

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

**"Let Your
Light Shine"**

NEWSLETTER

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The Lighthouse

The children in The Lighthouse have been working very hard this year while we have been welcoming new children to our class. Each week we have an interactive sensory story linked to our core word of the week. This includes sensory experiences, rhymes and some drama! We also love messy maths, where we learn about counting, addition and subtraction via sensory experiences and our phonics in the box sessions are always enjoyed. The class have the opportunity to access wider opportunities in the school such as forest school, which we all enjoy.

Mrs Darnbrough



Diary Dates

Monday 1st December

Year 5 Swimming

Tuesday 2nd December

**After school Cricket Club
3:20pm – 4:20pm**

**Scholastic Book Fayre
3:20pm**

**Wednesday 3rd
December**

**Scholastic Book Fayre
3:20pm**

Thursday 4th December
After School Football Club

3:20pm – 4.20pm

**Year 5 Space Camp
Sleepover**

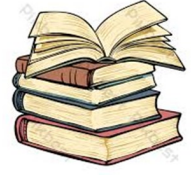
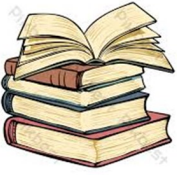
Friday 5th December

**Year 3 class assembly
9am—parents/carers
welcome**



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

School are holding a Scholastic book fayre after school on Tuesday 02.12.25 & Wednesday 03.12.25 . The book Fayre starts after school at 3.20pm and will be in the downstairs hall.



CHILDREN IN NEED



We raised £154.02 for Children In Need.

Thank you for all your donations.



ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **94.5%**



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/)

This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 25th November 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-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8831161?e=04fcebfe0>



CHRISTMAS

FAYRE & SANTA'S GROTTO

MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 3:15-5:15

RAFFLE . TOMBOLA . REFRESHMENTS, HOTDOGS
CLASS CRAFTS . POCKET MONEY STALL &
LOTS OF FUN GAMES AND PRIZES TO BE WON

Santa's HELPER WANTED

DECEMBER 8TH

FROM 2PM

**Volunteers
needed for
the Christmas
Fayre**



PRESALE TOKENS



**SMB XMAS FAYRE
MON 8TH DECEMBER**

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ON
STALLS USING CASH OR
TOKENS.**

**HOWEVER, THIS YEAR WE ARE
GOING TO DO A PRESALE, TO
HELP THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY
AT THE FAYRE.**

**PLEASE DO USE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO BUY YOUR
TOKENS IN ADVANCE.
EACH TICKET IT WORTH 50P**

**THE PRESALE WILL TAKE PLACE ON
THE PLAYGROUND OR IN THE
CONSERVATORY, IMMEDIATELY
BEFORE SCHOOL ON THE MORNINGS
OF 24TH-28TH NOVEMBER.**



CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!



**Have you got any Christmas jumpers that
have been outgrown?**

**PaFoS would be most grateful for donations
of Christmas jumpers you no longer need.**

**Please hand them in to the office or pop
them in them pre-loves uniform bin on the
playground.**

Thank you!





**Friday 5th December PaFoS will
be having a sale after school in
the conservatory**

**There will be Pre-Loved
Christmas jumpers
Winter hats & gloves
All just £1 per item**





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Inclusion and Belonging

Inclusion means making sure everyone feels welcome, accepted, and valued, no matter their differences. It's about creating a space where everyone feels like they belong—whether it's at school, at home, or with friends. Belonging means feeling like you are part of something and that you matter.

How to make others feel included:

1. **Be Friendly and Approachable**

Smile and say hello to people to make them feel welcome.

2. **Invite Others to Join In**

When you're playing a game or starting a conversation, invite others to join in. This could stop them from feeling left out.

3. **Listen to Everyone**

Take the time to listen to others, showing them that you care about what they say, even if their opinions are different from yours.

4. **Celebrate Differences**

Embrace everyone's differences and learn from them. It's what makes us all unique!

5. **Use Positive Words**

Use words that make others feel good, rather than teasing or making fun of them.

6. **Be Open-Minded**

Try to see things from someone else's point of view, to help build respect and connection.

