



# Templars Primary School

## Newsletter 9.1.26

Date: 9th January 2026

Email: [admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk)

**Happy New Year to our growing school community, parents and carers!**

I am really looking forward to this term - there is plenty to look forward to, despite the dark mornings and nights, and the festive fun continues later in the month with our visiting Panto! I love putting the term's dates and events together because it reminds me of just how much we offer to strengthen our curriculum - it really is an extraordinary list. In addition, hopefully lots of children will be joining new clubs this term.

Please can I encourage you to read on down to the bottom of the newsletter this week because there is so much support for parents being offered - behaviour, learning, sleeping, health and all for free, from the experts! I am proud that some of the courses are being offered at our Community Centre so of course I want the spaces for our families! Some of the courses are online and some have creches, so no excuses!

**Snow day;** I thought I might just share the process of deciding whether to open or close. It's a simple one - the Headteacher decides! So here is my thought process over the last 24 hours...

### **A Headteacher's Snow-Day Thought Process (Tongue-in-Cheek!)**

#### **Thursday 10.30am**

Hmmm... the weather forecasts aren't changing and *everyone* is mentioning snow in the Midlands. I'll put out a gentle heads-up.

#### **11.38am**

First complaint. Apparently "at the latest" means "why not now?" 😞

Reminder to self: I *was* a working parent once.

#### **6.20pm**

Snow. Settling. Earlier than predicted. All the apps disagree — naturally.

#### **8.30pm**

Other heads are split: close now, wait until morning, "it'll rain", "it won't". None of us are in quite the same part of Coventry. Bus routes matter. Hills matter. Staff travelling from Birmingham and Solihull *really* matter.

#### **11.00pm**

Still snowing. Stop looking out of the window. Look again anyway. And again. And again!

### **Friday**

#### **4.00am**

Still snow. Now comes the mental gymnastics:

- Safety vs working parents
- Staff travel vs opening for a handful of pupils
- Buses, hills, untreated roads
- Attendance, lates... and safeguarding always winning

#### **6.15am**

Staff updates coming in: some areas passable, others not. Several children's schools closed. Kitchen staff rely on buses. No one decision suits everyone.

#### **6.33am**

Decision made: **closed**.

One injured child, one injured member of staff — one too many.

## 7.20am

Closures rolling in this side of the city. Quiet sense of relief. We made the right call.

If you've read this far — thank you for indulging me!

There are no simple decisions in headship, but please know that every decision at Templars is made with **care, safety, and the best interests of our whole community at heart.**

BIKEABILITY is back for Year 5! Starting on 25th Feb for 5 weeks. Cost - £12.50 (sign up on MCAS from Weds 14th Jan at 4pm) Limited spaces available. Children do not need their own bike or helmet; these can be supplied (max 12 at a time). See letter for more information. To sign up please use the URL or QR code on the letter sent on Dojo.

Very thankful to West Coventry Academy who are offering us free top-up swimming lessons for some Year 6 pupils who need to complete their skills. A very generous offer, including the loan of their minibus and driver. A special mention to Mrs Kerr and Miss Weston who have made this possible. #communitypartners

## Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent forum at the end of term. Open, respectful dialogue is important to us at Templars, and I value the opportunity to listen to different perspectives. Feedback from families helps us reflect on our practice and ensure we continue to act with care, respect, and honesty in meeting the needs of our community.

Parents reported they were happy that they knew what their children are learning through Learning Webs, They report that their children talk to them about their learning and have been increasingly confident to do so.

Parents were however less confident to find more information about curriculum goals for each subject and how we support children with additional needs within the curriculum. I was able to direct them to the correct pages on the website but Mrs Leigh is now working on a page to show the Adaptive Provisions and reasonable adjustments we make to support children.

Communication came out strongly with parents reassuring me that more people than I think read the newsletter! They also appreciate the website, ClassDojo, the meetings and workshops we put on especially when they see the children at work or play. All parents (not including Year 6) have already had two opportunities to do so in the Autumn term and the Christmas fun was yet to begin at the time of meeting!

## Headteacher's Award 2025-26



Every week, members of staff nominate children for effort and achievement to join me for Celebration Tea on a Friday afternoon. If your child brings home a certificate, they come on the following Friday. Parents, carers and supporters are welcome to join us at the tea from 3pm in the Community Centre. Stay for a while or collect early - it's all part of the treat!

1S Finn for his kind a caring attitude towards others

1C Toby for an amazing Spark Day

1C Connie-Rose for her amazing singing in the Nativity

1KW Scarlett has had an amazing week!

