



Templars Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Small Thing That Makes a Big Difference: Being On Time

As we move further into the school year, I need to ask for your support with something that makes a real difference to children in school — **being on time at both drop-off and collection.**

At Templars, we have introduced **Mindful Mornings** to allow children to begin their day positively with activities to **calm and reduce anxiety**. It is also a time for promoting positive relationships and sharing messages about the day ahead so that children are ready to learn. Our **first and most important lesson of the day then begins at 9:15am with phonics and reading**. This is where children build the foundations of reading and writing. Because we teach phonics in carefully organised groups across the school, children begin **moving to**

those groups from around 9:10am, often to classrooms and spaces in different parts of the building.

When a child arrives late, they miss the beginning of this really important learning. Just as importantly, it can be quite uncomfortable for them. While our staff always welcome children warmly and kindly (we would never shame a child for being late), **walking into a room once a lesson has started can feel awkward and embarrassing for a child**, particularly when everyone else is already settled and working. **Your children tell us this.**

There is also a safeguarding aspect that many parents may not realise.

The **beginning and end of the school day are key safeguarding times**. At these points, every available member of staff is deployed with a clear role: supervising children arriving and leaving, making sure every child is accounted for, and ensuring that children leave safely with the correct adult.

When children arrive late or are collected late, staff have to step away from these safeguarding roles to supervise and manage those situations. That means fewer staff available to man phone lines, monitor entrances, playgrounds and the wider site, and fewer eyes ensuring that every child is safe and accounted for.

Compared to schools nationally, Templars is reporting **some of the highest levels of lateness we have ever seen**. By this point in the year, we really do need everyone working with us on this.

Please help us by ensuring that:

- children arrive in time to be ready for **learning**
- children are **collected promptly** at the end of the day
- you contact the office if there is an unavoidable delay

Children deserve to **start the day calmly and confidently, not rushing in late**. When everyone arrives and leaves on time, staff can focus fully on learning and on keeping every child safe.

The level of late collections has resulted in the need for additional supervision and therefore parents who are late three times or more in a term, will now be charged a minimum of £3.25 for Out Of School Club Provision on each occasion.

A final note about the **car park and school entrances**. These are very busy places at drop-off and collection and require everyone to be calm, patient and respectful. Children should be arriving at school ready to learn and leaving school ready to relax — **not following a stressful interaction between adults or stepping around a near miss in the car park**.

Thank you, as always, for working with us to keep our children safe and ready to learn.

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 Tucker for effort during lessons

RB Mitchell for always following instructions from an adult and being really caring towards other children

RS Victoria for trying extra hard during Phonics lessons

1KW Aarathana for her enthusiasm in all lessons

1S Olivia for her amazing reading in Phonics

1C Grace for always making rights choices

2M Reuben for showing bravery and confidence during class discussions

2P Aarib for showing great listening skills in our lessons

3M Nikola for showing all the school values

4AR Aurora for her care towards another child

4A Ian for a super effort with the challenges this week

4H Lottie for trying hard in every lesson and for showing a can do attitude. Well done.

5H Shabir for excellent improvement in his handwriting

5G Oscar for working hard in the afternoon on the flags of the world and great listening in the Planetarium

5F Molly for brilliant improvement with handwriting, English work and focus

Lunch Menu for next week

Spring TERM MENU - WEEK 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Traditional Templars Feast Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese with a garlic slice and vegetables (Halal/vegetarian)	Hot dogs with cris-cross fries and sweetcorn (Halal option available)	Chicken roast, roast potatoes with vegetables and gravy (Halal option available)	Southern fried popcorn chicken with fries and beans (Halal option available)	Fish fingers chips with wholewheat spaghetti hoops (Halal)
Quorn dippers with fries and beans (Halal/vegetarian)	Jacket potato, Cheese/beans (Halal/vegetarian)	Quorn roast, roast potatoes with vegetables and gravy (Halal/vegetarian)	Jacket potato cheese/beans (Halal/vegetarian)	Vegan sausage roll with chips and wholewheat spaghetti hoops (Halal, vegetarian)
Cheese panini with crisps	Vegetarian hot dog with cris-cross fries and sweetcorn.	Chickens and stuffing 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 sala				
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, eton mess, muffins, chocolate fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, custard, jam omelette sponge, jam tart, jam donuts, waffle, jelly, pancakes, beans bread, rocky road, chocolate mousse, iced donuts, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)				
Allergen Information				

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.

