



Templars Primary School

Newsletter 27.3.26

Date: 27th March 2026

Email: admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term at Templars, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support. This term has been full of learning, progress and positive change, and I am incredibly proud of how our children have approached their work, their behaviour and their relationships with one another.

We are already looking ahead to the summer term, with a range of trips and curriculum enrichment opportunities planned. Please keep an eye out for updated dates and information coming home—these experiences are a vital part of bringing learning to life for our children.

A quick reminder that photo proofs were sent home tonight, with a return deadline of Friday 17th April 2026.

Important Reminders

From **1st April**, the cost of school dinners will increase from £2.00 to £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week). This is the first increase in 10 years and still keeps us in line with some of the cheapest meals offered in Coventry primary schools.

School dinners should be paid in advance.

A further important reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. We have several children with severe allergies, and this is a vital safety measure. Please do not send chocolate spread (as most contain nuts) and check labels carefully on snacks and chocolate bars—some, such as Double Deckers, contain nut sprinkles.

Fond Farewells

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to several valued members of our school community:

- Mr Brightside – after 11 years of dedicated service to Templars, Mr Brightside is moving on to new and exciting adventures. Mr Brightside has been a much-loved member of our Reception team, bringing warmth, humour and a real connection with our youngest children—he will be very much missed by staff, children and families alike.
- Mrs Birtwhistle – after 18 years as both a parent and a colleague, Mrs Birtwhistle is relocating to Bristol. Her contribution to the school over such a long period has been immense.
- Mr Alleyne – leaving us for his next chapter (and possibly the World Cup!).

We thank them all sincerely for their commitment to Templars and wish them every success and happiness in what comes next.

Welcoming New Staff

We are also pleased to be welcoming several new colleagues to our team:

- Mr Poole – joining us as Deputy Headteacher, bringing strong experience in leadership, behaviour and safeguarding to support the continued development of the school.
- Mr Murland – joining our Compass provision, strengthening our support for children with additional needs. This also allows Mrs Weller to move into Year 3, supporting continuity and quality teaching in 3A alongside Mrs Dean.
- Mr Ledbetter – will be working alongside Mrs Hancox before taking over 4H when she begins her maternity leave, ensuring a smooth transition for the class.

- Mrs Field – we are delighted that Mrs Field has secured a permanent role in Reception, where she is already a familiar and valued part of the team.
- Mr Rock – will be supporting Reception for the remainder of the year.
- Miss Hussain – joining Acorns until the end of the year, ensuring continuity following Mrs Birtwhistle's relocation.

These appointments have been carefully planned to ensure stability, consistency and high-quality provision for all children. We are confident that each member of staff will make a positive contribution to school life and support pupils to continue thriving.

Mrs Dunkley has recently returned to school following the very sad loss of her baby. I know our community will join us in showing kindness and respect during this time.

Looking Ahead to the Holidays

As we move into the Easter break, we encourage families to take advantage of the many local community activities available. Whether it's getting outdoors, visiting local parks, attending local events or simply spending quality time together, these moments are so important for children's wellbeing.

Thank you again for your ongoing support this term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the summer term ahead.

Every child, every day, every chance.

 **SPRING PROMOTION – 10% Discount**

Date: Friday 27th March – Monday 30th March

Code: Enter **BLOOM10** at the checkout

Visit: www.brigade.uk.com

We ask that you share this promotion before it begins so parents don't miss the chance to purchase their uniform at a discount, and please ensure they are aware that the code must be entered exactly as shown to receive the discount.



Mrs Swallow, our Family Support Worker, has found this useful information which for those with older children in the school and teenagers:

<https://gjaxx.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/sh/WCPxRrNLV1LtvWyKbcRlp8O4qB0BYW1R/PcpiYJEbQcN>

regarding **AI Chatbots**. We are proud of our Family Support Worker and the help she provides for many of our families. Please find her in the Community Centre or contact via the school office. She is a wealth of information, beyond education.

Adult Education Service
Find out more about supporting 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 aged 2-10 years at Templars

What we do:

- › learn the correct phonics sounds
- › explore ways to help your child with re
- › focus on the grammar, spelling and handwriting taught in modern English primary schools
- › give you fun games to take home
- › share a drink and snack

Where and when:

- › Every Tuesday from 21st April 1-3pm
- › Templars School – come to the main school reception

“The games have helped make phonics fun. I am amazed by how much my son can do!”