Tips for feeling like you belong:

- **Be Yourself** – Don't try to change who you are to fit in. You belong just as you are!
- **Find Your Tribe** – Surround yourself with people who support and accept you. Finding people with similar interests to you can be a great place to start.
- **Take Care of Others** – When you make others feel like they belong, you help create a sense of belonging for yourself too.

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.

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.

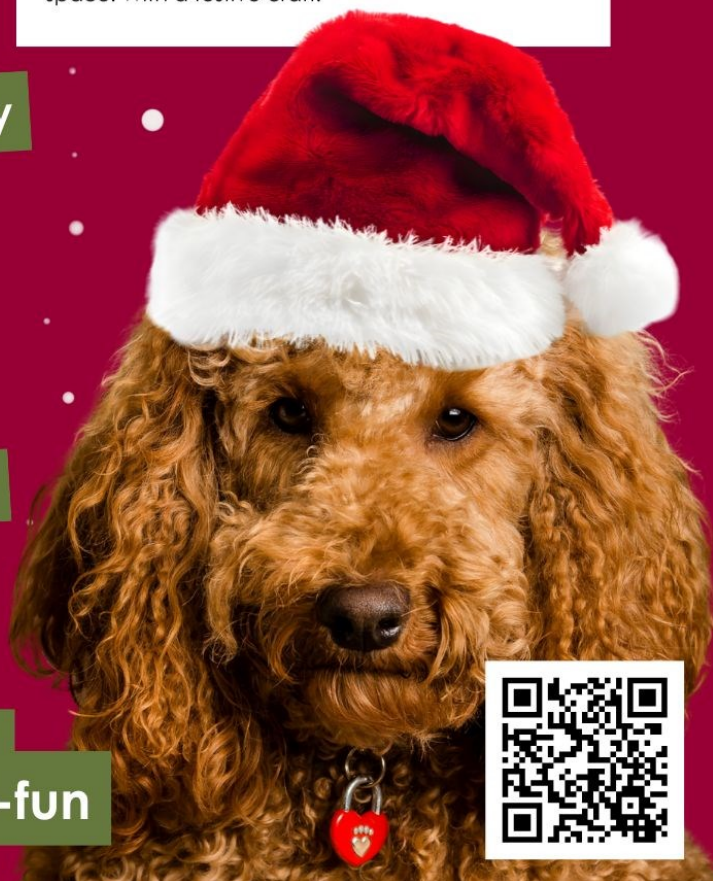
All of our activities over December will be filled with festive fun. Including Mini Explorers and Mini Makers for children aged 2-5, Express Art Group, and The Good Times Craft for adults with dementia and their carers.

... 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





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.



