



Templars Primary School

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Dear Community,

Dates of particular importance coming up: Parents Evening Wed 18th and Thursday 19th March - book on using My Child At School and Parent Forum on Wednesday 25th March which is the same day as Spring Fest.

World Book Day is one of the biggest events of the school year now and whether children choose to dress up or not, reading is the focus of the day. Scroll down for a gallery of photos, captured during the day this year. There were a number of initiatives across the school including a free quality picture book (and potato!) giveaway to every parent who attended the Nursery and Reception Chat, Play, Read session. The adult lending library is something we intend to keep going from the Community Centre - more information to follow.

Now a word from Mrs Dean,

World Book Day is always my favourite day of the school year and this year did not disappoint! The school was buzzing with excitement as children arrived in their costumes and many classes spent the first part of their morning guessing which characters their friends and teachers had come as.

Through out the day we saw many events taking place: Ramadan lunchtime read where I heard prayers, Reception's Chat, Play, Read where every pupil left with a picture book and our end of day Read for Pleasure with Parents/Carers.

Another two highlights from the day were the Masked Reader competition which saw 14 members of staff disguised while reading their favourite stories. My favourite had to be Miss McLean dressed as Mrs Broccoli Head!

My second highlight was taking 36 boys from KS2 to Tile Hill Library where they had a chance to explore a wide range of books and sit with their friends and read together.

I really hope you continue this excitement and love for reading at home and share a book with your child this weekend.

Thank you to all involved in another amazing celebration of all things books!

Being able to read by the time you leave Templars is an absolute priority for us so that every child is ready and able to access the next stage in learning. The primary curriculum is set in law by the government and is so full however, that finding the time to listen to readers is a rare commodity during the school day which is why we need your help. Daily reading for, with and alongside all primary aged children should be a priority for parents and carers too and although that is hard to fit in, it can be done. For busy families, the trick is to tuck reading into the normal rhythm of the day. Here are some realistic ways our pupils tell us their parents manage it:

- **Before bed** – one page or one short book
- **While dinner is cooking** – read a couple of pages at the kitchen table
- **After school** – take the book out of the bag before screens or play
- **In the car** – perfect for a quick chapter while waiting at clubs
- **Walking to school** - listening to free stories on a phone
- **With siblings** – older brothers or sisters often make brilliant reading partners

You don't need to be a teacher. Simply listen, help with tricky words, ask what the story is about, and praise their effort.

Those small, regular moments together build confident readers – and they often become one of the nicest parts of the day.

Mrs Dean (Reading Lead)



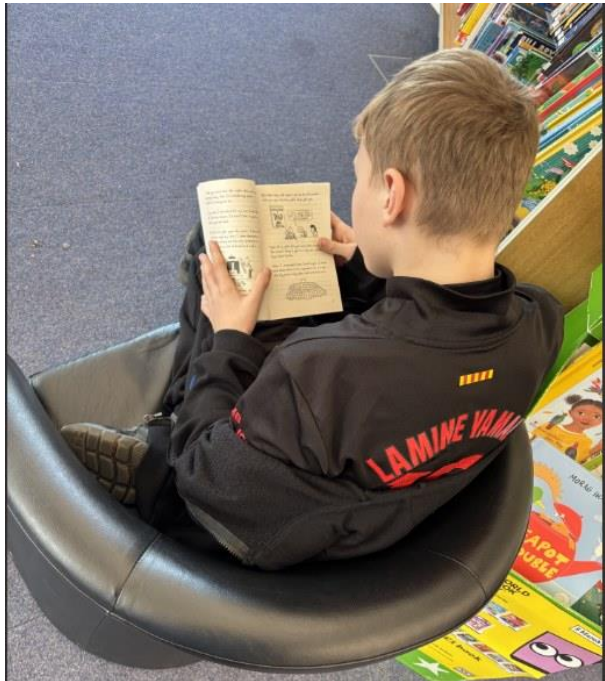
1 - Ssssh, I am reading!



2 - Lost in a world of reading



3 - Don't let them tell you they don't like reading



4 - You just have to find the right book!



5 - Sunbathing with a good book!



6 - What to pick?



7 - A load of Wallies



8 - Where's Wally!

