

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 2

What a fantastic Summer Term Year 2 have had so far! Miss Cartledge and Mrs Stock are so proud of all the children and the enthusiasm they continue to show in all areas of learning. We have loved seeing their confidence and independence grow each week.

Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. The children have enjoyed finding halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and numbers, and using practical resources to help deepen their understanding.

English

In English, we have loved reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and the children wrote some brilliant sequels to the story using their own imaginative ideas. We have also just started reading *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, which the children are thoroughly enjoying so far.

Science

In Science, we have been learning about living things and their habitats. We explored the school grounds to identify different living things and investigated minibeasts and microhabitats during our Forest School sessions. The children have loved being young scientists and discovering more about the natural world around them.

Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about how the seaside is different from towns and cities. We discussed the features of the seaside and wrote postcards explaining how people enjoy spending time there.

Wider Curriculum

In Art, we have been drawing self-portraits using charcoal, inspired by the work of Nathan Wyburn. The children showed great creativity and resilience while developing their sketching skills. We have also really enjoyed Boogie Bounce in PE and loved attending Forest School each week, where the children have had lots of opportunities to explore, investigate and learn outdoors.

Thank you, Year 2 for another wonderful term so far — we are so proud of everything you have achieved and cannot wait to see what else you accomplish this year!

Miss Cartledge



Diary Dates

Monday 11th May

Year 6 SATs start

Year 3 Swimming

Thursday 14th May

Years 1 - 4 Afterschool
Science Club 3:15pm-
4:15pm

Years 1 -3 Afterschool
Games Club 3:20pm-
4:20pm

Friday 15th May

Non school uniform day
for donations for Our Jay
Foundation

Please see our School
Website for school diary
dates



YEAR 6 SATs

Week commencing Monday 11th May

Year 6 will be completing their KS2 SATs week commencing Monday 11.05.25.

During this week to alleviate stress and give the Year 6 children chance to relax before the tests we will be opening school **from 8am** on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th May (Monday – Thursday). Year 6 children are welcome to come in at any time from then and we be offering a range of toast and cereals (**up until 8.30am**) to ensure the children are as prepared as possible.



ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **95.6%**

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/>

This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 5th May 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-8832926?e=04fcebfe0>



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



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

Empathy

Empathy means *feeling with* someone, not just *feeling sorry for* them. It is one of the best ways to be a kind friend and a good person. Empathy is not just noticing that someone is happy, sad, or hurt—you're trying to understand their feelings **from their point of view** and responding with kindness.

Examples of when you could be empathetic:

A friend is nervous before a test.

You might say: *"I get nervous too. We've got this!"*

Someone is sitting alone at lunch.

You might think: *"I would feel sad if I were alone."*

So, you could invite them to sit with you.

Our tips for empathy:

1. **Pay attention** to how people look and sound. Are they happy, sad, or upset? Look for clues in their body language to find out how they might be feeling.
2. Read a book or watch a TV show. Pick a character in the book or show and imagine how that character might feel. Do you think all the characters feel the same? **Put yourself in their shoes!**
3. **Empathy drawing** – if you like to get creative, you could try drawing a picture of how someone else might feel in a certain situation (e.g., "a child who has lost their favourite toy", "a child who is starting a new school").
4. **Be kind with actions** - even little things help - like sharing, listening, or giving a hug.
5. **Include everyone** - invite others to play, join in, or sit with you. Notice if someone is standing alone, sitting on a bench, or watching others play.
6. **Kindness cards** – consider making cards or notes for family, friends or classmates who might need a boost!

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.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Your School PTA Needs You



PaFos Tuck Shop

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EVERYTHING PRICED 50P OR £1**

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- 2 Sign up and search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them

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ebay

M&S

GROUPON



TUI

JOHN
LEWIS



Viking

ASOS



Uber Eats

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

**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.



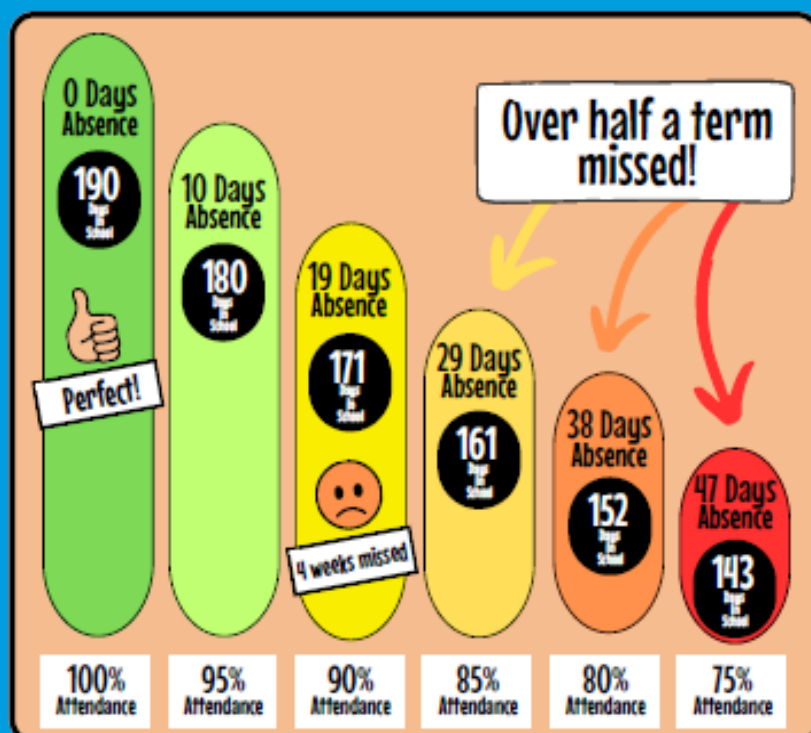
Building Confidence

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



Eat Well, move *More*



Swap sugary drinks for water or milk.



