St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

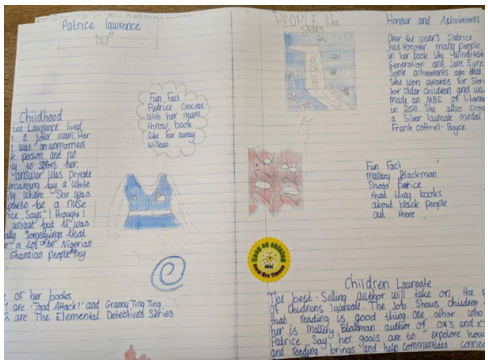
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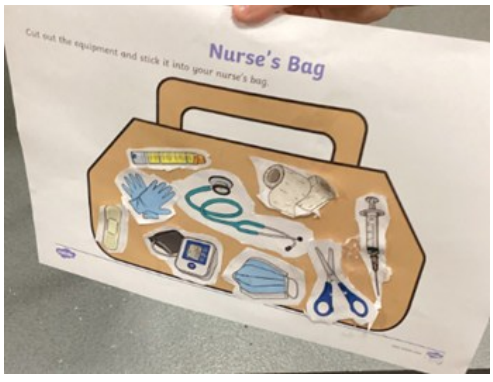
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Black History Month

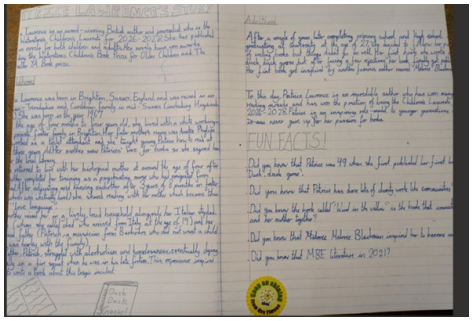
Throughout this month, we have been celebrating Black History Month. The theme for this year has been 'Honouring our Communities'. Each class has been learning about and researching people who have worked in the community through a range of jobs and charities. From reception, who learnt about Alison Bennison who worked as an NHS nurse and came as part of the Windrush generation, through to year 6 who studied Patrice Lawrence, who is this years Children's Laurette and has written a range of children's books where black stories are at the heart of her books. On Thursday, we ended our Black History Celebrations with an assembly to round off the theme of 'Honouring our Communities' and how we can all take inspiration from the people we have studied in our everyday lives.











Diary Dates

Friday 23rd October

School closes for half term

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Monday 2nd November

School closed for Teacher Training Day

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Tuesday 3rd November

School reopens for Autumn Term 2

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Thursday 12th November

iSingPOP concert at St Oswald's Church 2pm - for Yrs 1,2 & 3 Parents/carers welcome

iSingPOP concert at St Oswald's Church 6pm - for Yrs 4, 5 & 6 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 20th 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-8834738?e=04fcebfde0



ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **96%**

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

Mental Health Support Team in Schools



Dimensions tool

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

Tips For Wellness
Mind and Body

Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health. In fact, the two are closely connected!

Most of us will know what it's like to feel worried, stressed or low from time to time. We might be affected by our relationships with friends and classmates or things we see on the news, and we might feel worried about school or our home lives (this is understandable!) Recognising how our mind health and physical health work together can keep us mentally healthy.

Our Tips for looking after your Mind and Body:

To ensure a healthy mind and body, why not try some of the activities below? Can you choose one from each category?

1. **Physical**- healthy eating with plenty of water, time away from technology and get fresh air where you can, regular exercise every day (e.g., walk to school or get off the bus a stop earlier, dance, or stretch), a consistent sleep schedule (children aged 6-12 years should aim for 9-12 hours sleep per night, adolescents should aim for 8-10 hours).
2. **Social**- spend quality time with friends and family, connect with others in person (as well as online), join a club or community group, reach out to others and don't be afraid to ask for help or offer support.
3. **Practical**- keep a daily routine to create structure and stability, use checklists to act as reminders and to hold yourself accountable, get ready for the day each morning, set yourself small and achievable goals to stay motivated.
4. **Emotional**- develop supportive friendships, write down three good things from your day, take time to do something relaxing every day, practise self-kindness (e.g., treat yourself how you would treat a friend!)

