

Eastern Green Junior School

9th January 2026 – Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been absolutely lovely to welcome the children back to school after the festive break. We hope you all enjoyed some special family time.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your understanding and support regarding our difficult decision to close the school today due to adverse weather. While the snow is now abating as I write this, at 7am this morning we had to make a tough call. With the school site unsafe and Mr Clay our wonderful site manager being unable to clear the ice and snow in time for children and staff to arrive safely, and with so many of our staff travelling a long way each day to get to EGJS, our priority was always the safety of both staff and children; we had no crystal ball to predict that conditions would improve later in the day but are so grateful that our community understood this decision.

We hope the children enjoyed their unexpected day at home, and we have thoroughly loved seeing all the wonderful pictures you've shared - especially the creative snowmen and even a snow mouse from Makss in Year 5!

Looking ahead, this half term is packed with exciting events, all detailed in the diary below. As today has reminded us, the weather can be very changeable, so please ensure children come to school fully equipped with coats, hats, scarves, and warm jogging bottoms. PE days are also listed, but please make sure your child has their PE kit with them every day, as timetables may need to adapt to the weather.

Thank you again for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!



Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Brown'.

Headteacher

PE Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class	Year 3 Year 4	Year 5 Year 6	Year 5 Year 6	Year 3	Year 4

Please note – whilst we try to ensure we stick to this timetable, these may be subject to change so please ensure children have their PE kits with them each day in case timetables alter 😊

Diary Dates - Spring Term One

Monday 12th January - Year 6 children completing Health Questionnaires

Wednesday 14th January - School Nurse Team visiting school to meet with Year 6 children

Thursday 15th January - All Year 5 and 6 children at Young Voices! Return time estimate 10pm - Follow the school Facebook page for updates!

Monday 19th January - Year 6 Assessment week - please ensure all Year 6 children attend this week well rested and having had a hearty breakfast 😊

Tuesday 20th January - Year 6 Rainforests workshop all day!

Wednesday 21st January - Year 6 Manor Adventure Parents meeting - **vital that all parents whose children are going to Manor Adventure attend** (even if you have had an older child attending in the past, please do come for updates!)

Monday 26th January - Year 3, 4 and 5 Assessment Week - please ensure all children attend this week well rested and having had a hearty breakfast 😊

Thursday 5th Feb - We're excited to announce a **Chocolate and Cake Sale** to raise funds for **new reading books** for our school library will be happening today!

How you can help?

- Please donate **chocolates and cakes** (homemade or store-bought) for the sale.
- Donations can be brought to school on **Wednesday 4th February** or on the morning of the sale.

Every contribution helps us provide more wonderful books for our children to enjoy. Thank you for your support!

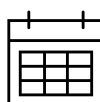


Friday 6th February - NUMBER DAY - children come dressed to school as digits.

Thursday 12th February - Break up for half term

Friday 13th February - School is closed for teacher training

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Happy New Year from all at Coventry Libraries and Information Service

Coventry libraries are extending a warm welcome to our warm spaces: free to use for studying, creative work, connection, cosy reading corners away from the cold.

Warm Welcome Week will be taking place 19 to 23 January and libraries will be joining thousands of Warm Welcome Spaces across the UK to help everyone find warmth, connection, and community.

[Join, find, use – Coventry City Council](#)



Footnote Press and Counterpoints Prize for writers from refugee and migrant backgrounds

Footnote Press and Counterpoints Arts have once again partnered on the Footnote x Counterpoints Prize for writers from refugee and migrant backgrounds, with the 2026 prize focussing on fiction rather than non-fiction.

The submissions window will open from 27 November 2025 until 13 February 2026, with finalists chosen ahead of Refugee Week in June.

[Writers can submit their entry here](#)

[2026 Footnote x Counterpoints Prize - Bonnier Books](#)

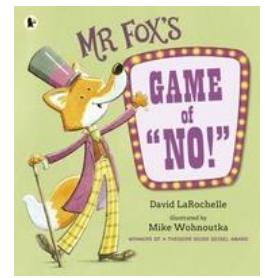


Book picks of the week

'Mr Fox's Game of No' David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka

Can you beat Mr Fox at his Game of No? The rules are simple: every time he asks a question, you must respond with 'no.'

If you accidentally say 'yes,' then it's back to the beginning of the book for you, where you must start all over again. Are you ready? (Oops!) Do you live on planet Earth? Are you stronger than a baby? Kids will giggle uncontrollably as they gamely aim to avoid Mr Fox's clever traps - but just ask them if they'd like to read this book again, and they won't be able to resist.

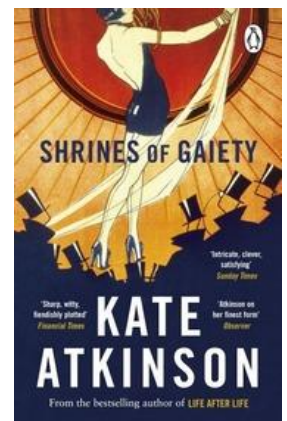


'Shrines of Gaiety' by Kate Atkinson

1926, and in a country still recovering from the Great War, London has become the focus for a delirious new nightlife.

In the clubs of Soho, peers of the realm rub shoulders with starlets, foreign dignitaries with gangsters, and girls sell dances for a shilling a time.

The notorious queen of this glittering world is Nellie Coker, ruthless but also ambitious to advance her 6 children, including the enigmatic eldest, Niven whose character has been forged in the crucible of the Somme. But success breeds enemies, and Nellie's empire faces threats from without and within.



For beneath the dazzle of Soho's gaiety, there is a dark underbelly, a world in which it is all too easy to become lost.



'Legends & Lattes' by Travis Baldree

Orc barbarian Viv is ready to hang up her sword and pursue a more peaceful passion: opening a coffee shop.

But her past isn't ready to leave her behind - or the fabled piece of loot she took with her.

'Make Change That Lasts: 9 simple ways to break free from the habits that hold you back' by Dr Rangan Chatterjee

We all have things we rely on going our way to help us feel calm and happy. Your partner waking up in a good mood. No traffic on the way to work. No queues at the supermarket. And no rain on your day off.

But what happens when things don't work out that way? We fall back on soothing habits. A trip to the cupboard for snacks. Scrolling on social media. A few beers or a couple of glasses of wine after a stressful day.

'Make Change that Lasts' will show you the nine hidden ways day to day life causes these responses - and show you how to respond to them consciously.



40th anniversary book mark design competition

Coventry Libraries



Design a bookmark competition

Get your art out there and show us what the library means to you by designing your very own bookmark to celebrate 40 years of Central Library.

The winning design will be printed and presented on Saturday 7 February 2026

The competition is divided into two age categories:

1 – Children aged 5-16

2 – Adults aged 17+

Complete your details below and hand your entry in at Central Library.

Name:

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Age:

Telephone:

Entries close 22 January 2026



Data Protection Act 1998. The Data Controller is Coventry City Council. The details you provide on this form will only be used in conjunction with the bookmark design competition.

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