



More News 27th October 2023

[St Thomas More Catholic Primary School Newsletter](#)



This week's newsletter is a bumper edition with lots of information and photos of things that have been happening in school. Please take the time to read through it - we are really proud of the hard work and great learning attitude the children have shown this week!

## Half term holiday

This half term has been one of the longest in recent memory! Our children have done brilliantly to continue to learn and look after each other over such a long time and now deserve a good rest and time to enjoy the activities that recharge them over half term. Please remember that school is closed for half term next week. School is open again on Monday 6th November and we are looking forward to seeing all our pupils return - rested and ready for more learning and fun - at 8.40-8.50am that morning. Please note children must wear the [Winter Uniform](#) (white shirt, red tie) after October half-term.

## Praying the Rosary in October

October is traditionally a time when we focus our prayer through saying the Rosary.

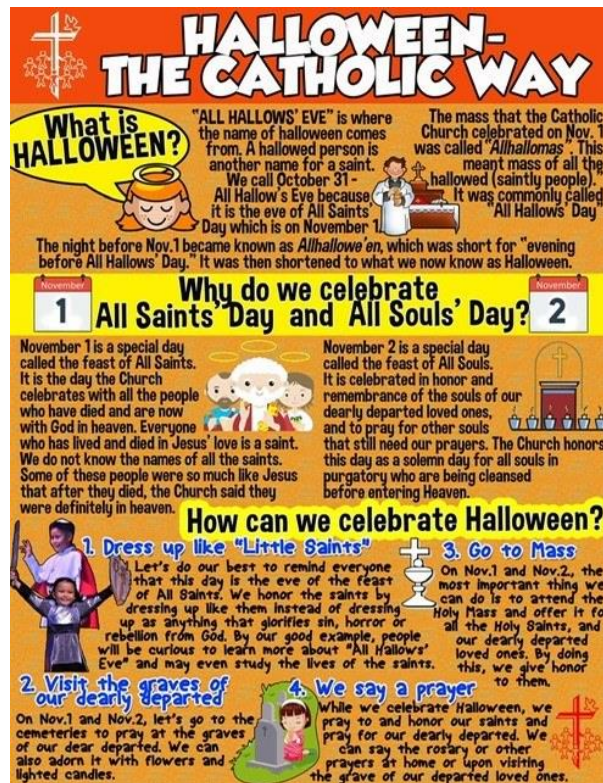
If you want to find out more, or pray together at home, there is lots of information and guidance [here](#).

The GIFT Team have been leading praying the rosary at lunchtime in the Prayer Garden for children who have wished to pray together.

## Double, double, toil and trouble!

A message from Fr Simon:

This coming Tuesday will be the 31st October and for many people that means Halloween. We can't stop people from observing Halloween as these days it's everywhere; but perhaps we can try to learn a little more about the real meaning and origin of it. English, Irish, and French immigrants brought their variety of local Catholic customs to America. Dressing up for Halloween comes from the French; Jack-o-Lanterns come from the Irish, who originally carved turnips; the English begged from door to door for 'soul cakes, promising to pray for the departed loved ones of those who gave them these treats—this being the origin of trick-or-treating. These traditions converged and eventually became popular nationwide activities for Halloween. In a nutshell, Halloween ("All Hallow's Eve" or "All Hallow-Even") is a Catholic celebration in honour of all the saints, those who have been faithful to the Lord. It is observed on October 31, the eve (vigil) of the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). It's a good thing to teach our children about the goodness and holiness of the saints so that they will be inspired and encouraged by the witness. It was once said that when we celebrate things bad and evil they come more easily into our lives; so why not consider celebrating something good on 31st October this year – we can still enjoy the sweets and chocolate, but let's remember it is those holy men and woman that we are really celebrating – so let's celebrate something good and let their goodness come into our lives.



Message from West Midlands Police:

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approaches, West Midlands Police would like to encourage you to talk to your child about staying safe and sensible during this time.

Remember...

- Stay visible at night by wearing fluorescent clothing or head torches
- Supervise children with sparklers and at firework displays
- Warn your children about stranger danger and only trick or treating in well-lit, known areas
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

You can download our free parents' guide of safety tips here: <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/campaigns/darker-nights/asb>

If you want to report something suspicious call 101 or **999 in an emergency**. For more information about how West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween,

search 'WMP Darker Nights'.

## All Saints Day

Wednesday 1st November is a Holy day of Obligation for us as Catholics, and therefore our duty to come to Mass. There will be several opportunities to fulfil that obligation with Masses at 9.15am and 7.00pm in St Thomas More and 11.00am in St Joseph the Worker. On the feast of All Saints, we honour those men and women who—whether they have been canonised or not—have led lives of

heroic virtue that set an example for all Christians. It is a day when the church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

Our Year 6 children have been working hard in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been learning in depth about the saints and will be putting on a Saints Exhibition in the Community Room on Thursday 9th November. Classes will enjoy learning about the saints Year 6 have researched during the day and parents/carers have an opportunity to enjoy the exhibition at home time on Thursday until 3.45pm.

There is a meeting with Fr Simon for parents/carers and pupils preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the evening of Thursday 9th November at 6pm in the school. The exhibition will be open to parents/carers from 5.30pm before the meeting as well.

Please continue to keep our Year 6 and Year 3 children in your prayers as they prepare to receive sacraments.