Scan the QR code for more ideas around keeping a healthy mind and body.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate! **thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk**.

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.

RUGBY

THRIVE

COMMUNITY FUND

HSC
HILL STREET CENTRE

KIDS CLUB

WEEKLY ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS

EVERY TUESDAY 4.00 - 5.30PM



WEEKLY YOUTH CLUB

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS

EVERY FRIDAY 4.00 - 6.00PM

YOUTH CLUB

ARTS AND CRAFTS

WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS - 4.00PM - 5.00PM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS - 5.00PM - 6.00PM

WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2027

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS - 4.00PM - 5.00PM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS - 5.00PM - 6.00PM

MULTI SPORTS

PERFORMING ARTS

WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2027

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS - 4.00PM - 5.00PM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS - 5.00PM - 6.00PM

SESSIONS ARE FULLY INCLUSIVE

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE TO ATTEND

ALL STAFF ARE QUALIFIED AND DBS CHECKED

CHILD FRIENDLY WARWICKSHIRE

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www.hillstreetcentre.org or call 01788 576041


THE MIX
LIGHT PARTY
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
3PM -6PM
3.00PM LANTERN MAKING
FOOD AND GAMES
5.00 PM LIGHT PARADE
(INDOORS IF WET)
Rugby Methodist Church Centre

Christmas Fayre & Santa's Grotto

Monday 30th November
3:15 - 5:15


Lucky Tree



Tombola


Gifts



Eldridge's


Class Crafts



Popcorn


Hot Chocolate Station


& Lots of fun games and prizes to be won

PENNY WARS RESULTS!

Firstly a massive thank you to everyone who contributed, the support means so much

We've raised an amazing

£441.99!

Which is our biggest amount so far with this fundraiser

This year's winners and reigning champions is

Year 6

Who raised £109.73 for their class

Well done to everyone and we hope you like your thank you treats

From 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:

