



# Templars Primary School

## Newsletter 15.5.26

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at [Templars Primary School](#), I wanted to focus on something at the very heart of our school: learning!

One of the greatest privileges of being Headteacher is walking around school and seeing the huge variety of learning taking place every single day. In one classroom, children may be exploring the Blitz in History and discussing how we learn from the past. In another, pupils may be solving challenging maths problems, writing stories, investigating science questions, learning French, creating artwork, reading together or developing teamwork through PE. Across school, there is a constant buzz of curiosity, resilience and achievement.

At Templars, we believe that learning is about far more than simply getting answers right. We want our children to become confident learners who ask questions, keep trying when things feel difficult, think deeply and take pride in improvement. That is why we place such importance on routines, reading, vocabulary, attendance, behaviour and positive relationships — these are the foundations that allow learning to flourish.

Our website gives a real flavour of this. From our curriculum pages to the year group overviews, from OPAL play to character education, you can see how much thought goes into creating rich experiences for our children and helping them develop as well-rounded young people.

Parents play a huge role in this journey. Some of the most powerful things families can do to support learning are often the simplest:

- **making sure children attend school every day and arrive on time**
- hearing children read regularly and talking about books
- asking children what they learned rather than just what they did
- encouraging independence and resilience
- celebrating effort as much as success
- making bedtime routines and sleep a priority

Small daily habits make an enormous difference over time.

We know that learning is not always easy. Children will sometimes struggle, forget things, make mistakes or feel challenged — and that is completely normal. In fact, some of the strongest learning happens when children persevere through difficulty. One of the key messages we give children at Templars is that getting stuck is not failure; it is part of learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. When school and families work together, children thrive — and every day across Team Templars, we see that happening.

**Current Year 2 parents; did you know if your child** is not registered as Free School Meals, you will start paying for school meals from September when your child goes into Year 3. If you wish to apply for FSM please contact office and we can send an application form home.

**Year 6 Parents** - Miss Tuckey is holding a meeting for DYM next Thursday at 5pm

### **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

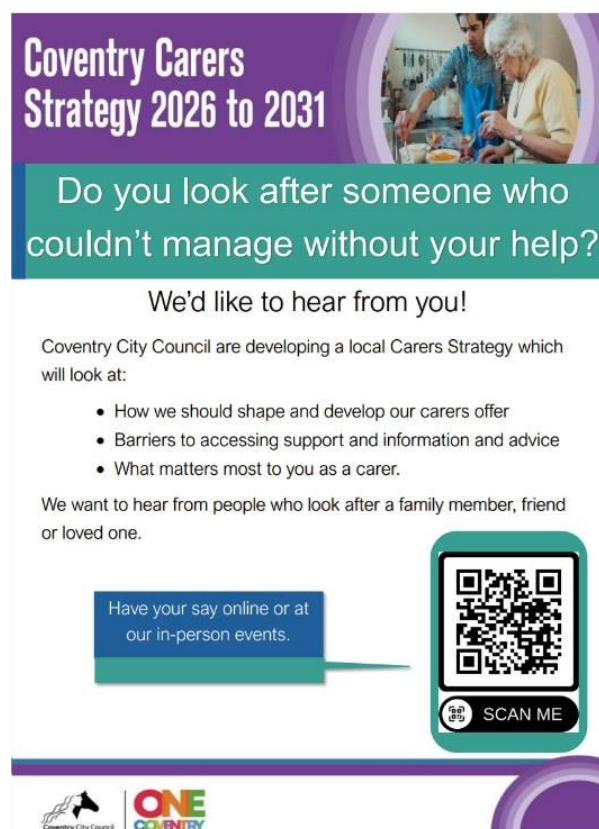
You do not need to be “an expert” — in fact, hearing from parents who know our community is incredibly valuable.

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.

Harvey for a great effort in his handwriting joins and using them in his writing

1KW Reagan for following our school rules and working hard during all lessons

2S Marleigh-Mae for super Maths

2M Louis for working hard in his Writing lessons

3M Finn for bringing back the sunshine to Templars!

