



More News 14th June 2024

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



First Holy Communions

Congratulations go to our Y3 pupils who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday.

They enjoyed a day of celebration yesterday as they had a party with cake provided by the PTFA.

Our thanks go to the staff who have worked so hard to prepare the children and to Fr Simon for all he has done in preparing the children.

We are very much looking forward to sharing in this special moment in their journey of faith.



STM Feast Day and 10 Year Celebrations

The St Thomas More Feast Day is on Saturday 22nd June. This year we will be holding our feast day celebrations the day before on Friday 21st June. As our school building will be 10 years old in September, we will combine our feast day celebrations with marking a decade in our new building.

The school will worship together at Mass on Friday 21st at 10.30am and will then, weather permitting, process to the playground to a statue of St Thomas More where we will say prayers of thanksgiving.

Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us at Mass and for our procession and prayer. There will then be tea and cake offered in the Community Room.

OCS, our catering company, have kindly offered to have a BBQ for those children who have a hot dinner that day. Please let the office know by Monday 17th June (only if your child does not usually have a school dinner on a Friday) if your child would like a hot dinner (BBQ lunch) as part of our

celebrations. If you are not eligible for free school meals and your child is in Nursery or Years 3-6 then meals are charged at £2.30 (payable via the Arbor app).

In the afternoon, children will be offered an ice cream as an extra treat!

Non-uniform Day and Stanley Cup Raffle

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day and Stanley Cup raffle with £1 donations, raising a fantastic total of £464.00. The winners of the raffle were drawn this morning in assembly. The winners are Oshae and Aidan.

All money raised will go towards funding ice creams/lollies for children to enjoy on our Feast Day celebrations.

Children's Mile

Thank you to the parents who enabled our STM children to take part in the Children's Mile on Sunday!

The children had a great time and really enjoyed the run.



Go Parks Challenge

...and after enjoying the Children's Mile so much, what better way to continue the fun than by taking part in the Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge?



Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge

Our Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge returns from 9 June - 7 July.

This year the challenge will be a 'Paris 2024' special, celebrating the Olympics and Paralympics.

The challenge is free, and this year will involve 37 parks and greenspaces around the city where participants can win virtual medals by scanning QR codes at each park.

This challenge edition features an exciting point and scoring system with a virtual medal table and family competition features via the Go CV system.

As always, every QR code scanned in the parks means more points to your chosen school.

The school with the most points wins the challenge.

There will also be a range of pop-up activities in parks, exciting challenges and opportunities to win spot prizes along the way.

Follow Coventry Sport on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date on all things Go Parks.

Don't forget to tag yourself in your posts on X @STMschCoventry and @CovSport when taking part.

Family Hub Updates

News from Family Hub:

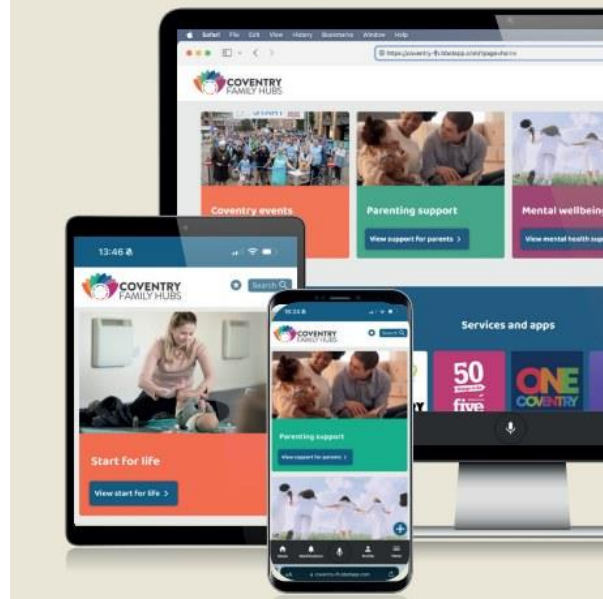
We have launched the new Family Hub and SEND local offer through new Coventry Families portal at www.coventryfamilies.co.uk - this is **the** place for families, and all those that are supporting families, to access all the information that they need to help their family thrive. Please take a look, download the app to your phone and please use in your own practice and promote with families.

Please see also the attached information.

Accessing local family support online
has never been easier with

the new Coventry Families website

www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



Introducing Coventry Families – Your Online Support Platform!

