

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

**"Let Your
Light Shine"**

NEWSLETTER

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END OF YEAR MESSAGE

What a year it has been! Another busy year full of events and activities that have gone beyond our usual curriculum. We've had a fantastic time raising money for the Parents and Friends of Schools (PaFoS), which has enabled us to provide even more exciting opportunities for the children. A huge thank you goes to Laura and Jo, whose hard work and commitment in organising events have been invaluable, as they dedicated their time to supporting our school community.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the SMB army of volunteers, whom we thanked in assembly this week. Special mention goes to our friends from St Oswald's, Rugby Methodist Church, and Rugby Youth for Christ, as well as our fantastic reading, gardening and governor volunteers. Your support makes a massive difference!

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff team, who work relentlessly to ensure the education and happiness of all our pupils

Congratulations to Miss Hughes on the arrival of her baby girl, Gracie. We can't wait to welcome her back next academic year!

We will miss Mrs McNally as she embarks on a new role in the pastoral team at RFSS, well-prepared from her degree. We are excited to welcome Mrs Clarke, also well-prepared from her degree, who joins Mrs Francis in the Reception class, and Mrs Stock, who will be assisting Miss Cartledge in Year 2.

Finally, we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they head off to their various High Schools in Rugby. It has been a delight watching you all SHINE, and you will be dearly missed in our SMB community.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Warm regards,

Mrs Timson

Diary Dates

Friday 18th July

**School closes for the
summer break**

Monday 1st September

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 2nd September

**School reopens for
Autumn Term**



This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 15th July 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-8829741?e=04fcebfe0>

CONNECT FOR HEALTH JULY NEWSLETTER

<https://mailchi.mp/fcd9b875fe0d/read-your-latest-health-wellbeing-newsletter-13871707?e=68461dd970>



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 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/>



Hillmorton Juniors FC Open Event

**Do you have a child starting Reception
Class this September?**

If the answer is **yes**, join us at our
Hillmorton Juniors FC Open Event!

Whether your youngster is already a budding footballer or would like to learn something new and make lots of friends along the way, Hillmorton Juniors FC would love to meet you.

All are welcome – come and meet our
qualified Coaches and get ready to have lots
of fun!



Join us at:



**Rugby Town FC, Butlin Road, Rugby
CV21 3SD**

Saturday 26th July, 11am to 12pm



PaFaS

DATE: 2024-25

NEWSLETTER

What We Have Contributed To So Far

- EYFS & KS1 Christmas Shows
- Year 4 trip to the library
- £200 to every class trip
- 10% of Year 6 residential cost, plus coach cost
- SATS breakfast
- Year 6 leavers hoodies
- Parasols for the playground
- Bouncy Castle for whole school
- Birds of Prey experience

How We Have Raised

Penny Jars Donation Days
Christmas & Summer Fayre
Mother's & Father's Day
Gifts Uniform Sale
Rainbow Raffle Book Sale
Refreshments Tuck Shop
Easter Tombola
Break The Rules

Parents & Volunteers

Without all your support we
would not be able to do what
we do

THANK YOU!

Amount

**RAISED OVER
£4790!**

after expenses

CONTACT ME: SPEAK TO LAURA OR EMAIL chairsemb@gmail.com

Time for summer fun !

NOT ALL
Heroes
WEAR
CAPIES

TLG
make
lunch
Rugby
Meals that matter
for families in our community

**Please book your place by 18th July for
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 heroes

**Every Tuesday and Thursday between
29th July to 21st of August
from 12 -2p.m.**

(special trip on 5th August -See separate details)

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

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/6KIL3Z/>



Bookings will close on Wednesday 18th 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.



**YOU'RE
THE
BEST!**



Summer Trip



We are planning a summer trip to West Lodge Farm Park



Tuesday 5th August 2025
Coach leaving from
St Matthews Bloxam school 9am
(Park in the school car park)
Return time: 4pm approximately

To book your places please complete
the survey below by 18th July :

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AMA7QD/>



You will need to bring

Sun cream
Refillable water bottles
Hats and sunglasses
or
Raincoats and wellies

We will be spending time petting and cuddling lots of
different animals, there's nature trails and great play areas.
We will also share a delicious meal together too!



If you have any queries please email:
makelunchrugby@gmail.com



ST OSWALD'S
CHURCH OF ST MATTHEW & ST DONALD'S BISHOP



A treasure chest with a red lid and a gold handle, surrounded by a pile of gold coins.