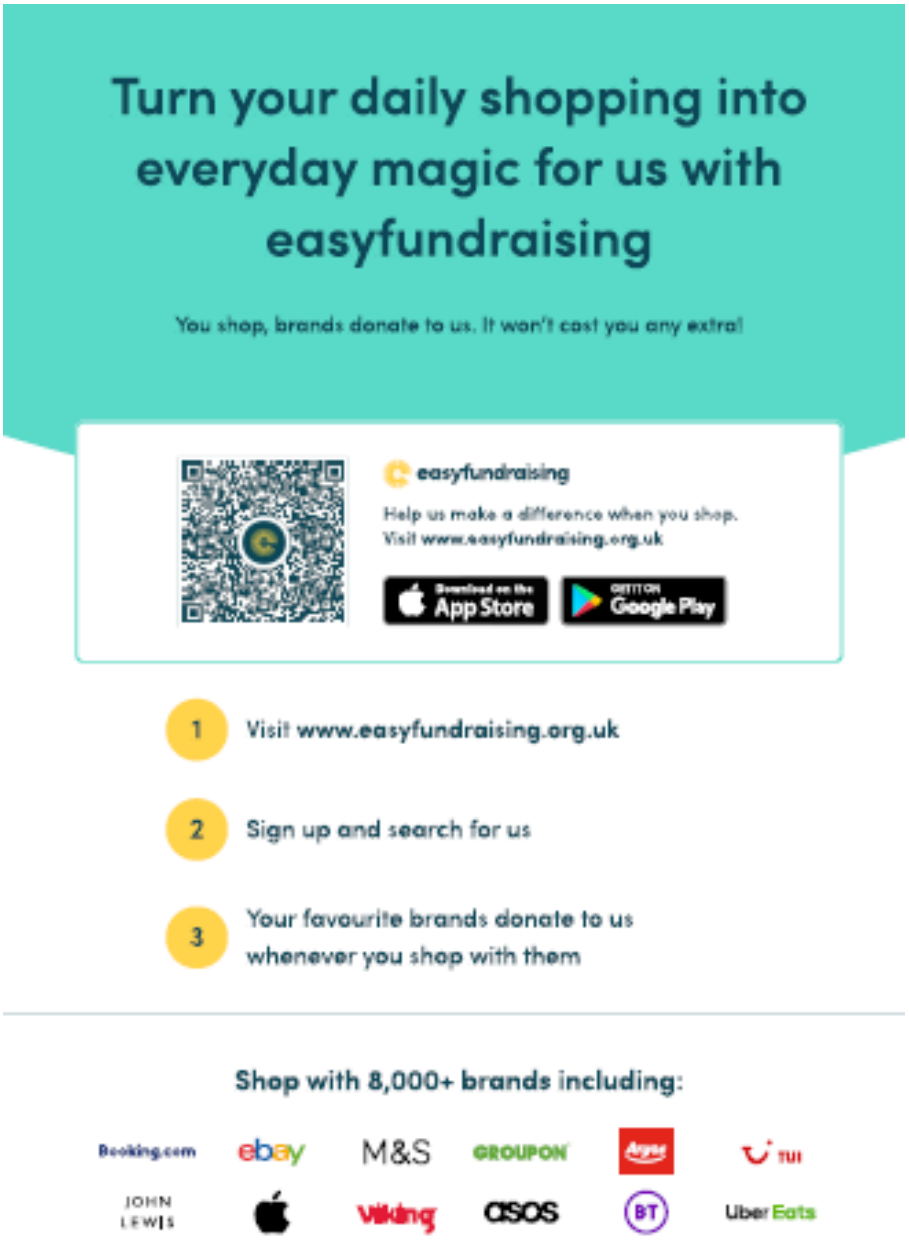
NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

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

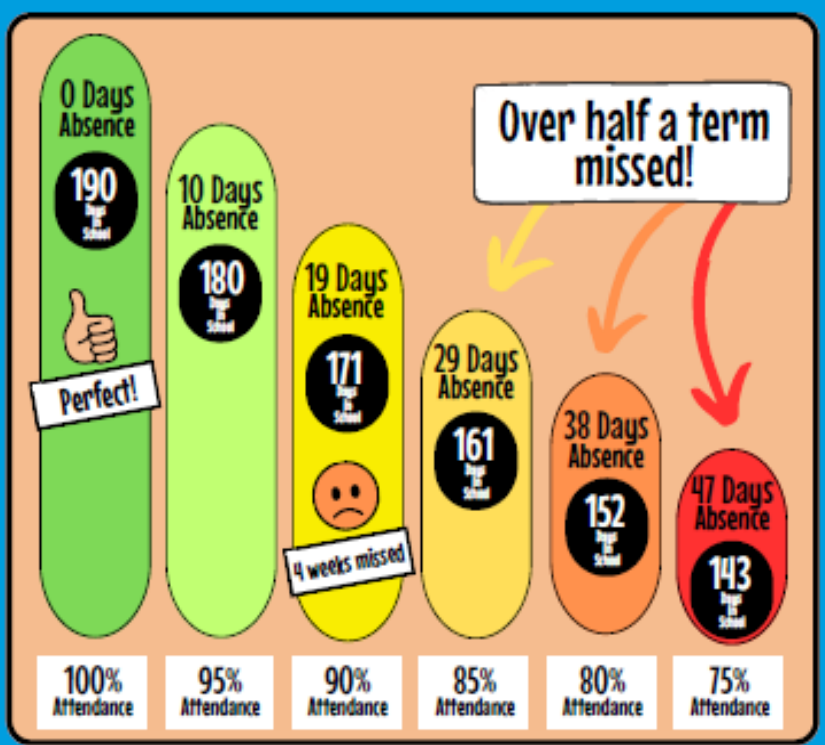
Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.

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