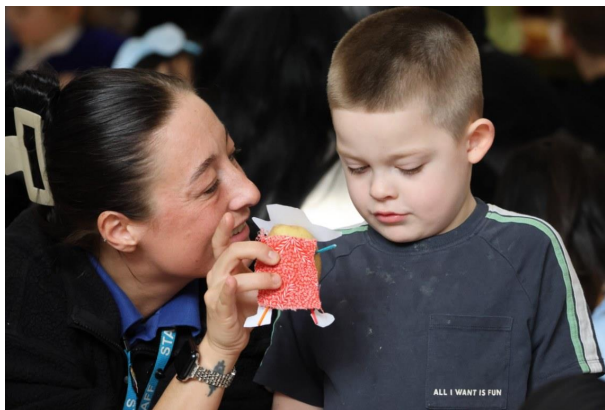






9 - Supertato!















You could win a £100 voucher by telling us about your morning school run! Designed by parents for parents, our survey takes just 10 mins: https://ipsos.uk/BCLUB_ZFN

WIN £100 AND HELP IMPROVE THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN!

We have been selected by the Department for Education to help design a national Breakfast Club programme that works for every family's morning school run.



THE ASK
A 10 minute online survey.

WHO
Everyone! We're really interested to hear from those who **don't** use the breakfast club too!

 **Designed by parents, for parents**
Scan this QR code, complete the 10 minute survey and have the chance to win £100!

Help ensure breakfast clubs work for all families!

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!

RH Rihana for being a credit to the school, she always shows care, respect and honesty to everyone she meets

1S Issam for his detailed sketches of plants during Science

1KW Katie-Jean for showing our school value of care

1C Martina for being an amazing during World Book Day!

3D Chloe for always following our school rules

3M Amelia for always making the right choices, showing kindness and respect and always being helpful - without being asked

3A Dean has shown fantastic progression and his attitude to learning has been amazing

4AR Adeola for settling in well to Templars

4A Husaina for being an excellent role model in 4A

5G Oscar for increasing resilience

5G Krish for putting in 100% effort and not giving in during our Maths lessons

5H Theo for excellent engagement in English lessons

5F Wayne for trying hard in English and a great improvement with his behaviour and focus

6M Pola for working really well on her maths work this week. Building confidence and working independently

6T Houra for being polite, hard working and always ready to learn.

Lunch Menu for next week

Spring TERM MENU - WEEK 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef burger with curly fries and salad (Halal option available)	Chicken nuggets, chips and beans (Halal option available)	Sausage and mashed potato with vegetables	Sausage roll with wedges and beans	Fish fingers with chips and spaghetti hoops (Halal)
Jacket potato with cheese/beans (Halal, vegetarian)	Quorn dippers, chips, and beans (Halal/vegetarian)	Vegetarian sausage with mashed potato, vegetables and gravy. (Halal/vegetarian)	Jacket potato with cheese/beans (Halal, vegetarian)	vegetable nuggets with fries and spaghetti hoops (Vegetarian, Halal)
Cheese panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps	Ham panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps
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Served with a rainbow salad				
Potato choice	Potato wedges, roast potatoes, chips, mash, curly fries (different 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, egg 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, leaf donuts, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)			

Nursery and Reception parents - there are new, strict guidelines which we MUST follow in school in providing school lunches which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-nutrition> It is my opinion that what is right for little ones, is right for us all and we will be reviewing menus in the Summer term - look out for the Parent Forum and other ways for you to be involved.

Right now, we are experimenting with menus to get this right. Please find below, a separate offer for EYFS pupils.

