



More News 19th July 2024

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



Thank you!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have been so supportive of your children and the school during the course of the year. At St Thomas More we have had a very successful year with a great Ofsted report and fantastic SATs results (these will be shared more widely when they are confirmed by the DfE in the autumn term), but more importantly, we have seen our children grow and flourish!

Thank you also, for all your cards, gifts and wishes to staff at the end of the year. They are much appreciated!

Goodbye and Good Luck!

We have had bittersweet moments this week in saying goodbye and good luck to the members of staff who are leaving us to enjoy new adventures.

Mrs Wilson-King, our much-loved Learning Mentor, is retiring. She has worked tirelessly, often going above and beyond for our children, for the last 27 years! Mrs Wilson-King has been a huge force in our school for supporting children and their families in times of need and will be very missed by the entire STM community. We wish her the very happiest of retirements! Mrs Wilson-King would like to express her gratitude for all the kind messages and gifts she received yesterday, it was much appreciated.

Mrs Phillips will be leaving after 12 years of teaching at the school. She has worked very hard, particularly in ensuring our youngest children learn to read well and we thank her for all that she's done. Good luck, Mrs Phillips!

Mrs Knight is leaving after two years of teaching at STM. She has worked incredibly hard and made a difference to many children in her short time at STM. Good luck in your new job, Mrs Knight!

Mrs Winter will be leaving (again!) next week. Mrs Winter has been teaching at STM for just over a year in her most recent post and we are very grateful that she has been such a nurturing and adaptable teacher to work with so many of our children, especially those in Year 1. Thank you, Mrs Winter!

Miss Barwell, our Office Manager, will also be leaving during the summer holidays. She has worked incredibly hard to make sure the school runs smoothly and is always the first person staff turn to to solve whatever problem they may have, from making sure there is enough paper in the school, to making sure teachers are covered when they are off to making sure the race track is marked for Sports Day! We are very grateful for the dedication and determination Miss Barwell has offered to ensure STM can function and wish her the very best of luck in her new job!

Victoria, one of our wonderful Lunch Time Supervisors, will finish today also. Victoria has worked to keep the children safe and happy at lunchtimes over the last couple of years and has been much appreciated for her lovely nature and relationships with the children. We wish Victoria the very best of luck!

We said goodbye to our leaving staff in an assembly yesterday where we celebrated their unique and special talents and gave thanks for their hard work and dedication.

Welcome to STM!

I am pleased to share that Miss Keane will be joining the STM staffing team in September. She will be teaching with Mrs Webster in Year 5.

More Thank You-s

There are many 'unseen' people who work very hard to make the school run smoothly and give a better experience for the children. Two really important groups who play a key part in this are our wonderful Governors and the fantastic PTFA.

Our governors are all volunteers who give up many hours during the course of the year to make sure the school is run well and to help drive the strategic direction of the school. Governors don't just attend meetings but visit school to see the reality of a day in the life of a child at STM and work with staff to continue on our drive to make our school better and better. My sincere thanks go to all of our governors for their tireless work and support!

The PTFA make a huge difference to the experience our children have. School budgets are increasingly stretched which means school can only provide the essentials and the lovely 'extras' are no longer affordable. The PTFA work very hard to raise as much money as possible to ensure those 'extras' can still happen. This year they have donated £5 per child to reduce the cost of trips and visits, paid for the First Holy Communion celebration cake and the Confirmation celebration cake and have donated a significant amount of money to the Year 6 party, as well as lots of other items across the school. They have also ensured events such as the school discos take place and made sure Santa visited the Parish Bazaar. Thank you from all to the PTFA for your hard work!

Summer Safeguarding

We hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy summer break, but if you are worried about a child, help can be found at the following places:

- If you have concerns regarding the safety of a child, ring Coventry Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: 024 76 788 555 (Emergency Duty team: 024 76 832 222)
- In an emergency, ring 999
- [Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) has lots of advice and links for different areas of concern.
- Childline can be contacted on 0800 111 111

Worried about a child?



If you are worried a child may be at risk of, or being neglected or abused, let the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) know on

024 7678 8555

Or, if out of hours Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on

024 7683 2222

In an emergency always dial 999!



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

HOME SHOULD BE A HAPPY PLACE



Whatever you're feeling, Childline can help.
We're free, and you don't have to tell us your name.

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ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
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Leavers' Mass

This morning Fr Simon celebrated a beautiful Mass with the whole school community. We gave thanks for the year that we've had and prayed for the pupils and staff who are moving on to pastures new.

