

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

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POETRY DAY

Be Glad Your Nose Is on Your Face

Jack Prelutsky - 1940-

Be glad your nose is on your face,
not pasted on some other place,
for if it were where it is not,
you might dislike your nose a lot.

Imagine if your precious nose
were sandwiched in between your toes,
that clearly would not be a treat,
for you'd be forced to smell your feet.

Your nose would be a source of dread
were it attached atop your head,
it soon would drive you to despair,
forever tickled by your hair.

Within your ear, your nose would be
an absolute catastrophe,
for when you were obliged to sneeze,
your brain would rattle from the breeze.

Your nose, instead, through thick and thin,
remains between your eyes and chin,
not pasted on some other place--
be glad your nose is on your face!



We had a fantastic poetry day on Thursday!
Each class was tasked to learn a poem to
then perform it in front of the school. There
was some really fun poems performed and
some great expression! Year 5 learned the
following poem: Be Glad Your Nose is on
Your Face. They really enjoyed working in
groups to decide how to perform their own
verses.

Miss Blackaby

Diary Dates

Monday 5th October

Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 8th October

Year 1-6 Harvest Festival
at St Oswald's Church at
9:30am

Parents/carers welcome

Friday 9th October

Year 6 class assembly
9am—parents/carers
welcome

Please see our School
Website for school diary
dates



YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

The application process is now open to submit your application for their secondary school place.

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **31 October 2026**

If you miss this deadline, you are much less likely to get offered a place at a preferred school because you will be allocated a place after everyone who applied on time.

This deadline applies to all families, even if your child is sitting the 11+ exam. You still need to submit an application for your chosen secondary schools.

Please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place> for more guidance on how to submit your application by the 31st October deadline.

This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 29th September 2026

The Family Information Service (FIS) provides free, impartial advice on a variety of services and useful information.

They produce a weekly newsletter. Please use link below to access the newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqpps-8834504?e=04fcebfe0>



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance target is **95%**

This week's whole school attendance is **98.4%**



School starts at **8.50am**, arriving after this time may affect your child's attendance mark.

Can we ask that if your child is not well enough to attend school that we have a **specific reason** and **not 'unwell'** as we need to state a reason in the attendance records.

Please can medical appointments be made for after school.

We also require proof of appointments that are made during school time.

Please follow the attached links for useful information

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://www.pharmacy2u.co.uk/>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Thursday 8th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival at St Oswald's Church.

The service is at 9.30am and we would welcome you to join us.
We would also be appreciative of any help in walking the children to and from the church.

Please note that only children in years 1 - 6 attend church services.

We would also welcome any donations for Rugby Foodbank.

Urgently needed items

Tinned Spaghetti

Cream Crackers

Tinned Snack Meals

Tinned Veg (Peas/Carrots)

Soap

Laundry Products

They are also running low on
Good Strong Carrier Bags





Mental Health Support Team in
Schools

Tips For Wellness Change



Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care
information & support for adults and
children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Changes are a normal part of our lives and they affect us all in different ways. Some changes may feel small to you, but big to another person, and the opposite for a different change. For example, moving to a new class or school, moving homes, or starting a new club. They can feel exciting, but they can also feel overwhelming and stressful, especially when they are unexpected. Below are some tips to help you cope with changes that may feel hard for you.

Our tips for coping with change:

1 – Keep doing things you enjoy!

When we feel stressed or worried, it can be easy for us to focus on the worries all the time and forget to do the things that make us happy. Make sure to plan in time at the weekends and evenings to do things you enjoy to help you relax and boost your mood!

2 – Think about what you can control

When a change is unexpected or overwhelming, we can feel a bit like we have no control over the situation or how it is making us feel. It can be helpful to think about what you do have control over in this situation. For example, we can't control how the change makes us feel but we can control how we react to the situation and what we do following the change. Such as, staying connected with our friends and family, keeping to our daily routines, and planning ahead where we can.

3 – Look for the positives

While change can feel hard, there's often something good that comes from it, even if it is not immediately obvious. Such as, new opportunities, new people or learning experiences. You might even surprise yourself and enjoy the change!

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the
school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for
information and advice.

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

PaFos

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Children can wear non-uniform in exchange
for a donation for the Tombola at our

Christmas Fayre.

THE THEME IS

“Christmas Party”

WE WELCOME ANY:



BOTTLED
DRINK ITEMS



CHRISTMAS
THEMED
CHOCOLATES/
SWEETS



BISCUITS,
CAKES AND
FAMILY
SNACKS



ANY ALCOHOL MUST BE
HANDED TO A MEMBER OF STAFF.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

PaFos





Please join us for
St Matthew's Bloxam
Primary

PAFOS MEETING

19TH OCTOBER @ 2:00PM

**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF
VOLUNTEERS!**

We will be planning our upcoming Christmas Fayre and other festive events, we will also be thinking about any new ideas and events that we could do in 2027.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PLEASE CONTACT PTA CHAIR LAURA ON WHATSAPP OR AT
SECRETARY-PAFOS@LIVE.CO.UK

We are excited to see you there!

Together
we make a
difference!



Your time
can help
our school
thrive!

PTA VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

♥ Many hands make light work! ♥

PaFoS is our amazing Parents and Friends Association.
We raise money, create fun events and help make our
school an even better place for our children.

YOU CAN HELP BY:

- ♥ Sharing ideas
- ♥ Helping at events
- ♥ Setting up or tidying away
- ♥ Donating a little time
- ♥ Any support – big or small!

EVERY BIT COUNTS!

Whether you can give an hour
or more, there's a role for you.
Let's work together to support
our school community!