Families are the heart of our community and we understand the importance of easily accessible support and information for parents like you. That's why we're pleased to introduce you to the brand new Coventry Families website – your digital front door for all things families in Coventry.

When you visit www.coventryfamilies.co.uk, you'll have access to a wealth of information and advice to help you navigate the journey of parenthood. Whether you're on your smartphone, tablet, or laptop, accessing local family support has never been easier.

Here's what you can expect when you visit the Coventry Families website:

One-Stop Support: Coventry Families offers a 'one-stop' digital hub for parents and families, providing easy access to support whenever needed.

24/7 Availability: Parenthood isn't bound by time, and neither is Coventry Families. Whether day or night, our website is here to offer assistance.

Trusted Advice: Whether you're seeking tips on child development or advice on family matters, our platform is here to help you every step of the way.

Diverse Services: From child development to parenting guidance, Coventry Families offers a wide range of services including support for infants, events, home learning experiences and the local SEND offer.

Seamless Integration: Linked to websites including Coventry City Council and local NHS services, Coventry Families ensures reliable access to up-to-date information.

Visit www.coventryfamilies.co.uk today and discover a range of information and resources tailored specifically for you and your family's needs.

Who can access a Family Hub?

Family Hubs offer a diverse range of services designed to meet the needs of the entire family and the broader community.

From universal offerings like Baby Health Clinic to personalised support addressing the specific requirements of your child and family, a Coventry Family Hub is inclusive and accessible to everyone.

Examples of services offered include:

- ✓ Parenting support
- ✓ Stay and play sessions that help children be ready for school
- ✓ Baby and Me sessions to help children get the best start in life and parents make new friends and local connections
- ✓ Assistance for children with special educational needs and their families
- ✓ A range of child and family health activities, including a baby well-being clinic and infant feeding advice
- ✓ Guidance on managing finances and getting back into work or training
- ✓ Family support which may be offered within the home
- ✓ Relationship support
- ✓ Targeted youth support for young people aged 11 to 19

Anyone can come to a Family Hub and all the offer is FREE!

How do I get help from a Family Hub?

You can drop into any of our eight Family Hubs during operating hours from 8.30am to 5pm, call 0800 8870545, or have someone who is familiar with your situation request help on your behalf.

Regardless of where you live within the city, Family Hubs are ready to provide support. We can also 'bring help to you' so you can get help and advice as soon as you contact us.

Many of the support staff working in Family Hubs also visit different locations throughout the city, such as community centres, schools, or health clinics.

This collaborative approach ensures the Family Hub offer is available to all, even if you are unable to visit a Family Hub building, and support can be arranged either in your home or within your local community.

For more information about Coventry Family Hubs, please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs

Contact us

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What is a Coventry Family Hub?



What is a Family Hub?

A Family Hub is a welcoming place where children, young people and families of all ages can seek help and support, and to experience activities that enable your family to thrive. Whether you're a parent with young children, a teenager, or anyone in between, a Coventry Family Hub is the place to go to connect you with the help and guidance to ensure you receive the right help at the right time with the right people. By collaborating with various services, agencies and teams, the Family Hub helps residents access a wide range of services, providing information, advice, and support tailored to your individual circumstances.

Where is my nearest Family Hub?

- Aspire Family Hub**
Gosford Park Primary School
Humber Avenue, Coventry, CV1 2SF
Phone number: 024 7697 6900
Email: AspireFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk
- Families For All Family Hub**
454 Foleshill Road, Coventry, CV6 5LB
Phone number: 024 7697 7991
Email: FamiliesforAllFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk
- Harmony Family Hub**
Clifton Street, Coventry, CV1 5QQ
Phone number: 024 7697 6030
Email: HarmonyFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk
- Mosaic Family Hub**
Jardine Crescent, Coventry, CV4 9PL
Phone number: 024 7697 8760
Email: MosaicFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk



- Clark Edge Family Hub**
Dobsonery Avenue, Coventry, CV2 1NE
Phone number: 024 7697 7860
Email: ClarkEdgeFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk
- The Moor Family Hub**
Wood House Primary School
Deerstone Road, Coventry, CV2 1EQ
Phone number: 024 7697 6036
Email: TheMoorFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk
- Wood Side Family Hub**
Upper Rise, Coventry, CV3 5GL
Phone number: 024 7697 6090
Email: WoodSideFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk
- Northway Family Hub**
Dudford Primary Academy
Lawrence Saunders Road, Coventry, CV6 1HD
Phone number: 024 7697 8150
Email: NorthwayFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

How will my information be shared?

