

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

**"Let Your
Light Shine"**

NEWSLETTER

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Nativity Plays

Early Years and KS1 were amazing superstars in their Nativities - I Spy Christmas and A Miracle In Town. They shone brighter than Rudolph's nose! We are very proud of all the hard work over the last few weeks, the children all learnt their lines, the songs and actions. The performances were all amazing.

Well done Early Years and Key Stage 1.



Diary Dates

Monday 15th December

Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 16th December

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
trip to Macready Theatre
- AM

Years 3,4,5 & 6 Carol
Concert -9am

**Wednesday 17th
December**

Years 3,4,5, & 6 trip to The
Temple Speech Rooms
- AM

School Christmas Dinner

Rocksteady Concert -
2pm

(Parents/carers of
Rocksteady children only)

Thursday 18th December

Years 1-6 Christmas
Service at St Oswald's
Church -9:30am -Parents/
carers welcome

Friday 19th December

Reception Celebration
Assembly 9am—parents/
carers welcome

School Closes for
Christmas break

NATIVITY PLAYS



ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **95.1%**



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 9th December 2025

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-1219204-96fqcdqqs-8831322?e=04fcebfe0>



A Message From PaFoS

It was great to see so many of you at our
Christmas Fayre on Monday.

Santa has told us how happy he was to see
you in his grotto.

A massive thank you to everyone who
helped with the Fayre, whether it was
before the big day, setting up, running
a stall or tidying away. Without the
support of the staff at SMB and our
small group of volunteer helpers, we
wouldn't be able to run these events.

So here's a **BIG THANK YOU!**

From Jo & Laura (PaFoS)

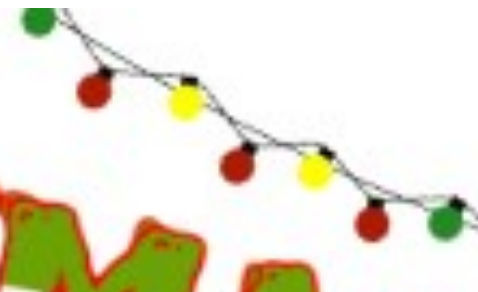
We've
raised over
£800!



CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

EVERYTHING **£1** 16th & 17th
Every break
& Lunch time

This is a great opportunity
for the kids to buy christmas
presents for their loved ones



CHRISTMAS LUCKYDIP

3:20 pm
19th December
IN THE CONSERVATORY
£1 A GO





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TUG make
lunch
Rugby

Make Lunch Christmas holiday sessions

Tuesday 30th December

12 noon – 2pm

St Oswald's Church

Delicious food and family fun

Friday 2nd January

11am – 1pm



Please book using the Survey link

<http://bit.ly/3WKfn2p>

or scan the QR code:



Department
for Education

Festive Fun

RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

Geeky Greetings Cards

Saturday 15th November

10.00am - 11.00am - Ages 6+

11.30am - 12.30pm - Ages 10+

1.00pm - 2.00pm - Ages 14+

Create unique holiday cards with a geeky twist in these sessions with STEM goes Wild. Add electric circuits and UV effects for a festive glow.

Tickets are £10 per person - booking essential.

Macrame Santa and Angel Workshops (16+)

Saturday 29 November

10.00am - 11.00am - Santa

1.30pm - 3.30pm - Angel

Step by step instructions from Sally of 'Knot so Simple' to create what is needed to make a Santa or an Angel decoration. Each person will be given a kit with everything they need.

£25 per workshop - booking essential.

Festive Meet and Greet with Waffle the Wonder Dog!

Friday 2nd January 2026

5 minute time slots between 1.45 - 3.45

FREE but booking essential.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Relaxed Hour

Monday 22nd December

10.30 - 11.30

FREE session for neurodivergent children, where young visitors who would benefit from a more relaxed environment can enjoy and explore our space. With a festive craft.

Get festive at our regular family and community sessions.