## **We Are All Made in the Image and Likeness of God and Are Special and Unique and Wonderful!**

As a school, we are using this year to focus on how special each of us is because we are unique! We are celebrating how our differences make us special and wonderful and remembering that God made us just the way He wants us to be: we are each perfect just as we are!

We are thinking about this in lots of ways, from the way we talk to each other, to recognising each others' efforts and achievements, to celebrating our individual successes and thanking God for those parts of our personalities, characters and appearance that make us different and special.

Please read below to see how Reception have been thinking about this over the last couple of weeks...

## **Reception Thank God for Their Gifts and Talents**

In RE last week Reception listened again to the Creation Story and thought about how we know God loves us because of all the gifts and talents he has blessed us with. They marveled at how generous God is and named their own personal gifts and talents. They thanked God for them and reflected on how they can use our talents to help others. Our class prayer leaders are getting more and more confident at preparing the prayer focus.





## RISE - God's Planet



On Monday we enjoyed learning about how we can look after god's creation with the help of the RISE Theatre company. Children enjoyed a collective Worship and then rehearsed their participation, before enjoying the final performance in the afternoon with everyone joining in making different animal noises and actions.









## Social Action Week

We are always keen to ensure our children are growing and learning in a way that enables them to be ready to become responsible citizens who, in their own way, bring about positive change in the world. This week children throughout the school have been thinking about the impact of sustainability issues on God's creation, focusing on how those issues affect our global brothers and sisters. Children in each year group have focused on a different aspect of sustainability, thinking about what the problem is; the impact of that problem on the people affected and they will take an action to bring about positive change.





Nursery children have been learning about the creation story this half term, and how we can care for our planet.

We have been working very hard to tidy up our classroom and we want to help keep the Earth tidy too.

The children have loved using the litter pickers to clean up our environment and Eliza carried on the good work at home too.

We have recorded an important video message for everyone.



<https://sway.office.com/stXn1omUqvqhLRsZ#content=gB75pMeRiQiaUg>

Reception have learnt about the importance of insects for providing food for other animals, pollinating plants and breaking down waste. We wanted to improve our outdoor environment to encourage more of these amazing creatures to make a home there. We learnt about the structure of insects by making clay sculptures. We then visited Forest School to look for insects and examine the sorts of environment they thrive in, to help us to design our own bug hotels. We then returned to Forest School to collect the materials we would need and create the finished products! We cannot wait to welcome the first little visitors.





Giraffes

### Design a Bug Hotel

Use the box below to design your own bug hotel.  
Don't forget to label it!

leaves

sticks

logs

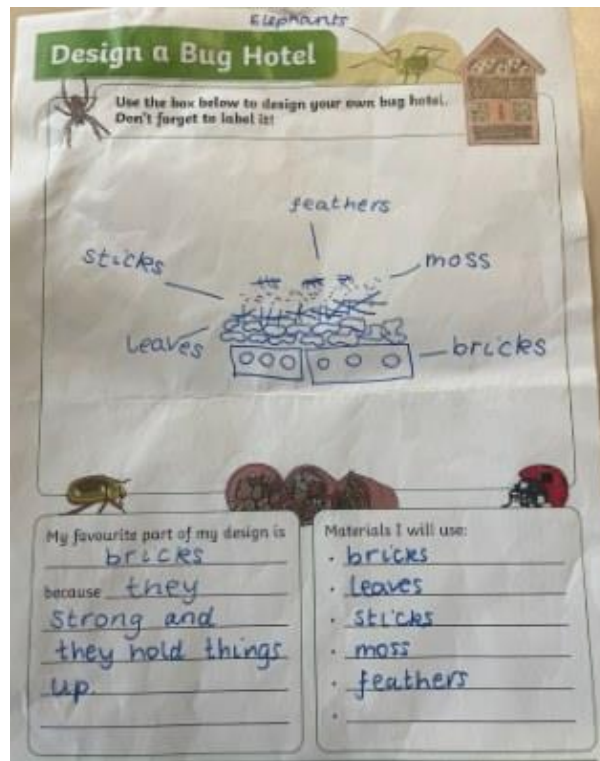
soil

bricks

My favourite part of my design is  
the top part  
because the bees  
can fly out.

Materials I will use:

