

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

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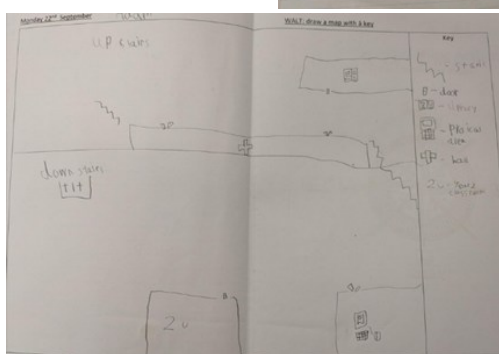
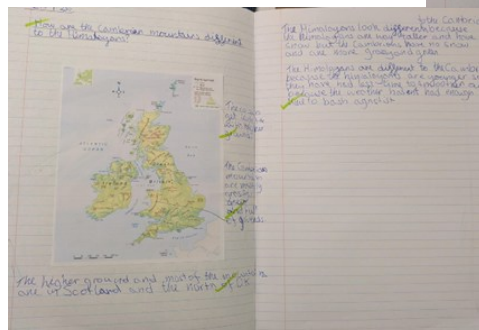
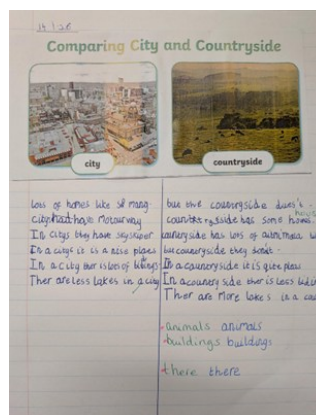
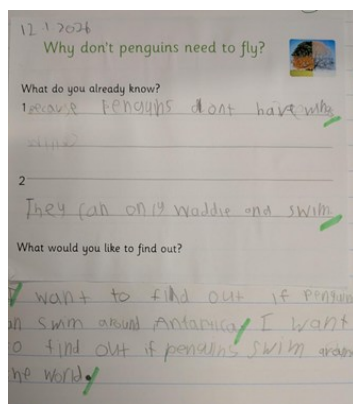
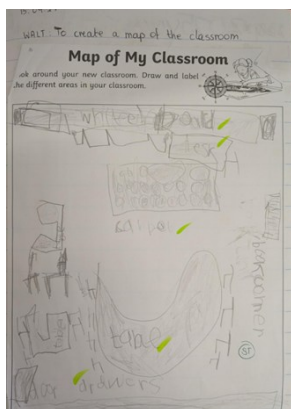


GEOGRAPHY AT SMB

Our aim in Geography is for children to learn about the world around them. This is in terms of physical aspects (countries, formation of a range of physical features) and also to form an understanding of people and places. We take on an enquiry based approach where our children investigate the physical and human features through a range of sources and information. This approach enables children at SMB to understand the world that is around them and the range of experiences people across the world have.

There has been some fantastic work completed as part of our Geography lessons. Ranging from creating our own maps to thinking about why animals are found in different climates, and why people chose to settle in certain areas.

Mrs Scott



Diary Dates

Monday 26th January

Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 29th
January

After School KS2
Multi-Sports Club

3:20pm-4:20pm

Friday 30th January

Year 6 Celebration
assembly 9am—
parents/carers
welcome

Friday 6th February

NSPCC Number Day –
Non uniform for a
monetary donation



BUILDING BLOX

If you would like to book your child in for Building Blox next half term, please complete the below Microsoft form. Current places are not reserved and your place does not automatically continue into the following term. Please note, you will not receive an email confirmation of your request. If there is an issue with fulfilling your request, Mrs Hartwell will contact you via email. When you receive an invoice for your booking, this must be paid in advance before the new half term starts to secure your place. New bookings cannot be made if you have any outstanding invoices still to be paid.

The deadline for requests is Friday 30th January at 8am.

<https://forms.office.com/e/0chreQUmvQ>



ATTENDANCE

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

This week's whole school attendance is **94.1%**

This is below the target set by Warwickshire Attendance 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/)



This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 20th January 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-1219204-96fqcdqgps-8831742?e=04fcebfe0>



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

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



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness Learning



We are always learning new things – often without realising it! Learning can include developing skills as well as developing knowledge. Learning something new can help to improve our mental wellbeing, as it gives us a sense of achievement and purpose. We can challenge ourselves to build new skills or develop skills that we already have. It can help to build motivation, confidence, and self-esteem too.

To help us to learn something new, we can set ourselves a challenge or a goal to work towards. Can you think of a new challenge or goal to try?

Learning can be fun! Studies show that learning can help us to enjoy life more! Can you find a new activity that you enjoy and make it part of your life?

Our tips for learning:

1. **Learn a new word each day!** Can you use the new word in your schoolwork? Can you teach this new word to a friend?
2. **Get creative!** Try a new craft activity or write a story or song. Have a look at some ideas for craft activities here: 
3. **Try a new hobby,** such as a new sport, learning to paint or join a new after-school club.
4. **Try a new food or learn to cook a new recipe.** Could you share this experience with someone? For example, could you bake a cake with a friend, or cook a meal for your family?
5. **Learn a new language.** Try and learn simple words and phrases, such as "hello", "how are you?" and "my name is...". You could use online resources or apps, such as Duolingo, to help you.
6. **Try a new sport or class.** Could you help others to learn by becoming a coach for a junior team?
7. **Start a craft project!** You could do this independently, or together with a friend. Remember to ask an adult for help if you need to! Follow the QR code for some project ideas: 

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.



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.



