

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

**"Let Your
Light Shine"**

NEWSLETTER

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Easter Message from Mrs Timson

What a lovely last week we've had at school! Despite the unpredictable weather, with snow and hail trying to make an appearance, we managed to enjoy some wonderful Easter activities. A heartfelt thank you to Laura (PaFoS chair) for her fantastic organisation of the events on Wednesday.

I am thrilled to share that our Easter bonnet competition raised an impressive £70 for Casa Reom School in Mozambique. A huge thank you to everyone who entered and donated.

Our church service was another highlight of the week. The choir sang beautifully, the Worship group read their parts clearly, and the Open the Book team delivered the Easter story with their usual enthusiasm. It was a lovely reminder of the spirit of Easter and the importance of coming together as a community.

As we approach the Easter break, I encourage everyone to take some time to relax and recharge. Enjoy this special time with your loved ones, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready for the final term of the school year.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Mrs Timson



Diary Dates

Friday 27th March

School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 13th April

School closed—Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 14th April

School re-opens for the summer term

Thursday 16th April

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

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

Friday 17th April

Break the Rules Day for a donation to PaFoS

Year 3 & 4's Magical Performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream

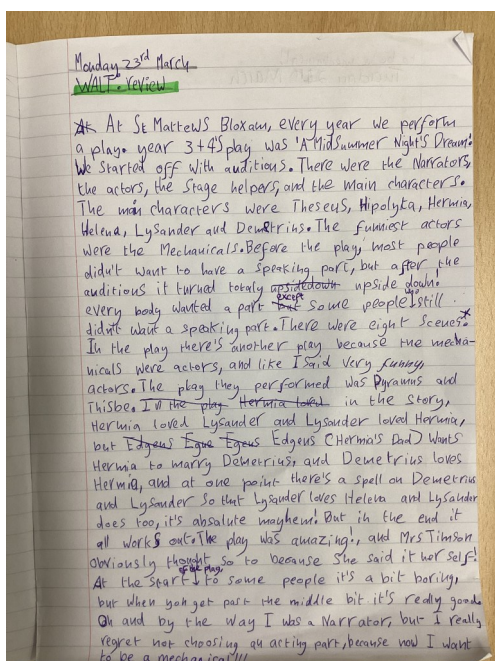
Our Year 3 and 4 children recently took part in a spectacular performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The children truly shone on stage, showcasing their talents through brilliant acting, beautiful singing, and impressive memorisation of their lines. Each child brought their character to life, and the joy they experienced was palpable. The costumes added an extra layer of magic to the performance, making it a visual delight for all who attended.

Parents, a big thank you for the incredible support in providing costumes and to PAFOS for generously supplying refreshments and organising a raffle. This collaborative effort not only made the event a success but also highlighted the strong sense of community we cherish at St Matthews Bloxam Primary. The performance was not just a display of talent; it was a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and the shared joy of storytelling.

The experience of participating in a play like this is invaluable for our children. It nurtures their creativity and builds confidence, essential skills that will serve them well in all areas of their education.

As we reflect on the success of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," we want to highlight some key achievements that our children accomplished during this journey. Each child memorised numerous lines, performed several songs, and worked collaboratively to bring the story to life. This experience not only enhanced their understanding of literature but also developed their communication skills and emotional intelligence, which are crucial for their overall growth. The performance also provided an opportunity for our pupils to learn about the importance of teamwork and collaboration. They supported one another throughout the rehearsals and performances, fostering friendships and a sense of belonging. These skills are not only vital in the context of drama but will also benefit them in their future academic and social endeavours.

Mrs Hancock & Mr Mabey



CAR PARKING

We kindly remind all parents and carers to park **safely and respectfully** when dropping off and collecting children.

Please avoid blocking driveways, stopping on yellow lines, private land or parking in ways that reduce visibility for pedestrians and other drivers.

Your cooperation helps keep our pupils safe and maintains positive relationships with our neighbours.

Thank you for supporting our school community.



ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **95.5%**

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 24th March 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-8832475?
e=04fcebfe0](https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-8832475?e=04fcebfe0)

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Shop with 8,000+ brands including:

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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.



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**

CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



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

Positivity

"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day." - Alice Morse Earle.

Positivity means focusing on the good things in life, even when things get tough. It's about thinking and acting in a way that makes you feel happy and hopeful. Being positive can help you feel better, solve problems, and have a more joyful life.

Our tips for practising positivity:

- **Focus on the good** – Look for the positive in every situation. Every day, there is always something positive.
- **Use positive words** – Try saying things like "I can do this" or "I'll keep trying and I will get there".
- **Be kind to yourself** – Don't be too hard on yourself. Try to remind yourself that you are trying your best. Celebrate any small successes!
- **Practise gratitude** – Think about three things that you are thankful for each day. It could be something as simple as a sunny day or a friend saying something nice to you.
- **Spend time with positive people.**
- **Find something you enjoy** – Whether it is a hobby, sport, quality time with friends and family, or watching your favourite TV programme, doing something you love can bring you joy.
- **Try using positive affirmations** – Tell yourself one positive thing every day, like "I am enough" or "I am trying my best".
- **Help others** – Helping someone else, even in a small way, can make you feel good about yourself too.
- **Keep a positive journal** – Write down things that you are proud of or moments that made you smile.

Positivity makes a big difference!

When you practise positivity, you start seeing the world in a brighter way. You can face challenges with confidence and believe in yourself.

Positivity is also contagious — when you're positive, you inspire others to be positive too!

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.

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



Jess is running the

LONDON MARATHON 2026



please donate if you can

for The Myton Hospices

JESS IS HOPING TO RAISE
£5000 IN MEMORY OF HER
MUM, LOUISE YOUNG, WHO
PASSED AWAY IN MARCH
2021, JUST 3 WEEKS AFTER
HER CANCER DIAGNOSIS.

**SHE WANTS TO RAISE THIS
MONEY FOR THE INCREDIBLE
CHARITY THAT SUPPORTED HER
AND HER FAMILY MOST,
THROUGH SUCH A DIFFICULT
TIME!**



