



Templars Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who came along to last week's Parent Forum - not as many as I would have liked - but we had a super conversation about a number of issues and it's always great to share each other's perspectives.

Top Parent Forum Takeaways:

It's hard to navigate the staff page on the website, on a phone - I can sort that or know a friend that can!

'Everyone of the staff is approachable' - I would like to think so!

Yr 6 parents would like guiding towards SATs practice - GCP practice books are recommended and all past papers are available online via a number of websites including this one <https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks2-sats-papers/>

Salad bowls in dining hall need tongs - on order

Transition for Year 5 to Year 6 is an anxious time for parents and children with a step up in expectations, a realisation that their time at Templars is coming to an end, exacerbated by the secondary school Open Days being in the first couple of weeks of term. I will be speaking to our staff, the secondary headteachers and the Local Authority to make this point.

Year 6 parents would have liked some guidance and support when applying to secondary school - next year we will put on a workshop to help navigate the online application.

I also found out that 9 children took the 11+ exam and many of them have been successful!

OPAL playtimes in wet weather - this was interesting because last year's winter was particularly dry. The concerns shared were about children getting wet during lunchtime play and remaining in damp clothes or shoes afterwards. I completely understand why this would worry you, and I want to reassure you that we are addressing it.

As you know, Templars is an **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** school. OPAL's core message is that *"there is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing."* Children benefit enormously—socially, emotionally and physically—from play in all weather conditions, and this is supported strongly by research, OPAL's own guidance, and Department for Education wellbeing recommendations.

However, OPAL also assumes **common sense from both sides:**

What we will do in school

- Staff monitor weather carefully and will always **limit or adapt** play when conditions are unsafe.
- If a child becomes very wet or uncomfortable, we help them dry off, change if needed, and contact home if appropriate.
- We encourage independence and resilience—but not at the expense of comfort or wellbeing.

What we need from home

To make OPAL successful (and to avoid children staying wet in the afternoon), OPAL guidance is very clear that pupils need the **right clothing** so they can enjoy outdoor play safely.

Please ensure your child has:

- A **warm, waterproof coat** every day

- **Wellies** or spare footwear (labelled if possible)
- A **spare pair of socks/tights** in their bag
- Optional extras: lightweight waterproof trousers, hat, gloves

This allows children to enjoy the richness of outdoor play without discomfort afterwards.

Moving forward

We want children to:

- Have **joyful, active playtimes**,
- Build resilience and social skills,
- And return to learning ready and comfortable.

We also want parents to feel confident that we are looking after their children's wellbeing. With school and home working together, we can ensure OPAL works exactly as intended.

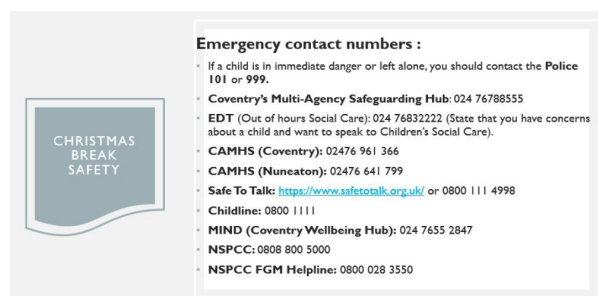
If you have any individual concerns about your child, please speak to their class teacher or contact the school office—we are always happy to help.

Thank you for your support in making Templars a place where children can play, thrive and learn.

Please make sure that you check out some great offers for parents and children in the section below to help fill those Christmas holidays.

Mrs Benarous

Headteacher



**CHRISTMAS
BREAK
SAFETY**

Emergency contact numbers :

- If a child is in immediate danger or left alone, you should contact the Police 101 or 999.
- Coventry's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: 024 76788555
- EDT (Out of hours Social Care): 024 76832222. (State that you have concerns about a child and want to speak to Children's Social Care).
- CAMHS (Coventry): 02476 961 366
- CAMHS (Nuneaton): 02476 641 799
- Safe To Talk: <https://www.safetotalk.org.uk/> or 0800 111 4998
- Childline: 0800 1111
- MIND (Coventry Wellbeing Hub): 024 7655 2847
- NSPCC: 0800 800 5000
- NSPCC FGM Helpline: 0800 028 3550

Headteacher's Award 2025-26



The winners below will join me next week.