3D Gracie-Mae for your amaing progress and for being a good friend

4H Sophia for always showing care towards others and for being a great helper in class

4H Ella for showing great confidence in class and showing a can do attitude when things get tough

4AR Moeez for showing enthusiasm in his writing

5F Sofia for excellent progress in swimming and magnificent writing using lots of wow words

Constance for her effort in writing and beautiful presentation of her learning

6M Jack for being a super member of the class

6T Freyanna for her focus and listening this week

## Lunch Menu for next week

Spring TERM MENU - WEEK 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken curry with rice, naan bread and vegetable chutney (Halal option available)	Wholewheat pasta Bolognese with a garlic slice and vegetables	Toad in the hole, mashed potatoes 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
	Ham panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps		Cheese panini with crisps
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 tarts, jam-pudding, waffles, jelly, pancakes, banana bread, rocky road, chocolate mousse, ice-cream, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)			
Allergen Information				

## Dates and Events

Event	Dates
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Career's Dress up day</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>
IKW Warwick Arts events	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 5 Bikeability begins	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> January
Panto!	Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> January
<b>Teacher Training Day – school closed for pupils</b>	<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Children's Mental Health Week	WB Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Yr 4 Scratch Lessons	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> February
1C to Warwick Arts	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> February
World Number Day	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception Dentist	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Internet Safety Day	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Severn Trent Assembly and Year3 workshop	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Yr 4 Scratch Lessons	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Break up for Half Term</b>	<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
<b>BOOST Day</b>	<b>During this week</b>
Year 2 Transport Museum trip	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> February
1S 1 to Warwick Arts	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1 Be Our Guest – phonics	<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Change of date to Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
1x Year 1 to Warwick Arts	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
World Book Day	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1 Zoo Trip	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2 Be Our Guest 2.30pm	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Photo Day	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March Change of date from 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents Evenings: Wed 3.30pm to 6.30pm and Thurs 3.30 – 5.30 pm (no after-school activities)	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March

Year 4 Roman Lunt Fort Campout	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March
STEM Week	W/B 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Photo Day	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March Change of date from 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Be Our Guest Events	WB Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Break up for Easter Holidays	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>
SPARK Day	During this week
Bank Holiday	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May
KS2 SATs for Year 6	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Whole School Art Day	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Break up for Half Term	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>1st June</b>
BOOST Day	During this week
Yr 4 Multiplication Check	Begins 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Yr 1 and 2 Phonics Screening	Begins 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Dol-y-Moch Yr 6	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> to Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Year 2 to Kenilworth Castle	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Transition Day	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Sports Days	WB 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Be Our Guest Events	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Performances	13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Fayre	15 <sup>th</sup> July
Yr6 Leavers Lunch	17 <sup>th</sup> 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

**CENTRE AT7**

## Term Time Activities

Session	Day	Time	Age	Price per session
<b>SEND Fun Session</b>	Tuesdays	5:00pm - 6:00pm	5 - 13 years	£3.50
<b>Gymnastics</b> <small>Limited spaces available. Must provide a receipt to coach for this session otherwise you will not be able to enter.</small>	Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:00pm - 6:00pm	5 - 11 years	£3.50
<b>Inspire Trust Football</b>	Thursdays	4:00pm - 5:00pm	7 - 11 years	£2.00

**Connect with us anytime & anywhere**

For the latest news, offers and programme changes for children's activities follow us at:  
@cvlfecommunity  
[www.cvlfe.co.uk/childrens-activities/](http://www.cvlfe.co.uk/childrens-activities/)



**Book now in-centre!**

For SEND Fun Session Enquires:  
[morman@cvlfe.co.uk](mailto:morman@cvlfe.co.uk)

For General Enquires:  
[community@cvlfe.co.uk](mailto:community@cvlfe.co.uk)



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# Parental Support



Change your story

## First Words Together



### Free Fun Activity Sessions for families with babies and toddlers under 2

### At Canley Library

Every Monday 10.45 – 11.15 for 5 weeks starting on Monday 12 January

- \* Help your child learn to talk
- \* Improve social skills
- \* Enjoy meeting other families
- \* Receive a free book each week

**Booking required**  
To book your 5 sessions email [canley.library@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:canley.library@coventry.gov.uk) or ring 024 7678 6963 during opening hours

Canley Library, Prior Deram Walk, Coventry CV4 8FT  
[www.coventry.gov.uk/canleylibrary](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/canleylibrary)



The National Literacy Trust is a registered charity no. 1126288 and a company limited by guarantee. 2018/19 programme of funded work with libraries and independent literacy providers in 2024/25

## 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**  
A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like

**When it is**  
Emails sent on Mondays, containing all the information for that week  
From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January for 10 weeks

**How to join**  
Scan the QR code to enrol



*'I found out loads of different ways to help my son feel calmer'*



View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted)

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



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

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

#### This course is for

Parents and carers with children at school in Coventry

#### What we do

- give you more maths confidence
- explain the maths methods used
- learn and understand maths words used in school
- give you fun games to take home and play with your children

#### Where it is

Coffee Tots @The Wave Waterpark, New Union St, Coventry CV1 2PS

#### When it is

12.30-2.30pm every Thursday from 15<sup>th</sup> January



*'I felt really comfortable – they made the maths easy to understand. The great games didn't feel like homework at all'*

## Find out more about supporting 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 aged 2-10 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