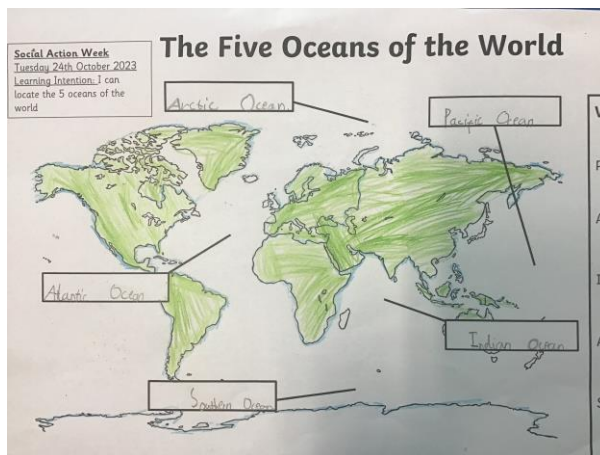
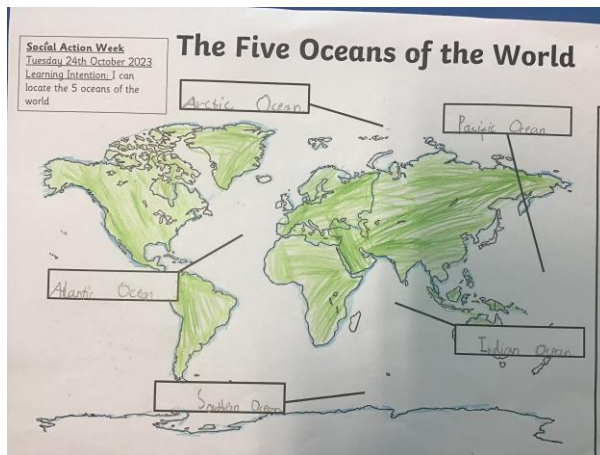
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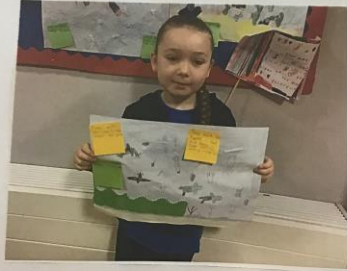
In Year 1 and 2 the theme has been the Oceans, and the impact of pollution. They found out lots of interesting facts about the oceans and where they were, then labelled them. They also painted a picture of the world, ready to add a prayer for the planet to. They found out about the impact of plastics pollution on the oceans and the animals that live there. They decided to help fight the pollution (the change starts with me) by litter picking in the school grounds, and then making a poster to educate others. They are re-using plastic bottles to make autumn jack o lanterns to take home.







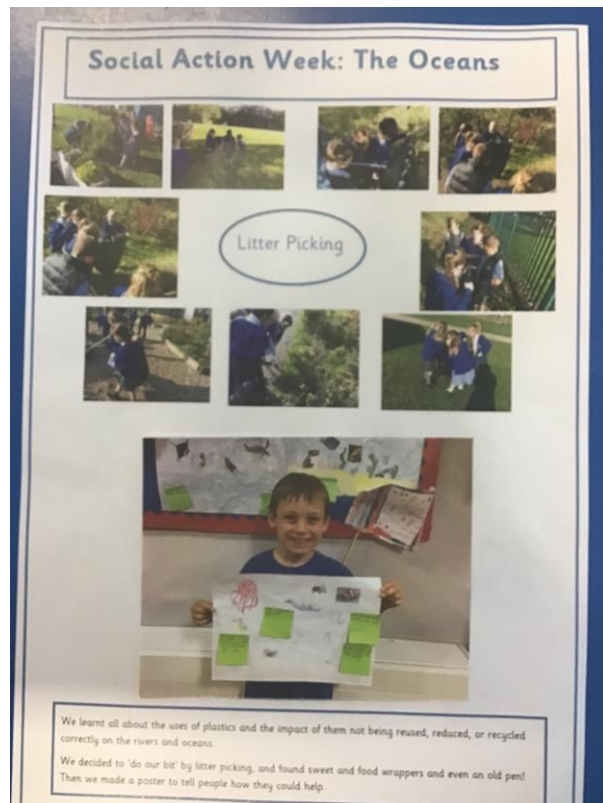
## Social Action Week: The Oceans



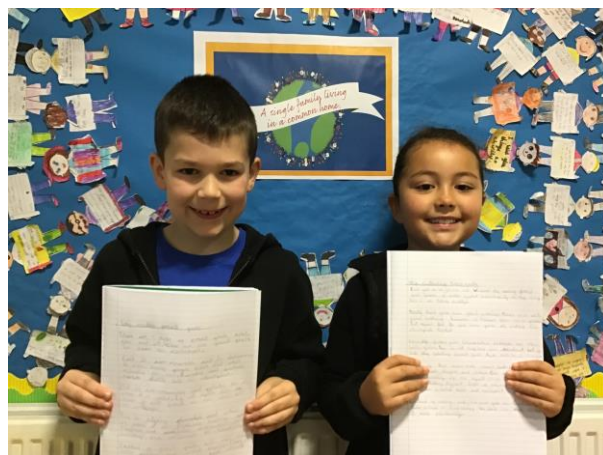
We learnt all about the uses of plastics and the impact of them not being reused, reduced, or recycled correctly on the rivers and oceans.

We decided to 'do our bit' by litter picking, and found sweet and food wrappers and even an old pen! Then we made a poster to tell people how they could help.





Year 3 have been building up to writing a piece of persuasive writing about why we should not burn fossil fuels. In science they have learned about what fossil fuels are and the issues with their use. Yesterday they found out about the greenhouse effect and alternatives to fossil fuels. In RE they have also written a praise psalm about God's creation.



## • Stop using fossil fuels

There are 3 types of fossil fuels coal, gas and oil. When we use fossil fuels we harm the environment.

Coal is non-renewable and is dangerous to mine, many people have died when mining for coal. Burning coal produces carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Oil is non-renewable and pollutes the air when it is used. If oil spills into the ocean it will pollute the sea and kill all wildlife.

Gas is highly flammable and when it is used it can release harmful gas. Pipelines aren't available everywhere and building them disrupts the landscape.

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Year 4 have focussed on the problem of the pollution of our rivers by sewage. They have learnt about the sewage system, how water gets to our school and homes and how it is treated so that it is clean enough to use again. They have learnt about the problems caused by flushing wipes and cooking oil. Today the children have been writing letters to a water company asking them to highlight these issues to protect our rivers . Year 4 have even cleaned their own water using filters and we have talked about the 'Season of Creation' and created our own images of 'The Mighty River'. You can read Elias', Henry's and Zoe's letters below.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

L.I.I can write a letter.