Each week, teachers 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 to the Community Centre, join in the fun, and or collect early as a special treat.

RS- Amal has grown in confidence and is beginning to use her voice more.

RH - Christian is the most thoughtful boy, he is kind to everyone he meets and cheers everybody on!

1S - Advik for his excellent attitude to learning in all lessons

1KW - Aarathana for always trying her best in everything she does

1C - Reece for amazing improvement in all lessons!!

2S - Daisy for being kind, friendly and wonderful

- 2M - Rian for showing school values and being a good role model
- 2P - Violet for always showing lovely listening in class
- 3A - Reet for showing care, respect and honesty everyday. Always on task
- 3D - Inaya for her exceptional attitude towards learning
- 4A - Alice for gold star effort in all of your learning
- 4AR - Oscar for trying hard in afternoon lessons
- 4H - Jessica for showing a positive attitude to learning and for her entertaining narrative this week
- 5G - Mikey for a fabulous piece of art work and showing perseverance
- 5H - Parker for being a kind and patient friend
- 5F - Isla for always trying her best and showing the Templars Values
- 6B - Sienna for excellent presentation in books and fantastic effort throughout all lessons
- 6M - Raisya has achieved 100% on two weeks of arithmetic scores and is trying really hard in all subjects

Lunch Menu for next week

AUTUMN TERM MENU - WEEK 2		Microsoft Search (Alt-Q) Just start typing here to bring features to your fingertips and get help. Tell me more		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken curry with rice, naan bread and vegetable chutney (Halal option available)	Wholewheat p... a garlic slice	the hole, mashed with vegetable and gravy	Crispy chicken wraps with wedges and salad. (Halal option available)	Fish fingers with chips and spaghetti hoops (halal)
Cheese and tomato Pizza with chips and coleslaw (Halal, vegetarian)	Jacket potato, beans and cheese (Halal, vegetarian)	Quorn toad in the hole, mashed potato with vegetables and gravy (Halal, vegetarian)	Jacket potato with cheese/beans (Halal, vegetarian)	Tomato pasta with garlic slice (vegetarian, Halal) (vegetarian, Halal)
Cheese panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps	Ham panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps	Ham panini with crisps
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Served with a rainbow salad				
Potato choice	Potato wedges, roast potatoes, chips, mash, curly fries (difference potato choice each day)			
Vegetable choice	Carrots, peas, green beans, broccoli, sweetcorn, kale, cauliflower, swede, savoy cabbage, broad beans (different vegetable choices each day)			
Dessert choices	Sponge cake, & custard/cream, yoghurt, cheese & crackers, chocolate brownie, cookies, apple crumble, ice-creams, shortbread, eggs mess, muffins, chocolate fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, custard, jam coconut sponge, jam tarts, jam donuts, waffle, jelly, pancakes, banana bread, rocky road, chocolate mousse, iced donuts , gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)			
Allergen Information				

