



More News 21st June 2024

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



STM Feast Day and 10 Year Celebrations

We have enjoyed a beautiful day of celebration for our Feast Day and to mark the 10 year anniversary of the new school building opening.

We came together as a school and parish community to worship at Mass and then processed into the school grounds to our statue of St Thomas More where Fr Simon said prayers of thanks. Parishioners and visitors were then treated to tea and cakes in the Community Room while children enjoyed a BBQ lunch. This afternoon we had ice creams.

What a lovely way to celebrate as a school!



Remembering Keaton

You will be aware of the tragic road accident that occurred a week ago on Radford Road. Keaton, who sadly died, was a pupil at Cardinal Newman and had previously been a pupil at St Augustines - both schools within our MAC family. Today, all the Holy Cross Catholic MAC primary schools wore sky blue to remember Keaton, as Keaton was a keen Coventry City fan. The link to the [Just Giving page is here](#), if you would like to donate to the Just Giving page for Keaton's family.

End of Year Leavers' Mass

Please note the date for our end of year Leavers' Mass has changed. The Leavers' Mass will now take place at 9.15am on Friday 19th July in the church. All are welcome, though we especially invite our Y6 parents and carers as this is a time to share in our celebration and prayer for our Y6 leavers.

Class Photo's

If your child had a class photograph taken with Star Vison Photography then you will have received a code to order online. A reminder to please place your order online a.s.a.p so that photos can be returned before the end of term. All orders placed before Sunday 23rd June will receive a £5 discount. If you have any queries please email admin@st-thomasmore.coventry.sch.uk

KS2 Children Shine at Catholic Athletics Event

On Thursday, several children from KS2 had an amazing time at the Catholic Athletics event held at Warwick Uni athletics track. They showed off their skills in various events such as sprints, relay, 800m, long jump, and throwing. Congratulations to Arty (Year 3) for winning bronze, Patrick (Year 6) for clinching silver, and Valerie (Year 6) for securing bronze. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and accomplishments. Well done to all the participants!



PTFA presents the STM Lotto

The moment you have all been waiting for...the 100 Club is back but with a new name - The STM Lotto!!!

Please see the attached flyer and sign up on the form link below. You have to be in it to win it!!
Please share with family and friends - all are welcome!

[Form](#)

Thank you for your support.

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STM PTFA PRESENTS



FOR FULL DETAILS & TO SIGN UP
SCAN / PRESS THE QR CODE

£1 month
11 draws a year
Sept-July
Allocated number
No number limit
Must be aged 16+



WINNER
1st prize £50
2nd prize £10
3rd prize £5
Amazon e-Gift
Voucher

ANY QUERIES EMAIL
stm-ptfa@hccmac.co.uk

Free Parent Courses - SENDIASS

In partnership with SENDIASS, Coventry Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Learning Team (SEMHL) will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on 'ADHD and Emotional Regulation'

The aims of this sessions are:

- Why emotional regulation is a challenge for those with ADHD
- Why dysregulated behaviour and meltdowns may occur
- Understanding what is happening to your child/young person
- How to feel better equipped for dealing with some of the challenges you may experience

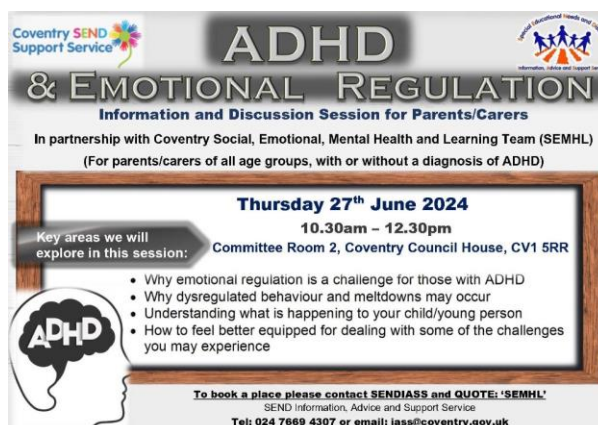
This session is suitable for parents/carers of all age groups. Your child does not need an ADHD diagnosis to attend this session.