We also enjoyed a moving song from Year 6 and celebrated our Governors Award winners in Year 6:

- St Catherine of Sienna Role Model Award: Ella
- St Josephine Bakhita Overcoming Challenge Award: Michael
- St Teresa of Avila Catholic Life Award: Cara
- St Thomas of Aquinas Academic Progress Award: Piotr
- St John Paul II Sports Award: Keisha
- St Francis de Sales Behavioural Excellence: Lesley
- **St Thomas More Governors' Ethos Award: Joel**

Good luck, Year 6 in your new schools! We know you have shining futures ahead of you and ask that you remember, your hearts will always carry a little bit of STM in them as you make your way through the world.

Year 6 Party

Thank you to Johnny and Jenna Carlin from Render right, for their very generous cash donation to the PTFA and Yr 6 Leavers party and to J&M Drainage for supplying the Yr 6's with ice creams on their last day of SATs!





Catholic Social teaching Conference

Last Thursday members of the Eco and Gift teams visited Bishop Ullathorne school. They attended the Social Teaching Conference. They listened to a number of speakers talking about ways that people can make a difference in our world, even the youngest people. It was a great opportunity to meet children from the other Holy Cross MAC schools. We even listened to a BBC journalist talking about his visit to the Arctic. Did you know that they have found microplastics in the snow that has fallen in the Arctic?

Our thanks go to Mrs Chester and Mrs Kelly who have led the Eco Heroes this year and to Debbie, one of our wonderful parishioners who volunteers to support the GIFT Team Leaders weekly and accompanied the children to the conference.

The children were a credit to our school and were inspired to be future change makers and leaders. Watch this space for their plans next year!





Congratulations Eco Heroes- We Have Been Awarded Our Green Flag!

We are delighted to share with our STM community that the Eco heroes have been successful in gaining our Eco Schools Green Flag.

The report from our application says:

Environmental education in your school is practical and engaging, empowering young people with the knowledge they need to confidently discuss and address ecological issues.

and congratulated the Eco Heroes on:

unearthing exciting opportunities for positive change and shining a light on areas where you could make a real difference.

The report commended the Eco Heroes for their enthusiasm and ownership in making STM more sustainable and noted that the school is excelling in areas such as litter, healthy living and using the school grounds to their full potential.

Well done Eco Heroes, Mrs Chester and Mrs Kelly!



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.

PTFA

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THE STM

LOTTO

**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

Next Year's Term Dates

The dates for the school terms are published on the school website [here](#).



School term dates 2024-2025

Month	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
August 2024						1	2
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Summer bank holiday	26 August 2024	Good Friday	18 April 2025
Christmas Day	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2024	May Day holiday	5 May 2025
New Year bank holiday	1 January 2025	Spring Bank holiday	26 May 2025

Term time ■ Holiday ■ Bank holiday ■ Weekend ■ training day ■

Attendance Update

During the summer holidays, the way attendance law is used by Local Authorities will be updated. This means that Fixed Penalty Notice (fines) are increasing and there are more stringent consequences for parents of children who do not attend school regularly. This reflects the importance the DfE is placing on children having good attendance.

The ways schools record absences is also changing, which could impact on the 'codes' used for absences.

Please note that Headteachers **cannot** authorise holidays during term time and all requests for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances **must** be made by completing the Leave of Absence form available from the school office.

If you are finding it difficult to ensure your child has good attendance, please contact the school as soon as problems arise so that we can help as soon as and as much as possible.

Uniform Reminder

As parents and carers turn their thinking towards preparing for the new school year, please remember that the school uniform for both general wear and for PE kits is expected and other items of clothing should not be worn. Please remember that children are expected to wear black shoes (not trainers or boots). The Uniform Policy can be found on the school [website](#).

Free Summer Activities

Please see below for the programme of free summer activities provided by the Family Hubs.

Summer activity timetable 2024



Find out about the FREE activities, workshops and sessions for children, young people and their families in Coventry during the Summer holidays, 2024. We are looking forward to meeting you there!

www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs



WEEK 1: 22 July - 28 July 2024

Family hubs offer 'Baby and Me' sessions for babies up to 2 years, and 'Ironies host the Summer Reading Challenge and craft activities for children aged 4-11. Special events include a family picnic, movie nights, games, bingo, quiz nights, and a silent disco. There are sensory play sessions for children with SEND. 'Teemvine' for teens to explore interests, a book club, and forest school activities. Additional activities include media mono sessions and 'Bump, Baby, and Beyond' for expecting families and those with young babies.



