



Templars Primary School

Newsletter 1.5.26

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Email: admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk



1 - Good luck boys - into the semi's!



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Templars, we are incredibly proud of our school community. Every day, we see children showing care, respect and honesty — looking after one another, learning together and growing in confidence.

What makes our school so special is also what makes it complex. We are a large, diverse community, and many of our children face challenges beyond the school gates. Some need additional support with learning, some with behaviour or emotions, and for some, simply getting into school every day is a big achievement.

This is why we are so clear about our values and expectations. We believe every child deserves the very best — and that happens when we work together as a community.

Our children rise to this every day. They are resilient, kind and full of potential — and we are proud of each and every one of them.

We see the very best of our children at play — their creativity, resilience and ability to work together shines through every day.

As a Platinum School for OPAL, we regularly welcome visitors from other schools who come to see our playtimes in action. They always comment on how focused the children are in their play, how confidently they take safe risks, how well they mix across year groups, and how calm and purposeful our lunchtimes feel — with remarkably few accidents, even in the wheeled section!

As always, OPAL relies on donations, and this week Mrs Williams and Mrs Stables have a plea. We would be very grateful for donations of:

Bikes, scooters, action figures, cars, diggers, sand buckets and spades.

Our new digging area is also proving very popular, so we are also looking for:

Garden spades, pots and pans.

A reminder that **driving and parking** around school is attracting the attention of the police and citizens alike. We are a community school and that means we show particular care and respect to our neighbours. Please think about the safety of others when parking on Tile Hill Lane - there are reports of dangerous driving, putting pedestrians and children at risk during drop off and collection.

With just one week to go until **Year 6 SATs**, we are incredibly proud of how hard our Year 6 children have been working. The most important thing now is that every child simply does their very best — that is all we ask. SATs are one small part of their journey, but they are also a chance for children to show what they have learned and to contribute to something bigger, as we all want our school to do well. The best way you can support at home is by keeping things calm and positive: ensure your child gets a good night's sleep, arrives on time each day, and feels reassured rather than pressured. A healthy breakfast, kind encouragement and reminding them how proud you are of their effort will make the biggest difference.

Yr 6 parents please see important information below re. Hoodies!

Every child, every day, every chance.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
2026 - Optional to purchase
Deadline to order by is 15TH June 2026.
Please read before ordering
To order a 2026 Year 6 Leavers Hoodie or T-shirt, please Scan the QR code below

Alternatively, you can search for the school on the Scorpion Sports Website
www.scorionsports.co.uk/

All orders will be delivered to the school in July and handed out by the school.

The back of the hoodies and T-shirts has all the Year 6 children's names (First Name only) and where there is more than one child with the same first name, an initial will be used to identify them). The children's names have been provided by the school office so the spelling has been verified by the school.

There is an option for you to have your child's name on the front of an extra cost.

IMPORTANT: Please select collection only.
Please check your size, and order details carefully particularly if wanting your child's name on the front, as once the hoodie has been printed it cannot be returned or exchanged for a different size.

The school office has a collection of plain hoodies available for the children to try on for size, if required, or alternatively you can call into Scorpion Sports to check sizes.

Any questions, please contact Scorpion Sport on Tel: 024 76 47 36-47 or email sales@scorionsports.co.uk

Coventry Carers Strategy 2026 to 2031



Do you look after someone who
couldn't manage without your help?

We'd like to hear from you!

Coventry City Council are developing a local Carers Strategy which will look at:

- How we should shape and develop our carers offer
- Barriers to accessing support and information and advice
- What matters most to you as a carer.

We want to hear from people who look after a family member, friend or loved one.

Have your say online or at
our in-person events.



Headteacher's Award 2025-26



Each week teachers select a child who has shone and share their name with me. This might be for demonstrating our school values of pride, honesty and respect or it may be for showing super learning learning behaviours. They are presented with a certificate in class and celebrated by their peers then come to a special tea with myself and Mrs Swallow. Parents and carers are invited to join us just before 3pm on the following Friday and can choose to stay to share the moment or collect early and get a headstart on the weekend.

RH Oritseweyinmi for great recall of past learning

1KW Sapphire for always following our school rules and values

1S Paige for excellent effort in her writing

1C Ayan for his amazing attitude to learning

2P Wyatt for working really hard on his lovely learning behaviours this week

2M Reuben for great effort and pace in his work

2S Louie for amazing Science

3D Abdelrahman for showing great progress and attitude towards learning

3A Niel for a fantastic write using all success criteria

3M River for showing great focus and progress in his work

4AR Gracie for increasing confidence and contribution in class

5G Brooke for her resilience and determination at swimming

5H Arabella for showing resilience in Maths

5F Archie for resilience and a positive attitude

6B Jess F for outstanding effort during Maths

6T Emilia for continued effort and positivity every day in the run up to SATs

6M Ezmai has been trying so hard in her revision sessions

Lunch Menu

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.

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)	Open 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-cream, shortbread, eton mess, muffins, chocolate fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, custard, jam coconut sponges, jam tarts, jam doughnuts, waffle, jelly, pancakes, banana bread, rocky road, chocolate mousse, ice doughnuts, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)				
Allergen Information				

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 or tuna	Vegetarian toad in the hole with mashed potato and vegetables	Jacket potato Cheese or tuna	Jacket potato Cheese/beans

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS	Mon 13th April
SPARK Days	During this week
Yr1 Spark Day	Wed 15 th April
Bank Holiday	Mon 4th May
Parent and Pupil 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 22nd 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
Nursery Sports Days 9 am and 2pm	Mon 15 th June
Year 1 and 2 Sports days 2pm	Tues 16 th June
Yr 6 to Warwick Uni	Wed 17 th June
Reception Sports Day 2pm	Wed 17 th June
New to Nursery Parent Evening	Wed 17 th June
Yr 5 and 6 Sports Day 2pm	Thurs 18 th June
Yr 3 and 4 Sports Day 2pm	Fri 19 th June
Dol-y-Moch Yr 6	Fri 19 th to Tues 23 rd June
Year 1 to Coventry	Wed 24 th June
1KW to Warwick Arts Centre	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
Be Our Guest Events	13th – 17th 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.

