

Templars Primary School

Newsletter 25.9.26

Date: 25th September 2026

Email: admin@templars.coventry.sch.uk

Belonging at Templars

There has been lots happening at Templars again this week, but one theme has really stood out: **belonging**.

In assembly this week, we talked about what it really means to belong to a community. We described it as **that feeling you get when your community cares about you — and you care about your community too**. We then challenged the children to think about what *their* contribution to Templars could look like.

Our **School Council election process is now in full swing**. Nominations are in and voting will take place this coming week. This year, for the first time, we are going digital!   This was actually an idea from our previous School Council, who felt that online voting would reduce unnecessary paper waste — a lovely example of our pupils influencing how we do things at Templars.

Our **Key Stage 2 children** have also been introduced to our **Templars Community Champions**. Every child will shortly have the opportunity to apply for one of a wide range of roles that allow them to contribute to school life and our wider community.

Not everybody will want to stand for School Council — and, of course, not everybody who stands can be elected — but there are **lots of different ways to belong, contribute and make a difference**. That's exactly what our Community Champions are about.

We want our children to know that Templars isn't simply the school they attend. **It's their community, and they have an important part to play in making it a great one.** 

Save the Date – Tuesday 6th October

You may have spotted in our school dates that we had planned **year-group meetings for parents**. We've decided to do things a little differently this year and, instead, we're inviting parents of children in **Years 1–5** to an **Open Hour after drop-off on Tuesday 6th October**.

Come in, pop into your child's classroom for a few minutes and see them **in situ — learning, settled and getting on with their school day!** It's simply a nice opportunity to see a little bit of school life for yourself.

I and other members of **SLT will also be around**, so if there is something you would like to ask, discuss or share with us, please come and have a chat.

The Open Hour will then lead nicely into the **first of our Parent Forum sessions** that day. As shared previously, we are running the Parent Forum at **three different times on 6th October** to give as many parents as possible the opportunity to take part.

Reception parents will have their own opportunity to come into school, and a Year 6 parent meeting will take place a little later this term, so more information about those will follow.

For now, **pop Tuesday 6th October in your diary!** 💙

The Great Templars Uniform Amnesty!

We are officially **overrun with pre-loved uniform!** We have lots of really good-quality items looking for new homes — particularly **trousers and pinafores**, but also jumpers, coats and plenty more.

So, between now and **Thursday**, we're having a **Uniform Amnesty!** We'll put everything out in **Templars Community Centre** and leave it there, so please pop in whenever the centre is open, have a good rummage and take anything your children can make use of. **There's no need to wait for a special sale or collection time.**

We simply ask for a **donation of whatever you can afford** for anything you take. Every little bit helps us support the children and school.

On **Thursday, Coventry Clothing Bank will collect everything that is left**, so this is your chance to stock up before it goes.

Please come and help yourselves — **good for your purse, good for the planet, and very good for helping us reclaim some space!**  

Year 5 Swimming – Friday Collection Reminder

A quick reminder for parents and carers of children attending swimming on Friday afternoons.

The children swim from **2:15pm–2:45pm**. We then need to get 42 children changed, organised and safely back to school. We aim to be back at approximately **3:30pm**, but please bear with us if we are a few minutes later — keeping such a large group together and safe on the walk back has to come first.

Please do not take your child from the group as we are walking back to school, or ask staff to take individual children to waiting cars. We need every child to return into school with us first so that we can account for all 42 children and be completely certain that nobody has become separated from the group, left with another adult, or gone out of school without staff knowing.

Once everyone is safely back, accounted for and where they should be, we can dismiss children in the usual way.

Thank you for your patience and for helping us keep all of our children safe. 🙏

Year 6 Boomerang Youth Club Reminder

A quick reminder for **Year 6 pupils and parents** that Youth Club starts at **5:30pm**.

Last week, quite a few children arrived from around **5:05pm**. Unfortunately, we are **not able to supervise children before 5:30pm**, so please make sure children do not arrive early or are appropriately supervised until the club begins.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe. 😊

Birthday Own-Clothes Reminder

Just a quick reminder about our **birthday own-clothes treat**:

📍 **Birthday at the weekend?** You choose — wear your own clothes on the **Friday before or Monday after**.

📍 **Birthday during a school holiday?** You can wear your own clothes on the **first day back at school**.

