Foxford Focus

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Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students

As we come to the end of a busy and productive spring term, I want to thank you for your continued support. Our learners have shown real determination, maturity, and enthusiasm over the past few months, and it has been a pleasure to see them growing in confidence and ambition. The articles in this term's Foxford Focus showcase how much they have developed.

We are already looking forward to the summer term, with all the opportunities it brings for learning, enrichment, and celebration across the school community.

I would also like to take a moment to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 learners the very best of luck as they approach their upcoming exams. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of everything they have achieved so far. We know they will continue to give their best, and we will be right beside them every step of the way.

Thank you once again for your partnership and support.

Mrs Gallagher
Headteacher / Deputy CEO

Mr Jordan
Associate Headteacher

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Calendar	
Monday 13 April	Training Day
Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 April	Year 10 Say Yes to Learning
Thursday 23 April	Year 8 Parents Evening
w/c 27 April	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 28 April	Spanish speaking exams
Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 April	GCSE Art Exams
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6, Thursday 7 & Friday 8 May	A Level Art Exams
Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 May	Year 8 Say Yes to Learning
Thursday 7 May	Year 7 parents evening
Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 May	Year 9 Say Yes to Learning
Friday 22 May	Year 13 Leavers Assembly
w/c Monday 25 May	Half term

Books, Costumes, and Creativity!
Characters step off the page as students mark World Book Day

At Foxford School, we believe wholeheartedly that reading is the key that unlocks every student's potential. It opens doors to imagination, builds confidence, strengthens vital skills, and paves the way for future opportunities in adulthood. This belief was brought to life in the most vibrant way during our World Book Day celebration on Friday 6 March, when the whole school was buzzing with excitement.



Staff embraced the theme of *"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"* and arrived dressed as their favourite characters from literature, filling the corridors with colour, curiosity and plenty of laughter as students tried to guess who was who.



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Not to be outdone, our students put their creativity on full display during the Book Door Competition. Every tutor group designed and decorated their classroom door around a chosen book, transforming the school into a corridor of living book covers. The creations were outstanding, full of imagination, teamwork and artistic flair, showing just how powerfully stories inspire our young people.

At the centre of all this sits the Foxford School Library, the heart of our reading culture. Open every lunchtime, it provides a welcoming space for students to explore new genres, enjoy quiet reading, discover new authors, or simply lose themselves in a good book. With an ever-growing array of titles on display, there is something to spark the interest of every reader.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening our culture of reading even further. We will continue to promote reading across all year groups, celebrate literature through events and challenges, and support students in developing the habits and curiosity that create lifelong readers. Every page turned today opens a new door for tomorrow, and at Foxford, we are proud to help students unlock their future, one book at a time.



Foxford Files – Student Voice on Air

The Year 7 Foxford Files podcast continues to flourish, giving students the opportunity to plan, script and record content about school life and issues that matter to them. Through interviewing, presenting and discussion, students are developing real-world communication skills and learning how to express ideas clearly for an audience.

Sports Psychologist Workshop

This half term, eight of our high-performing student athletes took part in a special workshop delivered by a professional sports psychologist from Coventry City FC. The group, made up of students who compete at a high level in football, kickboxing, Muay Thai and rugby, explored the mental side of sport and the strategies that support success.

During the session, they discussed techniques for recovering from disappointing performances, the pressures they experience when competing, and how to balance demanding training schedules with schoolwork. They also spent time identifying their personal "superpowers" within their sport — the strengths that help build confidence and enhance performance.

The workshop was extremely well received, with students engaging brilliantly in all activities and discussions. It was also a valuable opportunity to bring together our high-performance athletes from different year groups and sporting backgrounds. Many would not normally cross paths, so the session helped them connect with others who share similar ambitions and challenges.

Overall, it was an excellent experience that left our athletes motivated, reflective, and better equipped for the journey ahead.



Brilliant Scholars

Eight Year 9 and eight Year 10 students have been selected to take part in the Brilliant Scholars Programme and recently attended their first session on future vaccines.

During the session, students gained a taste of PhD-level study, working alongside a current doctoral student to explore cutting-edge research and develop their understanding of vaccine science.

The programme offers an exciting opportunity for students to engage with advanced STEM topics, inspiring curiosity and supporting their aspirations for future study and careers in science.

Year 9 Creative Careers Event

Fourteen of our Year 9 students recently attended the Coventry Creative Careers Event, hosted by WMCA, which highlighted opportunities in creative industries across Coventry and the surrounding areas.





