



Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

Walk with me Oh Lord.



What a lovely prayerful start to our day – children across the school led their classes so reverently in their Lent Prayer time. It is such a special way for us to walk together on our Lenten journey. We were so disappointed that we couldn't invite parents in this morning due to the weather. Please join us if you can for our next prayer time on **Friday 31st March**.

There will be no parent prayer time on Tuesday 21st March. This date was sent out incorrectly in the parent dates. Apologies for this.



During the last week of Lent, we are delighted to be joining thousands of other children and young people in taking part in a walking challenge, to raise money for our Lenten charity - CAFOD. As a school family, we are aiming to clock up a massive 1000 miles, with the children from Nursery to Year 6 contributing, and we are confident we will smash our goal!

We greatly appreciate your support and are asking for parents, families and friends to sponsor us if they are able. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, can make a difference to the world's poorest communities.

Your child will have brought home a sponsor form this week. Please return this to school on or before Monday 27th March. #romeroserves

Lent Cake Sales

Thank you for all your support with these so far. We have had so many kind donations of cakes from the families with children in Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6. All money raised will go towards supporting our parish of Sacred Heart and our Lenten Charities.

Tuesday 14th March – Year 4 and Year 2
Tuesday 21st March – Year 3 and Nursery



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Worker of the Week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PE Days – New days Spring 2							
N/A	Monday	Thursday	Friday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Attendance: 94.5% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
85.9%	91.8%	93.3%	95.2%	97.4%	92.2%	97.7% 😊	94.1%
House Point Winner		N/A Rollover till next week					
Class Attendance Winner		1C Mrs Stanton & 2E Miss Parry 😊					

Romero Spelling Bee

Sadly, due to the snow we were unable to take our minibus off site today, so our Romero Spelling Bee has been postponed. New dates for our Romero Spelling Bee competitions will be Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March. We can't wait to see how our competitors get on!



Fun in the snow!

What a wonderful time was had in the snow on Thursday! The children were so excited to play in the snow with their friends and it was so wonderful to see them making memories together! In Nursery, the children learned the phoneme 's' in their phonics and took their learning outside.



Phones at Pick-up

A polite reminder, that we ask parents not to use their phones during collection at the end of the day. Children are so excited to see you and share their news from the day. Staff may also need to pass on messages or discuss first aid.

Y6 Parents' Meeting

On Friday, 17th March, our Y6 staff will be sharing information about the upcoming SATs tests in a parent workshop. 📅✍️

The aims of the meeting are to:

- 🌟 Give an overview of the arrangements for SATs week
- 🌟 Provide some practical tips and activities to support your child with revising at home.
- 🌟 Detail how your child's results will be reported to you, to support you with interpreting them on results day.

We can't wait to see you there! To confirm your attendance, please RSVP via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

When: Friday 17th March @ 3:30pm

Where: Sacred Heart School Hall

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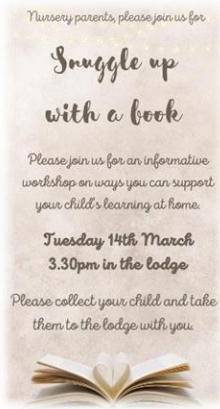


Parking reminder

Please can I continue to ask that parents are considerate when parking to collect children from school and mindful of the residents of Brays Lane. Residents have mentioned that a number of parents are still parking well in advance of 3:20pm – some as early as 2:30pm. Please can I request that this doesn't happen as it directly impacts residents' ability to park outside their houses. Please can you also ensure that engines are switched off when you are parked as leaving engines running creates unnecessary pollution and affects the air quality of our area. Many thanks for your cooperation with these issues.

Reading at home with your child is the BEST thing you can do to support their learning. Please try and spend at least **10 minutes** a night hearing your child read and sharing stories. Good readers make good writers and helps to improve children's imagination, creativity and knowledge of the world.

