

Templars Primary School

Newsletter 11.9.26

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WHAT A FIRST WEEK BACK!

What a wonderful first week we have had at Templars: children are happy, classrooms are calm and purposeful, and pupils are getting to know their new teachers, new routines and, in some cases, new classmates. A huge **thank you to you, our parents and carers too**. A successful start to the school year really is a partnership, and your support this week has helped us get off to a fantastic start.

 **Learning to Learn** This week has deliberately been a little different from an ordinary school week. Our first week is our **Learning to Learn Week**. Before we expect children to race ahead with the curriculum, we want to make sure that they feel safe, belong, understand their classroom and know **how to be successful learners at Templars**.

Children have been spending time learning and practising: • classroom routines and expectations • how we move safely and calmly around school • what good listening and learning look like • how we look after our classrooms, books and resources • how we work successfully with other people • what to do when learning feels difficult • how we regulate our emotions and ask for help • our expectations for behaviour, playtimes and lunchtimes • how we keep ourselves and one another safe.

They have also been building relationships with their teachers and classmates. Some children settle into a new year almost immediately; for others it takes a little longer. **Both are completely normal**. Our job is to notice, support and help every child find their feet.

Favourite quote of the week was from Tommy F in Year 2. When I asked him what he had been learning, he said, "I'm just doing my work!" It's as easy as that!

What we are already seeing across school is children beginning to understand again what it means to be part of Templars: **Care, Respect and Honesty — every child, every day, every chance**.

An exemplary fire drill

Keeping children safe has been one of our strongest themes this week. We had a **brand-new fire alarm system installed over the summer**, and this week the whole school completed its first fire drill. It was **exemplary**. Children listened carefully, followed instructions, left the

building calmly and safely and showed just how seriously they take our safety routines. We practise these procedures because, in an emergency, we want children and adults to know exactly what to do without hesitation. It was a very reassuring start to the year and something the children should be extremely proud of.

 **Keeping children safe** Alongside fire safety, children have been reminded throughout the week about the trusted adults around them, speaking up if something worries them, looking after one another and making safe choices. Our staff completed extensive safeguarding training before the children returned, alongside training in medical needs, emergency procedures, relationships, behaviour and regulation. Keeping children safe is not something we do occasionally at Templars — it sits underneath everything else we do.

 **97% attendance — WOW!** One of the biggest celebrations of the week has been our attendance **Whole-school attendance this week has been an incredible 97%.** That is the **highest first-week attendance we have recorded in years.** What a start! Thank you for getting children into school, getting them here on time and helping us establish those routines immediately. Every school day really does matter. Strong attendance means children learn more, build stronger friendships, feel more connected to their class and find school routines easier. Our challenge now is simple: **Can we keep it going?**

 **A new year — a chance to reset** The beginning of a school year is a great opportunity for all of us — children, staff and families — to reset. Perhaps as a family you could choose one or two little goals for the year:

Can we get to school on time every day?

Can we make sure appointments are outside the school day wherever possible?

Can we check ClassDojo regularly?

Can we make bedtime and morning routines a little easier?

Small habits, repeated every day, make a huge difference over a school year. And as adults, it is worth remembering that children watch us too. Our **Parent and Carer Code of Conduct** sets out the respectful, positive behaviour we expect around school and in our communication with one another. We want our children to see the adults around them demonstrating the same **Care, Respect and Honesty** that we ask of them.

 **Important new allergy and anaphylaxis arrangements** There has also been an important national change this September which I want all families to know about. New statutory allergy-safety requirements have come into force for schools in England. They are often referred to as **Benedict's Law**, in memory of **Benedict Blythe**. Benedict was just five years old when, in December 2021, he suffered a fatal anaphylactic reaction after collapsing at school. His family have since campaigned to improve allergy safety for children in schools. The changes mean schools must take a clear, whole-school approach to managing

allergies, including an allergy safety policy and appropriate staff training. At Templars, we have **front-loaded this work at the very beginning of the year**. Staff have completed allergy and anaphylaxis awareness training so that they understand how to recognise an allergic reaction, reduce risk and respond appropriately in an emergency. I am attaching our **Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy** to this newsletter and would encourage all families to read it. If your child has an allergy — even if you believe school already knows about it — please make sure that we have the most up-to-date information and medication required. Allergy safety is everybody's responsibility, and we want children with allergies to be able to take part in school life safely, confidently and fully.