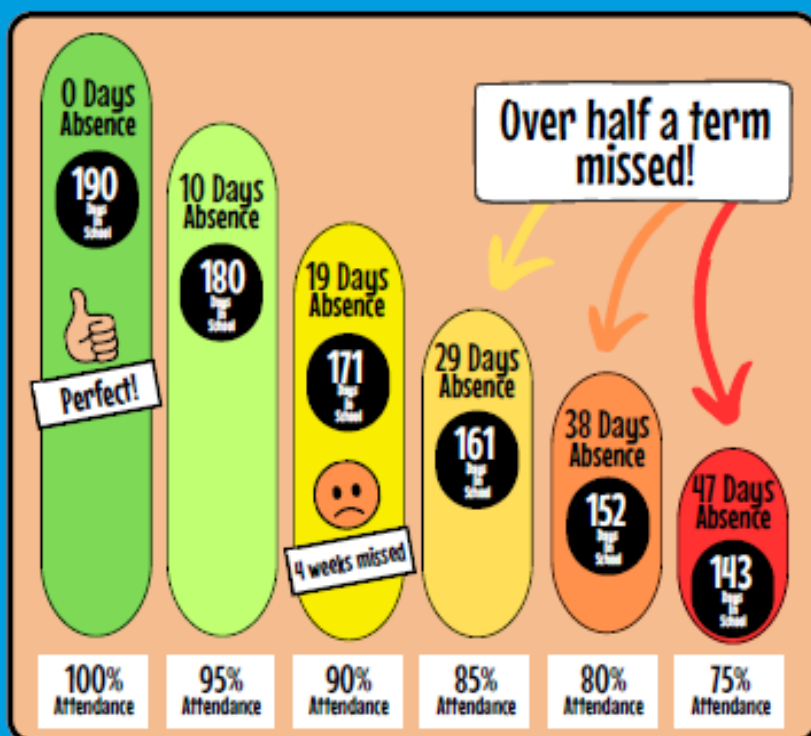
Building Confidence

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



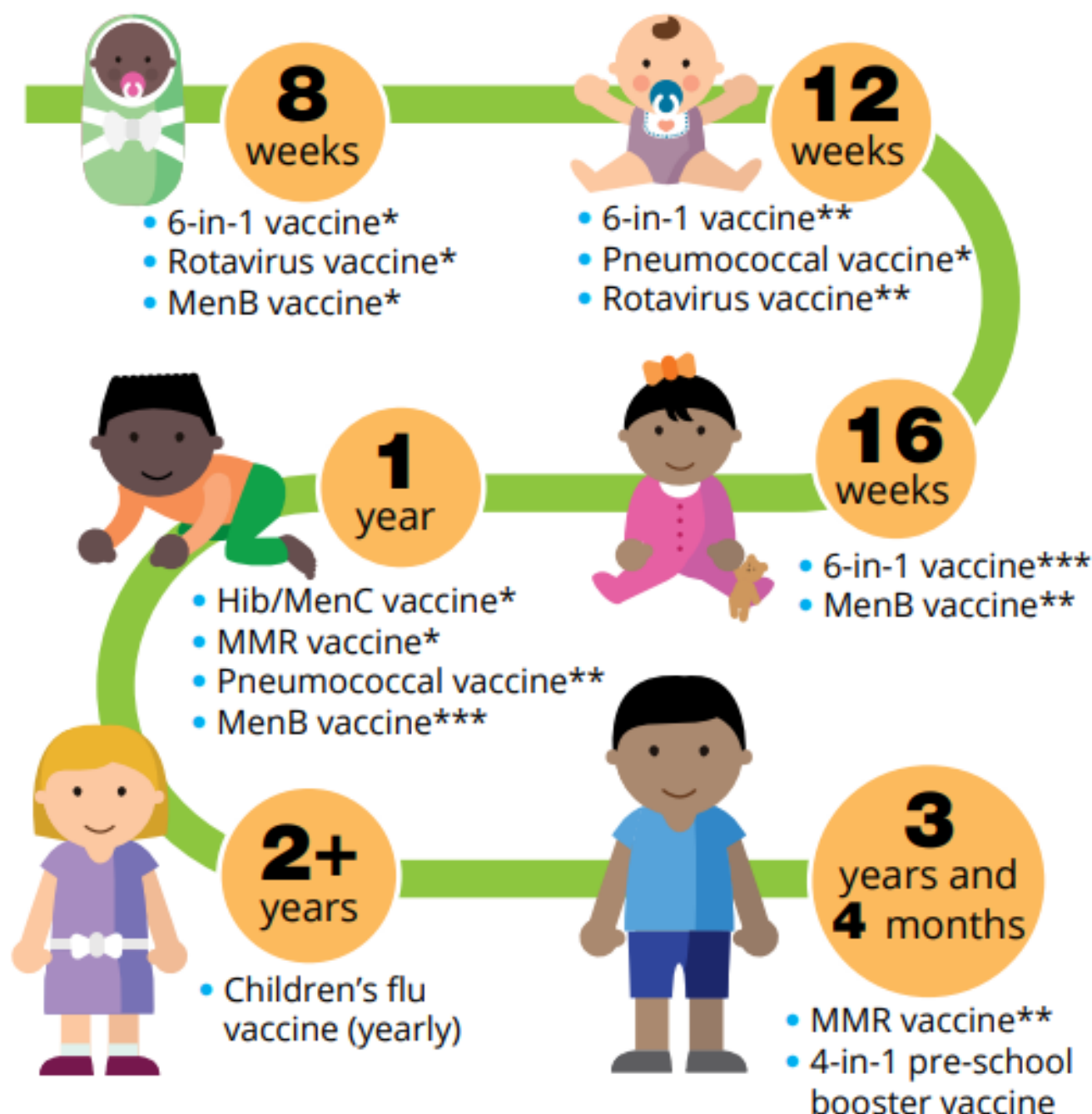
WhatsApp



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