When: Thursday 27th June 2024, 10.30am-12.30pm

Where: Committee Room 2, Coventry Council House, CV1 5RR

How do I book a place?

To book your place please email iass@coventry.gov.uk or TEL: 024 76 69 4307 **quoting 'SEMHL'** along with your name and the email address you would like your booking confirmation sent to.



'Compass' (Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service) – Information Session for Parents/Carers – 03/07/2024

Who are Compass?

[Compass](#) is a free service, offering children & young people help to understand the issues they are struggling with, providing them with strategies to cope and achieve positive mental wellbeing. Compass **support** children and young people from 5 to 18 years, and up to 25, if they have special educational needs.

Aims of the session:

- To find out about the services Compass offer and how to contact them for support.
- To learn about the support available to parents/carers including self-help resources, information & advice, 1:1 or group intervention, counselling and family-based support.

When: Wednesday 3rd July 2024, 10am-12noon

Where: Committee Room 3, Coventry Council House, CV1 5RR

How do I book a place?

To book your place please email iass@coventry.gov.uk or TEL: 024 76 69 4307 **quoting 'COMPASS'** along with your name and the email address you would like your booking confirmation sent to.



Preparing For Adulthood (PFA): Employment and Training Pathways – 12/07/24

On Friday July 12th, Coventry SEND will be running an event for Preparing for Adulthood: Employment and Training Pathways. It will be between 10am-12pm and you can stay for as long or as little as you like!

The focus will be on 14-25yr olds who are considering their next steps after school/college. There will be an information fair, with providers, employers and voluntary organisations on hand to answer questions about their offers for young people. There will also be a series of information talks throughout the morning which people are welcome to attend.

When: Friday 12th July 2024, 10am-12noon

Where: Committee Rooms 2/3 Coventry Council House, CV1 5RR.

How do I find out more?

There is more information available at <https://www.covsendiass.co.uk/.../preparing-for-adulthood...>

How do I book?

You can register your interest by emailing sen@coventry.gov.uk - please use the subject line "PFA event", with a contact name and the number of people attending.

Child Friendly Coventry - Safe Spaces

Please see the attached information from Coventry City Council

Safe Spaces

child friendly COV

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce a new partnership between Child Friendly Cov and West Midlands Police to launch a safe spaces initiative across the city. Our goal is to provide young people with safe and accessible spaces when they are not feeling safe.

All locations have received training from West Midlands Police and Child Friendly Cov, and are equipped with window stickers, power banks, phone chargers, and small dry foods/hygiene packs provided by Tesco, Asda, Langar Aid, and the Foodbank.

You can find a list of safe spaces on our website: www.childfriendlycov.co.uk/safespaces.

These locations are easily identifiable by the window sticker displayed on their premises.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our young people safe.

Child Friendly Cov and West Midlands Police

Working in partnership with
Coventry City Council

A safe space available for young people who need support.
Please talk to a member of our staff.
www.childfriendlycov.co.uk/safespaces

child friendly COV

We believe children and young people in Coventry should always...

- be & feel valued
- be & feel safe
- have opportunities
- be & feel healthy
- be & feel loved

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.

CCFC Kit Design Competition

Sky Blues in the Community are pleased to announce we have teamed up once again with Coventry City and Coventry Building Society Arena to launch our Community kit design competition!

With the new 2024/25 shirt set to be revealed in the coming weeks, youngsters have the opportunity to design their own Coventry City shirt - with the best ones being displayed in the Arena concourse wall next season.

Please see the attachments for all the information and the kit template to complete.

The winner will also receive a fantastic prize package, including:

- Coventry City shirt
- 2 tickets to a Coventry City home game
- Stadium tour and family meal in the Anecdote restaurant at Coventry Building Society arena during the summer holidays
- £20 book voucher

Please **return** your entries to competition@cbsarena.co.uk - the deadline for entries is Friday 5th July.