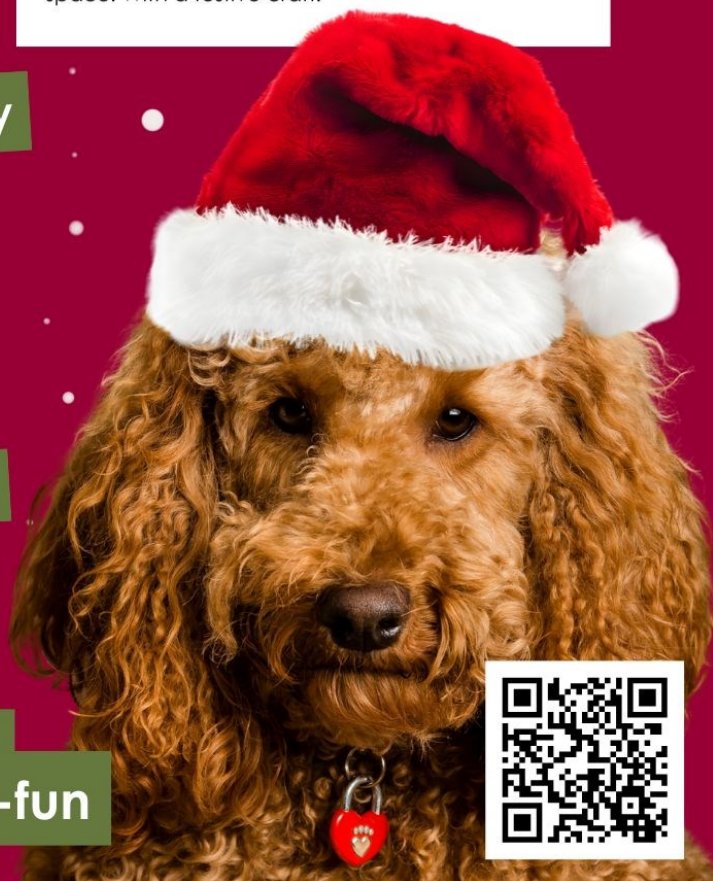
All of our activities over December will be filled with festive fun. Including Mini Explorers and Mini Makers for children aged 2-5, Express Art Group, and The Good Times Craft for adults with dementia and their carers.

... and enjoy our FREE festive hunt

Children will enjoy exploring the art gallery and museum searching out festive clues, with a chance to win a prize!

Scan the QR code to find out more or visit

www.ragm.co.uk/festive-fun





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Setting Future Goals

Setting goals helps you stay focused, motivated, and positive. They give you something to look forward to and remind you that *you're in charge* of your own journey. It's normal to feel a bit nervous when you think about the future, but looking forward can actually *help* your mental health. Looking to the future helps to build confidence, can give you direction and encourages optimism. Thinking about what's ahead reminds you that good things can still happen — even when times feel tough.

Our Top Tips For Setting Goals:

1. Start Small

Big dreams start with small steps. Pick one thing you'd like to improve—like sleeping better or spending more time outdoors.

2. Make It Realistic

Choose goals that feel *possible*, not perfect. For example, "I'll talk to a friend once a week" is easier than "I'll never feel lonely again."

3. Be Kind to Yourself

Progress takes time! Celebrate small wins and don't be hard on yourself if things don't go perfectly.

4. Write It Down

Keep a journal or use your phone to track how you're doing. Seeing your progress boosts confidence!

5. Ask for Support

You don't have to do it alone. Talk to someone you trust — a friend, teacher or family member— about your goals.

6. Balance Is Key

Make time for fun, rest, and creativity. Mental health goals should make life *feel better*, not busier.



*More information
about goal-setting!*

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the Children and Young People's Mental Health Crisis support 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.