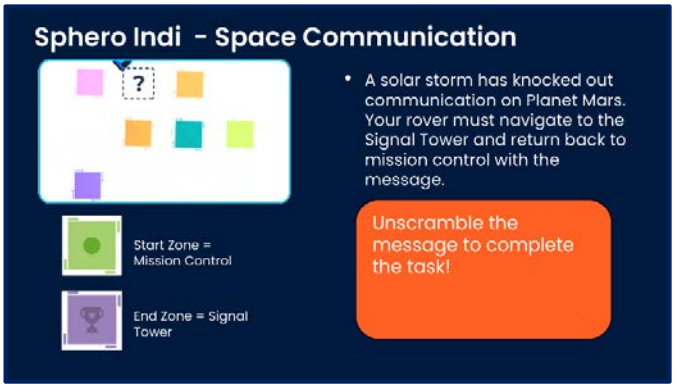
Students visited key cultural venues including the Herbert Art Gallery, Transport Museum, and Belgrade Theatre, taking part in a range of interactive sessions. Highlights included a drama workshop led by Highly Strung, a visit to the Archives Centre, and an exclusive look behind the scenes at theatre roles and backstage operations.

The day provided valuable insight into the skills and careers available in the creative sector, helping students connect their learning to future opportunities and inspiring them to explore their own talents.

Tech She Can

We were thrilled to welcome back Zoe Hobman from Tech She Can for an inspiring day with our Year 8 students.







The Year 8 students enrolled in the programme participated in a hands-on workshop exploring Space Technology, using robotics to simulate rover operations and gaining practical experience of how technology functions in extreme environments. Zoe also delivered an assembly on sustainable technology, encouraging students to consider how innovation can shape a greener future.

Year 8 Experience Warwick

Year 8 students recently took part in the Experience Warwick programme at the University of Warwick, enjoying a taste of university-style learning.



During the day, students participated in interactive subject tasters in Politics, Computer Science, and Life Sciences, gaining hands-on experience of university seminars and exploring how different GCSE choices can support future study pathways.



The trip provided valuable insight into higher education and inspired students to think about their interests and aspirations, helping them make informed decisions about their academic journey

Year 7 Say Yes to Learning: Voices for Change

This term's Year 7 Say Yes to Learning sessions focused on "Voices for Change," exploring how young people can use their voices to create positive impact. Students took part in a sequence of structured oracy sessions designed to build confidence, critical thinking and collaboration.

They began with Talking Points and Concept Cartoons, where they explored ideas, listened to different viewpoints and explained their own thinking clearly. Through Think–Pair–Share and the use of Talk Tactics, students practised building on others' ideas, politely challenging viewpoints and refining their explanations.

Students then engaged in the "If I Ruled the World" activity, discussing environmental dilemmas and proposing bold solutions. This helped them apply persuasive language and reasoning in a creative way. The sessions concluded with a Public Service Announcement task. Students worked in groups to create a one-minute speech explaining how Foxford could become more environmentally friendly. They used a purposeful structure—Hook, Problem and Call to Action—to make their messages powerful, memorable and well-organised. Presenting these speeches to their peers showcased their developing confidence and communication skills.

Across the sessions, students reflected on the CODE values—Challenge, Ownership, Dialogue and Engagement—and used these to guide their speaking and listening.

Year 12 BTEC Sport Students Explore Coventry University's Sport and Exercise Science Facilities

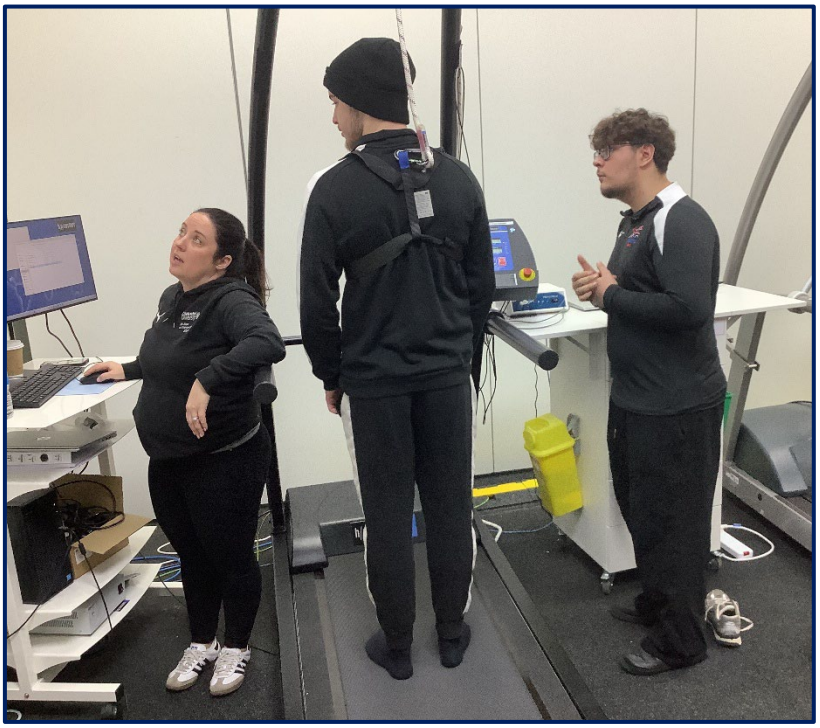
In December, our Year 12 BTEC Sport group had the exciting opportunity to visit Coventry University's Sport and Exercise Science faculty. The day offered a fascinating insight into the wide-ranging disciplines that make up sports science, giving students a real taste of what studying the subject at university is like.