 **And now the learning really gets going...** With those strong foundations established, next week we begin moving fully into our curriculum. You will start to see children bringing home:• curriculum information for their year group• spelling information• reading and home-learning expectations• logins and information for online learning programmes where appropriate.

We will also shortly share dates for our **year-group parent meetings**, when you will have the opportunity to come into school, see how children have settled and find out more about the year ahead. There is so much to look forward to.

Clubs, School Council and new opportunities

One thing we haven't quite managed this week is to get our after-school clubs up and running. In hindsight, beginning them so soon was probably a little ambitious! We hope to go live with our club offer next week.

What will begin next week is our **School Council election process**.

Please talk to your child about whether they might like to put themselves forward. Standing up in front of classmates, explaining why you would like to represent them and asking for their vote takes real courage, and we would love lots of children to have a go.

School Council is one of the few opportunities in school where children are selected by a **peer vote**, so inevitably not everyone who stands will be elected. However, School Council is only one of the ways children can take responsibility and make a difference at Templars.

We will soon be launching our new **Templars Community Champs**, which will give many more children — potentially every child who wants to be involved — the opportunity to take on a responsibility linked to something they care about or are interested in across the school.

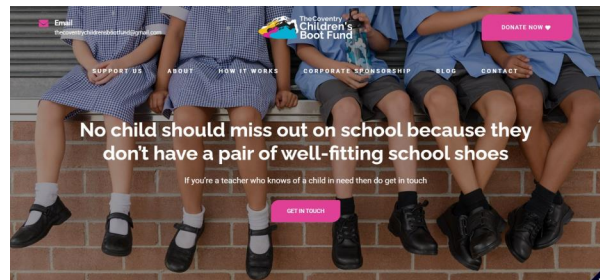
There will be lots of different ways to contribute, help others and play a part in making Templars even better.

I'll share much more about **Templars Community Champs** next week.

♥ **A final thank you** The beginning of September is always important. New classes, new relationships, new expectations and, for some children, an entirely new school. Yet after just a few days, Templars already feels settled again.

97% attendance. Happy children. Calm classrooms. Strong routines. And hundreds of children ready to learn. That is a first week worth celebrating. Thank you to our children, families and staff for making it such a positive start.

Now let's make 2026–27 our best year yet. Every child. Every day. Every chance. ♥



The Coventry Children's Boot Fund is a Coventry based charity which provides school shoes for families in their time of need. No child should be made to feel different because their circumstances mean they don't have a well-fitting pair of shoes to wear to school. The damage to their self-esteem and the potential to miss out on education can affect their life chances.

Unfortunately, the pressure of today's fast-moving world can leave a young family behind. Even today many children attend school wearing worn out or poorly fitting shoes, which parents simply cannot afford to replace.

The Coventry Children's Boot Fund receives no government funding and relies on the kindness of donations and sponsorship.

How it Works: Applications can be made through Mrs Morris in the school office. If you need help, you can apply as long as you have not applied for Boot Fund within the last 12 months, then they are able to apply for one child within the household. The first **deadline is Tuesday 15th September** so don't delay!

Further deadlines: Tuesday 1st December 2026 Tuesday 26th January 2027 Tuesday 4th May 2027

Please find lots more information on their website: <https://www.childrensbootfund.org.uk/>

Headteacher's Award 2026-27



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 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.

