

Templars Primary School

Newsletter 2.10.26

Date: 2nd October 2026

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We Are Clever Writers!

We've been spending lots of time monitoring writing across school recently, and I have been really impressed by how enthusiastically the children have embraced our new **I'm a Clever Writer** approach.

During the week, children have **skills lessons**, followed by opportunities to practise and embed those skills. Then comes **Friday's Star Write** — their opportunity to bring everything together and show us what they can do independently.

I often visit classrooms on a Friday morning to give out Headteacher Certificates, just as children are beginning their Star Writes or while they are busy writing. As the weeks have gone on, I've noticed the **effort, concentration and pride growing and growing**. There is a real determination to produce something worthy of a place on our **Star Writer boards**, where we celebrate fantastic writing from across the school. ✨

At this point in the year, we are also putting particular emphasis on **handwriting and presentation**, and children are working really hard to make sure that their writing looks as good as the ideas within it.

Why not ask your child about **I'm a Clever Writer**, the skills they have been learning and their latest Star Write? Hopefully they will be able to tell you all about it!

We're looking forward to sharing their writing — and the progress they are making — with you at our upcoming **Parents' Evenings**. 💙

Please Help Us Keep the Start and End of the Day Safe

We work really hard to be a **welcoming school**, and we never want a parent or child to feel uncomfortable coming through our reception doors. However, we do need your help with something that is becoming increasingly difficult for us to manage safely.

We are seeing a growing number of children arriving **after the playground entrances have closed**, and families arriving late to collect at the end of the day. **Reception cannot become an alternative entrance for arriving at school after the gates have closed.**

At the beginning of the school day, lots is happening at once. Staff are checking that children have arrived safely, helping children who need support to settle, taking registers, answering phones and securing the school site. At the end of the day, we are making sure that hundreds of children leave safely with the right adults.

When significant numbers arrive or collect late, doors have to be reopened, staff are pulled away from these important duties and our usual safeguarding barriers are interrupted. Reception is also a working office, and repeated interruptions at these particularly busy times make it much harder for staff to do their jobs safely and effectively.

Please help us by making arriving and collecting on time the norm. Children should arrive through their usual playground entrance and go directly to class with their peers.

Of course, we understand that **occasionally something unexpected happens** — that is exactly why reception is there to help. We are talking about the increasing pattern of lateness, rather than those unavoidable one-offs.

Being on time isn't just about attendance. **It helps us account for every child, secure our site and give every pupil a calm and safe start and finish to their school day.**

Thank you for helping us get this right. 

Tuesday 6th October – Come In and See Us!

A reminder that **Tuesday 6th October** is our first **Open Hour and Parent Forum day**.

Open Hour – Years 1–5

After morning drop-off, parents of children in **Years 1–5** are invited to come into school. We'll meet briefly in the hall first and then give you the opportunity to **pop into your child's classroom and see them in school**.

This isn't a lesson observation and there is nothing special being put on! We simply want you to have the chance to see your child **happy, settled, learning and getting on with their normal school day**. Visits to classrooms will be short — around 10 minutes — so that we don't disrupt the children's learning.

Members of SLT and I will also be around if there is anything you would like to ask us or have a quick chat about.

Reception and Year 6 aren't included this time as we have separate opportunities planned for those year groups.

And then... Parent Forum

Parents who can stay are warmly invited to join me for our first **Parent Forum of the year**.

The idea behind Parent Forum is really simple: **I want to hear from you.**

It is an informal opportunity, over a cup of tea, to tell me how things are going, ask questions, understand a little more about **how and why we do things at Templars**, share ideas and tell us when something could be better.

There is **no big formal agenda**. For this first meeting, I particularly want to hear how the start of the school year has felt for you and your children: **What's working well? What could we improve? What questions do you have?**

We won't always be able to do everything everybody suggests — and sometimes different families will understandably have very different views! — but we do want to listen, reflect and make changes where we can. **Good schools work in partnership with their families, and parent voice matters to us.**

We know one time will never suit everybody, so the Parent Forum will run **three times on Tuesday**:

☕ **After the Open Hour in the morning**

☕ **Just before afternoon collection**

☕ **7:00–8:00pm**, particularly for parents who are working during the day

We hope that means as many of you as possible can find a time that works.

Come in, have a look around, have a cuppa and have your say. We would really love to see you. 💙

A poster for starting school in September 2027. The top half has a dark blue background with the text 'Starting school?' in large white letters. Below this, on a green background, is the text 'Due to start primary school in September 2027?' in bold, followed by 'Take action now'. A paragraph of text explains where to find more information and apply online. A circular inset photo shows a group of children in school uniforms running happily. At the bottom, an orange banner contains the closing date and offer day. The Coventry City Council logo is on the left, and the website URL is on the right.