DINNER MENU - WEEK 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian Lasagna with vegetables	Chicken nuggets Chips and spaghetti hoops	Shepherds pie with mixed vegetables	Pitta pizza with sweet potato fries	Tuna pasta with sweetcorn
Jacket potato with cheese/tuna	Quorn dippers chips and wholemeal spaghetti hoops	Jacket potato with cheese/beans	Jacket potato with cheese/tuna	Jacket potato with cheese/tuna

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 23 rd February
BOOST Day	During this week
Young Ambassadors to Coombe Abbey	Wed 11 th March
Yr 5 Planetarium	Thurs 12 th March
Yr 1 to Twycross Zoo	Wed 18 th March
Young Ambassadors to AT7	Wed 18 th March
Year 2 Be Our Guest 2.30pm	Wed 18 th March
Morning of Music	Wed 18 th March
Photo Day	Wed 18 th March
Parents Evenings: Wed 3.30pm to 6.30pm and Thurs 3.30 – 5.30 pm (no after-school activities)	Wed 18 th and Thurs 19 th March
Year 4 Roman Lunt Fort Campout	Fri 20 th March
STEM Week	W/B 23 rd March
Yr 2 Be our Guest 2pm	Tue 24 th March
Parent Forum	Wed 25 th March
'Music Around the World' performances	Wed 25 th March
Year 3 Egyptian workshop	Wed 25 th March
Year 1 to Dudley Zoo	Wed 25 th March
Spring Fest	Wed 25 th March
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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
Year 2 to Kenilworth Castle	Fri 26 th June
Transition Day	Wed 1 st July
Sports Days	WB 8 th July
Be Our Guest Events	13th – 17th 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 8.40 am and 8.50 am

Gates shut at 8.50am.

Collection 3.20pm

Community Activities for Children

EASTER REVOLUTION
Ladybug Lodge are pleased to host a range of activities across Easter Half Term!
All activities must be booked separately, families are welcome to book all sessions types if they wish!

Sessions hosted at: Tiverton School, CV3 4DE & Nettle Hill, CV7 9JL

STAY AND PLAY
Sensory Stay and Play for the whole family
Access to Sensory Room, Soft Play, Indoor Swing, Secure Playground and more

SWIMMING
Social Swimming:
1 adult and 1 SEND child per booking.
Family Swimming:
Family Swimming Session (Siblings welcome!)
Exclusive Hire Swimming:
Private pool session for a maximum of 6 people
Hoist access and Shower beds are available in all changing rooms

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
DANCE
Small group and 1:1 sensory dance and movement sessions
SOUNDABOUT
Small group and 1:1 multi-sensory music making sessions

FOREST SCHOOL
Located at: Nettle Hill, CV7 9JL
Forest School SEND sessions for the whole family! With a range of activities to support engagement with nature. Families must wear appropriate clothing for the session.

Sessions run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from the 30th March to 9th April

Advance booking via the website is essential via QR code link or web address below
www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday

PLEASE NOTE: All sessions require an upfront donation which can be made payable via the website.

Sessions are suited for children and young people aged 0 – 21 with a range of needs. (A diagnosis is not required)
Hoist access is available at both sites. A changing places is available at Tiverton School. A disabled toilet with shower is available at Nettle Hill.

Charity Number: 1207790 info@ladybuglodge.co.uk 07301 680835 www.ladybuglodge.co.uk

Book now
No HAF code required

Bookings are now LIVE for the **HAF Spring holiday offer**. There is an **extensive range of free bookable activities** that will grab the attention of every child and young person.

What activities are there?

Activities include: basketball, bushcraft, cheerleading, coding (video games, animated movies, Minecraft, robotics) cooking, cricket, dance camps, den building, dodgeball, drama workshops, engineering, face painting, football camps, forest school, girls-only activities, golf, gymnastics, HADO video game dodgeball, ice-skating lessons, jewellery making, quad biking, laser quest, lego, media training, pantomime puppet making, pantomimes, parkour, porcelain painting, swimming, STEM activities, tennis, trampolining, UV dodgeball, the Wave, yoga and more....J

And some more....

For eligible children who also have an Education and Health and Care Plan we have experiences at the Ash End Farm, British Motor Museum, Perkisound, Red Kangaroo, Spencer's Retreat, Twycross Zoo, Coventry Transport Museum, Coventry Outdoors.

[HAF Facebook](#)

[Coventry HAF webpage](#) – this has key information about Coventry HAF

Parental Support - mostly free, all expert-led and just what our families need!