1C Oritseweyimi for his amazing participation in all lessons

2L Kohl for joining in class discussions

2F Robin for super participation this week

2S Lewis for care, respect and honesty

3D Lacey-Leigh for an amazing start to Year 3

3W Harvey for settling quickly into Year 3 and having a great first week

4T Borys for demonstrating our values every day. A pleasure to have in class.

4A Reet for settling into Year 4 so well and being a role model

4AR Anamta for settling in beautifully to Templars

5G Vaishnavi for showing care and helping another child

5A Younus for a cracking start to Year 5!

5H Jaye for showing our school values of care, respect and honesty

6M Lillie-Dian has settled amazingly into Year 6 and keeping her teacher on track as classroom manager!

6DW Jacob for a fantastic start to Year 6. Your engagement in Maths has been great.

6F Ning for being simply fabulous! For settling quickly into Year 3 and having a great first week

Supporting our Community

On 13th september Olivia in Year 4 is donating her hair for her best friend who is going through cancer treatment. I am sure you would agree that this is a cause we can all get behind:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/olivia-goldsmith-sponsored-hair-donation?fbclid=IwdGRjcAUKMcD0ZGNwBQoPamNsY2sFCg9JcGRvZgVleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBzc nRjBmFwcF9pZAwzNTA2ODU1MzE3MjgAAR7VdOtRzUEiZSuvYjnccoL2 u0L6LrqGUdprc2Pml 6KSwwJLhCJ3wgSPd4atA aem ewFwxku6lSDIDzvsCOsY6g>



Hi,

I hope you don't mind me reaching out, I am contacting from The Lily Mae Foundation, a local baby loss support charity. We are based not too far from you, just in Balsall Common :)

The Lily Mae Foundation supports bereaved parents and families following the loss of a baby to Stillbirth, Neonatal Death, Miscarriage and Medical Termination. To enable us to offer the support we do, each year we hold one of our biggest annual fundraisers, the Balsall Common Fun Run.

Our tagline for the event is Walk, Jog, Run, Race and we welcome people of all ages and abilities for our Mini Runs, Junior 5KM, Family 5KM and Adult 5KM & 10KM events.

As a school local to us, I just wanted to see if it would be possible for you to share our poster of the event with your students across any news letters or boards.

Sign up link is here: <https://www.lilymaefoundation.org/event-details/balsall-common-fun-run-2026> and I have also attached a poster with a QR code

It would mean such a lot to us if you could and we would absolutely love to see some of your students take part on the day!

This year's event is **Sunday September 13th 2026.**

Many Thanks

Lucy Williams

LUCY WILLIAMS

Marketing & Advertising Manager
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Supporting Parents & Families after a Stillbirth,
Neonatal Death, Miscarriage or Medical Termination

Who can help in a crisis?

Nobody plans to have a Mental Health Crisis.
If you need immediate help and support it is always
OK to ask for help!