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
Photo Day – families, siblings and individuals	Tues 25 th November
Parent Forum – meet the HT to share ideas for school improvement	Wed 26 th November 9am, 2pm, 7pm
Cultural Day- dress up to represent and share your home culture	Fri 28 th November To be rearranged
Teacher Training Day – school closed for pupils	Mon 1st December
Prospective parents for Reception open morning	Tues 2 nd December 9am and 11am
Year 5 Tamworth Castle	4 th December
All year groups watch Nativity dress rehearsals	Mon 8 th and Tues 9 th December
Musical Theatre Performance	Tues 9 th December
KS1 Nativity (Wed pm, Thurs am and pm) Tickets only	Wed 10 th and Thurs 11 th December
No clubs this week beginning Mon 15th December	
Year 2 Trip to Selly Manor	Mon 15 th December
Christmas Movie Night and Parent Bingo	Wed 17 th December
Reception to Warwick Arts Centre	Thurs 18 th December
Be Our Guest Christmas Carols	Thurs 18 th December
Christmas Jumper Day, Santa Breakfast and early finish 1.45pm	Fri 19 th December
Break up for Christmas Holidays	19 th Dec-5 th January
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BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 5th January
Templars Careers Week	WB Mon 5 th January
Teacher Training Day – school closed for pupils	Fri 30th January
Children’s Mental Health Week	WB Mon 2 nd February
Internet Safety Day	Tues 10 th February
Severn Trent Assembly and Year3 workshop	Tues 10 th February
Break up for Half Term	Fri 13 th February
BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 23rd February
BOOST Day	During this week
Year 2 Transport Museum trip	Wed 25 th February
Year 1 Be Our Guest – phonics	Tues 3 rd March
World Book Day	Tues 5 th March
Year 1 Zoo Trip	Wed 11 th March
Year 2 Be Our Guest 2.30pm	Wed 18 th March
Parents Evenings: Wed 3.30pm to 6.30pm and Thurs 3.30 – 5.30 pm (no after-school activities)	Wed 18th and Thurs 19 th March
Year 4 Roman Lunt Fort Campout	Fri 20 th March
STEM Week	W/B 23 rd March
Photo Day	Tues 24 th March
Be Our Guest Events	WB Mon 23 rd March
Break up for Easter Holidays	Fri 27 th March

BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 13th April
SPARK Day	During this week
Bank Holiday	Mon 4 th May
KS2 SATs for Year 6	Mon 11 th – 15 th May
Whole School Art Day	Tues 19 th May
Break up for Half Term	Fri 22 nd May
BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	1st June
BOOST Day	During this week
Yr 4 Multiplication Check	Begins 1 st June
Yr 1 and 2 Phonics Screening	Begins 8 th June
Dol-y-Moch Yr 6	Fri 19 th to Tues 23 rd June
Transition Day	Wed 1 st July
Sports Days	WB 8 th July
Be Our Guest Events	13 th – 17 th July
Year 6 Performances	13 th and 14 th July
Summer Fayre	15 th July
Yr6 Leavers Lunch	17 th July
School Ends for Summer	17th July

Breakfast Club Drop-Off between 8.15am and 8.25am

Morning Drop-off between 8.40am and 8.50 am.

Gates shut at 8.55am. Registers Close 9am.

Collection between 3.15pm and 3.30pm.

Community Activities for Children

HAF Programme holiday activity programmes for the December half-term:

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for the December holidays, and the booking system is live. HAF Holiday Activities are free for children who receive Benefit Related Free School Meals. There are also some paid activities for children who are not eligible.

View the activity programme here: www.coventry.gov.uk/haf

The HAF activities can be filtered by the following categories:

- 'Universal Provision with SEND Support'
- 'Specialist SEND Provision'
- 'Universal provision'

If you have any further questions or queries about bookings, please contact HAF@coventry.gov.uk

Parent Support

Short Breaks Holiday Activities

The Booking Line will go live on Monday 1st December 2025 to Friday 5th December 2025.

* Short Breaks provide activities for children with diagnosed disabilities living in Coventry aged 5 – 17 years.

All bookings are to be made via '[Short Breaks on-line booking](#)' or via the booking telephone line (024 76 975464). **Please be aware bookings must be made between the hours of 09.00am and 4.00pm, Monday 1st December 2025 to Friday 5th December 2025.** Bookings either online or by telephone that are outside of the dates and times stated will be placed on the waiting list.

Families that are new to Short Breaks will require a completed [Short Breaks Passport](#) to register.

Visit the website to view the activity timetable:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/.../3656/short_breaks_-_whats_on

New **Therapeutic Outdoor Learning** opportunity for 5- 8 **women only**. For women who may have experienced trauma, to boost self esteem and a sense of belonging. If you would like some time just for you, want to try a unique way of feeling better and have access to trained therapists for free then talk to Mrs Swallow directly who can tell you more. Starting January.

Starting January on a Tuesday morning: **Family Learning** – programmes that promote strong positive relationships within families; enabling parents and carers to support their children's learning and development.

This year, I have persuaded Mrs Swallow to run a creche alongside, to allow more parents to take part! If you are interested, let her know.

Email:admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk

In person; to be found on the playground at drop off or in the Community Centre.