📍 **Missed your birthday own-clothes day?** Sorry — it can't be carried over to another day, so it's back to uniform.

📍 **Prefer to wear your uniform?** Of course! Birthday own-clothes is completely optional.

Please remember that clothing should still be **appropriate for school and suitable for learning and play**.

And no sneaking in an extra birthday... 😊 **Teachers have a list of birthdays each week — we know who you are!** 🍰

Don't miss out on your child's **FREE** flu vaccine



Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust



The School Aged Immunisation Service will be coming to your school on:



29th September 2026

Look out for an email or text with a consent form. If you do not receive the consent email or text, please contact your School Aged Immunisation Service OR follow this link to complete a consent form for your child:

[Consent for your child's flu vaccination](#)

Please contact us on:



Tel: 02476 961422 email: Bewise.Immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Starting school?

Due to start primary school in September 2027?

Take action now

You can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online from September 2026 at coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions or call **024 7697 5445**.

Apply on time to give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.



Closing date: 15 January 2027
Offer day: 16 April 2027

 coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Apply for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

- If your child attends a school nursery you still need to apply
- If you have an older child at the school you must still apply

Many of the schools have specific admission arrangements and it is important that you consider these carefully when making your application.

Information regarding the catchment area for your address can be found at coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas

To find all the information you need, go to our website coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Starting Secondary School in September 2027

Apply online at
coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions
by **31 October 2026**

for children born between
1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

31 October 2026	Closing date for all applications
31 December 2026	If you move house before the 31 December 2026 you MUST contact the School Admissions Team to update your address
1 March 2027	Result emailed by 5pm or details available in your online account



Please go to our website at
coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions
for details on how to apply. For further help
call School Admissions on **024 7697 5445**

Key facts about the application process

- All parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for a school place through their Local Authority (the city where you live)
- Non-Coventry schools and Grammar schools can be listed on your application
- Even if you already have an older child at the school you must still apply for your younger child
- You should list three schools in order of preference, by not including three realistic preferences, it could result in your child being allocated a school some distance away. There is no advantage in listing fewer than three schools or including the same school more than once.
- If you live within a school catchment area you have more chance of your child being offered a place at that school if you request it and make your application on time. Information regarding the catchment area for your address can be found at **coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas**

**School Open Days
are advertised at
coventry.gov.uk/
openevenings**

**Make your application on time
to increase your chances of
getting the school you want**

Increase your chances of getting the school you want

A copy of the secondary school admissions booklet is on our website at **coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissionsbooklets**
Please consider each school's specific admissions arrangements carefully when making your application.

- Look at the over-subscription criteria in the policy to work out which priority would be given to your application
- Check how places have been allocated in the last 3 years
- Check your distance from the school. The Admissions team can confirm this for you, please email: **11plus@coventry.gov.uk** stating 'distance query' in the subject box
- Compare your priority and distance with how places have been offered in previous years to get an indication of how successful your application might be
- Please check the details on applying for a faith school as they may require you to provide additional information as part of the application process

A new group for parents begins next **Tuesday, from 1pm–3pm at Templars Community Centre**, and I would really love to see some Templars parents there!

Last term, the course was attended only by parents from other schools. It was lovely to see our wider community making use of the opportunity, but we work hard to bring these **FREE courses** here for our own families too.

It is a great chance to get out of the house, meet other parents and learn more about **how we teach things in school**.

The course is useful for any parent, but it may be particularly helpful if you haven't been in a school for a while and want to feel more confident supporting your own child, found school difficult yourself, are new to the country, or are simply feeling a little isolated and would enjoy some company.

There is no pressure and no judgement — just a friendly face, a warm drink and a welcoming space. We can even promise **heating or air conditioning, whatever the weather!**

Please do come along — these opportunities are here for you, and we would love to see you.

Adult Education Service
Find out more about
supporting your child
with reading and writing

Join our free 10-week course – 'English in the Primary School'

This course is for:

- › all parents and carers who have children at Templars in Nursery, Reception or Year 1

What we do:

- › learn the correct phonics sounds
- › focus on the reading, grammar, spelling and handwriting taught in modern English primary schools
- › give you fun games to take home
- › share a drink and a snack

Where and when:

- › every Tuesday 1-3pm in school
- › 22 September for ten weeks
- › to reserve a place, contact the school office

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

› For further details email aeslifeskills@coventry.gov.uk or speak to Ms Swallow in school

1 - Only 4 parents came last week?!