4AR Sally for showing fantastic effort in PE

4H Jacob for super enthusiasm in Maths

5H Palvit for excellent retrieval in Geography

5F Charlie for showing great resilience and always trying his hardest

6T Adhi for his resilience this week and effort in singing practice

6M Jakub for a positive attitude and showing resilience during SATs Week.

## 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 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Traditional Templari Feast Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni cheese with a garlic slice and vegetables (Halal/Vegetarian)	Hot dogs with bun/ies and sweetcorn (Halal option available)	Chicken roast, roast potatoes with vegetables and gravy	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	Cheese panini with crisps	Chicken and stuffing panini with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps	Ham Panini with crisps
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Served with a rainbow salad				
<b>Potato choice</b>	Potato wedges, roast potatoes, chips, mash, curly fries (difference potato choice each day)			
<b>Vegetable choice</b>	Carrots, peas, green beans, broccoli, sweetcorn, kalia, cauliflower, swede, savoy cabbage, broad beans (different vegetable choices each day)			
<b>Dessert choices</b>	Sponge cake, & custard/cream, yoghurt, cheese & crackers, chocolate brownie, cookies, apple crumble, ice-cream, shortbread, pizza, mess, muffins, chocolate fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, custard, jam coconut sponge, jam tarts, jam donuts, waffle, jelly, pancakes, banana bread, rock cake, chocolate mousse, hot dogs, piggy bank, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)			
<b>Allergen Information</b>	Wheat, Eggs, Milk, Celery, Soy, Fish, Mustard, Sulphur Dioxide, Vegan, Vegetarian			

1 - Pupil request: Monday, instead of burgers the green option will be a chicken Balti pie with curly fries.

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
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>SPARK Days</b>	<b>During this week</b>
Yr1 Spark Day	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Parent and Pupil Trip to Warwick Arts Centre	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May
KS2 SATs for Year 6	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Yr1 to Warwick Arts	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Whole School Art Day	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Yr1 to Warwick Arts	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Chess Competition	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>Break up for Half Term</b>	<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>1st June</b>
<b>BOOST Day</b>	<b>During this week</b>
Yr 4 Multiplication Check	Begins 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Yr 1 Boost Day	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Yr 6 PSHE Virtual workshop	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Year 5 and 6 Spain Trip	7 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 1 and 2 Phonics Screening	Begins 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 2 Trip to Coventry	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Nursery Sports Days 9 am and 2pm	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 1 and 2 Sports days 2pm	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 6 to Warwick Uni	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Reception Sports Day 2pm	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June
New to Nursery Parent Evening	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 5 and 6 Sports Day 2pm	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 3 and 4 Sports Day 2pm	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Dol-y-Moch Yr 6	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> to Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Year 1 to Coventry	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June
1KW to Warwick Arts Centre	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June
New to Reception Parent Evening	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr 3 Beach Trip to Weston-Super-Mare	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 to Kenilworth Castle	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Transition Day	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Yr 6 Performance Dress Rehearsals	W/b 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Be Our Guest Events</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Year 6 Performances	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Fayre	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Yr6 Leavers Lunch	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>School Ends for Summer</b>	<b>17th July</b>

**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, it is important that they are given the opportunity to be part of the greatest possible experience. Having grown up singing and praying in a cathedral choir to God, I can only commend this opportunity which could be the thing that gives your child the strength to overcome all the challenges of life and to become a person of faith. 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. Meet every week of the year.

If your child has to sing, please do consider the opportunity that being in the choir 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 choir.

**With every blessing,  
+Sophie 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>

**SCAN ME**



**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**

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**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 was shy, but singing made her more confident. 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

"Before I joined, I didn'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 we've sung!" - 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](http://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk)

**CoventryCathedralMusic**



**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](http://coventryfamilies.co.uk/parenting-programme-events)

To find out more e-mail:  
[familyrelationships@coventry.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 <a href="mailto:admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk">admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk</a>
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 <a href="mailto:admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk">admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk</a> 02476 466337
After School, Holiday and Breakfast Club	Mrs Tina Nicholson <a href="mailto:OOSC@templars.coventry.sch.uk">OOSC@templars.coventry.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="mailto:senco@templars.coventry.sch.uk">senco@templars.coventry.sch.uk</a>

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.