St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026 Issue 06

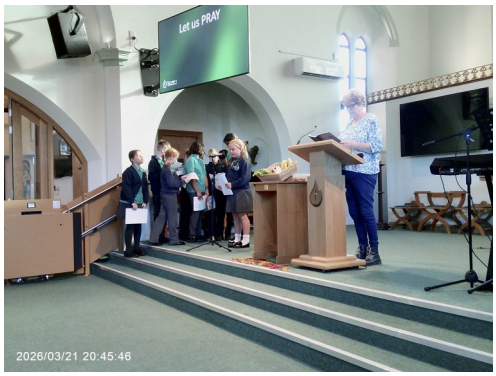
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HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

On Thursday 8th October, we came together at St Oswald's Church for our Harvest Festival. It was wonderful to see so many of our families joining us for this special occasion.
A huge thank you to Gill for organising such a lovely service, and to our choir and worship group for their fantastic contributions. Thank you also to all our families who joined us and helped make the celebration so special.
We are still collecting donations for Rugby Foodbank, so if you are able to contribute, please continue to send suitable items into school. Every donation, large or small, will help support families in our local community.
Mrs Timson

Urgently needed items for Rugby Foodbank

Tinned Spaghetti
Cream Crackers
Tinned Snack Meals
Tinned Veg (Peas/Carrots)
Soap
Laundry Products
They are also running low on good Strong Carrier Bags







Diary Dates

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Monday 12th October

Year 4 Swimming

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Friday 16th October

Year 6 celebration assembly 9am—parents/ carers welcome

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Monday 19th October

Parent/Carer Evening

3:30pm - 6pm

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Wednesday 21st October

Parent/Carer Evening

3:30pm - 6pm

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Friday 23rd October

Non-Uniform for donations for PaFoS Christmas Fayre

School closes for half term

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 6th October 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-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8834576?e=04fcebfde0



ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **95.9%**

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/

The school has strong links with St Oswald's Church. Further details are available from www.smso.org.uk

PENNY WARS

Update

After week 4 it seems to have slowed a little...

Current class still in the lead is

Year 4!



Followed by **Year 5**

With **Nursery** closely following with only £1 difference

Who will be the winner with only a week and a half left to go?

Keep collecting that change!





Mental Health Support Team in Schools

Tips For Wellness
Appreciation

Dimensions tool

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

Appreciation is a feeling of **thankfulness** or an act of recognising something that is important or meaningful to you.

We can appreciate or recognise another person through complementing them and sharing what you like about them. We can say 'thank you' to others when someone is helpful or supportive. This has benefits for both our mental health and for the people around us. We can also appreciate ourselves – you are important and unique! Remember to celebrate when you achieve big and small things and stop to appreciate what you have done.

Learning to appreciate others and ourselves can improve our self-esteem, improve our mood and improve our relationships with others.

Our tips for appreciation:

1. Create a **"be proud"** board at home or at school where you post your drawings or good deeds.
2. Start a **gratitude journal –** write or draw things that make you feel proud or happy every day.
3. **Give a compliment** - think about a person who is important to you and tell them 3 things that you like about them. You could write a letter or a small note to let them know how much you appreciate them. Use these sentence starters to help you:

- I like how you…
- You are…
- Thank you for…
- You make me happy when you…

Makaton video

4. **Say 'thank you'** – remember to thank other people throughout the day, to show them you appreciate what they do for you. If you have a friend who speaks another language, you could learn to say 'thank you' in the language that they speak. You could also learn to say 'thank you' in Makaton (sign language) too! Have a look at the video above to help you!
5. **Self-appreciation** - think of something small that you have achieved this week. Pause and take a minute to appreciate what you have done. Which of your positive qualities did you use? Kindness, thoughtfulness, curiosity, creativity?

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.

PaFoS
Parents and Friends of St Matthew's Bloxam Primary

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!

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

St Matthew's Bloxam Primary PTA

Are asking local businesses for a raffle donation

RAFFLE



to go towards their school Christmas Fayre in November.

If you are able to help out we would very much appreciate it

In return we are happy to advertise your business

RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

NIGHT AT YOUR MUSEUM

OUT OF THIS WORLD

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER | FROM 5.30PM

Adults and Children £4.50 | Under 2's FREE



Find out more at **www.ragm.co.uk**

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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!

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

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

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!

PaFoS
St Matthews Bloxam C.E Primary School

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

NHS
Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

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:

