

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

**"Let Your
Light Shine"**

NEWSLETTER

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BIRDS OF PREY EXPERIENCE



On Tuesday school had an exciting visit from some feathered visitors!

Pupils and staff both enjoyed the workshops and learned lots of new facts about the birds of prey.

A big THANK YOU to PaFoS for funding this experience!

Diary Dates

Monday 16th June

Tokens for the Summer Fayre
on sale in the conservatory
before school

Year 3 Swimming

Year 5 visit to Coventry
Cathedral

Tuesday 17th June

Tokens for the Summer Fayre
on sale in the conservatory
before school

After School Games Club
Years 1-6

3:20pm-4:20pm

Wednesday 18th June

Tokens for the Summer Fayre
on sale in the conservatory
before school

Year 6 iSingPOP transition
workshop

Thursday 19th June

Whole School Music Day

After School Dance Club
Year 1-6

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Friday 20th June

Year 3 celebration assembly
9am—parents/carers welcome

Non-uniform for PaFoS

Rugby Primary athletics
competition 2025 for selected
pupils in Years 4,5,& 6

This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 10th June 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-8829300?e=04fcebfe0>

POLITE REMINDER

Just a reminder **please do not allow** your children to play on the school play equipment before or after school as our school insurance does not cover this.

Please do not allow them on the school field before school is open as it is often slippery first thing in the morning

PLEASE
DO NOT
PLAY ON
EQUIPMENT

Thank you

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ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **95.7%**



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/>

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE

PaFoS

Non-Uniform Day

Children can wear non-uniform in
exchange for a donation for the
summer fayre.

We welcome any bottled drink items
or shop brought bakery treats
(cupcakes, cookies, donuts, etc)
Any alcohol must be handed to a
member of staff.

Please remember SMB is a nut free
school.

Thank you for your support. PaFoS

COME JOIN OUR

SUMMER FAYRE

MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

FREE ENTRY
3:15 - 5:15PM

NEW GAMES | RAFFLE | SUMMO
HOTDOGS | REFRESHMENTS | CAKE
BOUNCY CASTLE | DEMONSTRATIONS

ST MATTHEWS BLOXAM

WEBB ELLIS ROAD, RUGBY

S E C R E T A R Y - P A F O S @ L I V E . C O . U K



PaFoS your school PTA

VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOU

MONDAY 23RD JUNE

Can you help set up or run a stall at our summer fayre?
Contact Laura if your able to help in anyway even if its only for a short time.
Thank you!!



PRESALE TOKENS



**SMB SUMMER FAYRE
23RD JUNE**

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

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

**PLEASE DO USE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO BUY YOUR
TOKENS IN ADVANCE.**

EACH TICKET IS WORTH 50P

**THE PRESALE WILL TAKE PLACE IN
THE CONSERVATORY, IMMEDIATELY
BEFORE SCHOOL ON THE MORNINGS
OF 16TH, 17TH AND 18TH JUNE.**

THANK YOU FROM PAFOS.



Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Transition

Transitioning into a new class or school can feel exciting and scary at the same time. It is important to remember, you are not alone in this situation or alone with experiencing these feelings. If you are worried, it can be helpful to talk about how you are feeling about the transition with others as they may help you get prepared or give you a different perspective to consider, which can help you to feel better about it. Below are some tips to help you manage your transition into a new class or school.

Our tips for coping with transitions:

1 – What will be the same?

When moving to a new class or school, it can feel overwhelming because we feel that everything will change but there may be some similarities. For example, you may still have some people you know in your new class and you may still be learning subjects that you love.

2 – Think about what you can control

You may be worrying about the things that will be different in your new class. Think about the things you have control over and can think of practical solutions for. For example, can you visit your new classroom or complete your new journey to school, ahead of the first day? Can you ask a sibling or a friend to walk into class with you? You can ask for ideas from friends and family members too!



*Scan this QR
code to see how
these children
solved some of
their worries!*

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.

BISCUITS

Drinks

**PaFoS
Tuck Shop
THURSDAYS
after school
in the
conservatory**

All items are priced

2 for 50p

50p

£1

Cash and card machine
available

Sweets

Crisps

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 coins, filling the bottom half of the poster.

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

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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.

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.



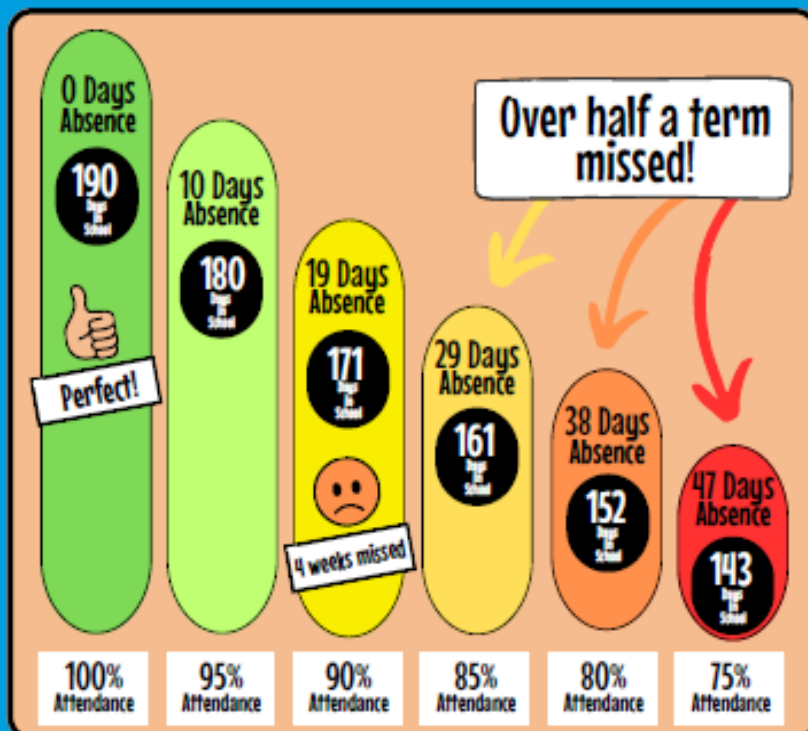
Building Confidence

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.

