



# Templars Primary School

## Newsletter 5.6.26

Date: 5th June 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

One thing we value greatly at Templars is **pupil voice**. We believe children should not simply experience school – they should help shape it. Whether through the School Council, pupil leadership opportunities or simply taking the time to listen carefully to their views, we want our children to know that their opinions matter and that they can play an active role in making our school even better.

This week provided two wonderful examples of pupil voice in action.

Firstly, many children join Templars throughout the year rather than in September. We know this can be a challenging experience both educationally and emotionally, and part of Assistant Headteacher Mrs Dunkley's role is to ensure that new pupils are welcomed, assessed and settled into school life as smoothly as possible.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with a group of children in Years 3 and 4 who had joined us during the year. We wanted to hear directly from them about their experiences of

settling into Templars. I was incredibly proud to hear that, overwhelmingly, they told us they preferred Templars to their previous schools. They spoke about the kindness of both adults and children, how welcome they had been made to feel and, unsurprisingly, how much they love OPAL playtimes!

During our discussion, several children shared a tradition from their previous schools that they particularly enjoyed – being able to wear their own clothes on their birthday. We thought this was a lovely idea and one that fits perfectly with our values of Care, Respect and Honesty, as well as our belief that every child deserves to feel valued, celebrated and included.

As a result of their suggestion, children are now welcome to wear their own clothes on their birthday instead of school uniform.

If a birthday falls on a weekend, children may choose to wear their own clothes on the Friday before or Monday after. If a birthday falls during a school holiday, children can celebrate on their first day back at school.

We hope this small gesture helps make every child feel special on their big day and reinforces our message that at Templars, everybody belongs.

Our second example comes from the School Council. We believe it is important that children understand not only the enjoyable aspects of school life, but also the priorities we are working hard to improve.

One of our key priorities this year continues to be attendance and punctuality. Miss Harrold recently led a discussion with School Councillors about why arriving on time matters. What struck us was how clearly the children understood the issue. They talked about the disruption caused when lessons are interrupted by late arrivals, the additional demands placed on teachers who must help children catch up, and how uncomfortable or embarrassing it can feel for a child arriving after everyone else.

Rather than simply identifying the problem, the children wanted to be part of the solution.

Their idea was a fun way of celebrating classes that are ready to learn from the very start of the day. Therefore, from this half-term onwards, any class achieving 97% punctuality or above for the week will receive an ice-pop reward on Friday. Multiple classes within a year group can win, meaning every class has the opportunity to be successful.

Miss Ross, our Attendance Officer, will also keep track of weekly winners throughout the term. At the end of term, the class in each year group with the most weekly wins will enjoy a movie afternoon with popcorn.

We know that getting children to school on time is not always straightforward and we will continue to work alongside families who need support. This initiative is not about criticising

difficulties; it is about celebrating success and recognising the importance of being ready to learn from the start of every school day.

Both of these examples remind us that children often have brilliant ideas. When we genuinely listen to them, we not only make our school better, but we also help our pupils learn that their voices matter, that they can influence positive change and that they have a real part to play in our school community.

**Every child, every day, every chance.**

### **Staff Training Days for September 2026**

I wanted to give parents as much notice as possible about our training arrangements for the start of the next academic year.

Pupils will return to school one week later than usual on Monday 7th September. During the previous week, following Bank Holiday Monday, all staff will be undertaking an intensive programme of professional development and training before children return.

We have deliberately chosen to **front-load most of our staff training days** at the start of the year rather than spread them throughout the academic year. There will be only one more training day, on Monday 7th December. This approach has several benefits:

- Children will experience a stronger and more consistent start to the school year.
- Staff will receive high-quality training before pupils arrive, allowing new learning and strategies to be implemented immediately.
- It has enabled us to secure a number of excellent external trainers and specialists who would not normally be available during the school year.
- Staff will have dedicated time to work together on curriculum development, safeguarding, inclusion and teaching and learning priorities, ultimately benefiting every child in school.
- By completing much of our training at the beginning of the year, we minimise disruption to learning later in the academic year.

We appreciate that the extended summer break may also help some families with childcare arrangements and holiday planning. However, the primary reason for this decision is to ensure that children return to a school where staff are exceptionally well prepared and ready to provide the very best education and support from day one.

Specific arrangements for Reception and Nursery parents will be shared very soon.