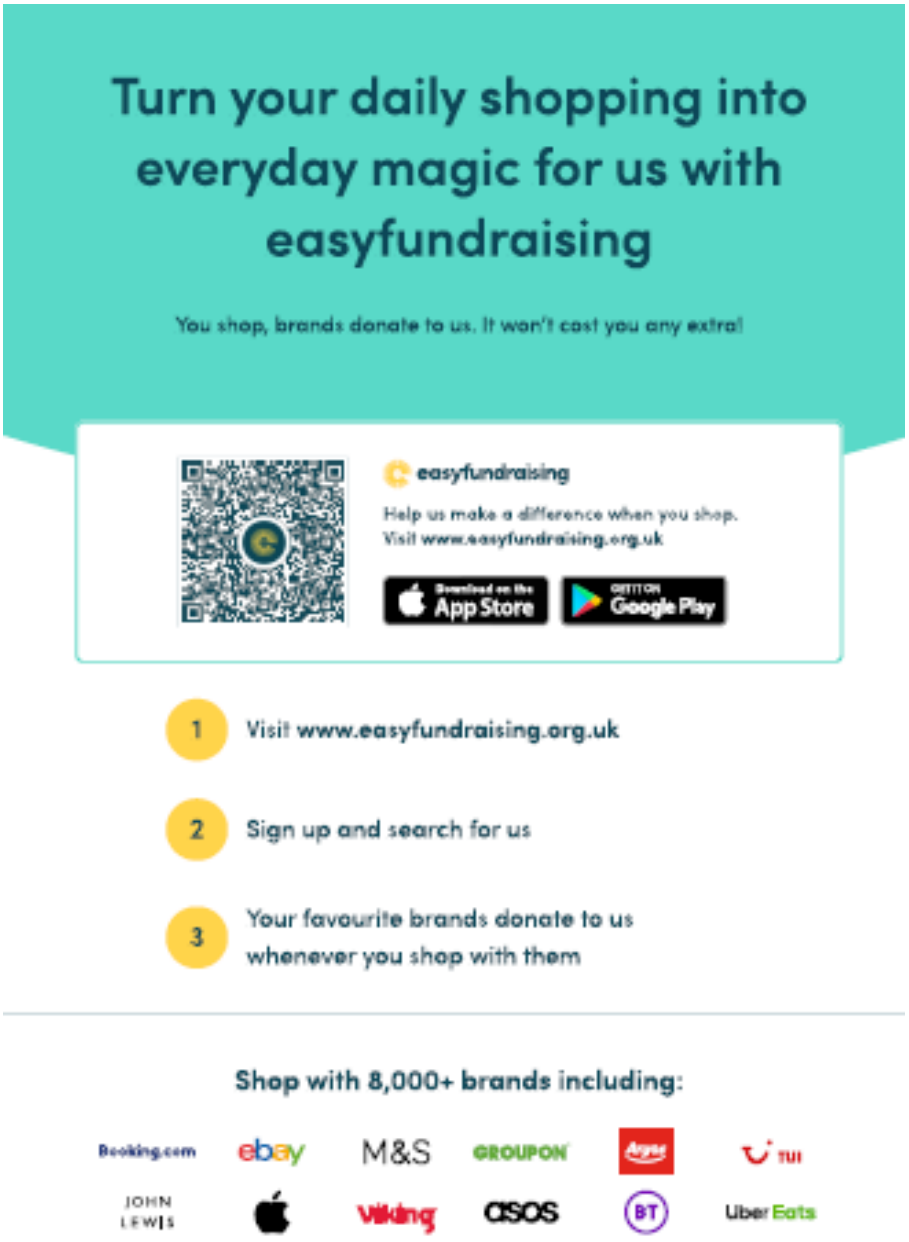
NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

01926 353899



Did you know you can raise FREE donations for Parents and Friends of St Matthew's Bloxam School - Rugby EVERY time you shop online. Just use easyfundraising! Over 8,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! It costs you NOTHING!

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

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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

NHS

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

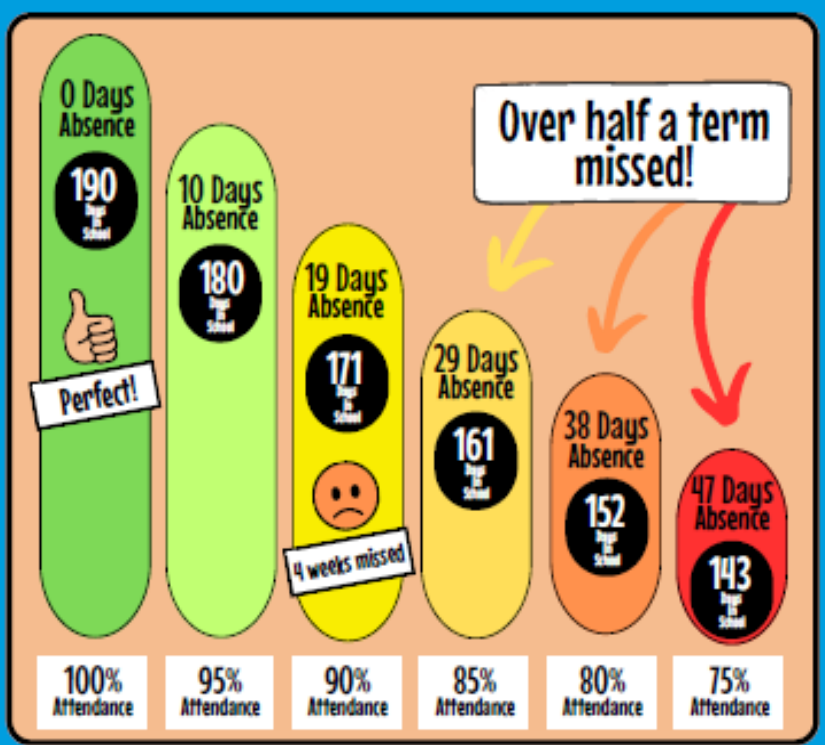
Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.

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