♥ INTERESTED? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! ♥

Please speak to a PaFoS member or contact us via the school office.



PENNY WARS

UPDATE

We're half way through the challenge!

After 3 weeks...

The current class in the lead is...



IN FIRST PLACE!



Year 5
in second place!



Year 6
in third place!

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed so far,
with 3 weeks who knows if the leaderboard could change!



RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

NIGHT AT YOUR MUSEUM OUT OF THIS WORLD

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER | FROM 5.30PM

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PaFoS

FUNDRAISING

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

THIS YEAR, PaFoS HAVE RAISED

£3,747.49

Thank you to everyone who has supported, donated and taken part – we couldn't do it without you!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY GOES?

- ✓ A £200 contribution per class towards Coaches and trips. This reduces the amount parents/carers pay.
- ✓ Year 6 SATs Breakfast
- ✓ 10% of the cost of the Year 6 residential
- ✓ Early Years and KS1 Christmas Show
- ✓ Chick Hatching Experience
- ✓ Birds of Prey Experience
- ✓ Animal Encounter Experience
- ✓ Bobbys Fitness class for Lighthouse
- ✓ Bouncy Castle for the whole school
- ✓ New gazebos for the school to use during the sunnier days

FUNDS RAISED THROUGH:

- ✓ Class Wars
- ✓ Grotto & Christmas Fayre
- ✓ Nativity & Carol Concert Refreshments
- ✓ Fabolous Females
- ✓ Easter Tombola
- ✓ Year 3 and 4 Spring Show Refreshments
- ✓ Break The Rules
- ✓ Men Behaving Dadly
- ✓ Summer Fayre
- ✓ Sports Day Refreshments
- ✓ Year 5 and 6 Summer Show Refreshment
- ✓ Pre-Loved Uniform
- ✓ Book Sales
- ✓ Tuck Shop
- ✓ Non-Uniform Days
- ✓ Easy Fundraising

WHY IT MATTERS

Every pound we raise goes straight back into our school to support the children, enhance their learning and create extra special experiences they'll remember forever.

THANK YOU!

Your support makes such a big difference.

COMING SOON...

We have already agreed to the next Christmas show for EYFS and KS1!

**TOGETHER WE CAN
ACHIEVE MORE!**



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details



Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

✉ bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:

✉ NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

✉ SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 01926 353899

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Visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmatthewsbloxam/?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=wa-1

Please do take a look at the website/app and share with friends and family. The more supporters we have, the more we can provide to enhance the experience for all children at SMB.

ARE YOU ON OUR

SMB Class WhatsApp



Keep up to date on class
information, important dates
and other school messages
to join speak to Laura or
email

secretary-pafos@live.co.uk

**IF YOUR CHILD IS
FEELING UNDER
THE WEATHER,**

**IT CAN BE HARD
TO KNOW IF YOU
SHOULD SEND
THEM TO SCHOOL
OR NOT.**



**UNLESS THEY HAVE A
TEMPERATURE OF
38 DEGREES OR ABOVE,
THEY'RE USUALLY
GOOD TO GO.**



**SEARCH NHS SCHOOL
ILLNESS GUIDANCE.**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



HM Government



School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...



Academic Achievement

Regular attendance helps children keep up with the curriculum and perform better academically.



Social Skills

Attending school regularly helps children develop friendships, social skills and learning how to interact with others.



Routine & Responsibility

Good attendance teaches the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility, which are all valuable life skills.



Focus & Engagement

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.



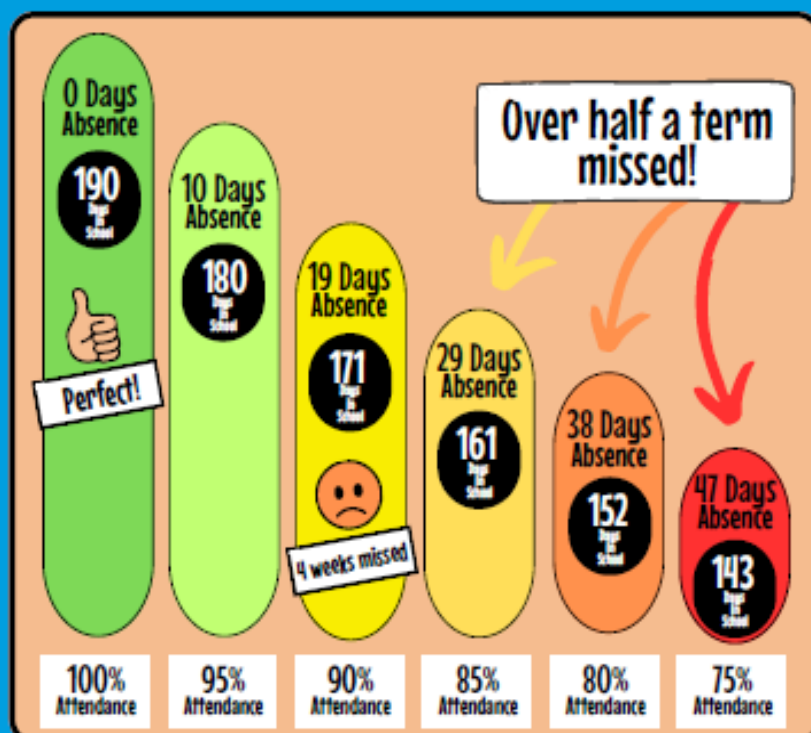
Building Confidence

Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.



Enhanced Learning Opportunities

School provides not just academic instruction, but also extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.



Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Silly School Education