We would love for you to share your favourite books with us! Why not put a review of your favourite book on the school reading padlet? Let's share our love of books with each other and give some recommendations to our friends. To access the padlet, please scan the QR code or follow the padlet link. <https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/115cpcoorjckyh4h>



Storytime in Year 1

Year 1 children loved bringing their parents to story time this week. Teachers modelled how special story times can be and how to engage children in stories. We hope you enjoyed joining your children and found the session useful.

★ **Snuggle up with a book** ★

Nursery parents are invited to join us in the lodge after school on Tuesday 14th March. Come and share a story with your child, followed by a workshop to offer ideas and strategies to support your child's reading at home. #romerchild

Reading Buddies

We are reintroducing our Reading Buddies next week. Y6 are excited to support some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children, daily in their reading.

Red Noses

Red Noses will be on sale for £2.50 from Monday 13th March 2023. Please have the correct change where possible.

NSPCC Stay Safe, Speak Out

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have been learning about how to stay safe by speaking out this week. Using child-friendly, age-appropriate language, the children learned about the types of abuse. They then discussed what to do if they had a worry or concern and the importance of sharing their worries with a trusted grown up and to keep 'Speaking out'.



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★ Rowing Competition ★

Well done to another group of determined rowers who took part in The School Games competition today. Every child tried incredibly hard and achieved some brilliant scores!

Well done Team SH! 🙌💙

#romerotrives #TeamSH



💙 National Finalists – Dance Squad 💙

On Tuesday, our dancers were absolutely incredible! They stunned the audience and judges with their amazing performance and came away with an epic 2nd place meaning that they qualify for the National Finals!



We're so proud of them all and can't wait for them to dazzle again at the finals in Oxford on 8th June.

Amazing result Team SH 💙

[#romerotrives](#)





***Change in Parents Evening Date* - 26th April 2023**

Due to a number of reasons, we have to change the date for Parents Evening this term. The new date will be Wednesday 26th April from 1pm – 7pm and will take place in the school hall.
Mrs Severs' class – consultations will take place on Tuesday 18th April.
All appointments will be made nearer the time.

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Learned and Wise		
Monday 13 th March	All Day 3:30pm	Guitar Lessons Netball match vs St Patricks (home)
Tuesday 14 th March	All Day Morning Morning 3:30pm 3:30pm	Piano and violin lessons Drumming lessons Y2 and Y4 Cake Sale Y3/4 girls football match AT7 Nursery Parents Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 15 th March		Strike Action – see details below – subject to change
Thursday 16 th March		Strike Action – see details below – subject to change
Friday 17 th March	9:00am All Day	Comic Relief Class Assembly – Miss Parry Comic Relief – Non-uniform/superhero - £1 donation

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs R Ellis
Head of School

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As you may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared further strike action, which will take place on 15th March 2023 and 16th March 2023.

You may be aware from media coverage that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay and not because of any issues at our school. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

The school is following the DfE guidance on managing industrial action and all efforts have been made to keep the school open. Unfortunately, with a significant number of staff taking strike action, and having risk assessed the viability of safely supervising pupils in school, it will be necessary to partially close the school on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Please note that if your child's class is closed then you will not be able to come to school, including vulnerable pupils, pupils with an EHCP and pupils whose parents are classed as a critical worker. This is a change from previous strike days.

Please note the following arrangements for each class:

Wednesday 15th March 2023

	Class 1	Class 2
Nursery	Open	Open
Reception	Open – Mrs Pearman	Closed - Mrs Gaffney
Year 1	Closed - Miss Reilly	Closed – Mrs Stanton
Year 2	Closed – Miss Parry	Closed - Mrs Baker
Year 3	Open – Miss Allport	Open – Mrs O'Connor
Year 4	Closed – Mrs Severs	Closed - Mr Finn
Year 5	Open – Miss Paterson	Closed – Miss Ruff
Year 6	Open – Mrs Davies	Closed - Mrs O'Malley

Thursday 16th March 2023

	Class 1	Class 2
Nursery	Open	Open
Reception	Open – Mrs Pearman	Closed – Mrs Gaffney
Year 1	Open – Miss Reilly	Open – Mrs Stanton
Year 2	Open – Miss Parry	Closed - Mrs Cowley
Year 3	Closed – Miss Allport	Closed – Miss Gibson
Year 4	Closed - Mrs Severs	Open – Mr Finn
Year 5	Open – Miss Paterson	Open – Miss Ruff
Year 6	Open – Mrs Davies	Open – Mrs O'Malley

These plans are subject to change over the next few days. We will, of course, keep you updated. We regret the disruption that the strike action will cause and thank you for your understanding.

