

# Templars Primary School

## Newsletter 9.10.26

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### Dates for Your Diary!



### Parents' Evenings – Next Week

A quick reminder that **Parents' Evenings are next week!** If you haven't already booked your appointment, please make sure you do. This is a really valuable opportunity to hear how your child has settled into their new year group, celebrate their achievements and talk about their next steps.

If you need any help booking an appointment, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



### Friday 16th October – Parent Behaviour Support Drop-In

Our **behaviour support expert**, Sarah Jane, will be back with us next Friday morning for her second parent drop-in session.

We had a fantastic **17 parents attend the first session**, and the feedback was really positive. However, I know from the conversations we have with families that many more parents are finding aspects of their children's behaviour challenging and would welcome a little advice or reassurance.

Please remember that **your child does not need to have a diagnosis of ADHD, autism or any other additional need** for you to come along. These sessions are open to **all parents**, whether you're dealing with everyday behaviour challenges or something more complex.

Sometimes just having someone to talk things through with, who understands children's behaviour and can offer practical strategies, can make a real difference.

**Please do come along – you will be very welcome!**



### Pumpkin Fest – The Following Week!

And don't forget to put **Pumpkin Fest** in your diary for the following week! We're looking forward to another lovely Templars community event. Our PTA will be sharing more information very soon, so keep an eye out!



**Thank you for a brilliant Parent Forum!**

A huge **thank you** to everyone who joined us for our Parent Forum this week. It was the **best turnout we have had**, following an Open Hour which was also really well attended.

I really enjoyed hearing parents' reactions to being able to come into school and see classrooms in action. One parent said that their child comes out of school every day and tells them absolutely nothing – so it was lovely to finally see **where they sit, who they sit with and what their learning actually looks like!** Another simply said, *“Now I know they are doing something!”* 😊

That is exactly why we opened the doors. We know that children aren't always the most reliable source of information about what happens between 8:55am and 3:25pm!

### 💡 You said... and we listened

One of the things I value most about Parent Forum is being able to hear directly from parents and then **do something with what we hear**.

Parents of children in Year 6 told us that they appreciated the changes we made to the start of Year 6 this year to reduce some of the pressure around transition. This was something raised at our **previous Parent Forum**, so it was particularly good to hear that a change made as a result had been noticed and valued.

Parents in other year groups said that they would appreciate more information about **what the school day actually looks like as children move into their next year group**, particularly when moving from Reception into Year 1.

We talked about what a significant transition Reception to Year 1 can be. Knowing simple things such as what the classroom will look like, how the day is organised and what will be different can help parents prepare their children. It made me think that this would actually be useful for **every year group**, so this is something we will put in place ready for next year.

It also reminded me that there is already a **huge amount of useful information on our school website** that parents may not know is there! From our *Welcome to the Year Group* pages to detailed information about our curriculum and what children are learning in each subject, there is plenty to explore. If you have ever wondered what your child is learning, or what they will be doing as they move through school, I would really encourage you to have a look. We put a lot of work into making this information available, and it is there to help you understand and support your child's learning.

### 📺 More discos, please!

One parent had a very straightforward request: **more discos and more fun!**

We would love that too. We talked about how difficult it can sometimes be to get enough parent volunteers to make additional events possible and how we might give our **PTA a bit of a boost**.

In a lovely coincidence, later that very day I discovered that Reception are planning a disco – and some of our **Coventry Young Ambassadors** are going to help run it. Perhaps the start of more to come!

### **Getting changed for PE**

We also had a really useful discussion about **PE kits and getting changed**.

In Key Stage 1, learning to undress, organise belongings and get dressed again independently and reasonably quickly is actually an important developmental skill. That is one reason why our younger children still come to school in uniform and change for PE.

By Key Stage 2, most children have mastered those skills, which is why coming into school already wearing PE kit becomes more appropriate.

Parents also raised a thoughtful point about the messages children receive through our **PANTS safeguarding work** and whether getting changed together can sometimes feel confusing alongside messages about privacy and our bodies.

We completely understood the point. In a very busy and overcrowded school, our options are sometimes limited, but teachers are going to think about simple ways of helping children feel more comfortable when changing, such as separating groups and ensuring children have appropriate privacy.

I was also able to reassure parents that **adults are always present**, and any silliness or inappropriate behaviour would be challenged immediately.

### **After-School Club**

Finally, we talked about our **After-School Club**, particularly the food and menu.

Parents had some really useful suggestions. Happily, we are already ahead of the game here: **Tina has been working hard on ways to improve and develop the menu**. I have some more ideas from parents to take back to her now, and we will continue working together to improve the provision.