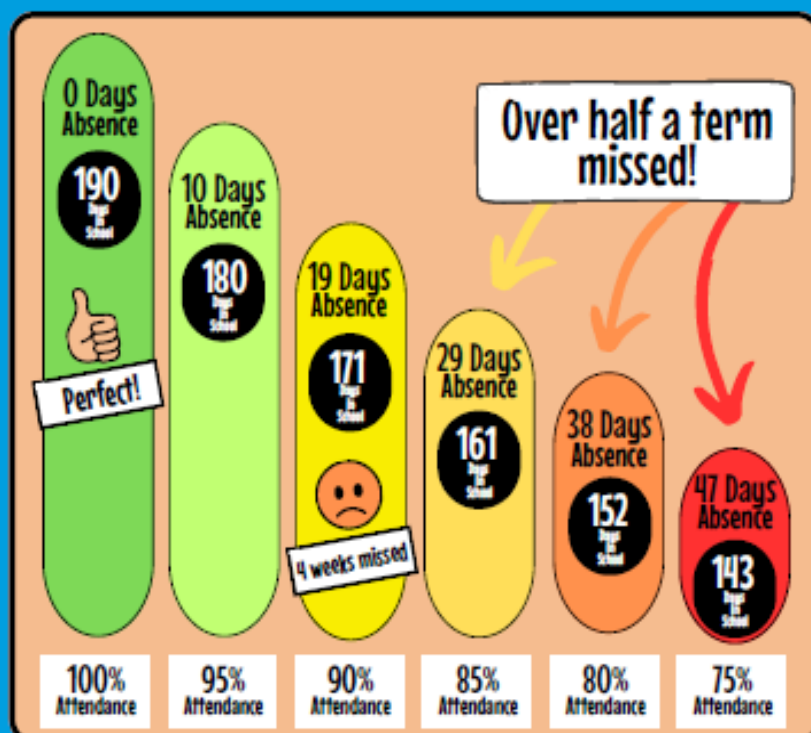
Building Confidence

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



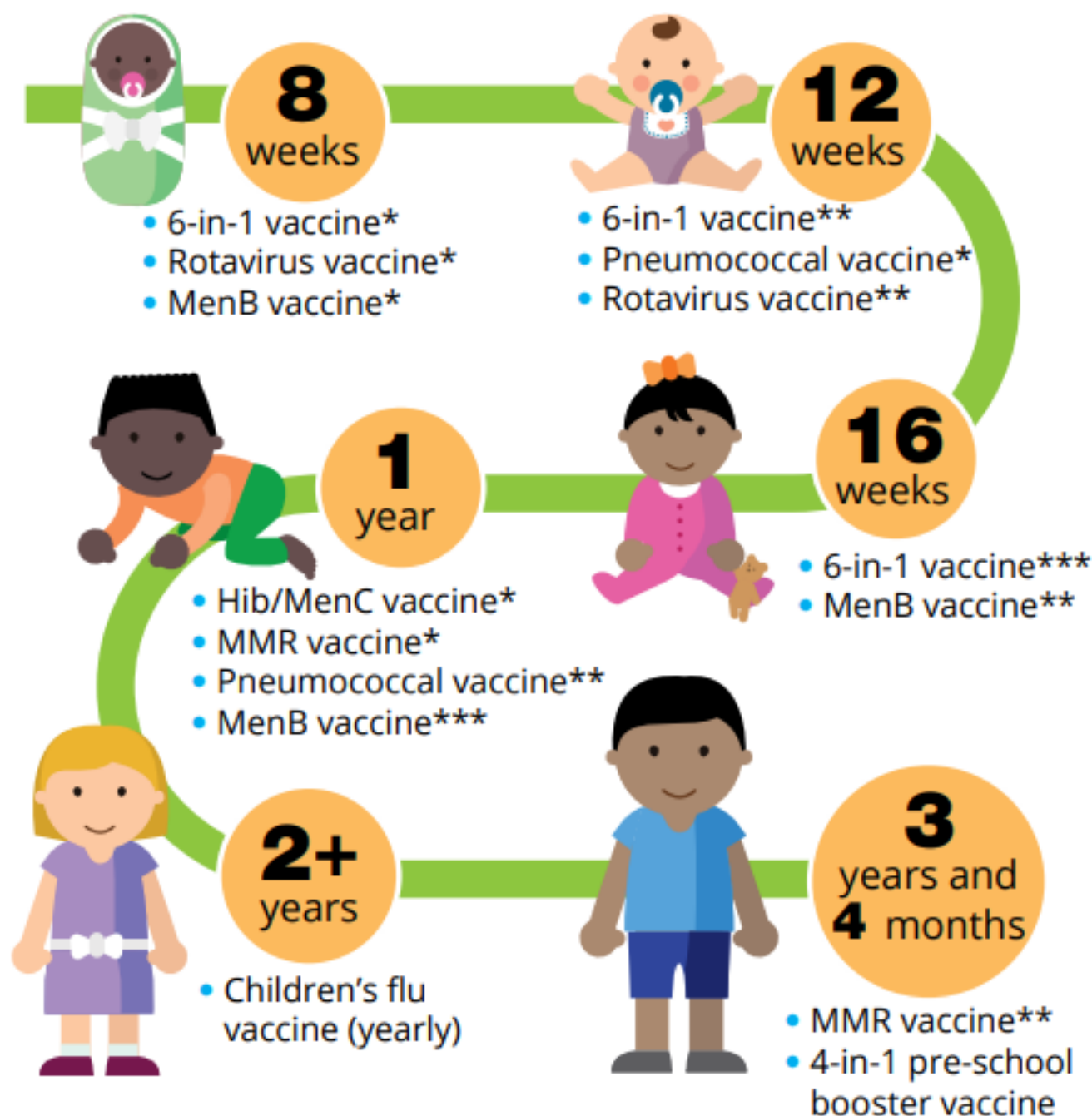
WhatsApp



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