Name : _____ School: _____ School YR: _____
Parent/Guardian email: _____ Telephone: _____

A promotional poster for the 'KIT DESIGN COMPETITION'. The background is dark blue with a pattern of white stars and a faint image of a crowd. In the center is a blue t-shirt with a large white question mark. To the left is the Coventry City Football Club crest. Text on the poster includes:
KIT DESIGN COMPETITION
WIN:
• CCFC shirt • X2 tickets to a CCFC home game
• Stadium tour + family meal in the Anecdote restaurant (located at the Coventry Building Society Arena) during the summer holidays
• £20 book voucher
KIT TEMPLATE CAN BE DOWNLOADED VIA CCFC.CO.UK
EMAIL YOUR ENTRIES TO: competition@cbsarena.co.uk
DEADLINE: 05/07
At the bottom, there are logos for Sky Blues, Coventry Building Society, and Coventry Building Society Arena, along with social media icons for Facebook, X, and Instagram, and the contact number 02476 786 349 and email sbfc@sbtfc.org.uk.

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.



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 help you to 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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Call us on 0800 8870545 or have someone request help on your behalf

Visit www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs

Coventry City Council ONE COVENTRY

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
Dobsony Avenue, Coventry, CV2 1NE
Phone number: 024 7697 7860
Email: ClarkEdgeFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

The Moor Family Hub
Wood House Primary School
Deerthorne Road, Coventry, CV2 1EQ
Phone number: 024 7697 6036
Email: TheMoorFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Redway's Family Hub
Dudford Primary Academy
Lawrence Saunders Road, Coventry, CV6 1HD
Phone number: 024 7697 8150
Email: RedwaysFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Wood Side Family Hub
Upper Rise, Coventry, CV3 5GL
Phone number: 024 7697 6090
Email: WoodSideFamilyHub@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 your 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**.

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.

ACTIVITY 2024

WILD EARTH	INCLUSIVE TENNIS	BRED COMMUNITY	RISING STARS	SBITC
VENUE ALLESEY PARK LAKE VIEW	VENUE SPENCER PARK	VENUE EAGLE STREET	VENUE EDGECROCK MOAT HOUSE	VENUE BARRIS HILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY
ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT & YOGA	ACTIVITY INCLUSIVE TENNIS	ACTIVITY BOXING & FITNESS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS
DAY PLEASE CONTACT PROVIDER	DAY TUESDAY- TERM TIME 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.sancar@wild-earth.org.uk	CONTACT nicola@go.parks@coventry.salis.uk	CONTACT contact@bredcommunity.co.uk	CONTACT khalid.arhique@risingstarsfootball.co.uk	CONTACT Alex.Jane@sbittc.org.uk

CONNECT US ACADEMY	EMPOWER	LONGFORD SHORT FOOTBALL	YMCA
VENUE FOR TO TOR @ CROCK @ FOLESHILL @ CANLEY	VENUE KERSELEY RECREATION CARADOC CLOSE	VENUE LONGFORD	VENUE WILDMALL BROOKS TRAY
ACTIVITY CRICKET	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS	ACTIVITY MULTI SPORTS & SOCIAL ACTION
DAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY	DAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY	DAY SATURDAY	DAY FRIDAY
TIME DAYTIME & EVENINGS	TIME DAYTIME & EVENING	TIME DAYTIME	TIME EVENINGS
CONTACT connectusacademy cc@gmail.com	CONTACT E8@empower- u.org	CONTACT shortfootball@ gmail.com	CONTACT jake.reger@ymca northengland.org uk

PROJECT 5	APTITUDE	ASCENSION DANCE	PYF
VENUE ST MARGRETS MEMORIAL @ ALANHOODS	VENUE RED HOUSE @ ATT GOALS	VENUE HOLBROOKS MEMORIAL @ FARM VILLAGE	VENUE SEAKY STRONGS 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.project5team hert@gmail.co m	CONTACT andrew@aptitude org.uk	CONTACT ben@ ascensiondan ce.co.uk	CONTACT info@Positiveyouth foundation.org

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	95.4%
Year 01	95.7%
Year 02	96.6%
Year 03	98.8%
Year 04	95.0%
Year 05	92.2%
Year 06	93.3%

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

- Friday 5th July, times tbc: Sports Day (weather dependent!)
- Friday 19th July @ 9.15am: End of year leavers mass in church