



Templars Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform Matters: Pride, Belonging and Community

At [Templars Primary School](#) we often talk about belonging. We want every child to feel part of something bigger than themselves — part of a team, a community and a school they can be proud of. That is why uniform matters so much. With Coventry FC's recent success, I was able to link to the proud wearing of Sky Blue last week in assembly but wanted to give the same messages to you!

As our website says: "We want our children to have a sense of belonging and feel pride in being a part of the Templars Primary School Community and uniform is such an important part of that."

A school uniform is about far more than clothes. It sends a message to children that they belong here, that they are equal, valued and included. When children walk through the gates in uniform, they are part of Team Templars. It helps create a shared identity and a

sense of togetherness which is especially important in a large, diverse community school like ours.

Uniform also helps children feel ready to learn. Just as adults often dress differently for work, putting on school uniform helps children prepare mentally for the school day. It creates consistency, routine and pride. We regularly see how children stand taller, take more pride in their work and represent the school positively when they feel part of the community around them.

Importantly, our approach to uniform is designed to be practical and affordable. Our website makes clear that there is *“no expectation that items need to carry the school logo”* and that basic items are available from most chain stores. We never want cost to become a barrier to belonging. We also maintain supplies of nearly-new uniform and can support families experiencing hardship confidentially through our Boot Fund and other support.

We know that families make huge efforts to ensure children arrive ready for school each day and we are grateful for that support. Small things — the correct jumper, black shoes, hair tied back, PE kit ready — all contribute to the calm, purposeful atmosphere we work hard to create together.

Uniform may seem like a simple thing, but simple things matter. They help children feel safe, connected and proud. They remind us that at Templars, everyone belongs.

Current Year 2 parents; did you know if your child is not registered for FSM they will start paying for school meals from September when their child goes into Year 3.

If they wish to apply for FSM please contact office and we can send an application form home.

Could You Be Our Next Parent Governor?

We are looking for a parent or carer to join our Governing Board at Templars Primary School.

You do **not** need experience in education, meetings or governance — just an interest in the school and a willingness to share your thoughts and ideas. We want our governors to reflect the community we serve and understand the lives of our families.

Being a parent governor is about helping the school continue to improve for all children. Governors support and challenge school leaders, help shape the future of the school and make sure children remain at the heart of decisions.

The role is not as formal or complicated as people sometimes think:

- meetings are usually held just once a term
- training and support are provided
- there is always someone to guide and explain things

- your voice and lived experience matter

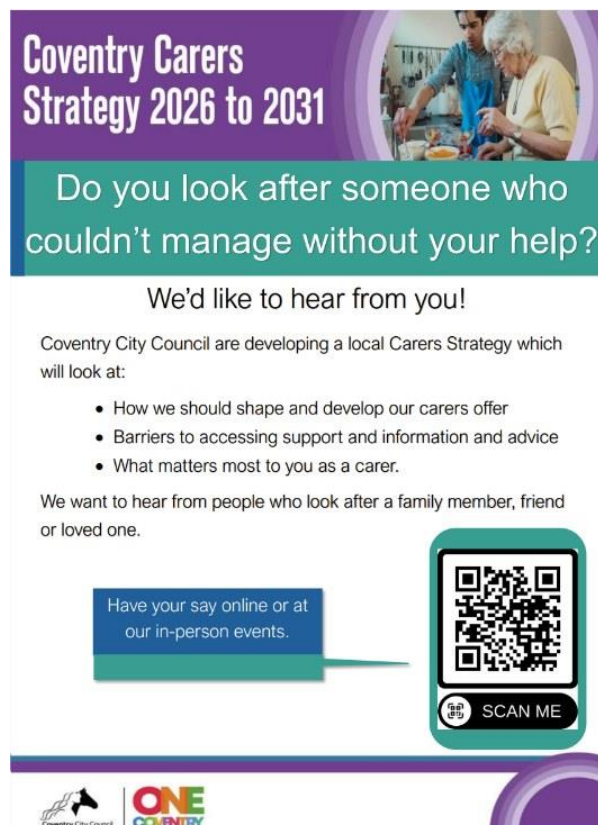
You do not need to be “an expert” — in fact, hearing from parents who know our community is incredibly valuable.

If you care about children, education and the future of Templars, we would love to hear from you.

For more information or an informal chat, please contact the school office.

A reminder - Vaping and Electric Scooters are **not** allowed on site. The gate areas are crowded at drop-off and collection so please remind your children to wheel their bikes and scooters offsite and ride them where it is safe on the pavements beyond the gates. Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

Every child, every day, every chance.



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.

RB Leonardo for having such a great week

RS Bietab for following our class routines well

RS Timmy for a fantastic week showing our school values

1C Prince for how hard he has been working in Maths

1S Toki for his excellent effort with handwriting

2S Archie for great spellings and great behaviour

2P Millie-Mae for fantastic effort in her sentence writing and handwriting

- 2M Demi for showing our school values of care, respect and honesty
- 3M Emily for being a great role model
- 3A Scarlett for settling into Templars, showing our school values
- 4H Elisha for a super attitude to learning
- 4H Prasiddha for great resilience in learning
- 4A Fatoumatta for great effort with your handwriting
- 4AR Asem for settling in beautifully to Templars
- 5H Theo for excellent participation across lessons
- 5G Marianella for demonstrating excellent listening skills and care by following instructions to create a vector drawing
- 5F Jimmy for increased focus in lessons and trying hard in Reading lessons

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.

SUMMER 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
Ham panini with crisps	Ham panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps		Ham panini with crisps
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-cream, shortbread, egg, meringues, chocolate fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, oatmeal, jam coconut sponge, jam tarts, jam donuts, waffle, jelly, pancakes, banana bread, rocky road, chocolate mousse, veg donuts, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)				
Allergen Information: wheat, eggs, milk, nuts, celery, soy, fish, mustard, sulphur dioxide, veggie, vegetarian				

1 - Update to the menu starting Monday, instead of burgers the green option will be a chicken Balti pie with curly fries.

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 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 and a chance of growing. 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!

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...	Who should I speak to?
Reading books, learning, homework, behaviour, personal wellbeing, friendships and any worries at all	Class teacher on the door <u>after school</u> , via ClassDojo, or email on admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk
Safeguarding / Child Protection Concerns Confidential information Attendance / Lateness Family support needed Specific worries over emotional issues, mental health and counselling	Headteacher: Mrs Benarous Family Support Worker: Ms Swallow Attendance Officer: Mrs Ross Via the office 02476 466337
Lunches, change of address or numbers, trips, tickets, appointments with staff, clubs, payments	Office team: Mrs Angie Herbert, Mrs Claire Morris, Mrs Hayley Bates admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk 02476 466337
After School, Holiday and Breakfast Club	Mrs Tina Nicholson OOSC@templars.coventry.sch.uk 07572 179485
Special Educational Needs, ECHP applications, medical concerns, returns from long-term illness, support for children	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.