Dear water company,  
I am a faithful residence here in Chelsmore / Sticheal / Green Lane. I would like to note one of my concerns here. This is a very, very important letter and I hope you ~~take~~ take great measure in this deep write. The sewedges systems.

I would say this point is very important:  
You have not done that well to look ~~of~~ after our beaches, rivers and, streams and lakes. They are almost all polluted! This leads to many, many animals being hurt and killed. Since our beaches are ~~polluted~~ polluted many people who swim could get harmful diseases which can end up in our food if fish or any animal we eat gets the the diseases to.

You must note this one down for it is more important.  
This ~~po~~ is where I must talk about the health concern. Firstly, have you smelt the horrible odour. This smell can lead to breathing problems. We must safeguard this ~~the~~ little children who have a long life to live and our beloved elderly <sup>for the</sup> may get breathing problems for the rest of their lives.

And this one I please stop this right now.  
The ~~that~~ blockages now this one is crazy. We get floods every month possibly week if you don't stop this now! This distrupts our daily life so much and we hate it. This kills our plants and crops we have been working on.

How dare you do this. Now is the time to fix this. Create laws against hurting our world. This can help so many people. You've got the wait of the world on your sholders. Please ~~take~~ take note of this.

Yours sincerely,

~~zoe~~.

Friday 27th October 2023

L.I: I can write a letter.

Dear Water Company,

I am writing to tell you about the problems about the sewers. I do hope you will do some thinking about the things I will say.

Firstly, I would like to point out the bad smell, ~~or~~ when the sewers get blocked and the water rises to the surface. This will make people and animals unwell. And people who have breathing problems will have to stay in their homes because of this.

In addition, we should talk about health concerns and the effects it may have. There could be ~~stains~~<sup>floods</sup> and the water could go into people's homes and people could get really hurt. The hospitals could get flooded and the patients could maybe get killed. If it's slippery people could slip and bang their head.

Also, the plants could get a disease and if the animals eat them then they could get sick or unwell. The water could sweep them up and take them away. The trees and plants could get taken away too.

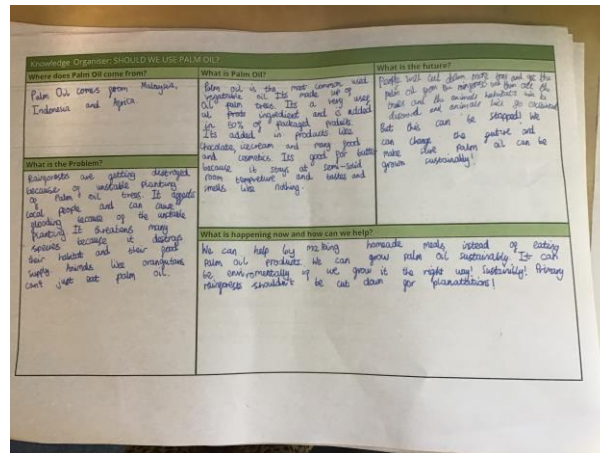
So, I hope you will consider the things I have pointed out. I trust that you will do the right thing to look after our community. Thank you so much for listening. I can't wait to see what you do.

Yours faithfully

Eliza



For Social Action Week, Year 6 have been learning about how human action can contribute to the plight of endangered species. We have worked in teams to learn about the problem and have researched the impact on animal species across the globe. The children then did fantastically well to create a group presentation, sharing their learning with the rest of the class. We have had a big focus on our oracy skills, developing our use of volume, tone and expressions as we present. Finally,



we have each selected a specific endangered species to focus on for our non-fiction writing, beginning with researching all about its habitat and life cycle.















## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Each year we support the [Royal British Legion](#) Poppy Appeal to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for others in war.

You will be able to see our poppy display in our Prayer Garden.

Poppies and merchandise range from 50p to £3.00 and will be available for children to purchase after half-term during morning break time. We will hold a minute's silence on Friday 10th November.



## **Letter from the Lord Mayor - Remembrance**

The Lord Mayor has written to schools asking them to share an invitation to all the families in Coventry to attend the Remembrance Day parade and memorial on Sunday 12th November. You can read his letter below.



LORD MAYOR'S PARLOUR  
COUNCIL HOUSE  
EARL STREET  
COVENTRY  
CV1 5RR  
Telephone Number: 024 7697 5555  
E-mail: lord.mayor@coventry.gov.uk

24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind your schoolchildren about this year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10.30 am in the War Memorial Park.**

I know that schools already support the work of the Royal British Legion through the wearing of poppies, the symbol of Remembrance at this time, which is very appropriate to ensure our next generation understand the importance of the occasion.

Each year the service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. We would like the children of our city, and their families, to share in this year's event.

It would be appreciated if you could please inform your pupils at the appropriate time of the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Jaswant Singh Birdi  
Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry

## Parent/carers consultations

Thank you for attending our parent/carers consultations. It was lovely to be able to share with you how your child has settled in to their new class and is getting on. Your feedback was so positive and we really appreciate working closely with you for the benefit of our children.