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. (Because Year 5 are taking swimming lessons on a Friday afternoon, I am planning to store up any Celebration Tea winners for a special end of term Year 5 tea on Thursday 22nd October. Parents and carers are welcome to join us!)

1S Nila for settling into our class so well and being such a star

1P David for great effort in our Maths learning this week

1C Olivia for always making right choices

2F Laert for a fantastic piece of Writing

3C Ahasthi for super fact sharing in lessons and a great attitude to learning

3D Mia for always showing care and respect

3W Violet for showing others what a good role model she is

4A Hunter has been working so hard, sharing answers and focusing on his work.

4AR Amelia for outstanding writing in English

4T Isaac for demonstrating a fantastic work ethic and listening to feedback given

5A Max for always showing integrity and care to all

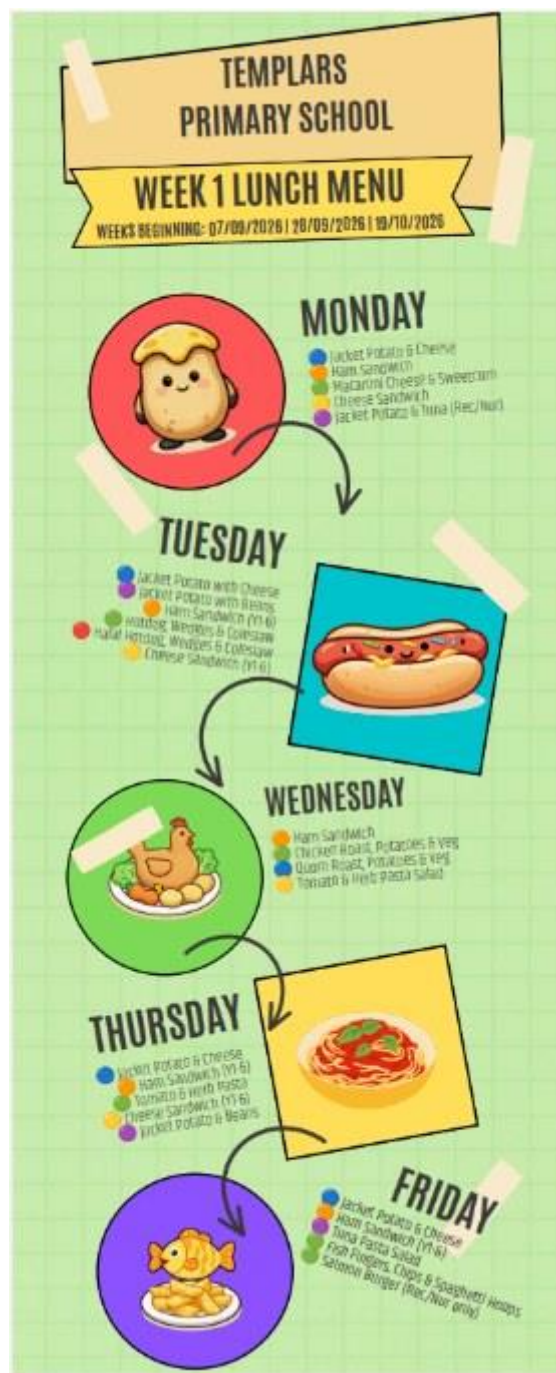
5H Bruno for excellent participation across all lessons

5G Albert for wonderful focus and making real improvements with his handwriting

6F Myles for trying exceptionally hard to improve his handwriting and written work

6M Enrico is always doing the right thing and tries really hard with his work

Lunch Menu - a new look for our menu. If you need nutritional advice, please look at the website version here: [Lunch Menus](#)



2 - Monday; sandwiches are for all years

TEMPLARS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEK 2 LUNCH MENU

WEEKS BEGINNING: 14/9/26 AND 5/10/26

MONDAY



- Ham Sandwich (V1-6)
- Chicken Curry with Rice (Halal)
- Lentil & Veg Curry with Rice (Rec/Nut)
- Cheese Sandwich (V1-6)

TUESDAY



- Jacket Potato & Cheese
- Ham Sandwich (V1-6)
- Wholesome Pasta Bolognaise
- Cheese Sandwich (V1-6)
- Jacket Potato with Beans