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COMIC RELIEF

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Superhero

Donate a £1
to charity

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EXTREME READING COMPETITION

Take a photo reading somewhere unusual
and send to Mrs Ellis
r.ellis@romeromac.com



Entries submitted by Monday 20th March. Winning entries
will be announced in Achievement Awards

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SACRED HEART'S

*Spring 2
P.E*

RECEPTION
MONDAYS
Ball Skills



YEAR 1
THURSDAYS
*Dance &
Hickball*



YEAR 3
WEDNESDAYS
*Athletics - Mag 7
& Cricket*



YEAR 2
FRIDAYS
*Hickball &
Athletics*



YEAR 4
TUESDAYS
*Speed Stacking
& Cricket*



YEAR 5
TUESDAYS
*Gymnastics
& Cricket*



YEAR 6
THURSDAYS
*Dance
& Tag Rugby*



SCAN ONE OF THE QR CODES ABOVE TO SEE YOUR CHILD'S P.E PADLET PAGE. HERE YOU CAN SEE PHOTOS/VIDEOS OF THEIR LEARNING, THEIR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS & THEIR SKILLS/VALUES LEARNING JOURNEYS.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN WEARING THEIR P.E KIT WITH NO EARRINGS IN ON THEIR P.E DAYS.

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Sleep Tight Workshop for parents/carers of children aged 1 year and over

There are two sessions available:

Thursday 20th April 9:30-11:30 a.m.

or

Friday 9th June 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Sessions will be delivered virtually on Microsoft Teams



Sleep issues are common for children and young people and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life. This two-hour workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding sleep cycles, causes of sleep issues and what you can do to support your child to sleep better.

This session will be delivered by a parenting practitioner who has been trained by The National Sleep Charity.

To book your place on a workshop email:

parenting@coventry.gov.uk

Please include the following details in your email:

Your name, address, postcode, age of child and child's name, name of any professionals supporting you. e.g., health visitor, family worker, social worker, school nurse, parents email address and your preferred workshop date



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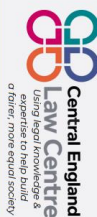
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**ARE YOU STRUGGLING
WITH THE COST OF LIVING?**

We are in a cost-of-living emergency. Energy prices are soaring, cost of food is rising, unemployment is high and lots of people are still struggling with the lasting effects of Covid on health and wellbeing. But help is available.



Are you running out of money each month?

- Are you receiving the National Minimum Wage? **Check the rates:** gov.uk/government/publications/minimum-wage-rates-for-2022
- For further help & support:** centralenglandlc.org.uk/coventry-employment
- Did you know if you are on a low income you are probably entitled to Universal Credit to top up your wages? Depending on your circumstances Universal Credit can help pay for additional things like paying your rent or cost of raising children.
- Check if you can get Universal Credit:** gov.uk/universal-credit
- If you are already receiving Universal Credit but are still struggling you may be missing some elements you are entitled to. On top of the standard allowance, a person might get additional allowances including child element, childcare costs element, limited capability for work-related activity element (LCWRA) carer element, housing costs element. Seek specialist help from Coventry Independent Advice Services: 024 7652 1101
- Anyone experiencing ill health or disability or caring for a child or adult will be entitled to extra money on top of Universal Credit. **Have a look at** gov.uk/browse/benefits

Do you struggle to pay your rent?