Collection 3.20pm

Community Activities for Children



A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF COVENTRY:

For a child to grow in faith, being a chorister is one of the greatest possible experiences. Hearing their singing and continuing to sing in a cathedral choir is healthy, necessary and joyful. This opportunity which could be the thing that gives their life a purpose, a challenge, a goal, a responsibility, a sense of achievement. They also learn important life skills such as working together with others and taking responsibility as well as giving their best to the best of their ability. We do our very best to make sure our choristers are nurtured, taught and supported every week of the year.

If your child likes to sing, please do consider the opportunity that becoming a chorister at Coventry Cathedral represents. It may be the thing that brings them joy not just for today but for their life ahead.

If you have any concerns about whether you have been 'helped' or support this aspect of cathedral life, we do want to ensure you that this opportunity is open to all, whatever background, and that your children will be the benefit of the cathedral.

**With every blessing,
+Sophia Coventry**

BOYS SCHEDULE

- Mondays 16:30 - 17:30
- Wednesdays 16:30 - 18:00
- Sundays 09:00 - 10:30 or 14:15 - 17:00 (alternates between AM and PM)

GIRLS SCHEDULE

- Mondays 17:30 - 18:30
- Thursdays 16:30 - 18:00
- Sundays 09:00 - 10:30 or 14:15 - 17:00 (alternates between AM and PM)

CHORISTER OPEN EVENING

Venue: Coventry Cathedral
Who can attend?
Open to Boys & Girls in current school Years 2-6

Date: Tuesday 5th May, 18:30-19:30

- Open to all children considering auditioning for the cathedral choir
- Meet and sing with the cathedral choristers in a cathedral service
- Have a tour of the cathedral, and experience the cathedral organ close up
- Parents will hear their children singing in the cathedral choir, meet with current parents & musical Director of Music

Sign Up!

Scan the QR code to sign up for this event or click the link:
<http://www.coventrycathedralmusic.co.uk>

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BENEFITS OF BEING A CHORISTER

- The boys and girls receive musical tuition several times a week from specialist cathedral music staff
- There are no costs payable to the cathedral for this tremendous musical training
- Choristers also receive vocal coaching lessons from the cathedral's specialist vocal coach, free of charge
- Make friends for life!

We welcome applications from children of all backgrounds, schools, and faiths.

TESTIMONIALS

"It's been transformative for our son"
-Parent of Year 6 Chorister

"Singing the choir has given our daughter confidence we never expected. She now stands tall, sings proudly. The musical training has been outstanding, and she's made friends for life." - Parent of Year 6 Chorister

"Our son has every reason to be confident in his singing. Being in the Choir Parents Association is very rewarding - we have great fun, fundraising and knowing it supports the choristers makes it even better." - Parent of Year 4 Chorister

"Not only joined, I don't know how to read music. Now I can sing harmony, and I've seen more confidence at school." - Year 6 Chorister

"Going on choir tours and singing in different places is the best part. And we always get discounts after when we go." - Year 10 Chorister

TRIPS & CONCERTS PAST AND PRESENT

- Malta October Half Term 2025
- Derby Cathedral January 2026
- Christmas Concert 2025
- BBC CWR Carol Concert (broadcast on the radio)
- Germany 2025
- London 2025

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH

Music.Administrator@CoventryCathedral.org.uk
www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

BECOME A CHORISTER!







Contact details: Martin Bryant

Phone: 07748184444

Email: repaircafecoventry@gmail.com

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/RepairCafeCoventry>

Repair Cafe Coventry

Sat, 25th April 10:00am to Sat, 25th April 12:00pm

Central Library, Smithford Way, Coventry CV1 1FY, UK

Repair Cafe Coventry runs free repair events. We are all volunteers and will try to help fix almost anything that you can bring into us. We often get clothes, toys, vacuum cleaners, kettles, toasters, lamps, bags, stereos and garden tools. We make no guarantees, but if you are happy with our work, please do consider leaving us a donation.

Contact details: RepairCafe Coventry

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/RepairCafeCoventry>

Jobs near you If you are interested and click then it will raise a little to help keep Freegle running and free to use. [View more jobs](#) [Donating helps too!](#)



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

Adult Education Service

Find out more about supporting your child with reading and writing

Join our free 9-week course – 'English in the Primary School'

This course is for:

- all parents and carers with children aged 2-10 years

What we do:

- learn the correct phonics sounds
- explore ways to help your child with reading
- 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 28 April, 6-8pm
- Adult Education Centre, Telfer Road, Radford, Coventry CV6 3DR

- To enrol visit coventry.gov.uk/adulted
- For further details email aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk

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



Find out more about supporting your child with primary school English

Join our free 10-week online course

English in the Primary School

This course is for:

All Coventry mums, dads and carers with children aged 2-10

What you'll learn:

The English words and methods 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

When it is:

Online, from Monday 20th April for 10 weeks

How to Join:

View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at

coventry.gov.uk/adulted

Or scan the QR code to enrol

To find out more email

aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk

Assume you have a place unless you hear from us

Free online course

"I learnt a lot - now it's much easier to help my son with his reading"



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 Leigh (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.