Living With Confidence
A course for women in Coventry
Tuesday 19 May - 14 July at 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Mosaic Family Hub, Jardine Crescent,
Coventry, CV4 1PL

Are you a parent? Do you want to feel more confident?
Do you want to do something that's just for you?
The Living with Confidence course aims to help you understand your own behaviour and the behaviours of others better.
By the end of the 8-week course, you will be able to use all your newly learnt skills to feel more confident in making choices and decisions in your life, therefore becoming a more assertive person.
You will enjoy the benefits of improved relationships and a better understanding of yourself.
Course outline overleaf.

To book a place visit:
coventryfamilies.co.uk/parenting-programme-events

To find out more e-mail:
familyrelationships@coventry.gov.uk

The poster features a woman with her arms raised in a joyful expression against a light blue background. At the bottom left, there are two small icons: a blue horse head and a colorful circular logo.



10 - Helping set up

The next (free) baby massage course starts here at the Templars Community Centre, next Wednesday, 11th March and runs until 1st April. There are still spaces available and I would love them to go to our Templars families! If you are interested, please contact Emma Spain, Family Hub Community Practitioner Direct Line: 024 7697 8160 Mobile: 07350 446990



Coventry Complex Communication Team will be delivering a series of 6 free workshop sessions aimed at parents and carers of children and young people on the Autism spectrum and with complex communication needs

Each session will be delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams and presented by a specialist practitioner in the field of Autism and complex communication needs. There will be a series of sessions focusing on a range of topics, which include:

- **Week 1 - Thursday 5th March 2026: Understanding your child and their Autism**
- **Week 2 - Thursday 12th March 2026: Supporting your child with self-care and independence**
- **Week 3 - Thursday 19th March 2026: Supporting your child and their sensory processing differences**
- **Week 4 - Thursday 26th March: Supporting your child and their behaviours**
- **Weeks 5 & 6: Supporting your child with their learning & Supporting your child with transitions** – these sessions will be in a recorded format and sent out to parents and carers due to the Easter holiday

The aim of each session will be to:

- To raise an awareness of how Autism/Complex Communication Needs can affect your child
- To develop a shared understanding of some of the challenges that our children face, and the strengths they can bring
- To increase your confidence in understanding and supporting your child
- To build up a bank of ideas and strategies that can be used to support your child

All sessions are 2.00pm-3.00pm. Whilst we appreciate you may not be able to attend every session due to work/family commitments; the expectation is that you **must** attend week one as this provides the foundation for the remaining sessions, and that you are able to commit to at least three of the following sessions. There are weekly advice clinics that accompany each session where you have an allocated slot to ask specific questions relating to your child.

Please book your place here: <https://bookwhen.com/parent-carer-training-sessions>

Once you have booked you will receive MS Teams invitations for each individual session.

Templars Primary School is a large primary school with 680 children and 112 staff! It is hard to know who everyone is and therefore this guide is to help you have your queries answered more easily. We always encourage speaking to your child's teacher first because they know your child best. If after this you would like to speak to someone, please contact the relevant Assistant Head for your child's year group. The office will direct you to the right person to support you best: office 02476 466337 / admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk

To discuss...

Reading books, learning, homework, behaviour, personal wellbeing, friendships and any worries at all

Safeguarding / Child Protection Concerns
Confidential information
Attendance / Lateness
Family support needed
Specific worries over emotional issues, mental health and counselling

Lunches, change of address or numbers, trips, tickets, appointments with staff, clubs, payments

After School, Holiday and Breakfast Club

Special Educational Needs, ECHP applications, medical concerns, returns from long-term illness, support for children

Who should I speak to?

Class teacher on the door **after school**, via ClassDojo or email on admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Benarous
Family Support Worker: Ms Swallow
Attendance Officer: Mrs Ross
Via the office 02476 466337

Office team: Mrs Angie Herbert,
Mrs Claire Morris, Mrs Hayley Bates
admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk
02476 466337

Mrs Tina Nicholson
OOSC@templars.coventry.sch.uk
07572 179485

SEN Team: KS2 Miss Finn, KS1 Mrs King
senco@templars.coventry.sch.uk

If you have contacted the class teacher and still have concerns, please contact Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Hall (Years 5-6)
Mrs Dunkley (Years 2-4) Mrs Davies (EYFS-Yr1)

If you have any concerns, please note, in all first instances you should speak with the class teacher. The office will pass on messages on your behalf.