.



Mr Baxter and Mrs Main took some boys and girls from year 5/6 to a Sky Blues football tournament last week. They worked really hard, showed great team work and represented the school really well and ended up coming home with a trophy for finishing 3rd out of 23 teams across Cov/ Warwick 🏆⚽👏

'The winning team with the trophy! Team Templars played very well and coped with the cold windy conditions well! Pleasure to have been the coat lady!' 🙌😊

And a final thank you to you for sharing your brilliant children with us all year. Your gifts, cards and good wishes mean so much to staff who work tirelessly for every child, every day. Wishing you all a wonderful winter holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you on the 6th January.

Applications for Nursery for Sep 25 are now available from main reception or email admin.

Brigade 🍷 Happy New Year! 15% off everything!

## Weekly Reading KS1 Leaderboard!

Who will win a trophy full of tokens next week?

To win, you need to meet the weekly reading target of reading **4 times** a week at home!

1 <sup>st</sup>	1S (15)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1KF (13)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2H (12)
4 <sup>th</sup>	RS (9)
5 <sup>th</sup>	2M (6)
6 <sup>th</sup>	2C (5) 1P (5) RB (5)
7 <sup>th</sup>	RH (4)



## Weekly Reading KS2 Leaderboard!

Who will win a trophy full of tokens next week?

To win, you need to meet the weekly reading target of reading **4 times** a week at home!

1 <sup>st</sup>	5F (16)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4G (10)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4H (9)
4 <sup>th</sup>	6D (8) 6L (8)
5 <sup>th</sup>	4A (7)
6 <sup>th</sup>	6T (6) 5I (6) 3D (6) 3M (6)
7 <sup>th</sup>	5A (4)
8 <sup>th</sup>	3S (3)



## 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!'

**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? Are you anxious about helping your children? Are you new to the country or went to school abroad yourself?**

No worry is too small and here is a great opportunity- it's free, it's here at Templars and run by a friendly expert who can help you, help your children with their learning. It's open to all parents, carers and family members (grandparents) of our pupils. Drop off and stay on a Monday morning - we promise a warm welcome and a cup of tea or coffee too!

The course does not start until January but we really want you to sign up now so we can plan a space in school, based on numbers.

## HEADTEACHERS AWARD 2024-25



**Back next year!**

### Dates and Events

Pupils Return to School	6 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 4 and choir to Young Voices	16 <sup>th</sup> January
Parents Forum	28 <sup>th</sup> January
SEN Coffee Morning	31 <sup>st</sup> January
Boot Fund Application deadline	4 <sup>th</sup> February
Safer Internet Day	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Pupils Return to School	24 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>BOOST Day</b>	<b>During this week</b>
National Careers Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents Evenings (no after-school activities)	18 <sup>th</sup> –and 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Templars Community One Stop Shop	3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Photo Day	8 <sup>th</sup> April
Be Our Guest Events	7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> April
<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
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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
BOOST Day	During this week
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.**

## Community Activities for Children



Our Winter Fun programme, which will run **from Saturday 21st December 2024 to Sunday 5th January 2025**, includes free sessions to The Wave, Planet Ice, and day trips to pantomimes, farms, and trampolining! We've also got clubs for multi-sports, coding, cooking, skateboarding, performing arts, photography, and so much more. <https://eequ.org/coventryhaf>

**This system does not need HAF codes.** Follow the QR code to watch a short video on how to make a booking.

HAF Eligibility Criteria: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/holiday-activities-food/coventry-holiday-activities-food-programme/2>

### What if parents do not have access to the internet or need help with their booking?

- If families require any support with setting up their Eequ account, please direct them towards or their local library or family hub and someone will be able to assist them. Our Customer Contact team can also support with HAF bookings and can be contacted on **08085 834 333**.

- For more information around the opening times and locations of family hubs and libraries, please call 0800 887 0545 or visit <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs> or <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries>



Calling all families and young carers! Don't forget to join us for an afternoon of festive fun on Saturday 14th December at the Canal Basin in Coventry for the Christmas Toy Run!

Coventry Riders Action Group are generously fundraising for our young carers service, and we're inviting everyone to join us and be part of this special afternoon. Come along and help us give the bikers a warm welcome as a thank you for their amazing support!

The Salvation Army will also be in attendance, putting on an what promises to be an incredible festive musical performance courtesy of their super brass band. It's going to be a brilliant afternoon and we can't wait to see you there!

**FAMILY FUN**



TREES RESIDENTS GROUP  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
AND SANTA  
AT MALCOLM'S

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER  
4.00 TO 6.30 PM  
COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN



**COVENTRY FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE**

**AT: FINHAM PARK 2**  
TORRINGTON AVENUE, COVENTRY, CV4 9WT  
**STARTING: MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025**

**Mondays:**

Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1.....	5.00pm-6.00pm
Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....	6.00pm-7.00pm
Group 3: School Years 4, 5, & 6.....	7.00pm-8.00pm

**OR**

**AT: BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
LEASOWES AVENUE, COVENTRY CV3 6BH  
**STARTING: SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 2025**

**Saturdays:**

Group 1: Reception & Year 1.....	9.00am-10.00am
Group 2: Year 2 & 3.....	10.00am-11.00am
Group 3: Year 4, 5 & 6.....	11.00am-12.00pm

Dear Parents,  
I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 24 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2025. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by FA qualified coaches, who are DBS checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential soccer techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including "premier league" and "penalty shoot out" competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £8 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £32 due on week 1. **Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.** *Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)* [www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk](http://www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk)

# Parent Support

Find out how to support your child with reading and writing

free online course

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 [aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk)

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



\*Assume you have a place unless you hear from us\*

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Find out more about supporting your child with primary school maths

free online course

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

**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
- 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**  
Online, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January for 10 weeks

**How to join** (the course code is FL24547)  
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Or scan the QR code to enrol

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

*"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

free  
online  
course

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

### 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

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 FL24549)  
Scan the QR code to enrol



It was easy to get online to do this – even with the kids at home!



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