Check portion sizes and give children smaller plates.



Make exercise fun with active games.



Walk, cycle or scoot for short journeys.



Warwickshire
County Council

For help to stay healthy go to:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/eatwellmovemore

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.



X (formerly Twitter)



Facebook



Instagram



Pinterest



Messenger



TikTok



Discord



Snapchat



Twitch



Yubo



Reddit



YouTube



BeReal



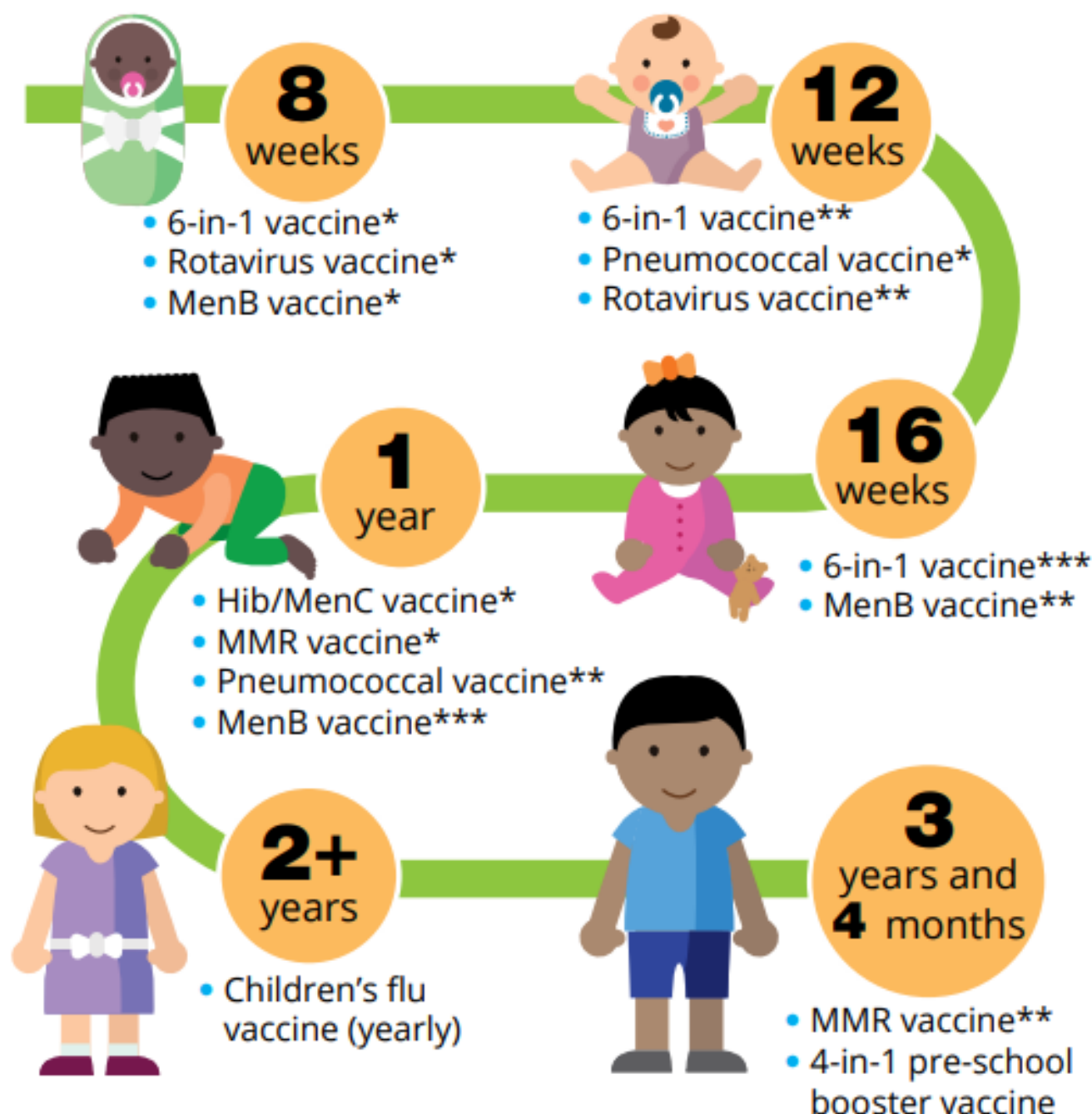
WhatsApp



Disclaimer: This resource/information is not intended to encourage social media use and we cannot accept any responsibility for pupils that sign up to social media sites after using this resource/information. Please note that age restrictions for social media platforms may vary depending on the laws and regulations in your location.



Your child's vaccine schedule



* first dose, **second dose, *** third dose

6-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, Hib and hepatitis B

4-in-1 protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio

**Follow your child's vaccine schedule
to protect them against illnesses**

**Stick this
timeline up as a
useful reminder**



- Childhood illnesses like measles and whooping cough are rising
- These illnesses can make children very sick, leading to hospital stays or lifelong problems
- If your child is not vaccinated, they are not protected
- It's important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection. Some need booster doses later too
- Check your child's red book or speak to your GP practice to see if they have missed any
- You can still catch up on most missed vaccines
- All the childhood vaccinations are free. As children grow up, they will be offered more vaccine appointments, right up until they are teenagers. Some vaccines are offered at school
- Vaccinations offered by the NHS are thoroughly tested to assess how safe and effective they are. All medicines can cause side effects, but vaccines are among the very safest.
- Research from around the world shows that immunisation is the safest way to protect our children's health

Are your child's vaccines up to date?
Book now at their GP practice