

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

**"Let Your
Light Shine"**

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May 2026 Issue 29

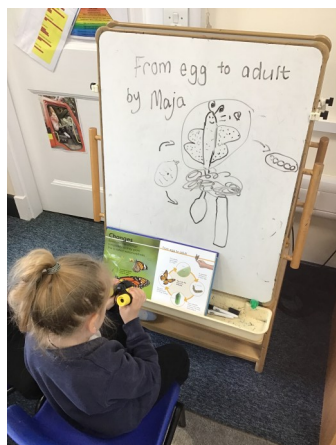
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EARLY YEARS

In Early Years, we are learning all about amazing animals, we have learnt lots of facts about animals, moved like animals, learnt all about baby animals. We have been looking after and observing our caterpillars and we learnt all about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We love exploring inside and outside, playing and sharing with our friends. This week, we read "The Little Red Hen" and we made a loaf of bread just like the red hen and shared it with our friends as we all helped. During our forest school outdoor learning sessions, we love looking for minibeasts and we made our own minibeast habitat.

Mrs Francis



Diary Dates

Monday 4th May

**School Closed—May Day
Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 5th May

**Reception visit to Rugby
Library**

Thursday 7th May

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

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

Friday 8th May

**Reception class
assembly
9am—parents/carers
welcome**

Monday 11th May

Year 6 SATs start

**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 **94.7%**

This is below the target set by Warwickshire Admissions Service.

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/](https://www.pharmacy2u.co.uk/)



SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

A friendly reminder that pupils are required to wear school shoes or black trainers only.

White trainers and trainers with colours on are NOT PERMITTED.

Please can you ensure that pupils wear the correct footwear.

Thank you



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness

Keep Learning

Learning doesn't just happen in school! Encouraging your child to explore, discover, and try new things helps their brain grow, boosts confidence, and builds resilience. Here are some practical ways you can support learning at home and beyond. Learning boosts self-esteem and confidence, encourages curiosity and creativity and strengthens social and emotional skills.

Our tips for learning at home:

1. Explore Interests Together

- Ask your child what excites them and encourage hobbies or projects.
- Try new activities like cooking, gardening, or a science experiment.

2. Read, Read, Read

- Share books, stories, or articles that interest them.
- Make reading fun – explore comics, graphic novels, or audio books.

3. Ask Questions & Encourage Curiosity

- Stimulate thinking by asking “why” or “how” questions.
- Support them in finding answers, experimenting, and reflecting.

4. Learn Through Play

- Games, puzzles, building projects, or coding apps make learning enjoyable.
- Encourage creativity through drawing, music, or role-play.

5. Celebrate Small Wins

- Praise effort, not just results.
- Recognize achievements, even if it's learning a new skill slowly.

6. Explore the world

- Go on nature walks, visit local parks, museums, or libraries.
- Ask questions like, “What do you notice?” or “Why do you think that happens?”

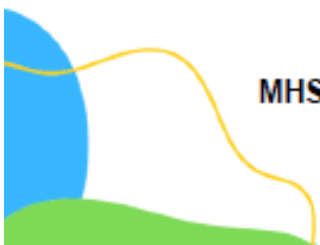
Quick Ideas to Get Started Today

- Start a “family challenge” to learn something new weekly
- Visit local museums, libraries, or nature reserves
- Set aside a daily “curiosity time” for experiments or crafts

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

**EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
EVERYTHING PRICED 50P OR £1**

**YOU CAN FIND US IN THE
CONSERVATORY OR ON THE PLAYGROUND**

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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
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SHOULD SEND
THEM TO SCHOOL
OR NOT.**



**UNLESS THEY HAVE A
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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.