## PE Timetable 2023-24



Children must come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.  
PE is scheduled for the following days:

Reception	Monday	Thursday
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4	Monday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday	Thursday

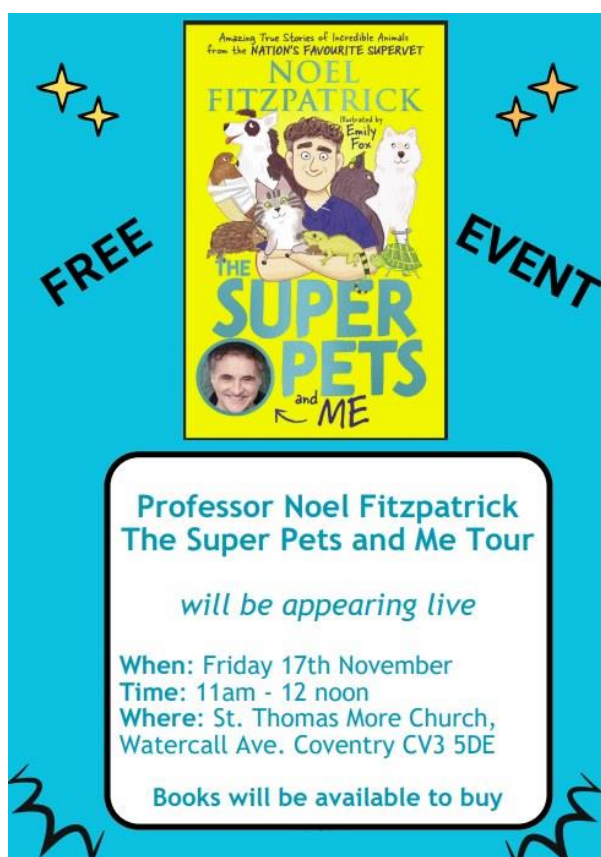
## Super Pets - Professor Noel Fitzpatrick is Visiting!

We are excited to share with our STM families that Professor Noel Fitzpatrick of Super Vet fame is coming to St Thomas More (Margaret Roper Room in the church) to share his latest book: The Super Pets and Me.

This event has been organised by [Kenilworth Book Shop](#), an independent local business, who are fantastic supporters of our school and have a brilliant range of books suitable for children in their store and available online.



Please see the attached flyer for more information about Professor Noel's visit.



## Keeping Our Children Safe

As always, keeping our children safe and well is our top priority.

This week we asked a safeguarding expert to audit our safeguarding procedures and practices. The feedback was very positive with 'cohesive systems' and a 'robust approach' and 'commitment to continuous improvement' to safeguarding being highlighted.

Please remember that we can only safeguard your children with your support. If you have any concerns regarding the safety and/or wellbeing of your or any other child, please let the school know. Mrs Collins, Mrs Stained, Mrs Wilson-King, Mrs Webster and Charlotte (Care Club) are our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing during the half term holidays, you can find information about how to contact MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on our [school website safeguarding page](#).

## Online safety parent/carers information - Five Nights at Freddy's

Taken from [National Online Safety](#):

Are you ready for Freddy? To chime with Halloween, this week sees the release of a cinematic adaptation of Five Night's at Freddy's (FNaF) – a suspenseful series of horror games which, despite their 12+ age rating, have gained significant popularity with younger children.

With one gaming journalist describing the franchise's original entry as “hands down ... the most terrifying game I have played in my life”, FNaF blends an unsettling atmosphere with jump scares and creepy characters. Read our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide to find out more.



## Mental Health Support

More and more families are being affected by mental health challenges. This is not something that only affects adults: many children are indicating they would like support in managing and promoting improved mental health.

[Kooth](#) is a website that offers advice, forums, strategies and can signpost to other areas of support. Take a look with your children to see if there is anything that will be beneficial to sustain or promote good mental health for them.

## Y6 leaving after school clubs from half term

As the clocks go back and the evenings get darker earlier, we remind parents that all children must be collected by a suitable adult (aged 16+) from after-school clubs. This includes children who are in Year 6 and have a walking home pass. Thank you.

## School disco!

The PTFA will be holding school discos on the evening of Friday 10th November. All discos will be on the same night this time, so please read carefully to ensure no-one misses out.

Early Years and KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2): 5.15-6.15pm

Years 3 and 4: 6.30-7.30pm

Years 5 and 6: 7.45-8.45pm

Please remember that siblings cannot be left and children should not bring mobile phones.

There will be an opportunity to buy pre-loved uniform at the disco as well, so bring some extra cash as there are lots of uniform bargains to be had!

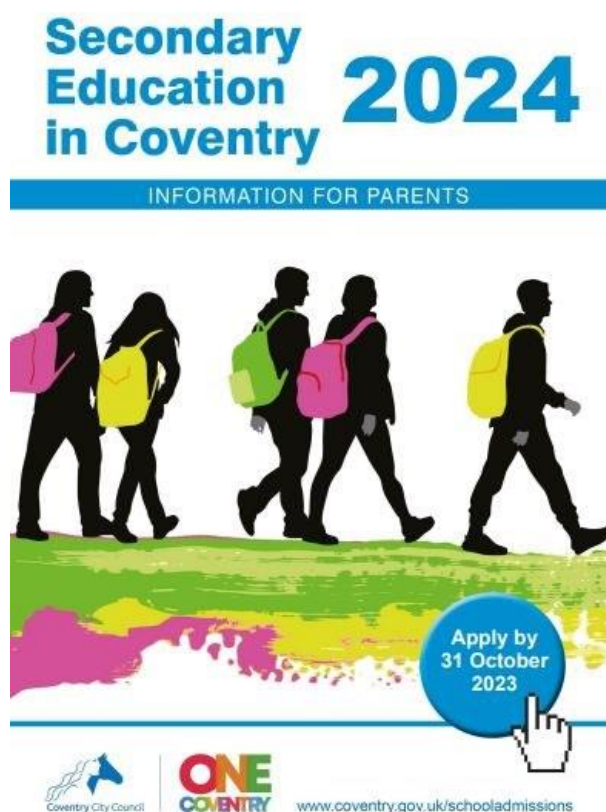
## Dogs are Not Allowed on the School Site

Whilst we love our furry friends, please remember that dogs are not permitted on the school site, even when carried.