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](https://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



The Westwood Academy
Where better never stops

 **OPEN EVENING**
8TH OCTOBER 2026 5PM - 8PM

**The Westwood Academy is delighted to invite all
parents and carers to our Open Evening!**

Headteacher Speeches at 5.15pm and 6.15pm

The Westwood Academy
Mitchell Ave, Coventry, CV4 8DY
<https://www.thewestwoodacademy.co.uk>

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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 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 Althea for excellent listening skills in all lessons

1P Layla-Mya for her lovely listening skills and her fantastic effort in her writing

1C Shalom for always using his Marvellous Manners

2F Elias for engaging in all learning activities

2S Martina for her kindness and respect

2L Merlin for working so hard in writing

3C Jackson for working hard to improve learning behaviours

3W Demi-Leigh for always showing a positive attitude

4A Arthur for working so hard and for making great progress in both maths and writing

4AR Elsie for settling in beautifully to Year 4

5G Bakary for great focus in maths and clear working out shown

5A Umut for fantastic effort and progress in Writing

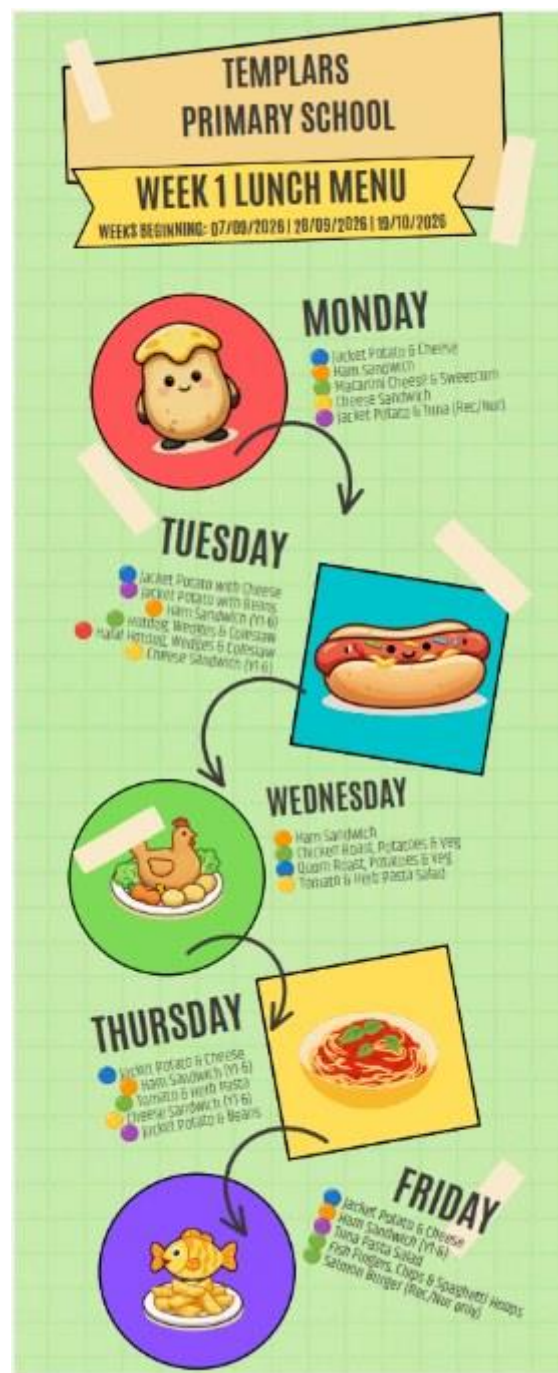
5H Olivia for excellent participation in maths lessons

6DW Jack P for always following instructions first time and for trying hard in all tasks