You will be asked for your agreement for Early Help services to come together to support you and your family and to share relevant information to get the right help with the right people. We will use your personal information so that we can provide the right advice and guidance and provide the help that you require as early as possible. We process personal data because it is necessary to comply with our legal obligations and perform our public duty. We will only share information when it is necessary and lawfully. We will tell you if we need to do this and who we are sharing information with. Coventry City Council complies with the Data Protection Act and the GDPR and is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) as a Data Controller. The Privacy Notice explains how personal information could be used, what for, who it will be shared with and why.

Request Early Help
Call 0800 8870545
or scan the QR code to visit our website



How do we offer Family Support?

Family support is delivered through a 16 week intensive package of support. We will work with you to understand what help you need and make a plan that may include working with members of your family, friends and other professionals so that you can make positive changes.

- We have teams of Supporting Families practitioners ready to help children, young people and their families**
- We can help with the following situations:
- Education** - we can help children and young people access good education that meets their needs.
 - Early years development** - we can help children have good early years development and the best start in life.
 - Mental and physical health** - we can help families be healthy and emotionally well.
 - Substance misuse** - we can help your family be safe from the impact of substance abuse.
 - Family relationships** - we can help your family to thrive and support your relationships to be positive.
 - Children and young people identified as being at risk of abuse and exploitation** - we can help ensure children and young people are safe and protected from abuse and exploitation.
 - Crime prevention and tackling crime** - we can help your family be safe and protected from the impact of crime.
 - Domestic abuse** - we can help your family be safe from the impact of domestic abuse.
 - Secure housing** - we can help you to live in secure and suitable housing.
 - Financial stability** - we can help your family be financially resilient.
- To get help from the Supporting Families Team you will need to have three or more of the issues listed. We can also help you access the right help if you have one or two issues facing you now.

How could you and your family benefit from family support?

The Supporting Families programme is designed to help your family in the difficult moments of your life. Our team of practitioners are skilled professionals and want to help your family be the best that you can be. The earlier you get help the better.

What happens if I don't want the help?

You do not have to take the support that we are offering you, this is a voluntary programme and you can tell us at any time if you no longer want the support. We aim to help you get to a successful outcome within 16 weeks.

How do I get support?

If you want to receive early help from the team, please speak to someone from your child's school, your health visitor, pre-school or nursery; or any service that is working with your family. If you are not currently working with anyone, you can request help by visiting your local Family Hub or visit www.coventry.gov.uk/earlyhelp or call 0800 8870545. All help is free and confidential.

Who will help?


Your family will be allocated a Supporting Families practitioner, who will work with you to find the help and support you need and bring a team of professionals that can work with your family.

How we will work with you


The help offered to each family depends on your needs. The Supporting Families practitioner will help each family to develop their own support plan. They will find out what matters to you and what you want to change. We will do this by gathering information about your family (an assessment) which will inform the plan. We will review this plan regularly with you. Your Supporting Families practitioner will be your single point of contact and they will co-ordinate your family plan and the team around your family.

Pop-Up MMR Clinics


The Local Authority is running two MMR pop-up clinics (tomorrow and on Saturday 13th July). Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure their child has had both doses of the MMR vaccine to help protect them from measles, mumps and rubella, all of which can have serious consequences if your child is unlucky enough to become infected. You do not need to book and for those families who do not touch any pork products there are alternative vaccines available.




SYMPTOMS
High temperature




Runny nose




Cough



Sore red eyes



Rash



**Protect yourself
and your family**

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella
(MMR) pop-up vaccination clinic**



**Coventry Central Library
City Centre, CV1 1FY**

**Saturday 8 June 2024
Saturday 13 July 2024
10.00AM – 2.30PM**

We encourage anyone who has not had their 1st or 2nd dose of the MMR vaccine to pop in. For those who do not touch any pork products, there is an alternative vaccine available.


**It's FREE. No appointment
needed. We welcome walk-ins.**

If you have any queries regarding your child's immunisation status, speak to your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) on **02476 961422**.