WEEK 2: 29 July - 4 Aug 2024

Family hubs offer 'Baby and Me' sessions, 'Bump, Baby, and Beyond' for expecting families, and activities like messy play, creative sessions, and sports with Sky Blues. Children can enjoy the Summer Reading Challenge, Lego, and craft activities at various libraries. Teens and older children can join 'Books and Games Club', 'Kickboxing', and 'Media Mania'. Special events include games, bingo, quiz nights, movie and popcorn evenings, a silent disco, forest school, and 'Wellies in the Woods' for family nature play.



WEEK 3: 5 Aug - 11 Aug 2024

Family hubs offer enriching 'Baby and Me' sessions and 'Bump, Baby, and Beyond' for expecting families. Enjoy creative activities like messy play, kickboxing, and 'Arventures'. Special events include 'Books and Games Club', 'Media Mania', family picnics, 'Come and See' events, and forest school. Don't miss movie and popcorn evenings, 'One Body One Life' fitness sessions, 'Teemvine' for SEND youth, and 'Sports Fest' at Broadgate. Experience outdoor fun with 'Wellies in the Woods', offering family nature play and relaxation.



WEEK 4: 12 Aug - 18 Aug 2024

Events include 'Come and See', 'Baby and Me' sessions for babies up to 2 years, 'Books and Games Club' for children 8+, and 'Media Mania' for ages 8-10. Families can also enjoy 'One Body One Life' fitness sessions, kickboxing classes, games and quiz nights, 'Forest School', and creative activities like 'Arventures'. Special events include 'Bump, Baby and Beyond', 'Teemvine' for young people with SEND, and a SEND 'Silent Disco'. These activities provide entertainment, new experiences, and opportunities for socialising and learning.



WEEK 5: 19 Aug - 25 Aug 2024

Join enriching 'Baby and Me' sessions at various hubs for new experiences and friendships. Dive into creativity with 'Arventures' and enjoy 'Books and Games Club'. Don't miss 'Media Mania' for ages 8-10, exploring music and culture. Enjoy a family picnic at Moseley Park or Sowe Common, explore 'Forest School' and engage in movie and popcorn afternoons. Special events include a 'Come and See' tour of Coventry Cathedral, a silent disco, and 'Wellies in the Woods'. Celebrate at the Vasaam Festival with games and prizes.



WEEK 6: 26 Aug - 1 Sept 2024

'Baby and Me' sessions for babies up to 2 years are available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Families can also enjoy 'One Body One Life' fitness sessions, kickboxing classes, and Family Sports with Sky Blues in the Community. Special events include 'Forest School', 'Movie and Popcorn Afternoon', 'Emergency Services Day', and 'Bump, Baby and Beyond' sessions. There are 'Media Mania' sessions, 'Young Inspectors Review', 'Teemvine' for young people with SEND, and 'Wellies in the Woods' for outdoor play and fun.



You can also visit www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs to view the summer activity timetables.

How do I get support from a Family Hub?

You can drop into any of our eight Family Hubs during operating hours from Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm. 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 run a daily "Here to Help" offer 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.

You can also access our digital Family Hub offer at www.coventryfamilies.co.uk

Contact us

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Visit www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs



To help friends or family to access this timetable, please use Reachcheck to translate into your home language.

Family Learning Free Courses

Family Learning are running free several courses that could be of interest to parents and carers next term.

- To help parents understand the British Curriculum and how we teach English and Maths to children we have two curriculum based 'recorded' online courses parents can enrol on. Each course is around 30 minutes per week for 10 weeks.
- Our 'Positive Family Foundations' course is a nurture-based parenting programme helping parents understand many aspects of child development, such as attachment theory, brain development and sensory regulation. We investigate their impact on the way their children behave.

There is an online 'recorded' version that around 30 minutes per week for 10 weeks.

There are also 4 separate face to face sessions that parents can attend.

Find out how to support your child with reading and writing

free
online
course

Join our free 11-week online course -
'English in the Primary School'

This course is for

All parents and carers with children in Coventry.

What you'll learn

The phonics, reading, grammar and spelling used in primary schools and how you can help at home.

What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email

Where it is

A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like.

When it is

Online, from Monday 17th September for 11 weeks

How to join

Scan the QR code to enrol.
View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted



"I work full-time and couldn't go to the daytime classes."