- In order to receive the housing element of Universal Credit you need to enter your housing costs and check the box. Sometimes this is missed. **Check to see if you receive this on your Universal Credit account**
- If you are subject to bedroom tax, benefits cap, sanctions or a shortfall in your rent then you should get specialist help to look over your claim and entitlements and you may be entitled to a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP). **Contact the Local Authority: 024 7683 3773** DCATeam@coventry.gov.uk
- If you have been issued with court papers because of rent arrears then Central England Law Centres Housing solicitors can help. **Contact the Law Centre:** 02476 223 053 housingenquiries@centralenglandlc.org.uk

Do you need help with your council tax?

- Everybody can request to have their council tax spread over twelve months instead of ten, which reduces your monthly bill. **Contact your Local Authority: 024 7683 1111** counciltax@coventry.gov.uk
- This year (2022), people that are in council tax bands A-D will be given £150 rebate. **The council will contact those that are eligible**
- People living on low income and/or benefits like Universal Credit or Job Seeker's Allowance, can get their council tax bill significantly reduced by applying for Council Tax Support. **Contact your Local Authority to see if you are eligible:** benefits@coventry.gov.uk

Do you need help reducing your outgoings?

- Social Supermarkets offer heavily discounted food parcels, typically about £20 worth of food for a cost of a £5 membership. **Find your nearest hub:** letsalk.coventry.gov.uk/social-supermarkets
- If you have school-age children, you might be entitled to free school meals or Healthy Start vouchers. **Contact your Local Authority to find out if you are eligible:** 024 7683 3773/ freeshoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk
- Additional help for toiletries, cleaning products, clothing and shoes is available locally. **Contact Clothing Coventry:** clothingcoventry.org; **The Boot Fund:** childrenshoofund.org.uk; **Bare Necessities bare-necessities.org.uk**
- Lots of people are struggling to pay their energy bills. Let your supplier know you are struggling. **Contact the Warm and Safe Homes Advice line: 0800 304 7159.** **Contact the Local Authority and ask for support via the Household Support Fund: 08085 834 333**
- Check to see if you are eligible for any help with your water bill. **Call Severn Trent on 0345 7500 500**
- If you are in receipt of Universal Credit and struggling you may be able to cut your broadband costs by asking to be placed onto a social tariff. **Contact your provider**
- Coventry Foodbank offer free support to local people in crisis. **Contact Coventry Foodbank directly: 024 7699 3770**

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Help with Budgeting and the Cost of Living



Coventry Independent
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- Check if you're entitled to benefits (even if you're working) and check they are correct
- **Council Tax**
Have you claimed Council Tax Support?
Are you entitled to a Discount/Exemption?
No money to pay? Ask for a discretionary council tax reduction.
- Struggling to afford food, fuel, clothing – Contact/apply to the Council Household Support Fund Tel: 08085 834333 (or online)
- Disability in the family? Have you claimed PIP/DLA/AA?
- **Rent Arrears/Bedroom Tax?** – You may be eligible for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)
- **Water Bill** – Ask about the Big Difference Scheme
- Deductions from Benefits or paying debts before essentials? Get Advice!
- **Gas/Electric Costs**
Contact supplier /ask about Priority Services register.
Get Energy Efficiency Advice for ways to reduce usage.
Ensure meter readings are up to date.
Get Advice about Grants and Trust Funds and Paying Fuel Debt.
- Do a budget of income/outgoings – this helps you see where you might be able to make changes – see over >>>
- Are there items on your budget that are not essential that you can reduce?

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Budget Sheet

(if you have access to the internet we would strongly recommend using a trusted budget planner e.g. <https://tools.nationaldebtline.org/yourbudget/> or <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/everyday-money/budgeting/budget-planner>)

Income	pw/pm	Type of debt	Balance	Payments
Wages/salary	£	Rent/Mortgage	£	£
Wages/salary (partner)	£	Council Tax	£	£
Universal Credit	£	Electric	£	£
JSA/ESA/IS	£	Gas	£	£
Tax Credits	£	Fines	£	£
Child Benefit	£	Benefit Overpayment	£	£
Disability Benefits	£	Advance /Social Fund	£	£
Carers Allowance	£	Other-	£	£
Council Tax Support	£	Other -	£	£
Other Benefits -	£	Other -	£	£
Pensions	£	Other-	£	£
Pension Credit	£	Other -	£	£
Other Income	£	Other-	£	£
Other income	£	Other-	£	£
Total income	£	Total Priority Debt	£	£