Thank you for your support.

## Secondary School Admissions

The closing date for secondary school admissions applications is fast approaching! It is vitally important that, if your child is in Year 6, you have submitted an application! Please make sure you have done this before the closing date of 31st October via the [online application process](#)



## Can you help us? Volunteers needed!

We are always in need of extra help in school. From changing reading books, to hearing children read, to supporting with cooking activities, there are always things we want to do more of, that we just don't have enough adults for! If you, or an appropriate adult in your family, is able to offer some regular time each week that they can come into school to help, please do let us know.

All volunteers must complete a DBS check before beginning (this is a safeguarding check that is free for volunteers and school will organise).

## Christmas Bazaar

While it might seem far away, Christmas is fast approaching!

The Parish/School Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday 8th December in the school hall. Plans are already underway to make this year's Bazaar as much fun as last year's was. If you would like to buy a stall for the evening, please contact Mary at [mandjhulme1@gmail.com](mailto:mandjhulme1@gmail.com)

There will be lots of opportunities for you to support in making the bazaar great, so watch this space for more information over the coming weeks!



## Half Term Activities

There are lots of half term activities that being delivered by the Outdoor Education Service (Coventry Outdoors) this October at Coombe Abbey Country Park.

Coventry Outdoors will be running a series of outdoor activity days aimed for children and young people who are aged 9-13 years old. Coventry Outdoors Activity Camps gets children and young people into the wild, where they will learn and experience an unforgettable adventure, from survival techniques to all sorts of outdoor activities and challenges, whilst making new friends and having lots of fun!

We strongly believe that being outdoors fully-immersed in the natural environment helps children and young people explore different ways to boost self-awareness and confidence, cultivate greater happiness and find greater wellbeing.

Dates:

Monday 30th October, 10am – 3pm

Tuesday 31st October, 10am – 3pm

Wednesday 1st November, 10am – 3pm

Activities include:



- Combat Archery
- Laser Tag
- Bushcraft
- Survival Skills

To book on to our Outdoor Activity Camps please visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors) or contact us [outdooreducation@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:outdooreducation@coventry.gov.uk)



## October half term Activity Camp '23

Coombe Abbey Park, Brinklow Rd,  
Coventry CV3 2AB

Experience an unforgettable adventure, from survival techniques to outdoor activities and challenges, whilst making new friends and having lots of fun!

Have a go at:

- ✓ Combat Archery
- ✓ Laser Tag
- ✓ Bushcraft
- ✓ Survival Skills

30 Oct    31 Oct    1 Nov

9-13 years > 10am - 3pm > £25pp per day

Book your place online:  
[www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/coventryoutdoors)




For more information, call 024 7538 1277  
email: [OutdoorEducation@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:OutdoorEducation@coventry.gov.uk)  
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#CovOutdoors

Coventry City Council

## Coventry Rocks half term activity

[Coventry Rocks](#) have created an [October Half Term What's On Guide](#). It is full to the brim with family friendly events, activities and clubs that are on over the half term holidays. The October Half Term Guide can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## Listening to your views

You will remember completing a parent/carers survey in the summer term last year.

The results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive - thank you for your support and letting us know when we do well. There are always things we can improve, and you have let us know where those areas are too. Your thoughts are always appreciated as they help us to improve the school for you and our children.

Each week over the next few weeks, we'll share your feedback and let you know how the school will respond.



**You told us:** that you would like there to be a wider offer of extra-curricular clubs, with more options for non-sporting activities

**What we're doing:** we will be talking to children over the next few weeks about the kind of clubs they would like and will then look at sourcing opportunities that match your children's wishes. Children are being proactive in facilitating their own clubs at lunchtimes with 'pop-up' clubs being run by children themselves with support from staff who are kindly supervising. At the moment, we have Rosary Club, Languages Club and Reading Club which are all being led by children themselves and children are enjoying lunchtime opportunities to play chess.

What great leaders in the making we have at STM!

Thanks go to our ever-busy staff who are giving up even more of their sparse time to support children in running these clubs.

## Care Club

After half term, payments for Care Club will be accepted through Arbor. More information to follow.

## Attendance is important!

The Department for Education (DfE) has asked headteachers to remind parents of the importance of good attendance.

The DfE say:

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. If you are unsure whether your child is too ill for school, you can check this NHS guidance: [is my child too ill for school?](#)

They also say:

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it.

If your child is having difficulty in coming to school, please contact us (your child's class teacher should be the first port of call for most communication).

We monitor all pupils' attendance and will contact you (often by letter) if their attendance is getting lower than we'd expect. Please don't be offended if you receive a letter - we have a duty to keep you informed of things that can affect your child's progress and/or wellbeing.