6M Lihanna for being brave in everything and trying her hardest in all lessons

6F Shabir for increased confidence with his written work

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



1 - 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

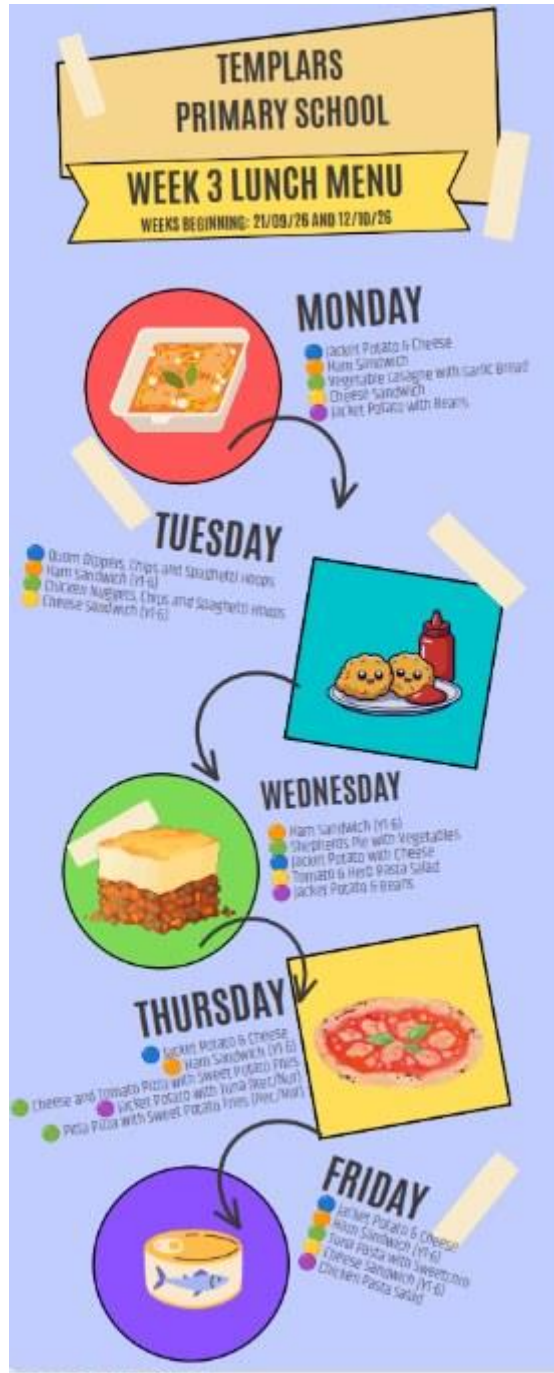


- Jacket Potato & Cheese
- Ham Sandwich (V1-6)
- Chicken Fajita Wrap with potato wedges
- Cheese Sandwich (V1-6)
- Jacket Potato with Tuna (Rec/Nut)

FRIDAY



- Tomato Pasta
- Ham Sandwich
- Fish Fingers, Chips and Spaghetti Hoops
- 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.




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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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

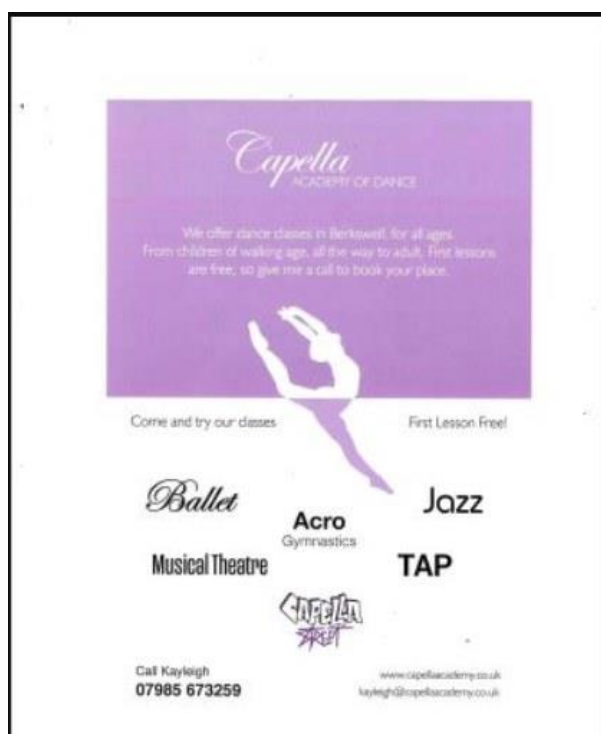
Careers Week	WB 24 th May
Half Term begins	Mon 31 st May
Return to School	Mon 7 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check Fortnight opens	WB 7 th June
SEN Parent Meetings	WB 7 th June
Sports Day (new and improved!)	WB 5 th June
Transition Day	Wed 7 th July
Be Our Guest Events	WB 12 th July
Year 6 Leavers events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

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



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- 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

2 - Super turnout! Next meet 16.10.26

HOPE CAFÉ

MEN'S DROP-IN

18+

SUNDAY NIGHTS • 6:30-8:00 PM

FREE ENTRY + FREE CAFÉ

STARTS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

ACTIVITIES

- DARTS • TABLE TENNIS
- POOL • BOARD GAMES

GOOD FOOD • GOOD GAMES • GOOD COMPANY

A SAFE SPACE FOR MEN

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