WEDNESDAY



- Quorn Toad in the Hole
- Ham Sandwich
- Toad in the Hole
- Tomato and Herb Pasta Salad
- Roast Chicken (Vegan) (Rec/Nut)

THURSDAY

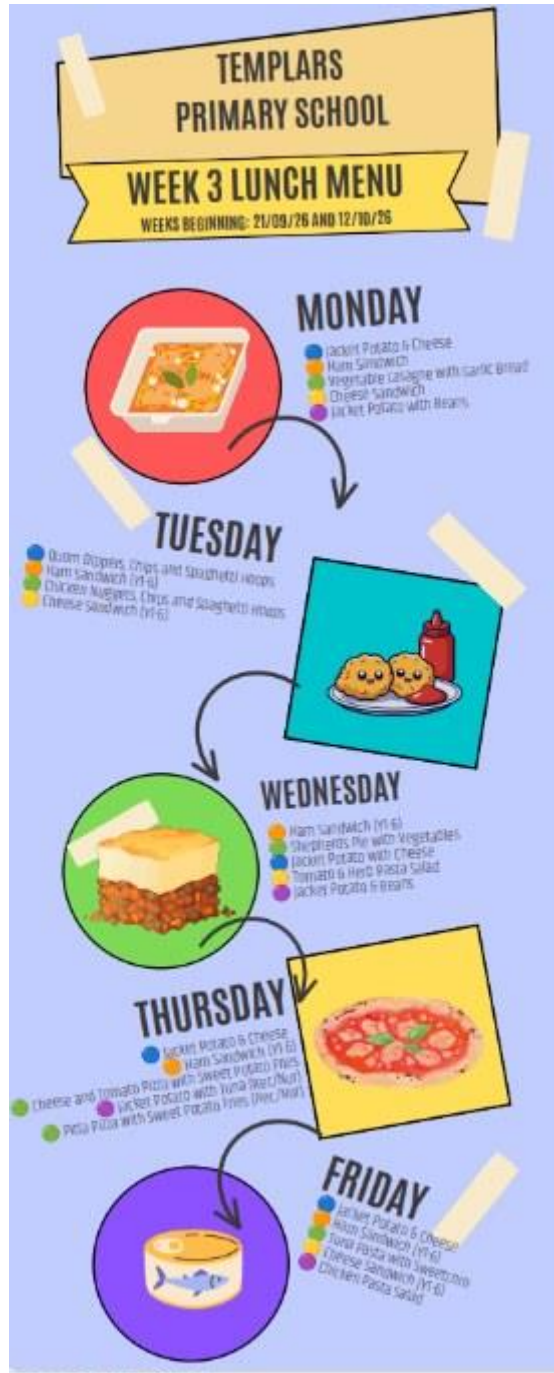


- Jacket Potato & Cheese
- Ham Sandwich (V1-6)
- Chicken Fajita Wrap with potato wedges
- Cheese Sandwich (V1-6)
- Jacket Potato with Tuna (Rec/Nut)

FRIDAY



- Tomato Pasta
- Ham Sandwich
- Fish Fingers, Chips and Spaghetti Noodles
- Cheese Sandwich



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be able to get **FREE** school meals

Do you receive any of the following?

- Any amount of Universal Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

The benefits of free school meals

- You could save more than £500 a year for each child
- It saves time making packed lunches
- Your child gets a healthy, tasty, cooked meal
- Children achieve more when they've had a cooked lunch
- Schools can get extra funding to help children in their education (pupil premium up to £1,550 a year for each child)

Everyone's a winner

Too many children in Coventry are living in food poverty, yet hundreds of children are still not receiving their entitlement to a free school meal. One in four children in Coventry are eligible for a free school meal. More are taking up their entitlement but there are so many more who could benefit. Talk to your neighbour, friends and family to spread the word.

It's really easy to apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meal/2

If your child qualifies for free school meals, you may be able to take advantage of free activities during the main school holidays with the Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

Universal Offer

Also, Universal Infant free school meals are available to ALL children in Reception, year 1 and year 2.

You can apply as soon as your child's school place is signed in for.

Helen Benarous (@helen.benarous@templars.coventry.sch.uk) is signed in for.

