

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

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SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was a fantastic success! We were incredibly lucky with the weather, the races were full of excitement, and, most importantly, the children had a wonderful time taking part, trying their best, and cheering one another on.

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support the children. A special thank you also goes to those who took part in the parent race—your enthusiasm, energy, and willingness to join in brought lots of smiles!

We would also like to extend our thanks to PaFoS for kindly providing refreshments. They were greatly appreciated by everyone and were especially welcome on such a warm and sunny day.

Well done to all of our children for showing such fantastic sportsmanship, determination, and team spirit. It was a wonderful day and a brilliant celebration of our school community.

Mrs Hancock



Diary Dates

Monday 6th July

Year 3 Swimming

Year 5 & 6 Performance -
4:30pm

Tuesday 7th July

Year 5 & 6 Performance -
1:30pm

Wednesday 8th July

Transition Day

Thursday 9th July

Avon Valley Transition Day
2 for Year 6 Pupils who are
attending in September

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

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

Friday 10th July

Year 4 Class assembly
9am—parents/carers
welcome

Year 5 trip to Coventry





ATTENDANCE

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

This week's whole school attendance is **92.6%**



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/>

BUILDING BLOX

If you would like to book your child in for Building Blox for the next school year Autumn Term 1 2026-2027, 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 Wednesday 8th July at 3pm

<https://forms.office.com/e/5ndUF98hzV>

This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 30th June 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-1219204-96fqcdqps-8833540?e=04fcebfe0>

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We would like to remind all Year 6 pupils and their families that students are expected to attend their new secondary school on **Wednesday 8th July 2026**.

This transition day is an important opportunity for children to familiarise themselves with their new environment, meet teachers and classmates, and begin preparing for the exciting move to Year 7.

Please note that **parents/carers are responsible for taking their child to and from the new school** on this day.

LAST WEEK OF TERM

Wednesday 15th July—Rocksteady Concert - 2:00pm (For parents/carers whose children attend Rocksteady)

Friday 17th July – 9:00am Year 6 Leavers' Celebration



LOVE RUGBY FESTIVAL

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HOPE

CHURCH IN THE PARK

A CELEBRATION OF HOPE FOR OUR TOWN

WHEN...
SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026 | 2PM - 5PM

WHERE...
CALDECOTT PARK

reviverugby.net



YEAR 5&6 SUMMER SHOW



**Monday 6th July
@ 4:30**



**Tuesday 7th July
@ 1:30**



**PaFoS will be selling
refreshments and
raffle tickets**



**Payments via
cash or card**





VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Your School PTA Needs You





PAFOS AGM MEETING

**Thursday 16th July
@ 7pm**

**A round up of this years events
and a chance to have your say
and share ideas for next year.**

**Please email
secretary-pafos@live.co.uk
if you would like to attend
and we'll reply with the details.**

**We look forward
to seeing you!**





Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Dimensions tool



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

Persistence

Persistence is all about keeping going, even when times are challenging. It is normal to want to give up when you are going through something difficult, but if you can stick with it and overcome the obstacles, you will be closer to achieving your goals.

Having a **growth mindset** will help us persist, which means you believe you can learn, grow and develop your skills by putting in the hard work and practise. This can be tricky, so make sure you reach out to friends and trusted adults to support you.

Our tips for persistence:

1. **Break the goal down into smaller steps.** You can set yourself smaller goals that are more achievable, to help you reach your ultimate goal. Make sure the smaller goals are linked to your ultimate goal; this may help to encourage you to keep going, as you will be able to measure your progress.
2. **Try something new** – this could be a new hobby, sport, craft activity, or puzzle. Having a go at something new can help to develop your persistence, whilst also having fun. You might find it challenging at first, but you will receive a greater sense of reward and achievement by sticking with it!
3. **Positive self-talk** – instead of saying “I can’t”, add “yet” onto the end of the sentence. This tells your brain that it might be difficult, but you will get there in the end.
4. **Talk to yourself like a friend** – we are often kinder to our friends than we are to ourselves, when we go through challenging times. Practise talking to yourself like you would talk to a friend! What advice would you give if a friend told you they were rubbish at something? What would you say if they felt they wanted to give up?
5. **Practise mindfulness.** A good way to improve our mental wellbeing is by paying more attention to the present moment and the world around us. Think about sounds and smells around you, what can you see, and how does this make you feel. By being more aware, this can improve our mental wellbeing and enable us to improve skills such as being persistent.

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.

**Rugby Baptist
Church** Regent Place CV21 2PJ

Building Champions

"The Nehemiah Games"

**Kids Holiday
Club**



**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
26th-28th August 10am-12.30pm**

For children aged 5 to 11 years old

**£2 per child
per day or £5
for 3 days.**

Prebooking required!

**www.
rugbybaptist.org.uk**



The Nehemiah Games Holiday Club



Meals that matter
for families in our community

Please book your place by 17th July

**Summer Make Lunch sessions
will be taking place at:**

**St. Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School
Webb Ellis Rd, Rugby CV22 7AU**

Our theme this year is:

Activities and Food from around the world

**Every Tuesday and Thursday between
28 July to 20 of August
from 12 -2p.m.**

Please use the link below or
the QR code to book your place

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/0MYJO7/>



Bookings will close on 17th July

HAF codes are needed for those having free school meals

If you have any queries please email:

makelunchrugby@gmail.com

Make Lunch Rugby runs all inclusive sessions to support families who miss their free school meals in school holidays and other families who may be at risk of being hungry in the school holidays.



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

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You shop, brands donate to us. It won't cost you any extra!



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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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GROUPON



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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.

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
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.



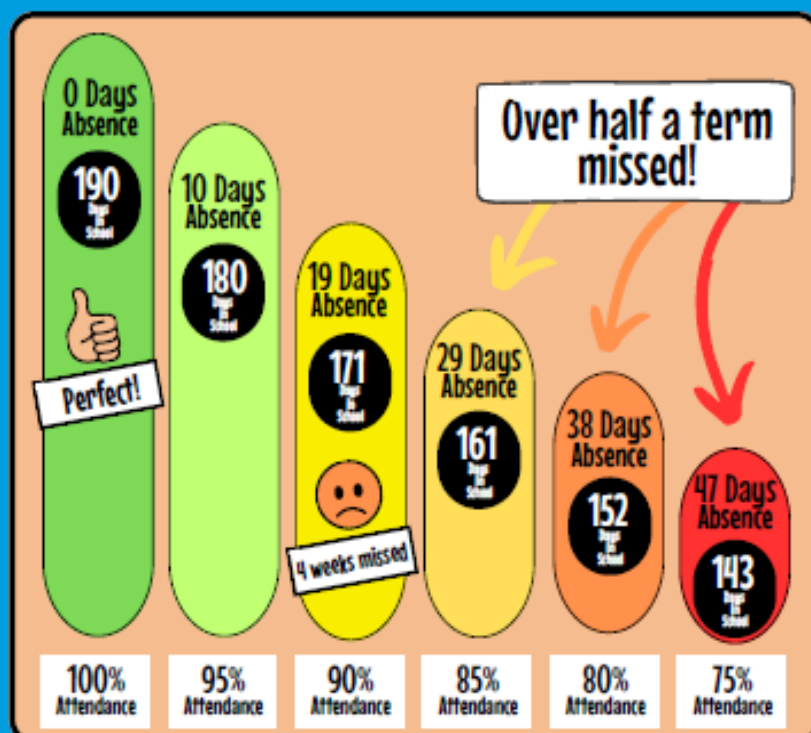
Building Confidence

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