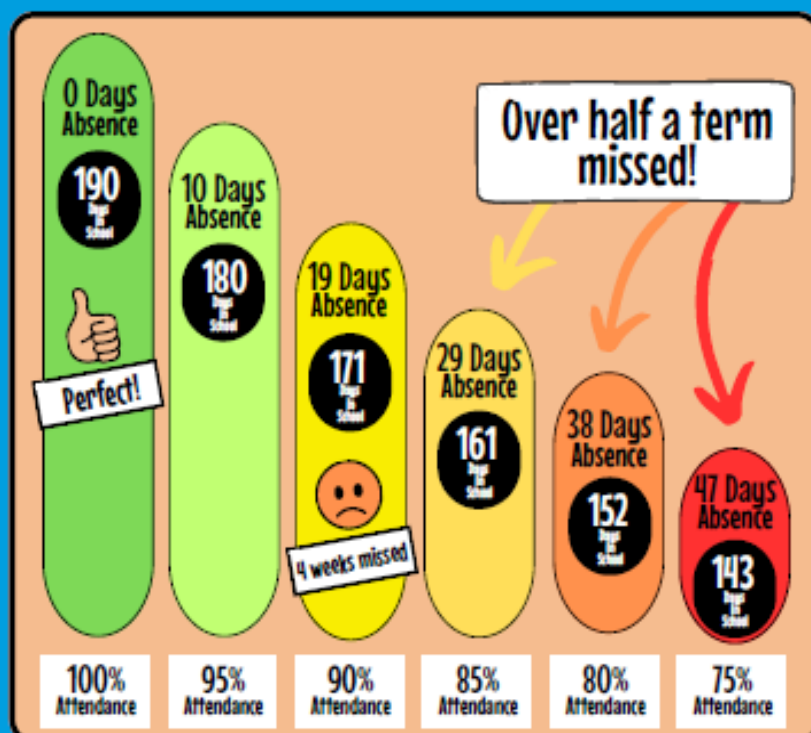
Building Confidence

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



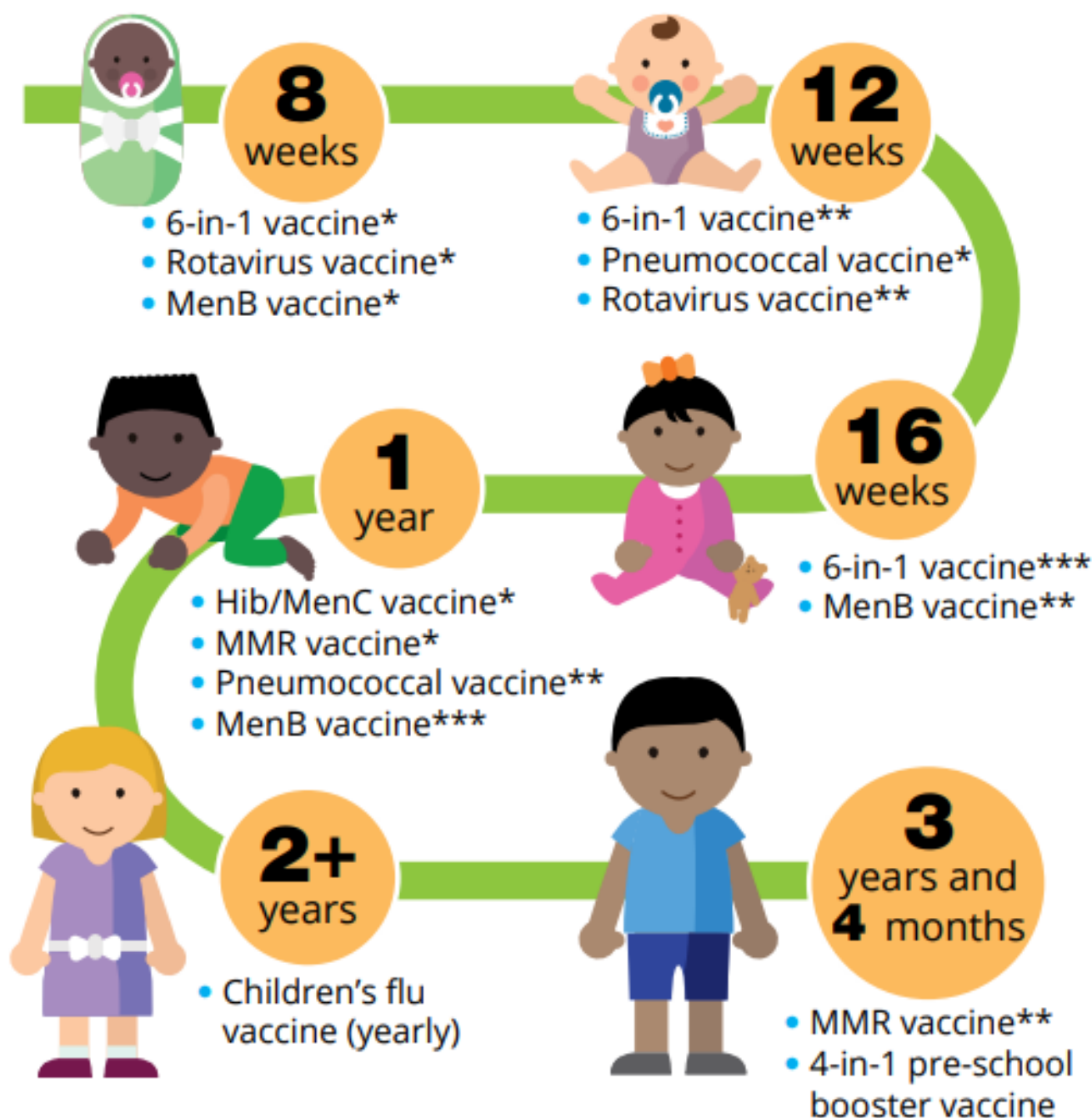
WhatsApp



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