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
Flu Immunisation	Tues 29 th Sept
National Poetry Day	Tues 29 th Sept
Year 1 to 5 Open Hour	Tues 6 th Oct 9am
Parent Forum following class visit at 9.30am then 2pm and 7pm	Tues 6 th Oct
Parents Evening (no after school activities on these days)	Wed 14 th Oct 3.30 - 5.30 and Thurs 15 th Oct 3.30 - 6.30
PumpkinFest	Wed 21 st October
Yr6 Sleepover at Rough Close	Thurs 22 nd 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

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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 19 th & Fri 20 th
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

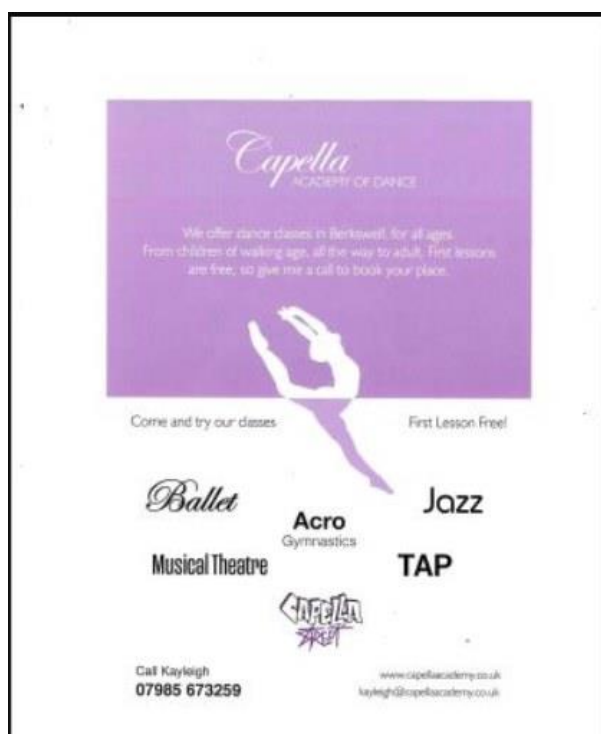
Careers Week	WB 24 th May
Half Term begins	Mon 31 st May
Return to School	Mon 7 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check Fortnight opens	WB 7 th June
SEN Parent Meetings	WB 7 th June
Sports Day (new and improved!)	WB 5 th June
Transition Day	Wed 7 th July
Be Our Guest Events	WB 12 th July
Year 6 Leavers events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



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07985 673259

www.capellacademy.co.uk
kayleigh@capellacademy.co.uk



COVENTRY FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: BISHOP ULLATHORNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LEASOWES AVENUE, COVENTRY CV3 6BH

STARTING SEPTEMBER (Autumn school term)

EVERY SATURDAY

Saturdays:	Group 1: School Years Reception, Year 1 & 2.....9.00am-10.00am
	Group 2: School Years 3 & 4.....10.00am-11.00am
	Group 3: School Years 5, 6 & 7.....11.00am-12.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **25 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2026. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A. qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential soccer techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY**.
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £9 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks, with the first payment of £36 due on week 1. **Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)** 07827 322780

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

BISHOP ULLATHORNE + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:

07827 322780



This October Half-Term

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

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ages 5-11



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Childcare vouchers accepted.

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Hours...

9am drop off **4pm** collection

Early drop off **8 - 9am** Late Pick up **4 - 5pm** +£3

BOOK NOW AT **onsidecoaching.co.uk**

Support for Parents

The Autism & ADHD Advocates CIC

PARENT DROP-IN

AT TEMPLARS

Understanding Your Child

Parent-led support for parents and carers

Bring the questions, concerns or situations you want to understand

- Emotions
- Behaviour
- Anxiety
- Learning
- School struggles
- Gifted but overwhelmed
- Sensory needs
- Executive functioning
- Masking
- Sleep
- Friendships
- Co-occurring difficulties

For parents and carers of all children and young people

No diagnosis needed

Guidance, education and signposting



3 - Friday 2nd Oct 9am

CARERS TRUST
Heart of England

YOU'RE INVITED

DAY BREAK LAUNCH

Monday 28 September 2026
Drop in — no booking required

Our new centre
Rowan House, Units 9 & 10
Westwood Business Park
Coventry, CV4 8HS

DROP IN AND EXPERIENCE DAY BREAK
Carers are invited to attend and stay with the person they care for. Meet the team, enjoy the activities and ask us questions.

Find out more | 02476 101040 | daybreak@carerstrusthfe.org.uk

CARERS TRUST HEART OF ENGLAND



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.

What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
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