› To reserve a place, contact the school office
› For further details talk to Mrs Swallow in school, or email aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk

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1 - V popular course here at Templars. Book quickly

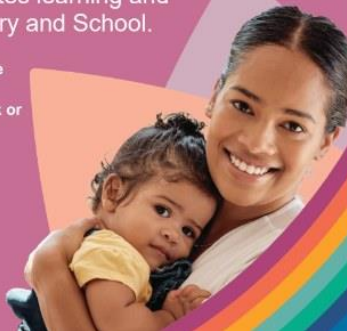
Stay together Play together at Templars Community Centre



Every Tuesday
Starting Tuesday 14th April 2026
9.15am - 11.00am
Term Time only Templars Primary School

Fun session for young children 2-5 years with their parents/carers to enjoy new experiences. Learn about child development, make friends. This session promotes learning and readiness for Nursery and School.

For more information please call 024 76978160, or visit www.coventryfamilies.co.uk or scan the QR code



I only wish we had the space at Templars to offer a two-year-old nursery provision. However, I am genuinely delighted that, through our Community Hub, we are now able to offer this new FREE playgroup session for our families.

Headteacher's Award 2025-26



Lunch Menu for after Easter Break

SUMMER 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 (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		Crisps Cheese panini with
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 cream, shortbread, eton mess, muffins, chocolate fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, custard, jam omelette sponge, jam tarts, jam doughnuts, waffle, jelly pancakes, banana bread, rocky road, chocolate mousse, kind doughnuts, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)				
Allergen Information				
Wheat, Eggs, Milk, Celery, Soy, Fish, Mustard, Sulphur Dioxide, Vegan, Vegetarian				

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 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red lentil curry with wholegrain rice	Wholewheat pasta bolognese	Sausage and mashed potato and vegetables	Chicken fajitas with wedges	Creamy salmon pasta
Jacket potato Cheese/beans	Jacket potato Cheese/beans	Vegetarian toad in the hole with mashed potato and vegetables	Jacket potato Cheese/beans	Jacket potato Cheese/beans

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 13th April
SPARK Day	During this week
Yr1 Spark Day	Wed 15 th April
Bank Holiday	Mon 4 th May
Trip to Warwick Arts Centre	Sun 10 th May
KS2 SATs for Year 6	Mon 11 th – 15 th May
Yr1 to Warwick Arts	Wed 13 th May
Whole School Art Day	Tues 19 th May
Yr1 to Warwick Arts	Thurs 21 st May
Chess Competition	Thurs 21 st 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 Boost Day	Wed 3 rd June
Yr 6 PSHE Virtual workshop	Wed 3 rd June
Year 5 and 6 Spain Trip	7 th to 12 th June
Yr 1 and 2 Phonics Screening	Begins 8 th June
Yr 2 Trip to Coventry	Wed 10 th June
SEND Afternoon Tea	Tues 16 th June
Yr 6 to Warwick Uni	Wed 17 th June
New to Nursery Parent Evening	Wed 17 th June
Dol-y-Moch Yr 6	Fri 19 th to Tues 23 rd June
Year 1 to Coventry	Wed 24 th June
New to Reception Parent Evening	Wed 24 th June
Yr 3 Beach Trip to Weston-Super-Mare	Thurs 25 th June
Year 2 to Kenilworth Castle	Fri 26 th June
Transition Day	Wed 1 st July
Yr 6 Performance Dress Rehearsals	W/b 6 th July
Sports Days – Nursery am and pm	Mon 6 th July
Sports Days – Reception	Tues 7 th July
Sports Days – Year 1 and 2	Wed 8 th July
Sports Days – Year 3 and 4	Thurs 9 th July
Sports Days – Year 5 and 6	Fri 10 th July
Be Our Guest Events	13 th – 17 th July
Year 6 Performances	Tues 14 th July
Summer Fayre	Wed 15 th July
Yr6 Leavers Lunch	Fri 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.

Community Activities for Children



Register your FREE place at the Netball Community Festival Join the Birmingham Panthers, Super League Netball team for a FREE Community Festival for all ages as we bring the energy of elite netball to Coventry ahead of our huge Super League match at the Coventry Skydome on Friday 8 May 2026. Come along for a fun, active afternoon packed with:

- Netball Games and Challenges – fun activities for all ages and abilities
- Strength and Conditioning Challenges – test your speed, strength and agility, just like our athletes would!
- Meet the Birmingham Panthers Players – chat to your favourite players, snap some selfies and grab their autographs



Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School, Leasowes Avenue CV3 6BH Sunday 29 March 2026 | 3 - 5pm Bring your friends, family and teammates, get involved, and be part of the Birmingham Panthers community right here in Coventry!