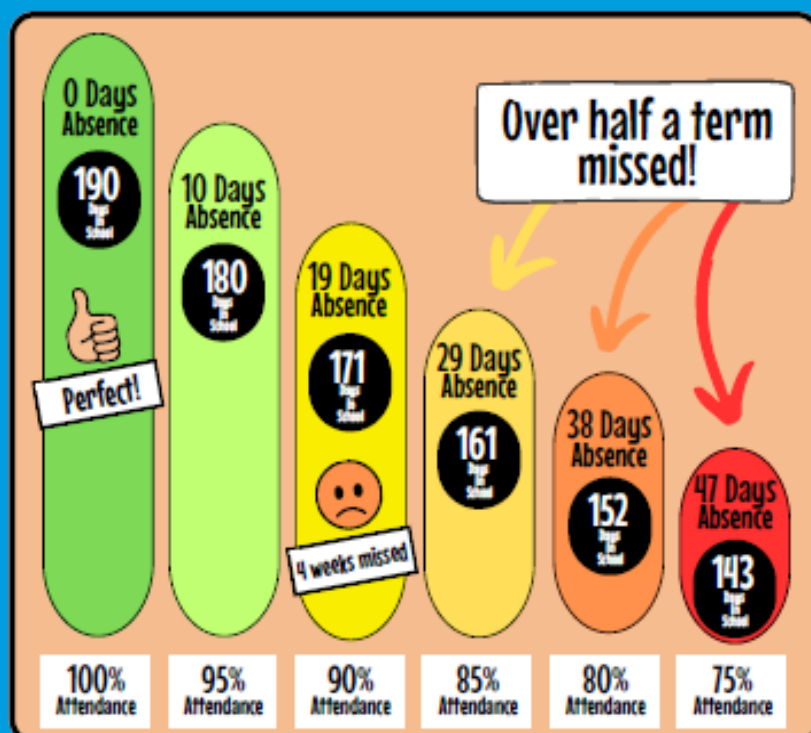
Building Confidence

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

13

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



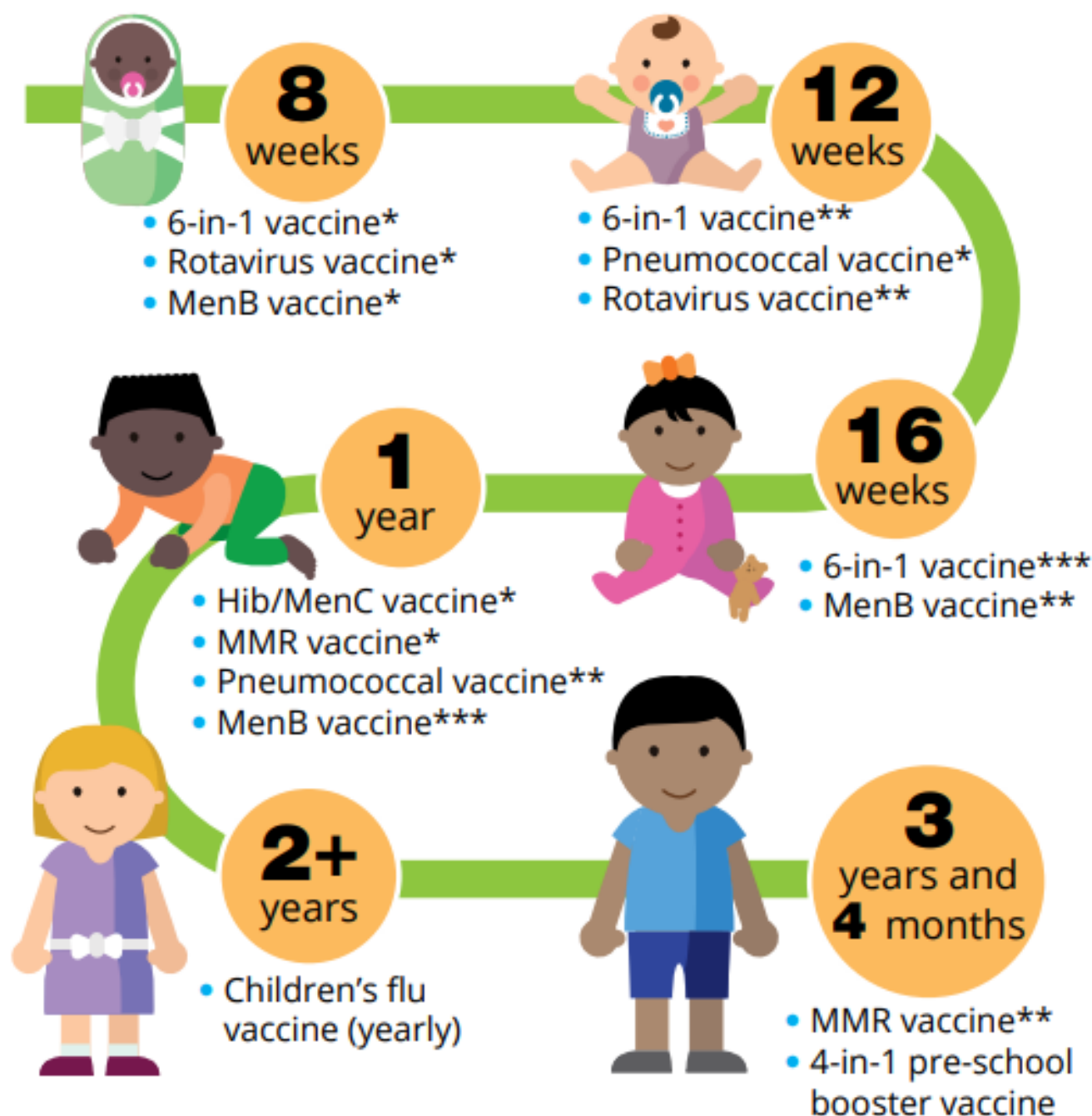
WhatsApp



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