

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to school from Mrs Timson!

It has been pleasing to see how settled and calm the return to school has been. It has also been lovely to see all our new children settle into their new classes extremely well. The children are happy, confident and keen to engage with their learning, and that is a great way to begin the year.

Looking ahead to this school year, we are expecting a visit from Ofsted at some point. As always, we will continue to focus on providing the very best for every child in our care.

This year we are launching two new initiatives. First, we will be introducing a whole school handwriting programme. Second, children in KS2 will be following the same scheme as Reception and KS1 for Maths, White Rose. These developments will help us to build consistency across the school and support strong progress.

We will continue to work hard to support all children in their reading, writing and maths outcomes, as well as providing them opportunities to experience a wide range of curriculum activities and enhanced experiences.

We would also value parents and carers supporting our children's learning, engaging with school and, if possible, joining PaFoS, our school PTA, who work hard to raise money for the enhanced experiences we provide.

Mrs Timson

Diary Dates

Monday 7th September

Year 4 Swimming

3:20pm – Parents/ carers are welcome to come and 'Meet the teacher' in class

Monday 14th September

PaFoS Coffee Morning in the dining room –9am

Friday 25th September

Year 4 celebration assembly 9am—parents/ carers welcome

CONGRATULATIONS

Introducing

Heidi Madeleine Ramshaw.

Born 16/08/2026 at 18:35, weighing 7lbs 13 oz.

12 days over due and made a very dramatic arrival but most definitely worth the wait.

Both Miss Cartledge and Heidi are doing well! ☺



Please see our School Website for school diary dates



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 **31 October 2026**

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.

This week's Family Information Service Newsletter - Tuesday 1st September 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-1219204-96fqcdqqs-8834237?e=04fcebfe0>

Special edition Family Information Service Newsletter - Thursday 3rd September 2026

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-8834244?e=04fcebfe0>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can we please ask that **ALL** uniform is named.

Can we ask that pupils arrive at school suitably dressed for the weather conditions.

Please ensure your child has a jumper/cardigan and a coat when the weather is cold and wet.

Thank you

Together
we make a
difference!



Your time
can help
our school
thrive!

PTA VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

♥ Many hands make light work! ♥

PaFoS is our amazing Parents and Friends Association.
We raise money, create fun events and help make our
school an even better place for our children.

YOU CAN HELP BY:

- ♥ Sharing ideas
- ♥ Helping at events
- ♥ Setting up or tidying away
- ♥ Donating a little time
- ♥ Any support – big or small!

EVERY BIT COUNTS!

Whether you can give an hour
or more, there's a role for you.
Let's work together to support
our school community!

♥ INTERESTED? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! ♥

Please speak to a PaFoS member or contact us via the school office.





PaFoS

is hosting a

Coffee
Morning

Monday 14th September

9:00 am

Everyone is welcome!

Come say hi,
have a cuppa
and treat and
make some
new friends



PaFoS

FUNDRAISING

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

THIS YEAR, PaFoS HAVE RAISED

£3,747.49

Thank you to everyone who has supported, donated and taken part – we couldn't do it without you!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY GOES?

- ✓ A £200 contribution per class towards Coaches and trips. This reduces the amount parents/carers pay.
- ✓ Year 6 SATs Breakfast
- ✓ 10% of the cost of the Year 6 residential
- ✓ Early Years and KS1 Christmas Show
- ✓ Chick Hatching Experience
- ✓ Birds of Prey Experience
- ✓ Animal Encounter Experience
- ✓ Bobbys Fitness class for Lighthouse
- ✓ Bouncy Castle for the whole school
- ✓ New gazebos for the school to use during the sunnier days

FUNDS RAISED THROUGH:

- ✓ Class Wars
- ✓ Grotto & Christmas Fayre
- ✓ Nativity & Carol Concert Refreshments
- ✓ Fabolous Females
- ✓ Easter Tombola
- ✓ Year 3 and 4 Spring Show Refreshments
- ✓ Break The Rules
- ✓ Men Behaving Dadly
- ✓ Summer Fayre
- ✓ Sports Day Refreshments
- ✓ Year 5 and 6 Summer Show Refreshment
- ✓ Pre-Loved Uniform
- ✓ Book Sales
- ✓ Tuck Shop
- ✓ Non-Uniform Days
- ✓ Easy Fundraising

WHY IT MATTERS

Every pound we raise goes straight back into our school to support the children, enhance their learning and create extra special experiences they'll remember forever.

THANK YOU!

Your support makes such a big difference.

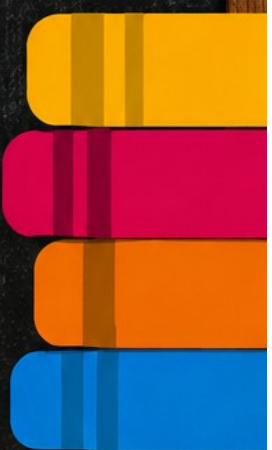
COMING SOON...

We have already agreed to the next Christmas show for EYFS and KS1!

**TOGETHER WE CAN
ACHIEVE MORE!**



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



PENNY WARS HAVE BEGUN



STARTING MONDAY
14TH SEPTEMBER

EVERY CLASS WILL RECEIVE
A **JAR** TO COLLECT **PENNIES**.

YOU WILL HAVE **6 WEEKS**
TO COLLECT **PENNIES**.



WHICH CLASS CAN
RAISE THE MOST?



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Help us make a difference when you shop.
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- 2 Sign up and search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them

Shop with 8,000+ brands including:

Booking.com

ebay

M&S

GROUPON



TUI

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.



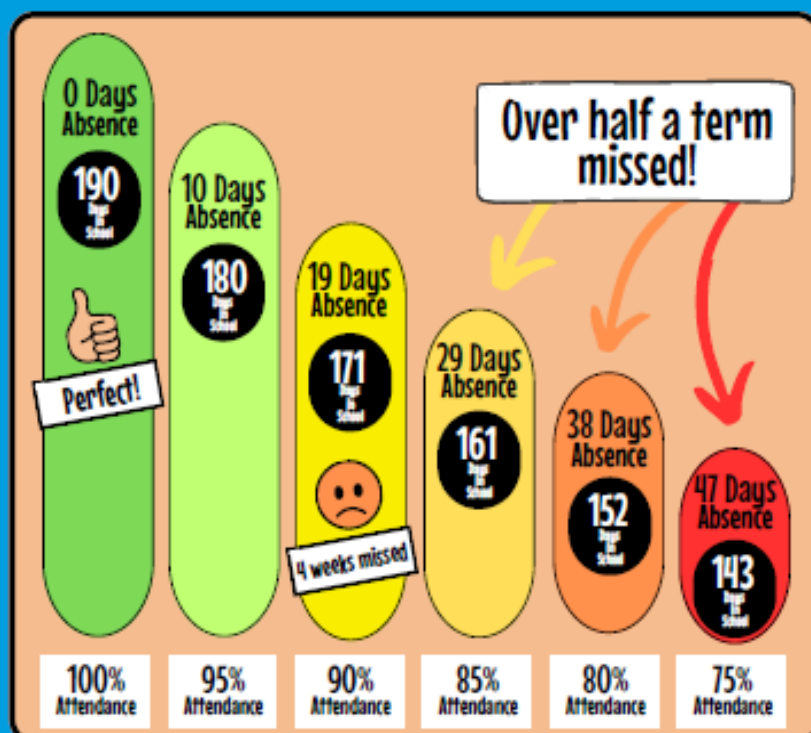
Building Confidence

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