To find out more email kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk

Assume you have a place unless you hear from us



Support your child with primary school maths

free
online
course

Join our free 11-week online course -
'Maths in the Primary School'

This course is for

All parents and carers with children in Coventry

What you'll learn

The maths words and methods used in primary schools and how you can help at home.

What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email

Where it is

A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like

When it is

Online, from Monday 16th September for 11 weeks

How to join

Scan the QR code to enrol.
View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted



"I learnt lots - now it's much easier to help my son with his maths"



To find out more email kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk

Assume you have a place unless you hear from us



Find out how to raise happy, secure and well-behaved children

Join our free course – 'Positive Family Foundations'

This course is for

All parents and carers with children aged 0-10 in Coventry

What we do

- share information about child development and parenting styles
- give out practical resources and activities
- provide a friendly, supportive, welcoming group
- have a drink and a snack



Where /when it is

The 11-week course runs at three different venues – pick that one that suits you best.

Tuesdays - 9.30-11.30am, starting September 17th.
Broad Street Centre, 161 Broad Street, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 5BN www.coventry.gov.uk/directory-record/38818/broad-street-centre-bsc

Tuesdays - 6-8pm, starting September 17th.
Telfer Road Adult Education, 200 Telfer Road, Radford, Coventry, CV6 3DR www.coventry.gov.uk/directory-record/59527/telfer-road-adult-education-centre-tr

Wednesdays - 12.30-2.30pm, starting September 18th.
Coffee Tots, (Community Room), The Wave Waterpark, Coventry, CV1 2GY www.coffeetots.co.uk

'It was great to listen to other parents. There were lots of ideas on the course – I found the section on Emotion Coaching really helped at home.'

How to join

- Scan the QR code to enrol
- Enrol online at <https://coventry.gov.uk/adulted>
- Come along and enrol at the first session

For more information email kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk



Find out how to raise happy, secure and well-behaved children

Join our free 11-week online course 'Positive Family Foundations'

free online course

This course is for

All parents and carers with children in Coventry.

What you'll learn

How children develop with practical examples to support behaviour, well-being and mental health.

What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email



'It was easy to get online to do this – even with the kids at home!'

Where it is

A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like.

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Supporting Your Child as the Move to secondary School

The Local Authority are offering advice on how best to support children moving to secondary school in September



Do you have a child who is starting secondary school in September?

The next major step your child will go through in becoming an adult is puberty and big changes are happening in their brain. Our children may become more emotional. Puberty is an important step in your child's life but may be unsettling and they will need your support.

Coventry City Council with **inourplace** offer free on-line courses that can help

- ✔ Support your child in their move to secondary school
- ✔ Understand their feelings
- ✔ Focus on your feelings as you go through life as a family
- ✔ Understand the changes in their development
- ✔ Help make the most of your relationships

Some courses that you and your pre-teen/teen may find helpful during the transition to secondary school are:

- ✔ Understanding your teenager's brain
- ✔ Understanding your child's feelings
- ✔ Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- ✔ Understanding your brain (for young people only)
- ✔ Understanding your feelings (for young people only)

For more useful information, please scan the QR code



Register for a **FREE** account at **inourplace.co.uk** using Coventry's access code; **SPIRES3**

Summer Reading Challenge

Please see the information below about the Summer Reading Challenge run by Coventry Libraries.



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Marvellous Makers. Be inspired to explore great stories with a creative theme – and have tons of fun along the way!

- Sign your child up for the Challenge at your local library
- It's fun and totally free!
- Your child will be given a special collector folder to keep a record of their reading
- They visit the library three times, read six library books and collect stickers and rewards along the way
- Children can read whatever they want; stories, books on hobbies like sports/crafts/cookery, graphic novels etc.
- They receive a certificate, medal and reward when they finish

www.x.com/covlibraries

www.facebook.com/covlibraries

www.instagram.com/covlibraries



Information for parents

Children's reading skills tend to dip over the summer holidays and research shows that the Summer Reading Challenge can help to prevent this trend

Why is reading for pleasure important?

Reading for fun improves literacy


Reading for pleasure is more important to children's academic success than their parents' level of education or socio-economic status

Studies have found that those who read for pleasure have higher levels of empathy, greater self-esteem and are better able to cope with difficult situations




Parents in Mind

The Parents in Mind service supports mums who are currently pregnant or have a child under 2 years of age, that are feeling perhaps lonely or anxious in motherhood. We are a referral only service, and mums can self-refer via the link on the flyer. Please also see our website for more information - <https://www.nct.org.uk/services/parents-mind/coventry-warwickshire>. Support is delivered via a range of face-to-face and remote groups, with some one-to-one support also available.