We know that many of our families rely on childcare during school holidays. As a result, we are looking into the possibility of offering a holiday club during this additional week. To help us plan, please keep an eye out for a Class Dojo message next week asking whether you

would be interested. Your response will help us determine whether there is enough demand to make this possible.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

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Invitation to Year 5 pupils and parents

The Westwood Academy  
Ofsted rated 'Good'  
in all areas, 2025

We warmly invite pupils & parents/carers of current Year 5 to participate in our Saturday morning 'Challenge Workshops'. You will meet our teachers & students and find out all about our fantastic school.  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE—BOOK NOW! (SEE OVER FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO BOOK)

Saturday 27th June 2026, 10:00 -12:00  
Challenge Morning workshops

Science Challenge	Be a Scientist
Food Technology Challenge	Pitta Fizza Challenge
CAD/CAM Challenge	Computer aided Design and Manufacture Challenge
PE Challenge	Be a Sports Star
Geography Challenge	Mapping Challenge
Drama Challenge	"I can't believe they're not fighting"
History	History Mystery
Computer Science	Secret Messages Encryption 101

**HOW TO BOOK** Please complete the form, via the QR code, by Monday 22nd June.  
Please state which two workshops you would like to book and a reserve option.  
Parents must remain with children throughout the morning and are encouraged to participate in the challenges!

Challenge Morning Saturday 27th June 2026



Date: June 2026  
Our Ref: M92805261/EF/AMH

Dear Headteacher

The tragic loss of a teenager at Kingsbury Water Park over the Bank Holiday weekend and several other incidents across the country has highlighted the dangers of open water, especially for young people during periods of hot weather.

In the West Midlands our main sources of water danger are from canals, rivers, lakes and ponds but your pupils might be visiting the beach over the summer period.

Given the summer holidays are only a half term away, we urge you to pass on the safety messages to pupils through any written communications, during assemblies and in any wider planned communications to parents before the end of term.

Our website provides useful water safety statistics and resources [WMFS - Water Safety](#).

We also highly recommend the resources provided by the RNLI tailored to different age groups [RNLI Education Resources For Young People](#).

We do still have availability for next half term for our water safety programmes and can provide appropriate WMFS Water Safety Education for your key stages.

- For Reception we have "People Who Help Us" which introduces children to the job of a firefighter, including water safety.
- In Year 4 our operational fire crews will visit school to deliver SPARKS. The 1-hour session covers water, fire and road safety.
- Our Interactive education centre "Safeside" provides a memorable school trip covering a wide range of safety messages, including water safety, aimed at Year 5
- Our Prevention Practitioners deliver 1-hour sessions to groups of KS3 and 4 pupils and this includes a session on water safety.

Details of how to access these services and other education resources can be found on our website at [WMFS - Education Services](#).

We want all children and young people to have a fun over the summer period, but rest assured, West Midlands Fire Service will be here in an emergency, should we be called upon.

Kind regards,



Emily Fernandez  
Assistant Director of Prevention

**KEY SUMMER DEADLINE DATES - Order early to avoid the Back to School rush!**

- **Direct to School (Delivery to School)** – Order by **Friday 12th June** for free delivery to school before the summer holidays\*
- \*From **Saturday 13th June**, all orders will switch to Parents Direct (Home Delivery).
- **Parents Direct (Home Delivery)** – Order by **Friday 17th July** for delivery before the new September term.
- **Wholesale Orders** – Order by **Friday 12th June** for delivery to school before the end of the summer term.

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## 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.

RS Oliver for fantastic effort in writing

- 1S Logan for his amazing enthusiasm using art pastels
- 1KW Bukunmi for always using his marvellous manners
- 2P Mariam for fantastic effort in our fractions topic in Maths
- 2S Harley-Rose for scoring 10/10 in her spelling test
- 3M Elsie for showing all the school values and making great progress in her learning
- 4AR Zareesha for settling in well to Templars and 4AR
- Dean for engaging well with the next level spellings
- 5H Zulaika for effort in Maths lessons
- 5F Fuad for good progress in English and for lots of reading at home
- 6T Ariana for approaching every day with a positive attitude, treating others with care and setting an excellent example
- 6M Alex has shown great improvements in his writing and working hard past SATs
- 6B Lacie-Mai for amazing effort despite sustaining an injury

## Lunch Menu

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/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	Hot spinach with crisps	Cheese panini with crisps	Hot panini with crisps
	Hot chicken 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 (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, etan mass, muffins, choux/leche fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, custard, jam omelette sponge, jam tarts, jam donuts, waffle, jelly, pancakes, banana bread, rocky road, chocolate mousses, ked doughnuts, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)			
Allergen Information				

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

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.

## Dates and Events

Event	Dates
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>
SPARK Days	During this week
Yr1 Spark Day	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May
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
Break up for Half Term	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>BACK to SCHOOL for PUPILS</b>	<b>1st June</b>
BOOST Day	During this week
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**

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  
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Mrs Tina Nicholson  
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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.