Lastly, please remember that term-time holidays will not be authorised and, in many cases, will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) being issued.

#### **Whole school attendance this year - 96%**

Year R	94.7%
Year 01	96.3%
Year 02	97.7%
Year 03	93.9%
Year 04	94.0%
Year 05	96.5%
Year 06	91.3%

### **Help available for children struggling with emotions**

Is your child struggling with their emotions and feelings? Compass Shine deliver workshops covering various topics and offer 10 minute consultations for parents and carers to get advice. Please see the flyer below for more information.



## Parish facilities

### Planning a party/event? Looking for a Venue?

The Margaret Roper Room at Church is available for hire for parties and events. It is in high demand, so enquire early about dates. Excellent kitchen facilities available. Holds approximately 80 guests. Hire charge £25 per hour. Please enquire to: [admin.stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk)



## Important Dates

- Monday 6th November: Children Return to School
- Thursday 9th November: Reception to Yr6 flu vaccine (if consent given)
- Friday 10th November Disco: 5:15-6:15pm EYFS and KS1
- Friday 10th November Disco: 6:30-7:30pm Year 3 and 4
- Friday 10th November Disco: 7:45-8:45pm Year 5 and 6
- Monday 13th November: School Photographer: Individual and STM sibling photo's





## THINGS TO DO IN COVENTRY



THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FI

[www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk)



## FIND HALF TERM

The Coventry Rocks app is brim with things to do over the Half Term. There's 3 main categories:

- Places to go
- Half Term Activities
- Places to Eat

There's also a top section for Days Out and Home Visits.

Head to [www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk) to browse the website.

## PUMPKIN PICKING

Pumpkin Picking is a great activity to do with the whole family, and there are lots of places around Coventry where you can pick the perfect pumpkin! [Read our Guide](#) Head to the next page for some of our favourites!

**FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!**  
Join thousands of local parents following us on Social Media.  
Just search [Coventry Rocks](#) and like our page!



## SPOOKY FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



[Spooky Farm](#) | [Ash End Children's Farm](#)

21st, 22nd, 28th-31st October | Near Tamworth

[For Halloween 2023, Ash End House Children's Farm presents SPOOKY FARM!](#) This gruesome Halloween event includes unlimited time on the farm plus a new spooky trail, pick and carve a pumpkin, creepy crafts and a sweetie treat for every child. It's perfect for kids of all ages.

#### **Halloween Trail | Draycote Water**

28th October - 5th November | Near Rugby

Willow the Witch has left a trail of questions with clues hidden in the Halloween scenes. Collect a spooky trail sheet for £3 from the Visitor Hub to start your Halloween adventure!

#### **Halloween Events | St Mary's Guildhall**

28th October - 5th November | Coventry City Centre

St Mary's Guildhall will captivate guests with ghoulish medieval mysteries during October Half Term. You can experience hands on living history in the medieval kitchen, and explore Halloween traditions and superstitions. You can also book a Halloween Afternoon Tea for kids at the Tales of Tea Restaurant.

#### **Halloween at The Barn | The Barn at Berryfields**

20th - 31st October | Meriden



Get ready to go pumpkin picking in the giant homegrown pumpkin patch, enjoy the Eco-skating rink surrounded by twinkling lights and spooky faces. Finish off with The Barn at Berryfields' epic award-winning streetfood, including stone-baked pizza, burgers and a fully stocked bar!

**Halloween Spooktacular & Train Ride | Heart of England**

27th, 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st October | Fillongley

Head to Heart of England for a Spooktacular Family Festival! All aboard for an exciting creepy adventure aboard the Train through the woods, and then head to the Festival Village for lots of



family fun. Includes dancing in the spooky disco tent, shopping village, meeting characters, a crafting area and games with prizes.

[And there's more!](#)

[Head to www.coventryrocks.co.uk to find your fun.](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON OCTOBER HALF TERM



[Dipp-E VR | Herbert Art Gallery & Museum](#)

**23rd September - 31st March 2024 | Coventry City Centre** Immerse yourself in the 175 million year journey of the Herbert's ichthyosaur skull and experience the power of interactive storytelling with Dipp-E VR! Each experience lasts approximately 5 minutes, suitable for ages 5+ and costs just £5.

**Junk Modelling Maker Challenge | Coventry Transport Museum**

[28th October - 5th November | Coventry City Centre](#)

Get creative by upcycling waste and make junk-model-monsters! Suitable for all ages - FREE with admission.

**The King of Nothing | The Albany Theatre**

[Wednesday 1st November | Earlsdon](#)

With songs, puppetry, slapstick and more, the two Swindlers will weave their cunning magic on children and adults alike. Don't miss this awesome re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's Emperor's New Clothes. For ages 5+. **Get £2 off tickets with code CRK2**

**Halloween Makers Market | Fargo Village**

[28th and 29th October | Far Gosford Street](#)

Find a selection of the most monstrous makers and deadly designers for a Halloween special at Fargo Village. From candles & needle felted pumpkins to jewellery & sweets and much more.

**The Smeds & The Smoos | The Belgrade Theatre**



**31st October and 1st November 2023 | Coventry City Centre** Soar into space with this exciting adaptation of the award-winning book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. On a far-off planet, Smeds and Smoos can't be friends. So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love and zoom off into space together, how will their families get them back? Perfect for ages 3+.