Throughout the visit, students explored specialist areas including gait analysis, biomechanics of movement, sports coaching, and the use of weightless running machines for injury rehabilitation. They also observed how power output is measured and analysed—knowledge that links directly to units they are currently studying at Foxford.





The experience wasn't just informative; it was inspiring. Several students commented that pursuing a degree or career in sport and exercise science is now something they are seriously considering after leaving Foxford. The group engaged brilliantly with university staff and student ambassadors, asking thoughtful, well-informed questions that reflected their enthusiasm and growing expertise.

Our students represented Foxford impeccably throughout the day, demonstrating maturity, curiosity, and a genuine passion for their subject. It was a memorable visit that broadened horizons and strengthened aspirations—exactly what great learning experiences should do.

Our New Outdoor Education Site

The development of our new Outdoor Education site is well underway, and the transformation has been incredibly exciting to watch. Over the past few weeks, the dedicated team from Coventry Outdoor has been working tirelessly to shape the area into a safe, inspiring, and purposeful learning environment. Their work has included making the site secure from falling trees, creating a peaceful nature walk, building a purpose-designed campfire space, and crafting chopping blocks from natural materials to support hands-on skill development.





They have also begun setting up zones for student-led projects such as horticulture and fence-making, with plans for an outdoor classroom and a calm “chill-out” area already in motion. Thanks to this progress, our Routes group has been able to begin their programme, learning essential crafting skills and practising the safe use of tools like saws and knives as they create their own wooden mallets.

The site is quickly becoming a vibrant extension of our curriculum, and we can’t wait to see it continue to grow.





Year 7 Roots Shine in Our Day Out Showcase

On Monday 23 March 23, the Year 7 Routes Drama class brought Willy Russell's classic, Our Day Out, to life in a vibrant afternoon performance for parents and carers. The production was the culmination of weeks of intensive rehearsals, and the pupils' dedication was evident in every scene.

This was a true ensemble piece, blending high-energy physical theatre with precise choreographed movement. The pupils worked seamlessly as a team to capture the spirit of the *tough class* balancing sharp characterisation with the play's signature humour and heart.



The atmosphere was further heightened by a standout soundtrack. The atmospheric tones of Pink Floyd and the anthemic energy of Oasis provided the perfect backdrop to the students' journey, bridging the gap between the play's origins and a modern stage presence.

From the coordinated movements to the confident delivery of dialogue, the professional standard achieved by the class was outstanding. Every student involved showed immense growth and artistic discipline throughout the rehearsal process.



A huge well done to the Year 7 Routes class! You should be incredibly proud of the fantastic show you produced – a massive well done!

Year 7 Football: A Fantastic First Season for Foxford

The Year 7 boys have enjoyed an excellent first season representing Foxford, showing real promise and playing some brilliant football throughout. Their commitment has been outstanding — always at training, giving maximum effort, and consistently demonstrating superb sportsmanship.

The team recorded impressive victories against Cardinal Wiseman (5–2), Sidney Stringer (4–0), and Bluecoat (4–0), displaying confidence, teamwork, and attacking quality. Even in the games they narrowly lost — Lyng Hall (0–2), Caludon (3–4), and Coundon Court (0–1) — the boys played some great football, and each of those matches could easily have gone either way.

What has truly stood out is their attitude. Determined to win but always respectful, they represented Foxford in exactly the right way. With the talent already on show and the maturity they've demonstrated, this group has the potential to develop into a very strong team as they move up the school.