Coventry and Warwickshire



Are you pregnant or have a baby
and feeling low, anxious, alone?

Talk & support, mum to mum

For more information text/call: **07885 975261** or
email: parentsinmind.wc@nct.org.uk



Registered charity in England and Wales: 801395 and Scotland: SC041592.

Volunteering Opportunities

Our Parents in Mind peer support groups currently have exciting opportunities for mums in the local area to join our team of volunteers.

All peer supporters need to be mums themselves with lived experience of feeling low or anxious in pregnancy or early parenthood, who are now in a better place and would like to support other mums through this period. Volunteers with Parents in Mind are provided with our accredited training prior to starting their peer supporting journey to allow them to confidently provide this support, and it is a great opportunity to add to CVs and get back into the workplace.

Coventry and Warwickshire



nct Parents in mind

▶ We are currently looking for volunteers

Parents in Mind offers peer support to women who are feeling low or anxious whilst pregnant or during early parenthood.

Are you a mum who has gone through a similar experience?
If you would like to become a peer supporter, please get in touch.

nct 1ST 1,000 DAYS NEW PARENT SUPPORT | **iHV** Institute of Health Visiting Excellence in Practice

Contact us for an application form at:
parentsinmind.wc@nct.org.uk
or call us on: 07885 975261

Child Friendly Coventry - Safe Spaces

Please see the attached information from Coventry City Council

Safe Spaces



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



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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.

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 run a 'Baby Home' offer 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?



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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 6330
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

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

Redway's Family Hub

Redford Primary Academy
Lawrence Saunders Road, Coventry, CV6 1HD
Phone number: 024 7697 8150
Email: RedwaysFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

The Moor Family Hub

Wood House Primary School
Deerthorne Road, Coventry, CV2 1EQ
Phone number: 024 7697 8036
Email: TheMoorFamilyHub@coventry.gov.uk

Wood Side Family Hub

Upper Rise, Coventry, CV3 5GL
Phone number: 024 7697 8090
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 Commissioner's 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



COVENTRY CHILDREN'S SERVICES EARLY HELP

Family Support



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/epyearlyhelp 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.

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	CREED COMMUNITY	RISING STARS	SBITC
VENUE ALLESEY PARK LAKE VIEW	VENUE SPENCER PARK	VENUE EAGLE STREET	VENUE EDGEMOND MOAT HOUSE	VENUE BARRIS HILL FRESHFORD 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 THURSDAY EVENINGS	TIME EVENINGS
CONTACT peeta.saeed@wild-earth.org.uk	CONTACT rhodens@earts@inclusioncitysb.co.uk	CONTACT contact@creedcommunity.co.uk	CONTACT khalid.ashiq@hometal.co.uk	CONTACT Alicia_jane@sbtc.org.uk

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CONNECT US ACADEMY	EMPOWERU	LONGFORD SHORT FOOTBALL	YMCA
VENUE TIGER TO TIGER CRUC FOLESHILL CANLEY	VENUE KERSELEY RECREATION CARADOC CLOSE	VENUE LONGFORD	VENUE WILLENHALL BROOKSTRAY
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 & EVENING	TIME DAYTIME	TIME EVENINGS
CONTACT connectusacademy.co@gmail.com	CONTACT Ella@empower-u.org	CONTACT shortfootball@gmail.com	CONTACT jake.regan@ymca.leicester.org.uk

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go parks ACTIVITY 2024

PROJECT 5	APTITUDE	ASCENSION PLACE	PVF
VENUE ST MARKETS MEMORIAL ALANHOUS	VENUE RED HOUSE ATT GOALS	VENUE HOLBROOKS MEMORIAL HARDY VILLAGE	VENUE SEVEN BRIDGES 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.leic@gmail.com	CONTACT andrew@aptitude.org.uk	CONTACT ben@ascensionplace.co.uk	CONTACT info@positiveyouthfoundation.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 95.7%

Attendance this week is as follows:

Year R	91.7%
Year 01	93.4%
Year 02	91.9%
Year 03	88.7%
Year 04	92.0%
Year 05	93.7%
Year 06	96.3%

Have a Wonderful Summer!

All of the STM staff wish our STM pupils and families a very happy and safe summer break.

We look forward to seeing pupils back at school at 8.40-8.50am (both gates open) on Tuesday 3rd September.

Important Dates

- Monday 2nd September - School closed for inset day