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

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

## CHILDREN'S WINTER HUB

for 0 - 11 years



**Where?**  
Forrest Medical Centre  
6 Prior Deram Walk, Coventry, CV4 8FT

**When?**  
Most Saturdays (until end of March 26)  
9.00am - 11.00am

**What For?**  
This is a GP run clinic for acute (sudden onset) illnesses in children aged 0-11 years (inclusive), such as fevers, coughs etc. **Do not just turn up, please call ahead to check availability**

FOR PATIENTS OF  
GO WEST PCN PRACTICES

- Forrest Medical Centre
- Kensington Road Surgery
- Limbrick Wood Surgery
- Jubilee Healthcare
- Westwood Medical Centre
- Woodside Medical Centre

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\***

There are limited slots Please call **07442 933413** before attending to check availability





## Do you have concerns about a child's hearing?



Did you know your child is entitled to a free hearing test whilst they are in reception class? Here are signs that may indicate hearing difficulties:

- Not responding when called
- Speaking very loudly
- Frequently asking for repetitions or responding inappropriately
- Increasing volume on devices
- Appearing to daydream
- Slow to learn or unclear speech
- Frequent frustration or aggression

To book an appointment, contact the School Nursing team using the details below. Please include the following details: child's full name, child's date of birth, school attended by the child, contact email address, telephone number, and preferred clinic location and date.

Tel: 01926 495321 Ext 7494  
 Email: [swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net](mailto:swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net)

September 2025



## Hearing Screening Clinics for Reception Children



**Autumn/Winter 25/26**

November	January	February	March
Tues 11th Nov 25 9:00am - 4:00pm Mosaic Family Hub, Jardine Crescent, CV4 9PL	Tues 13th Jan 26 9:15am - 4:30pm Aspire Family Hub, Humber Avenue, CV1 2SF	Tues 17th Feb 26 9:15am - 4:30pm Moat Family Hub, Deedmore Road, CV2 1EQ	Wed 11th March 26 9:15am - 4:30pm Mosaic Family Hub, Jardine Crescent CV4 9PL
Wed 26th Nov 25 9:15am - 4:00pm Pathways Family Hub, Laurence Saunders Road, Radford, CV6 1HD	Mon 26th Jan 26 9:15am - 4:00pm Harmony Family Hub, Clifton Street, Hillfields, CV1 5GR	Thurs 19th Feb 26 9:15am - 5:00pm Central Library, West Orchard Way, CV1 1FY	

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Tel: 01926 495321 Ext 7494  
 Email: [swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net](mailto:swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net)

October 2025

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.

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

Join our free, friendly and supportive course – **'Positive Family Foundations'**

**This course is for**  
All parents and carers with children at Templars School (other parents may join the group too)

**What we do**

- share information about child development and parenting styles
- help with SEND issues
- give out practical resources and activities
- provide a welcoming and inclusive group
- have a drink and a snack

**Where it is**  
In school - come to the school office

**When it is**  
1 – 3pm every Tuesday from January 13th for ten weeks

**How to join**  
Fill in the reply slip below and return to the school  
To find out more email [aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk) or speak to Ms Swallow in school

You can see all Family Learning courses <https://coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

*"It was great to listen to other parents. There were lots of ideas on the course - I found the section on Emotion Coaching really helped at home."*

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

I would like a place on Templars / Family Learning 'Positive Family Foundations' course

Your name.....Contact number.....

Child's name.....Class.....

1 - popular course running here at Templars

There are also just a couple of spaces left for a number of mums to join our **'Wild Women' pilot programme**. This is made up of 8 outdoor sessions (based at Templars Primary School) designed to nurture personal confidence, confidence outdoors, resilience and other beneficial effects to enable women to gently move forward with their lives. Sessions are delivered by 2 female instructors in a supportive, empowering environment. Activities will be practical and craft based tailored to meet the needs of the group and individuals. Refreshments and snacks (some cooked over the fire!) will be available.

- Dates & timings for sessions: 8 x 2 hour sessions, running Wednesdays 1-3pm, 7/1/26, 14/1/26, 21/1/26, 28/1/26, 4/2/26, 11/2/26, 25/2/26, 4/3/26. No session half term week (18/2/26).
- We will use the 'kitchen' room and outdoor space associated with the Community Building.
- Final (8th) session to be a 'show and share' where parents invite their children to come to 'show and share' activities etc with them.

# Sleep tight workshop

## for parents/carers of children aged 1 year and over

Wednesday 25 February 1:30-3:00 PM at  
Templars Primary School, Templar Ave, CV4 9DA

This session will be delivered face to face in a small group

Sleep issues are common for children and young people and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life.

This two-hour workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding sleep cycles, causes of sleep issues and what you can do to support your child to sleep better.

This session will be delivered by a parenting practitioner who has been trained by The National Sleep Charity.

### For more details or to book:

Please email:  
[parenting@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@coventry.gov.uk)

Please include the following information in your email:

- Preferred workshop date
- Your name, address and postcode
- Parent's/carer's email address
- Child's name and age