A brilliant first season — and an exciting future ahead.



Heart of England Digital Music Festival

On Friday 20 March, Foxford took part in the Heart of England Digital Music Festival. Joining with many Schools, Music Organisations and Music services across Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull it was a joy to watch our students involved.



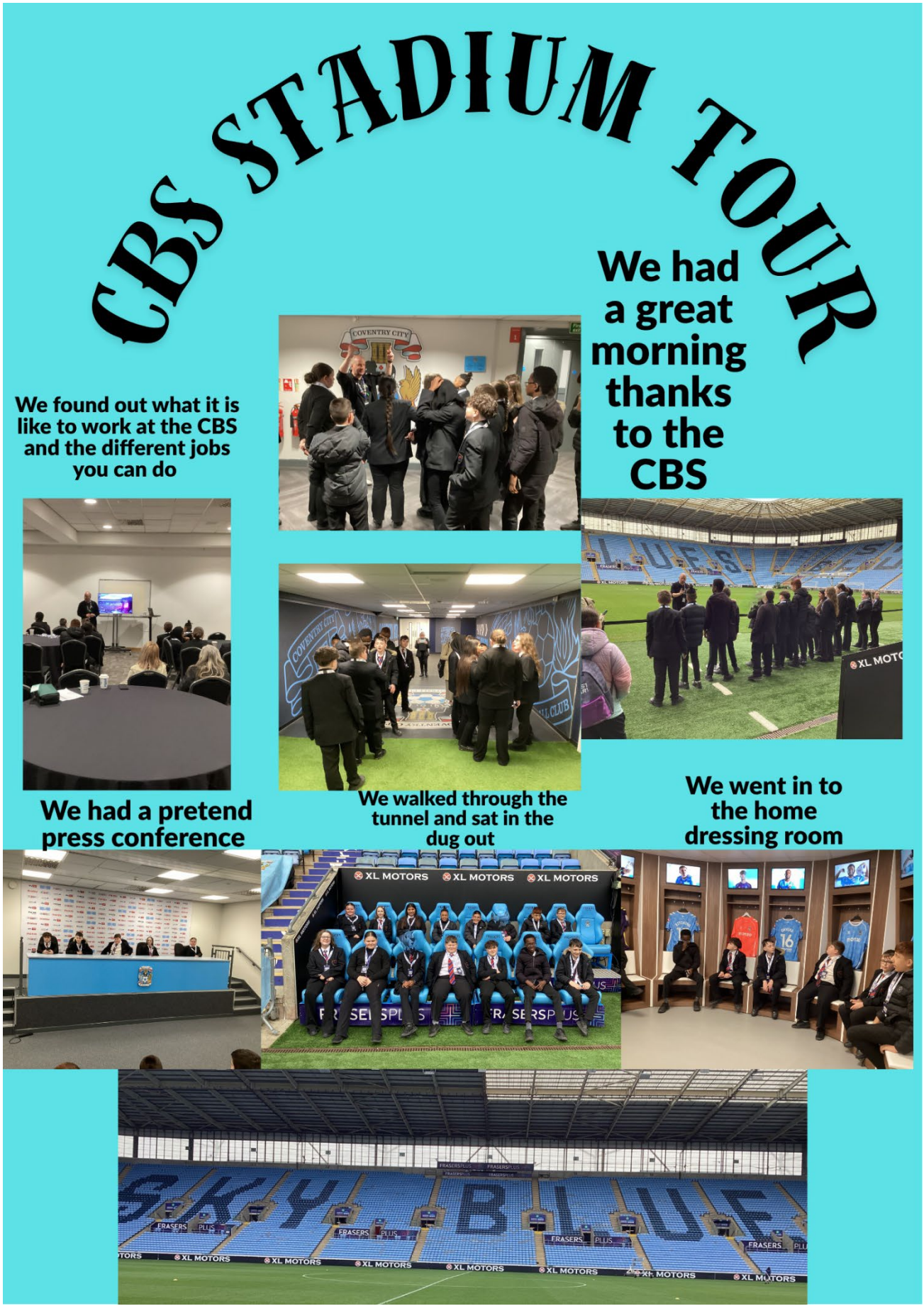


Our year 10 band The Spires (Alecia, Olivia and Maria) showcased their talent with the song Fake Plastic Trees by Radiohead whilst one of our year 7 boys Samuel also took part showcasing his project with the Music Industry Programme



Coventry Building Society Arena – Stadium Tour

We had a fantastic opportunity to take the Routes class for a stadium tour at the Coventry Building Society Arena. The students had a session on what it is like to work for the CBS and the different jobs available. We were then shown around the stadium including full access to the players entrance, home dressing room, Frank Lampard's office and then finished off pitch side. The students and staff had a great time!!