**Wildlife Photographer Of The Year | Herbert Art Gallery**

[27th October - 1st April 2024 | Coventry City Centre](#)

The world-renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, on loan from the Natural History Museum in London. The exhibition features images which capture fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species and the diversity of the natural world.

[And there's more!](#)

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## FANG-TASTIC HOLIDAY CLUBS



### Super Sports Holiday Camp

**For ages 5-16 | Bablake School**

Super Sports Camps provide fun, professional coaching during the School holidays for children between 5-16. Your kids will receive coaching in football, netball, rugby, hockey, tennis, gymnastics, cricket and swimming.

**Get 5% off with code ROCKS23.**

**Visit [teamsupersports.co.uk](http://teamsupersports.co.uk) to book your place.**



### GO GO Makers Holiday Club

**From Reception to Year 6 | Finham Primary School**

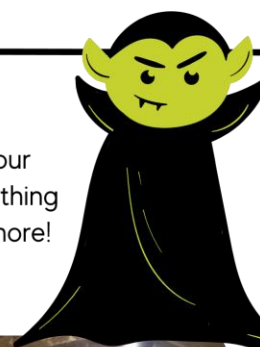
Go Go Makers Holiday Clubs are perfect for kids from Reception to Year 6. There's loads of activities to choose from including Ghoulish Games & Fun, Wicked Arts & crafts, Spooky Sports, Potions & Hocus Pocus in STEAM, AAArrrrchery, Dance & musical theatre and more!

**Visit [www.gogomakers.co.uk](http://www.gogomakers.co.uk) to book your place.**

## FANCY A BITE TO EAT?

If you're looking try try a new restaurant or café this Half Term, then head to our **Places to Eat Collection**. It features over 50 local eateries, and includes everything from community cafes to pizza restaurants, curry houses, dessert cafes and more!

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



There are some amazing events coming up - so grab your diary and get planning!

[Cinderella | The Belgrade Theatre](#)

[22nd November to 13th January | Coventry City Centre](#)

This Christmas you're invited to a Royal Ball at the Belgrade Theatre with the nation's favourite panto, Cinderella! This wonderful rags-to-riches tale is guaranteed to delight all the family and bring a touch of magic to your festive celebrations.

**Vintage Sleigh Ride | Coventry Transport Museum**

**25th November - 23rd December | Coventry City Centre** Take a ride on an enchanting vintage sleigh, meet Santa, tell him your Christmas wishes, and collect your gift from the elf's toy shop. Admission to Coventry Transport Museum is included in the ticket price. Booking essential!

[The Gruffalo | Warwick Arts Centre](#)

[28th November - 24th December | Canley](#)

Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Songs, laughs and monstrous fun for children aged 3 and up and their grown-ups, in this much-loved show!



Wizard of Oz on Ice | Planet Ice Arena  
Tuesday 5th December | Coventry City Centre



This season, Planet Ice present a fun filled version of the Wizard of Oz adapted by the Show & Skate class of amateur skaters and supported by their Professional on Tour cast. A magical evening's entertainment for the whole family, guaranteed to fill the hearts of young and old with the spirit of Christmas.

**Santa's Sparkly Surprise | The Belgrade Theatre**

7th - 24th December | Coventry City Centre

Bring your little ones to see Santa, Ellie the Elf and the gang! Get the festive season off to a magical start by helping Rudolph and Mouse bring Christmas to the North Pole. Meet Santa and receive a Christmas gift. Perfect for ages 2-6.

**And there's more!**

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## LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Razzamataz Theatre School

**For ages 4-18 | [Blue Coat School](#) | FREE Trial available!**

[Multi award winning Razzamataz runs sessions at Blue Coat School in Coventry. Razzamataz offers a safe space for kids to explore their voice, imagination, and gain skills for life. They specialise in](#)

[Musical Theatre and Commercial styles including street dance, pop, singing, and acting, taught by industry professional teachers.](#)

[Head to \[coventryrocks.co.uk\]\(http://coventryrocks.co.uk\) & search "Razzamataz" for info](#)

Master Mind Tuition

From KS1 Upwards | [Online or Face to Face](#)

[Master Mind Tuition offers tuition for Key Stage 1, 2, 3 & 4 pupils, including those preparing for 11+. Does your child need some extra support in achieving their academic goals? Master Mind Tuition will invest in your child, using a variety of resources to build confidence and increase motivation for learning.](#)

**Email [admin@mastermindtuition.co.uk](mailto:admin@mastermindtuition.co.uk) for info**

## H2O Swimming

Ages 4+ | Bablake School & West Coventry Academy



[H2O is a thriving local Swim School](#) who offer private and group swimming lessons for children age 4+. Classes run at Bablake Sports Centre and West Coventry Academy. H2O also offer holiday clubs, crash courses, family swim sessions, swimming parties and adult fitness classes too. Get in touch to book a Free Trial! [Head to coventryrocks.co.uk & search "H2O" for info.](#)

## LOOKING FOR KIDS CLASSES?

Coventry Rocks now features over 200 kids classes taking place locally. So whether you're looking for something specific, or just browsing for ideas, we've got you covered!

Baby & Toddler GroupsSwimming LessonsMusic Lessons



Dance ClassesDrama ClubsArts & Crafts

GymnasticsSports TeamsPregnancy & Adult

[Browse Groups & Classes on www.coventryrocks.co.uk](http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk)



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