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Family Games & Competitions
- ✓ Drinks and light refreshments
- ✓ Children accompanied by adult

Friday 3rd April 2026
@10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
St James
Tile Hill Lane
CV4 9DP

FILLONGLEY CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS

SUMMER
2026



Information

LOCATION

Fillongley Cricket Club,
Blackhall Lane,
Fillongley,
CV7 8EG

MEMBERSHIP

Join via the ECB by clicking on the QR code. £60 membership includes a t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack.

Alternatively, we offer a £40 family membership. For payment information, please contact us.

SIGN UP

To sign up please go to this google form:
<https://forms.gle/RVdgY58HYeBqZf9Z>

CONTACT US

For more information contact Lucy.
Phone: 07581194776
Email: fillongleyjuniors@gmail.com



All Stars

All Stars cricket is for all children aged 5 - 8. Children are guaranteed to develop new skills, have fun and make friends. All participants signing up via the ECB receive a bat, ball, t-shirt and backpack.

Join via our family membership or sign up through the ECB



Dynamos

Dynamos cricket is for children aged 8 to 11 years.

Whether you are a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to play, learn cricket skills and make new friends. Sign up via the ECB to receive a personalised New Balance t-shirt with their name and number or join via our family membership



Under 17's

We prepare our over 11's for cricket games through personalised coaching, including specialists from our adult section. We offer a supportive journey for over 14's into their journey joining adult cricket.

NEW KIDS SHOWS THIS EASTER AT THE ALBANY!



Ages
4+

Rapunzel

Thursday 2nd April

Let your hair down and get tangled in a brand-new musical adaptation of the classic fairytale, RAPUNZEL!

Following the success of The Little Mermaid, award-winning Immersion Theatre proudly presents a hair-raising and exciting retelling of the family favourite, complete with a laugh-out-loud script, catchy songs, audience interaction, and stunning production value including dazzling costumes and animated scenery!

The Cat in the Hat

Friday 3rd - Saturday 4th April

Experience mischief and mayhem in this acclaimed stage adaptation of Dr Seuss' The Cat in the Hat.

From the moment his tall, red and white-striped hat appears, Sally and her brother know that the cat in the hat is the funniest, most mischievous cat they have ever met. With the trickiest of tricks and craziest of ideas, he turns a rainy afternoon into an amazing adventure.

Meet the Cat in the Hat after the show and continue the mayhem-for free!

Get 10% off with code:
CATINHAT10



SPECIAL OFFER

Ages
3+

Albany Theatre, Albany Road, Earlsdon, Coventry www.albanytheatre.co.uk

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

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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 **CBeebies**

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



CBGC
COVENTRY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

FREE
with HAF code or
£10 per daytime session.
£1 per evening session.

COVENTRY HAF

Ages 7-12

CBGC EASTER HAF Camp 2026

Sports

Dance

Music

Baking

Boxing

Fitness

Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks & Drinks Provided.

WEEK 1:
Mon 30th March (9:00am - 3:00pm)
Tue 31st March (9:00am - 3:00pm)
Wed 1st April (9:00am - 3:00pm)

WEEK 2:
Tue 7th April (9:00am - 3:00pm)
Wed 8th April (9:00am - 3:00pm)
Fri 10th April (4:30pm - 7:30pm)

☎ 02476 224975 ✉ ADMIN@CBGC.ORG.UK 🌐 WWW.CBGC.ORG.UK

COVENTRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, 50 WHITEFRIARS ST, COVENTRY, CV1 2DS.

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



Would you like to know more about your children's behaviour?

Would you like to know how to support your child's emotional regulation?

Wednesday 25 March at 1:00-3:00 PM

Templars Primary School, CV4 9DA

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour is an introductory workshop designed to provide parents/carers with a valuable insight into your child's development and practical strategies to help you to help your child.

Two hour workshop delivered at Templars Family Centre by Coventry's Positive Parenting Team.

Suitable for parents of children aged 2-10 yrs.

To book a place email:

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.