Overall, it was a **really worthwhile time set aside to listen to parents directly**. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to come along, ask questions, challenge us constructively and share ideas.

We won't always be able to do everything that is suggested, but we will always listen, explain and look carefully at what we can improve.

### **Win a Halloween Hamper!**

We would really like **more Templars parents to share their views about our school on Ofsted Parent View**.

Complete the survey and you can receive a **raffle ticket to be entered into our Halloween Hamper draw!** 🎟️🎃

👉 **Ofsted Parent View:** <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

You will need to create a profile, but the verification link comes through straight away and the survey itself is **very quick to complete**.

Please **copy the link above into your browser**, complete the survey and let us know when you've done it so that you can get your raffle ticket.

Your feedback really does matter to us. ❤️

### 📖 **Threadworm in Year 1**

We have had a case of **threadworm reported in Year 1**, so please be vigilant. The most common sign is an **itchy bottom, particularly at night**. If you suspect threadworm, a quick trip to your local pharmacy should help – they can advise you about treatment for the household.

Good handwashing and keeping fingernails short also helps to prevent it spreading.

## 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!)

6M - Oscar He has settled brilliantly in Yr 6, especially in writing. Keep it up!

6F- Ayana For excellent resilience and being a conscientious individual. Well done!

6DW- Charlie For a significant improvement to behaviour. Keep up the hard work.

5H- Sam For always using marvellous manners.

5G-James For great retrieval and participation in humanities.

5A- Grace For super effort in writing this week!

4A- Iris For always doing her best and trying to improve. I am particularly impressed with her writing! Well done.

4AR- Sofia Shariff For her effort shown in all lessons.

3D- Isla For your phenomenal effort put in our history lessons.

3C Aroush- Excellent learning behaviours.

2S- Amina For a wonderful start at Templars.

2F- Yousaf For showing school values.

2L- Adriel Amazing Writing, best sentence ever!

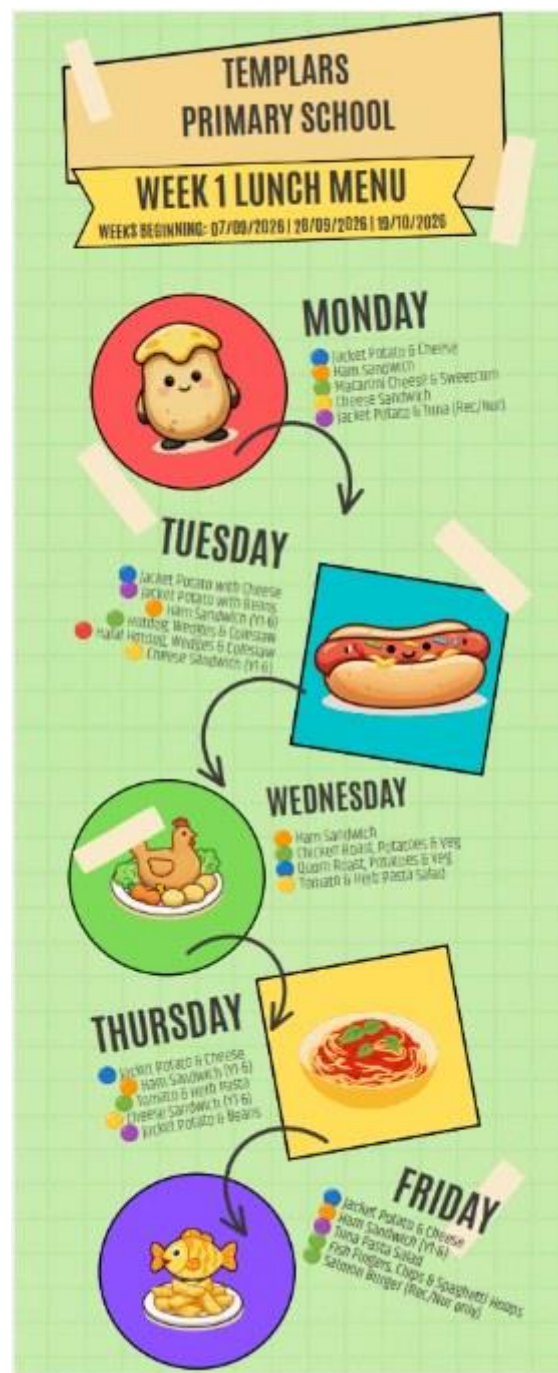
1S- Mahoor For her amazing effort in writing!

1C- Luna For always being a kind friend!

1P- Alfie For showing great care and attention when completing independent learning.