SCIENCE NEWSLETTER - SPRING

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF FACULTY

As we reach the end of term, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for their continuous hard work and dedication–it truly makes a difference every day.

Well done to our pupils for their perseverance and for consistently demonstrating what good learning looks like. This term has been full of highlights, from the fantastic effort during Science Week to the memorable moment of staff dressing up as Toy Story characters, which brought plenty of smiles across the school.

It was also a privilege for pupils to meet a scientist online, where they asked some incredibly thoughtful and mature questions–an excellent reflection of their curiosity and engagement with science.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and restful Easter break. Finally, all the very best to our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils as they return next term to prepare for their upcoming GCSE and A Level exams.

Thank you all once again.

Ms. B. Dhillon
Faculty Lead of Science

SCIENCE UPDATES

WORLD BOOK DAY

The Science Department brought plenty of fun to World Book Day by dressing up as characters from Toy Story, filling the corridors with bright colours and familiar faces from the films.



The costumes sparked excitement across the school and helped celebrate the joy of stories in a way that felt warm, welcoming, and full of imagination.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This spring we celebrated British Science Week with a fantastic range of activities across the school. Students from multiple classes took part in "I'm a Scientist", where they interviewed real scientists, asked challenging questions, and explored what a career in STEM can look like.

Our KS3 students also showcased their creativity in a poster competition, designing thoughtful and imaginative posters based on their own enquiry questions. Congratulations to our winners:

Lara Adam - 8FSY and Jasnoor Chahal - 7CPE

SCIENCE NEWSLETTER - SPRING

KS4 EXAMS

Year 11 GCSE Exams

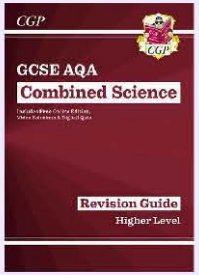
Date	Session
12/05/26	Biology Paper 1
18/05/26	Chemistry Paper 1
02/06/26	Physics Paper 1
08/06/26	Biology Paper 2
12/06/26	Chemistry Paper 2
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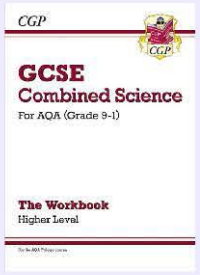
CGP combined science revision books

Available to purchase from the school. Can be purchased individually or as a bundle.

CGP combined science revision guide - £6.50
CGP combined science revision workbook - £7.50

Payments must be made through Arbor





SPARX SCIENCE

Sparx Science Student leaderboard:



Jasnoor Chahal - 7X1
Hasan Abdo - 8X3
Gabriela Mirek - 9X1
Millie Thompson - 10X1
Gursevak Singh - 11X1

Please ensure students are completing Sparx homework weekly. If they do not know their password, IT can reset it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed 1st April 2026 - The Utterly Revolting Science Show - Tamworth Assembly Rooms, Tamworth
- Fri 10th April 2026 - Rude Science - De Montfort Hall, Leicester
- Fri 10th April 2026 - Top Secret: The Magic Of Science - Benn Hall, Rugby
- Mon 25th May 2026 - Ministry of Science Live: Science Saved The World - Alexandra, Birmingham

Easter Holiday Timetable

COVENTRY FAMILY HUBS

30th March 2026 - 10th April 2026

SCAN FOR FULL TIMETABLES

Find out about the FREE activities, workshops and sessions for children, young people and their families in Coventry during the Easter holidays.



For more information

If you require help and support during this time, please drop into any of our Family Hubs or call the free telephone number on 08008870545 and a member of the team will be there to help you.

Please note, activities are correct at the time of print. Please see social media for updates. You can follow your local Family Hub on Facebook.

Coventry City Council

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
2 Kids eat free from 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS
Kids eat free Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April

BREWDOG
Kids eat free 28th March - 12th April 2026

CAFE ROUGE
Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE
Kids eat free Mon 30th March - Sun 19th April

CHIQUITO
Kids eat free during all schoool holidays

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS
Kids eat FREE weekdays 30th March – 17th April

FRANKIE & BENNY'S
Kids eat FREE daily from 30th March - 17th April

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT
Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SUBWAY
Kids eat Free from the 6th - 13th April

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY
Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS
2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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