

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th October 2024 Issue 5

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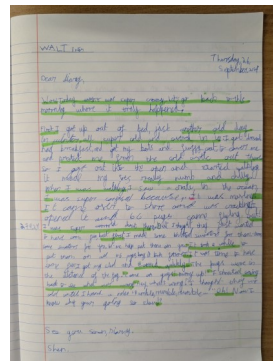
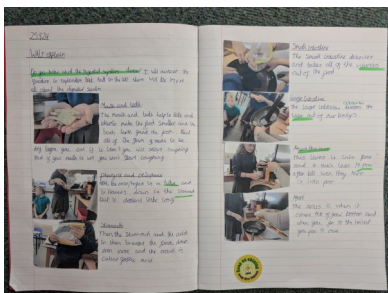
YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful start to the year. They have been working really hard in all lessons and getting stuck into their new topics.

In English, we spent some time learning about the whole school book of 'The Dot'. We have now moved on to 'Pugs of the Frozen North' and the children have written a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters.

Our theme lessons this half term are linked to the town of Rugby and the impact of the game on the town. We went on a local tour of the town and found out lots of really interesting information! We also used maps to find where we live using grid references.

In Science we have been learning about the digestive system. We used a banana, crackers, orange juice, tights and other items to practically show what happens to food as it passes through the body... It was disgusting!!



Diary Dates

Monday 7th October

Year 6 Swimming

Tuesday 8th October

Forest School After
School Club

Year 1,2,3 & 4

3.20pm - 4.15pm

SMB choir singing at
Knox Court - PM

Wednesday 9th October

Rocksteady lessons (for
those who have signed up)

Thursday 10th October

Football Club 3.20pm-
4.20pm

Friday 11th October

Year 4 class assembly
9am—parents/carers
welcome





ATTENDANCE



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

This week's whole school attendance is **94.2%**

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/>



BREAKTIME SNACKS



A polite reminder that Monday-Thursday only healthy snacks should be provided for break time.

Friday is treat day

The school break bar will only be serving healthy snacks Monday-Thursday.

Biscuits will be available to buy on a Friday.

Thank you



PARKING

Can we ask that you park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

Please do not block driveways of nearby houses.



YEAR 6 PARENTS/CARERS

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

The application process is now open to submit your application for their secondary school place.

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **31st October 2024**.

If you miss this deadline, you are much less likely to get offered a place at a preferred school because you will be allocated a place after everyone who applied on time.

This deadline applies to all families, even if your child is sitting the 11+ exam. You still need to submit an application for your chosen secondary schools.

Please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place> for more guidance on how to submit your application by the **31st October deadline**.

MEET & GREET

Come and meet with Gill Duncan our new Church-School Link Worker from St Oswalds Church, Monday 21st October at 9 am after drop off in the Conservatory, for a cuppa, pastries and an opportunity to find out what she will be involved in at St Matthew's Bloxam.



COATS IN SCHOOL



Can we ask that your child always has a waterproof coat with them.

The weather is unpredictable this time of the year.

Children also take part in outdoor learning and require a coat for this activity.

**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.



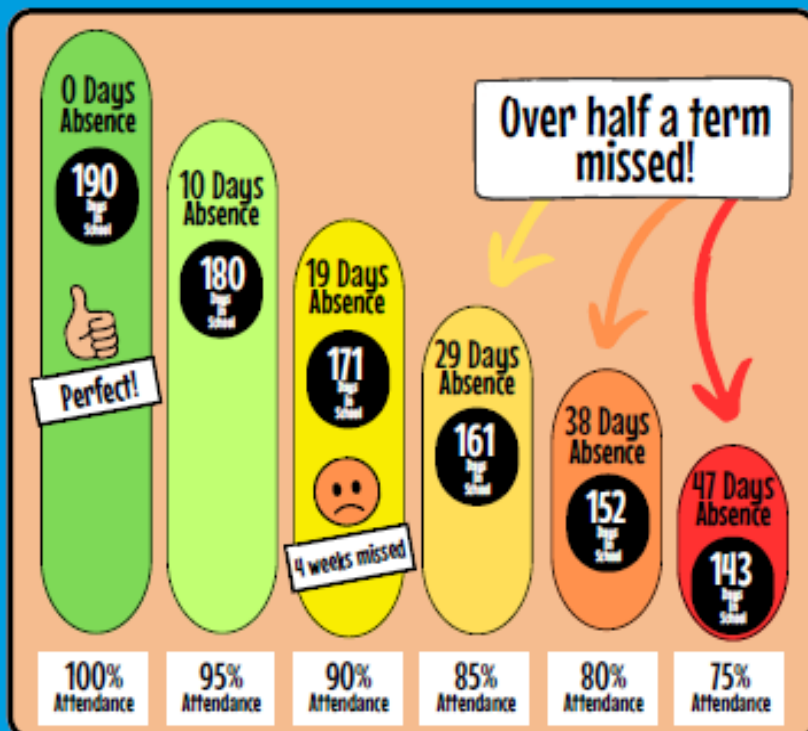
Building Confidence

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





COLLECTION POINT

Support Our Harvest Collection For People In Food Poverty

Please donate an item
or two from the list.

Thank you!

SHOPPING LIST

Milk (UHT or powdered) _____
Hot Chocolate _____
Sweet or Savoury Biscuits _____
Tinned Snack Meals _____
Tinned sponge pudding _____
Cooking Oil _____
Tinned Carrots _____
Flour _____
Tinned rice pudding _____
Tea bags/instant coffee _____
Instant mash potato _____
Good Strong Carrier Bags _____
Tinned Meat/fish _____
Hygiene Products _____
Laundry Detergent _____
Baby Food _____



07557 680019
info@rugby.foodbank.org.uk

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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



SIX SESSIONS FOR PARENTS TO HELP BUILD CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

‘A MIND OF THEIR OWN’



Make Time on Monday mornings in term time
6 sessions starting from
Monday 7th October 9-10a.m.
St Oswald's Church, Lawford Rd, New Bilton CV22 2HR

Come and have hot drinks and pastries with us...

Session themes include: 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!

Contact details:

Tel: 07391475546 makelunchrugby@gmail.com





Information Sessions for Warwickshire Parents and Carers

Courses available online – via Zoom

Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Thursday 26th September 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Emotion Regulation in School Aged Children

Thursday 10th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety

Thursday 24th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years Anxiety

Thursday 7th November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children

Thursday 5th December 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People

Thursday 10th April 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Places on our sessions are subject to availability. To book your place please email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only.