RF- Harlie-Rae For always being a kind friend!

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 (Halo)
- 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

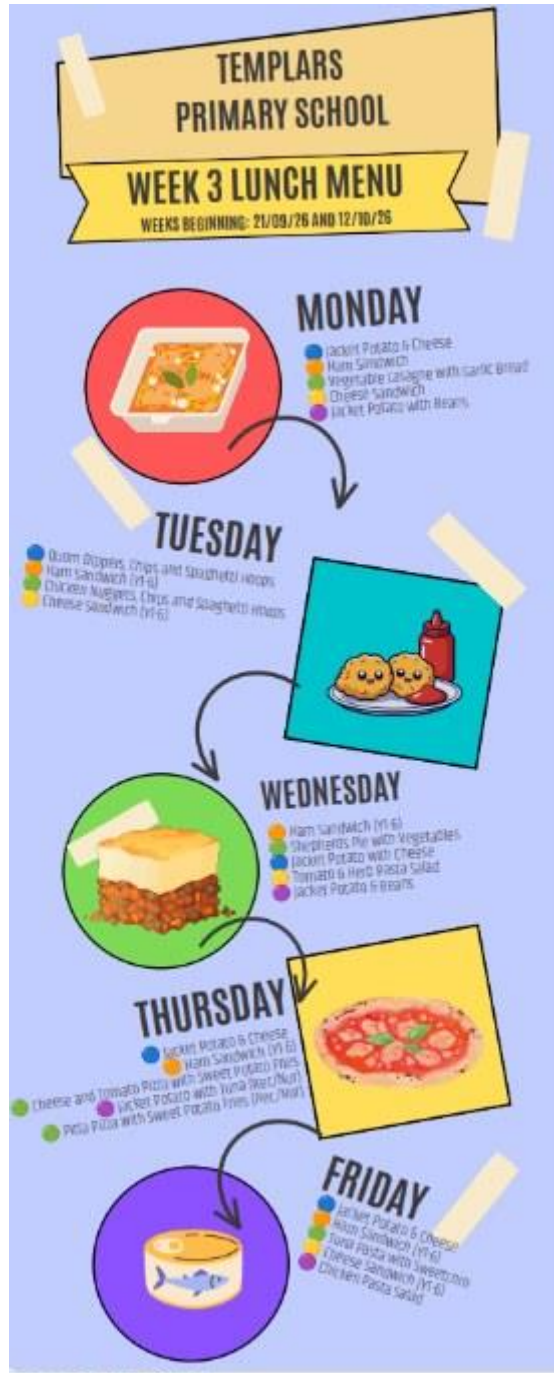


- Jacket Potato & Cheese
- Ham Sandwich (V1-6)
- Chicken Fajita Wrap with potato wedges
- Cheese Sandwich (V1-6)
- Jacket Potato with Tuna (Rec/Nut)

## 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)

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**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.

**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](http://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.




## Dates and Events

| Event                                                         | Dates                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Flu Immunisation                                              | Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                                      |
| National Poetry Day                                           | Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                                      |
| Year 1 to 5 Open Hour                                         | Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 9am                                                    |
| Parent Forum following class visit at 9.30am then 2pm and 7pm | Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                                        |
| Parents Evening (no after school activities on these days)    | Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30 - 5.30 and Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30 - 6.30 |
| PumpkinFest                                                   | Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> October                                                    |
| Yr6 Sleepover at Rough Close                                  | Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                                  |
| Half term begins                                              | Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> October                                                    |
| Back to School                                                | Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                                    |
| Learning to Learn week and Boost Day                          | WB 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                                     |
| Year 5 to Tamworth Castle                                     | Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> November                                                    |
| National Outdoor Learning Day                                 | Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> November                                                  |
| Free Breakfast Club Festival Week!                            | Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> November                                                    |

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| Anti-Bullying Week                       | WB 16 <sup>th</sup> November                  |
| Year 2 to Selly Manor                    | Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> November                 |
| Year 3 to Compton Verney                 | Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Children in Need Day                     | Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> November                 |
| Yr6 Doy-y-Moch and SATs Info evening     | Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> November                |
| Assessment fortnight opens               | WB 30 <sup>th</sup> November                  |
| Training Day (school closed to children) | Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> December                  |
| Be Our Guest Events across the week      | WB 14 <sup>th</sup> December                  |
| Craft Day                                | Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> December                 |
| Concerts                                 | Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> December                |

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

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

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



**RAF Town Show**  
Coventry | 9 to 11  
October 2026



**RAF Town Show this weekend in Broadgate**

Join an action packed weekend of activities, live demonstrations and hands-on fun as the Royal Air Force takes over Broadgate!