FREE EVENT!
**A three-day adventure
for children aged 4-11**

The title 'Treasure Seekers' is written in a large, stylized font. 'Treasure' is in a smaller, brown font, and 'Seekers' is in a larger, brown font. A dashed line with an airplane icon connects the two words. A magnifying glass icon is positioned over the 'S' in 'Seekers'.

Treasure Seekers

20 - 22 August 2025

10.00am drop off to 12:30pm collection each day
Rugby Baptist Church, Regent Place, CV21 2PJ

A large pile of gold coins, some of which are 20p and 10p British coins.

Can you find the hidden treasure?

BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT
WWW.RUGBYBAPTIST.ORG.UK

NO CHARGE AS THIS EVENT IS FULLY FUNDED BY
RUGBY BAPTIST CHURCH

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



WhatsApp

A Guide for Parents & Carers

Age Rating
13+

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

Privacy



Show your child how to **adjust their privacy settings**, such as hiding their profile photo, last seen status and about info. Set them to either of the following:

My Contacts: available to contacts from their address book only
Nobody: not available to anyone

Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

Messaging



Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:

- Is it kind?
- Is it true?
- Would your parents/guardians approve?
- Would you say it to their face?
- Have you asked permission to post photos?
- Have you used your online manners?
- You don't have to join in!

Contacts



Make your child understands that they should **only connect with friends, family, or trusted individuals**.

Teach them not to accept messages from **unknown contacts**.

Go over with your child how to **add, block and report** contacts.

Group Chats



If a child is added into a **Group Chat**, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.

Go to **Settings -> Privacy -> Groups**. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.

Encourage your child to only join a group with people they **know and trust**.

Location



WhatsApp allows users to share their **location** with others.

If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others **track** your child's location or discover their home address.

Speak to your child about keeping this feature **disabled**.

Check



Check in with your child regularly to **review their phone settings**.

Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and **how often** they are using the messaging app.

Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are **staying safe and happy** online.



Encourage your child to come to you if **ANYTHING** online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

13

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.

For further information, visit:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

TOP TIPS TO HELP PARENTS READ WITH THEIR CHILDREN

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

WAYS FOR PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE A LOVE OF READING

- Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?
- Give books as presents. And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- Visit the local library together. It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors. Jacqueline Wilson and Anthony Horowitz always have signing queues that are miles long!
- Encourage children to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored (this is something you can do, too!)
- Have a family bookshelf. If you can, have bookshelves in your children's bedrooms, too.
- Keep reading together. Just because your children are older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing stories – perhaps you could try the Harry Potter series or *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.
- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over again. Let's be honest - we've all done it!

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.



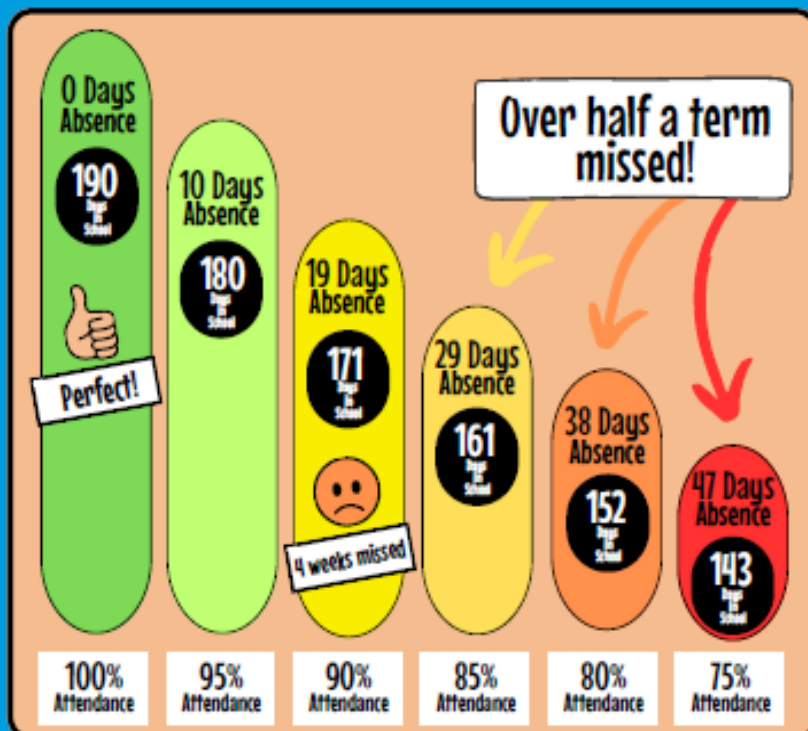
Building Confidence

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





**"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A RUNNY
NOSE... BUT LOOK
AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Head to the NHS website to find out more.