Outgoings		Non-Priority Debt		
Rent /Mortgage	£	(e.g. credit cars, store card, loans)		
Council Tax	£	Creditor	Balance	Payments
TV licence/rental	£		£	£
Gas	£		£	£
Electricity	£		£	£
Water	£		£	£
Food/Groceries	£		£	£
Public Transport	£		£	£
HP Vehicle	£			
Car /Vehicle costs	£			
School Costs (uniform /clubs)	£			
Clothing	£			
Phone, Internet	£	Total Priority Debt		
Mobile Phone	£			
Personal Care /Toiletries	£			
Other	£			
Other	£			
Total outgoings	£			



Coventry Independent
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Contacts

Debt & Welfare Benefits

Coventry Independent Advice Service 024 7652 1101 Coventry Citizen's Advice 0800 144 8848
National Debtline 0808 808 4000 Payplan 0800 280 2816 Step Change 0800 138 1111 Turn2Us 0808 802 2000

Coventry City Council

Household Support Fund 08085 834333 Discretionary Housing Benefit 024 7683 3773
Benefits 024 7683 1800 Council Tax 024 7683 1111 Homeless advice service 024 7683 4025

Housing

Coventry Law Centre (court proceedings and representation) 02476 223 053
P3 Housing Support 0808 196 2660. Homefinder 02476834024. Homeless advice service 024 7683 4025

Fuel /Water

Severn Trent (Big Difference Scheme) 0345 7500 500
Act on Energy 0800 988 2881 National Energy Action 0800 304 7159

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Cost of Living One Minute Guide Information: Fuel Support:

1. Apply for a Household support grant

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/householdsupportfund>

This fund is designed to be used to support households in the most need particularly those including children and pensioners who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water bills.

- support with food
- heating/lighting repairs
- essential items such as sanitary products
- to pay for energy bills such as gas, electricity, oil and water/sewerage bills
- to purchase essential household items like fridges, freezers and ovens
- provide wider household support not linked to energy and water
- In cases of genuine emergency where existing housing support schemes do not meet this exceptional need, the fund can be used to support housing costs. Eligibility for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) must first be considered along with whether the claimant is at statutory risk of homelessness and therefore owed a duty of support through the Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG) These avenues of support must be exhausted before emergency housing support from the Household Support fund will be considered.

2. Talk to your landlord, especially if you are in a social tenancy (e.g. Citizen, Midland Heart etc) and ask them what support they have available for fuel support and emergency fuel provision this winter.

3. Contact your supplier if you are struggling to pay your energy, water or gas bill as soon as you are able. Ask them about Priority Services register, Energy Company Obligation (ECO Scheme), Warm House Discount Scheme, emergency energy, changing tariffs or additional entitlements.

Priority Services Register scheme: This scheme provides extra help and additional support during a power cut or disruption to energy services.

Eligible if they:

- have children 5 years old or younger living in the home
- are of pension age
- are disabled or chronically sick
- have a long-term medical condition
- have a hearing or visual impairment or additional communication needs
- are pregnant
- are experiencing bereavement
- are a young homeowner
- are in a vulnerable situation



Severn Trent Water Priority Register: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-a-medical-condition-or-disability/>

Energy Company Obligation (ECO Scheme): This scheme is to improve the ability of low-income, fuel-poor and vulnerable households to heat their homes, this could include installing insulation or an improved heating system.

Eligibility:

- Receive energy from one of these suppliers: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/eco-supplier-contact-details>
- Be in receipt of an eligible benefit: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/energy-company-obligation-eco/homeowners-and-tenants>

Other things you could do:

- Ensure meter readings are up to date.
- Get Energy Efficiency Advice for ways to reduce usage.
- Get Advice about Grants and Trust Funds and Paying Fuel Debt.