**In Broadgate this weekend from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 October between 10am and 4.30pm.**

This **FREE** event gives you a rare glimpse into life in the RAF. Meet the people who make it happen, see up-to-date technology and challenge yourself.

What you'll experience:

- **Aircraft Up Close** – Step inside an RAF Typhoon display and speak to the personnel who keep aircraft flying. Perfect for photos and aviation fans alike.
- **STEM Discovery** – Experiment, explore and discover the innovations that keep the RAF at the cutting edge of technology.
- **Military Working Dogs Demonstration** - Watch RAF dogs and their handlers in action, showcasing the skills that make them essential to operations.
- **RAF Chef's Kitchen** - Watch our chefs cook live and try a delicious free sample of the food that fuels the RAF.
- **RAF VR Experience** - get hands-on with our state-of-the-art VR missions. Experience the adrenaline of a real scenario and prove that you've got what it takes.

## Support for Parents

A poster for 'Connect to Skills' with a red background. The title 'Connect to Skills' is in large blue letters, with a yellow 'NEW!' badge to the right. Below the title, text describes the program as a new offer to help build confidence and develop practical skills. A list of course topics is provided, followed by a circular photo of a young woman in a warehouse. At the bottom, contact information and logos for partner organizations are shown.

**Connect to Skills** **NEW!**

Connect to Skills is a new offer designed to help you build confidence, develop practical skills and explore new learning opportunities.

Our programme has a range of short, welcoming courses to support everyday life and personal growth:

- Everyday safety skills
- Introduction to warehousing
- Learn CPR and save a life
- Helping young children communicate
- Safeguarding children from harm
- Cooking on a budget
- Food safety basics
- Building confidence and self-esteem
- Food growing
- Money saving and sustainability

Our sessions run in community locations around Coventry, such as Salvation Army, Moat Family Hub, and Families for all Hub.

**For more information, please contact:**  
[aesconnecttoskills@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:aesconnecttoskills@coventry.gov.uk) or call us on 024 7697 5200.

Coventry City Council | COVENTRY LEARNS | West Midlands Combined Authority | matrix | Department for Education

We deliver **free, short, one-off 2-hour courses** designed to support people who may be experiencing barriers such as low confidence, unemployment, social isolation, limited access to education, or uncertainty about their next steps. Our aim is to help learners build practical skills, improve wellbeing, develop confidence, and take positive steps towards further learning, volunteering, or employment.

### ✓ Key Information

- Free for all learners (including asylum seekers)
- No exams or prior qualifications required
- ESOL-friendly (translation support can be used where appropriate)
- Certificates provided on completion
- Free bus tickets available to support attendance
- Opportunities for progression into volunteering, further learning, skills development, and employment support
- Sessions are delivered across Coventry in a range of accessible community venues, including locations in **Foleshill, Hillfields, Radford, and the City Centre**

## **Our Four Learning Pathways**

### **1. Early Years & Education**

#### **Suitable for:**

- Parents, carers, grandparents, and family members
- People interested in supporting children's learning and development
- Individuals considering volunteering or working in schools and childcare settings

#### **Progression Support:**

- Volunteering opportunities in schools
- Teaching Assistant pathways
- Early Years qualifications
- Family Learning opportunities

### **2. Health & Social Care**

#### **Suitable for:**

- People wanting to improve their wellbeing and confidence
- Individuals interested in supporting children, families, and communities
- Residents interested in health and care-related learning

#### **Progression Support:**

- Further Health & Social Care learning
- First Aid and Food Safety qualifications
- Volunteering opportunities
- Employment support

### **3. Warehousing & Logistics**

#### **Suitable for:**

- Job seekers
- People looking to gain practical workplace skills
- Individuals interested in warehousing and logistics sectors

#### **Progression Support:**

- Employability development
- Sector-specific training
- Employment opportunities
- Further learning pathways

#### 4. Green Skills

##### Suitable for:

- Residents interested in sustainability and environmental topics
- Community volunteers
- Individuals wanting to learn practical ways to save energy and support the environment

##### Progression Support:

- Community volunteering
- Environmental awareness learning
- Sustainability-focused opportunities
- Further Green Skills development



2 - Super turnout! *Next meet 16.10.26*

HOPE CAFÉ

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DROP-IN

A SAFE SPACE FOR  
MEN

18+



SUNDAY NIGHTS • 6:30-8:00 PM

FREE ENTRY + FREE CAFÉ

STARTS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

ACTIVITIES

DARTS

• TABLE TENNIS

POOL

• BOARD GAMES

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