In aid of

myton
hospice

**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.



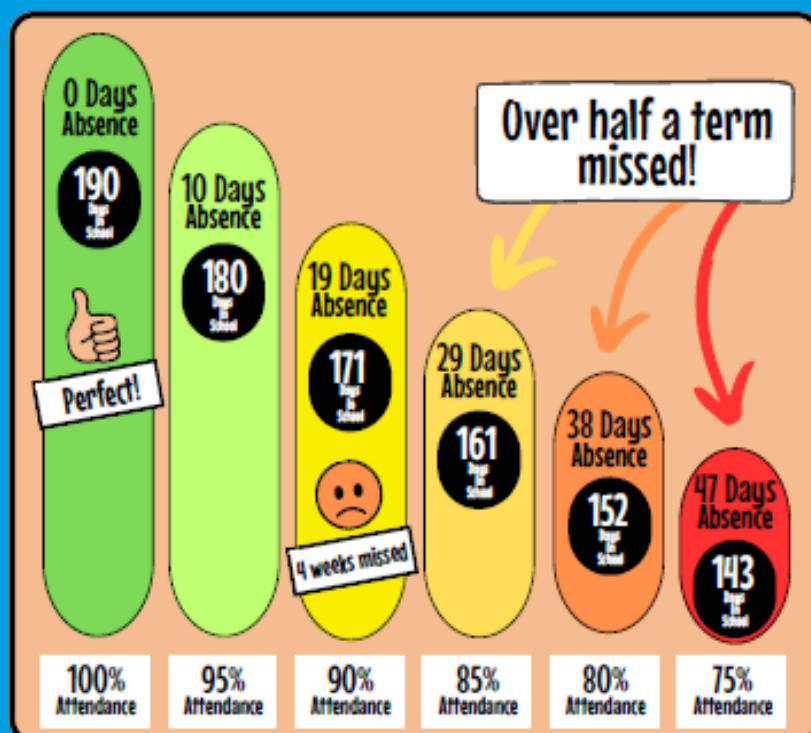
Building Confidence

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



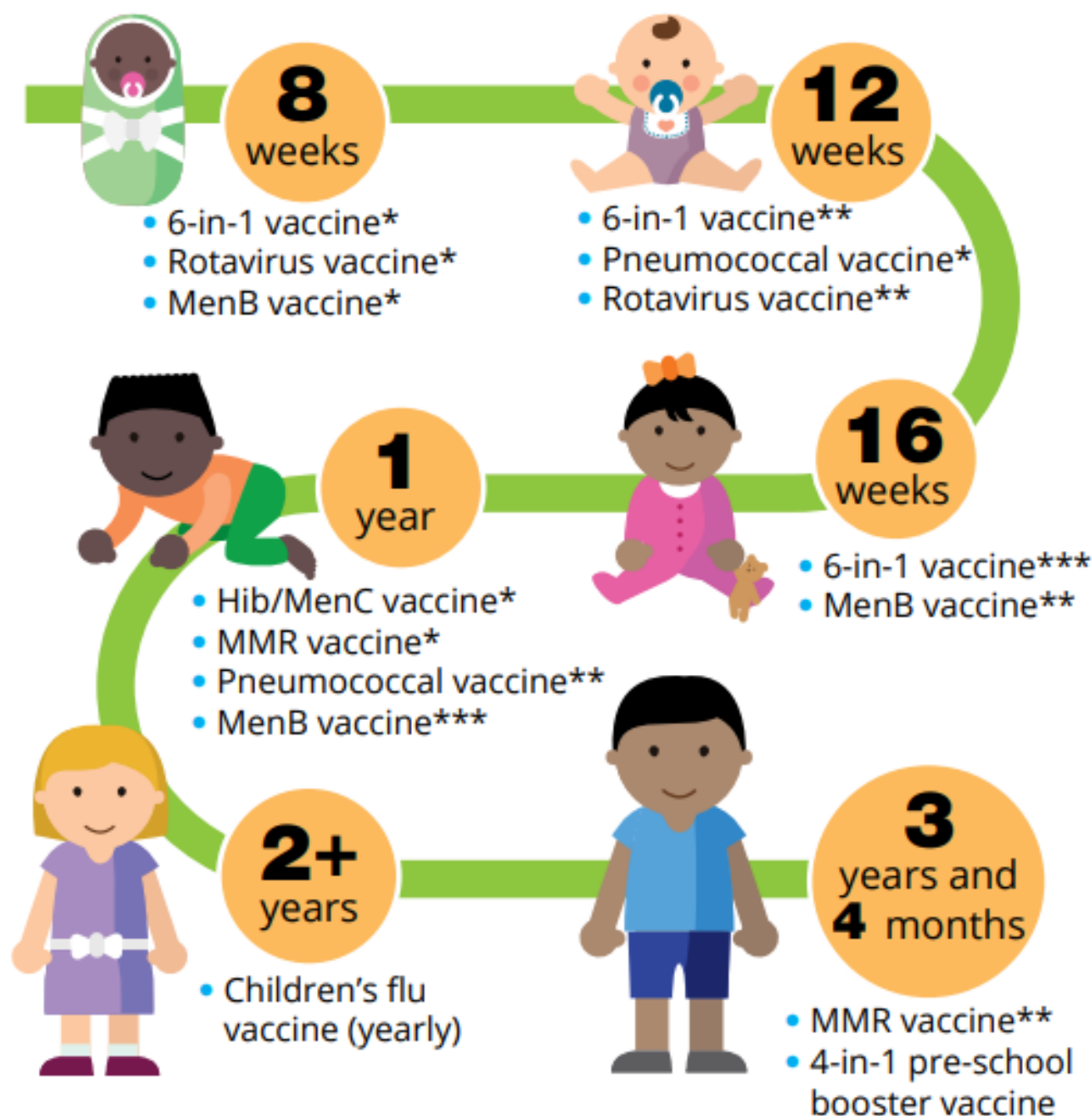
WhatsApp



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