Warm Home Discount Scheme: <https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Cold Weather Payments: You are eligible if you are getting benefits or support for mortgage interest. You can get a payment of £25 if the average temperature in your area is recorded as, or forecast to be, zero degrees Celsius or below over 7 consecutive days. |

One Cold Weather Payment is due in Coventry because of the temperatures in December.

<https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment>

Winter Fuel Payments: People born before 26 September 1956 you could get between £250 and £600 to help you pay your heating bills.

<https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>

4. Get Advice and Support:

Contact Citizens Advice Power Up project:

<https://www.coventrycitizensadvice.org.uk/project/power-up/>

The Power Up project aims to help people living in the Western Power Distribution region out of fuel poverty by offering energy advice, help with managing fuel debt, energy saving and ways to reducing energy bills by switching suppliers or finding a better tariff. They can also provide free and independent consumer advice on a wide range of issues including energy use.

Website: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/>

Contact number: 02476 253 190 or 024 7622 3284 (advice line)

Email WPD@coventrycanb.org.uk

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Coventry Independent Advice Service: also provide session in the Family Hubs

Website: <https://covadvice.org.uk/cost-of-living-crisis/>

Contact number: 024 7652 1101

Advice enquiry form: <https://covadvice.org.uk/advice-enquiry-form/>

Groundworks – Green Doctor: Groundworks are now able to issue fuel vouchers to households who are struggling with the costs of gas and electric (£49 for a family, £24 for an individual).

- The Green Doctor project will:
 - Phone consultation with possible follow up visit if necessary (dependant on COVID-19 guidelines)
 - Energy Price comparison check
 - Energy efficiency check-up and advice
 - Supply FREE energy saving measure for people's homes including LED bulbs, Radiator reflector panels, Draught proofing, CO monitors, Room thermometers, Blankets, Hot water bottles, Emergency heaters

Contact number: 0121 530 5516

Contact email: wmgreendoctor@groundwork.org.uk

National Energy Action:

- The Coventry HEAT team provides FREE help, support and advice on keeping your home warm and healthy. They can give you bespoke, confidential advice over the phone or visit you in your home, working holistically to help deliver solutions to the often multiple problems faced by individuals.
- **Please phone and make an appointment:** Call 0800 304 7159 for Energy Advice, Monday to Friday 10.00 am-12.00 noon, 0800 138 8218 for benefits advice

Scope - Disability Energy Support: Charity offering free energy advice to disabled people

Website: <https://www.scope.org.uk/campaigns/cost-of-living-crisis/>

Contact number: 0808 800 3333

Contact email: helpline@scope.org.uk

Energy Saving Trust: Advice on saving money in your home through energy-saving tips and home improvements.

Website: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/>

Funding and Grants:

Act on Energy: Keeping Coventry Warm provides funding for:

- External wall insulation

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- Cavity wall insulation
- First time gas central heating
- Broken boiler replacement
- Inefficient gas boiler
- Loft insulation
- Upgrade or repair of electric storage heaters available to households who are owner-occupiers or private renters who meet the health, income, and savings criteria.

Warm Home West Midlands: Energy saving advice, Energy saving measures, Income maximisation advice. Contact number: 0808 196 8298

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) is a government energy efficiency scheme in Great Britain to help reduce carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty. It can provide funding for insulation and broken or inefficient heating systems. Available for people who claim some household benefits.

The Big Difference Scheme: Severn Trent Water can offer a reduction of water bills to any Severn Trent customer with a household income below £18,278.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/>

WaterSure Bill Cap Scheme: To get help through WaterSure you must be a Severn Trent customer, have a water meter and receive eligible benefits.

You must also have either:

- three or more children under 19 living with you, or
- a medical condition requiring the extra use of water

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/watersure-scheme/>

Warm Spaces:

Many venues across Coventry are providing Warm Spaces open to everyone who may need it. The full list and a map of venues can be found here:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory/search?directoryID=115&showInMap=1&keywords=coventry&postcode=&search=Search>

Venues include:

- Family Hubs
- Churches
- Libraries

If the children are at risk of harm, or parents are not able to heat their home and provide hot food and warmth today please use Section 17 funding to pay for food, top up fuel voucher etc.