Nursery & Reception DINNER MENU - WEEK 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese with sweetcorn	Chicken casserole with mixed vegetables	Roast chicken, potatoes, vegetables and gravy	Tomato and herb pasta bake	Fish fingers, chips and wholewheat spaghetti hoops
Jacket potato Tuna/cheese	Jacket potato Beans/cheese	Quorn roast, potatoes, vegetables and gravy	Jacket potato Tuna/cheese	Jacket potato Tuna/cheese

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 23 rd February
BOOST Day	During this week
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
Photographs 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 5 3D printing workshop	Thurs 19 th March
Year 5 3D printing workshop	Fri 20 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
Be Our Guest Events	WB Mon 23 rd March
Break up for Easter Holidays	Fri 27 th March

BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 13 th 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	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	17 th July

Breakfast Club Drop-Off between 8.15am and 8.25am

Morning Drop-off between 8.40 am and 8.50 am

Community Activities for Children



Coventry HAF
Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2026

28 March - 12 April 2026

Be inspired and try some free activities this school holiday

Activities including: archery, coding/gaming, cooking, crafts, dance, media, sports, theatre, trips and more - all with free food

Book now
No HAF code required



For more information visit coventry.gov.uk/haf or email hafprogramme@coventry.gov.uk

Coventry City Council
Funded by the UK Government
COVENTRY HAF
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little MOVERS 
Coventry Central

You are invited to our **Launch party!**
Monday 16th February

Baby Movers (Birth to crawling) 12:30

Little Movers (Walking to Preschool) 13:30

**Studio 17 (Unit 7)
Far Gosford Street
COVENTRY CV1 5ED**

As Seen On 

Find us on 

EASTER HOLIDAY
 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

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.

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 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



Build your own game this Easter!



· The Esports Centre, CV4 7AL ·
 · 7-12 year olds · 2-day camp ·
 · Devices provided ·

For detailed program information and dates, please head to:

www.codecamp.co.uk/warwick

SAVE 10%

Use code **EASTER_2026** until 15th March

REFER YOUR SCHOOL

If you think your child's school would be interested in running a coding club please let us know
 Get in touch at hello@codecamp.co.uk

Templars Primary School Year 6

Leavers Party!

17th July, 5-8PM

Buffet

DJ & KARAOKE

£20 per child

Village Hotel Coventry, CV49GZ

Payment Deadline: 20.6.

No Siblings Allowed!

Parents Must Remain On Site

Booking Details



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Leisure Centres

Easter Half Term Activities

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Easter Week 1

Monday 30th March Ultimate Team Day	Min Olympics, Tchoukball, Ultimate Team Capture Mission, Team Football Showdown, Splash! Adventure
Tuesday 31st March Try Something New Day	3v3 Street Football, Pickleball Discovery Session, Basketball Skills & Games, Arts and Crafts, Soft Play
Wednesday 1st April Pjamas Day	Pillow Dodgeball Party, Dream Aim Archery, Bed Base Berich Ball, Slipper Side Hockey, Splash!
Thursday 2nd April Competition Day	Handball Tournament, Dodgeball Tournament, Cricket Tournament, Football Tournament, Arts and Crafts, Soft Play
Friday 3rd April Easter Celebration Day	Bunny Hop Obstacle Race, Easter Adventure Course, Golden Egg Team Challenge, Splash! Adventure

Easter Week 2

Monday 6th April Cartoon Day	toon Tug Showdown, Cartoon Bat & Dash, Super Strikers Football, Toon Dodgeball, Chaos, Splash! Adventure
Tuesday 7th April Spy Mission Day	Movie Magic Screening, Blockbuster Team Challenge, Action Heroes Hockey, Hollywood Hoops Netball, Soft Play
Wednesday 8th April Creative Day	Creative Basketball Challenge, Freestyle Football Fun, Creative Cricket Smash, Arts and Crafts, Splash! Adventure
Thursday 9th April Adventure Day	Adventure Dodge Arena, Explorer Trail Quest, Berich Ball Capture Zone, Rugby Raiders Challenge, Soft Play
Friday 10th April Scientist Day	Newton's Dodgeball, Ballistics Battle (Target Throwing), Obstacle Course Engineers' Mission: Save the Scientist, Splash! Adventure

Special visits to be announced on www.cvlife.co.uk and on our social page @cvillecommunity!

Child Age	5 - 11 years
Camp Time	9:00am - 4:00pm
Wraparound Times	8:00am - 9:00am

Prices:

Single Camp	£20 per day
Full 5 Day Camp	£90 for all 5 days
Single Wraparound	£3.50 per session, per day
Full Week Camp and Wraparound	£100 for all 5 days

Terms and Conditions:

- All bookings are final.
- Prior to a session being cancelled, we will give 48 hours notice. If a refund is required, only credit notes will be given.
- Any late arrivals post 10am will unfortunately be turned away due to safety purposes and staffing.
- All children must bring in a water bottle, a packed lunch, a pocketbook.
- NO MET POLICY** - please restrict from bringing children in with nuts.
- Swim measurements to take place to track progress.
- All children who would like to learn need to bring a swim kit EVERYDAY.

Book now via eequ.org/cvlife



Online payments are preferred, however cash payments are still available over the reception desk

For Enquiries: community@cvlife.co.uk
0780153677 - James-Dean Sawbridge

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



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.