- Contact NHS 111 (England)
- Call Samaritans on freephone 116 123



Charity Number: 1149341 - Company Number: 8205134 Registered in the UK

Lunch Menu

SUMMER TERM MENU - WEEK 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken curry with wholegrain rice (halal option available) (Year 1-6 only)	Wholewheat pasta bolognese with a garlic slice and vegetables	Chicken roast, roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy (nursery and reception only)	Chicken fajita wraps with wedges and salad (halal option available) (Nursery and Reception only)	Fish fingers with chips and beans (halal)
Lentil and Vegetable Curry with Wholegrain Rice (Nursery and Reception only)	Jacket potato, Beans/Cheese (halal, vegetarian)	Toad in the hole, mashed potatoes with vegetable and gravy	Chicken fajita wraps with wedges and salad (halal option available) (Nursery and Reception only)	Fish fingers with chips and beans (halal)
Quinn toad in the hole, mashed potato with vegetables and gravy (halal, vegetarian) (Year 1-6 only)	Jacket potato, Beans/Cheese (halal, vegetarian)	Quinn toad in the hole, mashed potato with vegetables and gravy (halal, vegetarian) (Year 1-6 only)	Jacket potato with tuna/cheese (halal, vegetarian)	Tomato pasta with garlic slice (vegetarian, halal)
Cheese sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Cheese sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Cheese sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Cheese sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Cheese sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)
Ham sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Ham sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Ham sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Ham sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)	Ham sandwich with crisps (Year 1-6 only)
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, sweetie, savoy cabbage, broad beans (different vegetable choices each day)			
Dessert choices	Sponge cake, custard/cream, yoghurt, cheese & crackers, chocolate brownie, cookies, apple crumble, ice-creams, shortbread, egg mess, muffins, chocolate fudge cake, sticky toffee pudding, custard, jam coconut sponge, jam tart, jam donut, waffle, jelly, pancakes, banana bread, rocky road, chocolate mousse, toad dounts, gingerbread, flapjacks, chocolate crisp, fruit salad (different dessert choice each day)			
Allergen Information	Wheat Eggs Milk Soy Celery Fish Mustard Sulphur Dioxide Vegetarian			

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
NEW SCHOOL YEAR Training Days	1st to 4 th September
School starts for Years 1-6	Mon 7 th September
Nursery and Reception start dates are on your pack	
Learning to Learn <u>week</u> for all learners	WB Mon 7 th Sept
Year 5 swimming starts	Fri 11 th September
Spark Days and Knowledge Harvests	WB Mon 14 th Sept
After school activities begin	WB Mon 21st Sept
Welcome to Yr group meetings 1-5	WB Mon 21st Sept
Parents Phonics Workshops	WB Mon 28th Sept
Flu Immunisation	Tues 29 th Sept
National Poetry Day	Tues 29 th Sept
Parents Evening (no after school activities on these days)	Wed 14 th Oct 3.30 - 5.30 and Thurs 15th Oct 3.30 - 6.30
Yr6 Sleepover at Rough Close	Thurs 22nd October

<u>PumpkinFest</u>	Wed 21 st October
Half term begins	Mon 28 th October
Back to School	Mon 2 nd November
Learning to Learn week and Boost Day	WB 2 nd November
Year 5 to Tamworth Castle	Wed 4 th November
National Outdoor Learning Day	Thurs 5 th November
Free Breakfast Club Festival Week!	Mon 9 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	WB 16 th November
Year 2 to Selly Manor	Wed 18 th November
Year 3 to Compton Verney	Thurs 19th & Fri 20th
Children in Need Day	Fri 20 th November
Yr6 Doy-y-Moch and SATs Info evening	Tues 24 th November
Assessment fortnight opens	WB 30 th November
Training Day (school closed to children)	Mon 7 th December
Be Our Guest Events across the week	WB 14 th December
Craft Day	Mon 14 th December
Concerts	Tues 15 th December

Christmas Dinner	Wed 16 th December
Party Day	Thurs 17 th December
Reception classes to Warwick Arts	Thurs 17 th December
Whole school Film Club and Dodgeball/Snowball tournament	Fri 18 th December
Christmas Holidays begin	Mon 21 st December
Return to School on	Mon 4 th January
Learning to Learn Week	WB 4 th January
Spark Day and Knowledge Harvests	WB 11 th January
Tizz Time for Reception classes	Tues 12 th January
Whole school Snow White Panto	Thurs 21 st January
Children's Mental Health Week	WB 1 st February
Internet Safety Day	Tues 9 th February
Half Term begins	Mon 15 th February
Return to School	22 nd February
Boost Days	WB 22 nd February