PCSO Online Safety Courses (free)

It is so important that parents understand the risks that children and what they can do to help keep them safe. Earlier this year we and our PCSO ran a course for parents that gave key information about how best to keep your child safe online. Feedback from parents was very positive, with one parent commenting that 'every parent should have this information!' The PCSOs are running a similar course online for parents to view on 10th and 13th June. Please use the QR code on the attached flyer to book your place.



**INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR
PARENTS & CARERS**


On June 10th and June 13th, West Midlands Police will be delivering a **FREE ONLINE SAFETY** workshop for parents and carers living in Coventry.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

A number of different topics will be explored, including:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above



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STM Brownies - Can You Help?

Sadly the time has come for the current leaders to stand down from Girl guiding. We are looking for volunteers to take over the Unit here at STM. The Unit meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. If you feel you'd like to volunteer to take over, please contact Amanda Kelly by email

amandastmparish@outlook.com. Unfortunately, if nobody comes forward the Unit will close on 2nd July 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

Active Events to Join In

The new Go Parks events calendar has been released. Please see the attached flyers for information about outdoor activities that can be accessed across the city.

go parks ACTIVITY 2024

WILD EARTH	INCLUSIVE TENNIS	GREED COMMUNITY	RIISING STARS	SBTC
VENUE ALLESEY PARK LAKE VIEW	VENUE SPENCER PARK	VENUE EAGLE STREET	VENUE EDDONICK MIDAT HOUSE	VENUE BARRS HILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY
ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT & YOGA	ACTIVITY INCLUSIVE TENNIS	ACTIVITY BOXING & FITNESS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS
DAY PLEASE CONTACT PROVIDER	DAY TUESDAY-TURSDAY MONDAY-SUMMER	DAY SATURDAY	DAY THURSDAY SUNDAY	DAY MONDAY TUESDAY
TIME DAYTIME EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME EVENINGS	TIME SATURDAY AFTERNOON	TIME EVENINGS	TIME EVENINGS
CONTACT geeta.sarcar@wild-earth.org.uk	CONTACT tash@includetennis.com dani@tennis4all.org.uk	CONTACT contact@greedcommunity.co.uk	CONTACT hannah.sahing@risingstars.org.uk	CONTACT Alex.Jane@sbtc.org.uk

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CONNECT US ACADEMY	EMPOWER	LONGFORD SPORT FOOTBALL	YMCA
VENUE TOE TO TOE CROO FOLESHILL CANLEY	VENUE REBELEY RECREATION CHARNWOOD CLOSE	VENUE LONGFORD	VENUE WILLENHALL BROOKSTRAFF
ACTIVITY BOXING	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS & SOCIAL ACTION
DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY	DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY	DAY SATURDAY	DAY FRIDAY
TIME DAYTIME & EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME & EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME	TIME EVENINGS
CONTACT connectusacademy.co@gmail.com	CONTACT Empower@empower.org	CONTACT shurfootball@gmail.com	CONTACT julia.fagan@ymcaheartofengland.org.uk

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PROJECT 5	APTITUDE	ASCENSION DANCE	PIT
VENUE STAMFORDS MEMORIAL ALAN HIGGS	VENUE BEE-HOUSE ATTI GOALS	VENUE FACEBOOK MEMORIAL FARGO WILKIE	VENUE SENEY STRONGERS ACADEMY
ACTIVITY SKATE-BOARDING	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY PARKOUR	ACTIVITY FOOTBALL
DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	DAY TUESDAY	DAY MONDAY FRIDAY	DAY SATURDAY
TIME EVENINGS	TIME EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME	TIME MORNING
CONTACT info@project5.org.uk ber@gmail.com	CONTACT andrew@aptitude.org.uk	CONTACT ben@ascensiondance.co.uk	CONTACT info@pitstrongersfoundation.org

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Attendance is important!

We monitor all pupils' attendance and will contact you (often by letter and text message) if their attendance is getting lower than we'd expect. Please don't be offended - 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 so far this year is 95.8%

Attendance this week is as follows:

Year R	95.5%
Year 01	98.7%
Year 02	94.7%
Year 03	96.6%
Year 04	95.3%
Year 05	95.8%
Year 06	95.1%

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 £30.00 per hour. Please enquire to: admin.stm.covty@rcaob.org.uk



Important Dates

- Wednesday 19th June, Year 3 Trip to Think Tank Museum
- Friday 5th July, times tbc: Sports Day (weather dependent!)