

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

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EARLY YEARS

Nursery and Reception's new theme this half term is festivals and celebrations. We have been celebrating and learning all about Diwali and Bonfire Night this week. We made fireworks pictures and rockets and pretended to be fireworks making the different sounds. We learnt all about Diwali, the festival of lights and we made divas, Diwali cards and tried lots of different foods as well as learning a Diwali dance.

Nursery and Reception have lots of fun learning at school and at forest school.



Diary Dates

Monday 11th November

Year 5 Swimming

Parent's/ Carer Evening

Tuesday 12th November

Whole School Anti-Bullying Day

Forest School After School Club

Year 1,2,3 & 4

3.20pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 13th November

Rocksteady lessons (for those who have signed up)

Parent's /Carer Evening

Thursday 14th November

KS2 Cinema Trip

Friday 15th November

Year 4 celebration assembly 9am—parents/carers welcome

Non uniform for donation for Children In Need



The school has strong links with St Oswald's Church. Further details are available from www.smsso.org.uk

SCOOTER DAY

The children had great fun with Terry from BMX academy.

The scooter days enabled the children to learn all about perseverance, resilience and developing their own scooter skills.





ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **94.9%**

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/>

Memorial garden for Nia update

We were all blown away by the generosity shown for our fundraising day earlier in the year and would like to update you all on what is being done in the memory of Nia.

The children in Year 3 came up with many designs of how they wanted the memorial area to look and we have tried to use parts of as many of these as possible.

So far, we have purchased a number of plants that should flower and grow throughout the year.

Could you please be mindful that we have planted within the grass area to keep it as natural as possible, this means they are not as visible so please ensure children do not go onto the field before school and at the end of the day.

However, please do have a look at what is being done from the playground. We plan to add a pathway through the plants to a seated area and have a tree ordered to be the focal point of the garden. If we get everything delivered when we expect, it should all be finished before we break up for the Christmas holidays.





BOOK A VISIT TO SANTA'S GROTTO

We will be in the dining hall during school drop off in the morning and at pick up in the afternoon taking bookings for your child/children to see Santa at the Christmas fayre, Which is being held on Monday 2nd December

Monday 11th November

Tuesday 12th November

Wednesday 13th November

£3 per child, includes a present and a choc lolly

Cash or the card machine will be available

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!



A SESSION FOR PARENTS TO HELP BUILD CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



'A MIND OF THEIR OWN'

Thursday 14th November 7:30-9:15p.m.

St Oswald's Church, Lawford Rd, New Bilton CV22 2HR

We would love you to come and have a hot drink and some
treats with us...

Session theme includes: Resilience, brain development, body
confidence and positive role models

Caring for children is one of life's joys, but it also brings
challenges. The good news is we can prepare our children to
meet life's ups and downs head-on!



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To book please use:

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



**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.



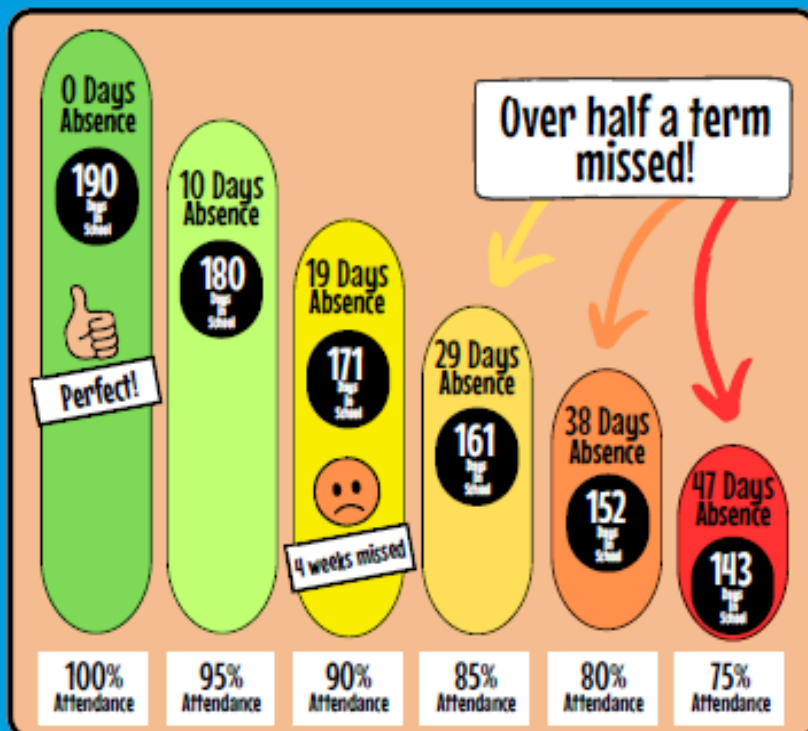
Building Confidence

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



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

**JOHN SLINGER MP'S
CHRISTMAS CARD
COMPETITION**



**Open to all primary
school children in Rugby
and the Villages**

Please draw, paint or colour your design on an A4 sheet of paper but no glitter or stuck on pieces.

The competition closes 23rd November

Please return entries to John Slinger MP, Old School, Pennington Court, Rugby, CV21 2BB