Parents Evening (no after school activities)	Wed 3 rd March 3.30 - 5.30 and Thurs 4 th March 3.30 - 6.30
World Book Day	Thurs 4 th March
STEM week	WB 8 th March
Assessment Fortnight opens	WB 8 th March
Be Our Guest Events	WB 22 nd March
SpringFest	Wed 24 th March
Easter break begins	Mon 29 th March
Return to School	Mon 12 th April
Spark Day and Knowledge Harvest	WB Mon 12 th April
Whole School Art Day	Thurs 29 th April
Bank Holiday	Mon 3 rd May
Yr6 SATs Week	WB 10 th May
Yr 6 Learning to Learn Transition Week	WB 17 th May
Outdoor Classroom Day	Thurs 20 th May
Year6 Dol-Y-Moch Week	WB Mon 24 th May

Careers Week	WB 24 th May
Half Term begins	Mon 31 st May
Return to School	Mon 7 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check Fortnight opens	WB 7 th June
SEN Parent Meetings	WB 7 th June
Sports Day (new and improved!)	WB 5 th June
Transition Day	Wed 7 th July
Be Our Guest Events	WB 12 th July
Year 6 Leavers events	WB 19 th July
Last Day of School	Wed 21 st 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 Events for Pupils

NR:GEE CHILDREN & YOUTH CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY**
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Games, friends & fun every Friday** for children aged from 10 to 16, all free!

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Lots to do each week, including:

- Pool
- Table Tennis
- Air Hockey
- Table Football
- Playstation
- Board games

Free entry!

WHERE?
The Salvation Army
Upper Well Street,
Coventry, CV1 4AG

Ages 10 to 16

COVENTRY CITY CORPS
CHILDREN, YOUTH & STUDENT PROGRAMMES
*Tuck Shop items are charged
**Term time only

More Information
coventry.city.corps@salvationarmy.org.uk 024 7655 2183

The Salvation Army
Upper Well Street, Coventry, CV1 4AG
The Salvation Army is a Christian church and registered charity in England (264796), Wales (264796), Scotland (SC100558) and the Republic of Ireland (C61688).

Support for Parents

Find out how to support your child with reading and writing

free
online
course

Join our free 10 week online programme – English in Primary School

This course is for

All parents and carers with children in Coventry.

What you'll learn

The phonics, reading, grammar and spelling 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

Where it is

A **pre-recorded** online course to watch where and when you like.

When it is

Online, from September 21 for 10 weeks

How to join

Scan the QR code.

View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted find out more email aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk



"I work full-time and couldn't go to the daytime classes, so this fitted in well."



Assume you have a place unless you hear from us

Support your child with primary school maths

free
online
course

Join our free 10-week online course to give you confidence in using maths with your children

This course is for

All parents and carers with children in Coventry.

What you'll learn

The maths words and methods used in primary schools and how you can help at home.

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"I learnt so much – now it's much easier to help my son with his maths."



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Find out how to raise happy, secure and well-behaved children

Join our free 10 week online course – Positive Family Foundations

free online course

This course is for
All parents and carers with children in Coventry.

What you'll learn
How children develop with practical examples to support behaviour, well-being and mental health.

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'It was easy to get online to do this – even with the kids at home!'

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Sarah Jane McGarry - Autism & ADHD Advocates<sarahjane@autismadhdadvocates.org>

Hi everyone,

I wanted to put my main links in one place so you can see what support is available and share relevant information with families.

I provide family support, workshops and psychoeducation around autism, ADHD, SEN, executive functioning, sensory processing, behaviour and learning.

Main website

<https://www.autismadhdadvocates.org/>

An overview of the service, free ADHD screening, an executive functioning quiz and family support registration.

What's On

<https://www.autismadhdadvocates.org/whats-on>

Current free online sessions, community workshops and booking information. A diagnosis is not required to attend.

Children's psychoeducation videos

<https://www.youtube.com/@MyAutisticBrainMe>

Short videos helping children and families understand experiences that may be linked to autism.

Blogs

<https://www.autismadhdadvocates.org/blogs>

Free, accessible information that can be shared with parents, carers, adults and professionals.

I have also attached information for parents, education settings and early-intervention services. Please feel free to share anything relevant with the families and professionals you work with.

Kind Regards

Sarah-Jane McGarry

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