

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

"Let Your
Light Shine"

NEWSLETTER

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Our Wonderful Start in Early Years!



What a fantastic start we have had in Early Years! The children have settled in so well and have been busy exploring, playing, learning and making lots of new friends.

Our classroom has been full of fun and imagination! In our role-play area, the children have been very busy making cups of tea and cooking up delicious dinners for their friends.

They have enjoyed playing games together, building amazing creations with the bricks and using play dough to make monsters, cakes and lots of other wonderful things!

There have also been plenty of puzzles to complete, with the children enjoying jigsaws and working together to solve them.

Outside, the fun has continued! The children have been busy building enormous sandcastles, having turns on the swings, climbing up the climbing frame and zooming down the slide. They are learning to share, take turns and play happily together.

It has been lovely to see so many new friendships beginning to blossom. The children are also becoming more confident with our new school routines and are learning all about what it means to be part of our Early Years family.

We are so proud of everyone and can't wait to see what exciting adventures, discoveries and wonderful creations are still to come!

Mrs Francis



Diary Dates

Monday 28th September

Year 4 Swimming

Reception & Year 6

Heights & Weight

Measurements

Tuesday 29th September

Flu Immunisations

Friday 2nd October

Individual School Photos

Thursday 8th October

Year 1-6 Harvest Festival

at St Oswald's Church at

9:30am

Parents/carers welcome

Friday 9th October

Year 6 class assembly

9am—parents/carers

welcome



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 22nd 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-1219204-96fqcdqgps-8834428?e=04fcebfe0>



ATTENDANCE

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

This week's whole school attendance is **95.6%**



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/>



Our school has once again signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme 2026-2027. As part of the programme all children will be receiving age-appropriate road safety sessions, and we will also be participating in and promoting active travel.

Last year we achieved a bronze award. This year we are going to be working towards our silver award.

We recognise how important messaging is for our children. Your children copy your actions, and your behaviour serves as a powerful role model. We would like to ask all our families to model the safest behaviours near the road for children to copy and make good choices around travelling actively on the school run.

We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year.

For further information about road safety and active travel you can follow or contact the road safety education team.

Facebook - **@WCCSafeActiveTravel**

Email - **roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk**

Keeping Our School Site Safe

To help keep all members of our school community safe, we would like to remind parents, carers and pupils that **bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school playground before or after school**. Children should dismount and walk their bikes or scooters whilst on the school site.

We would also like to remind families that pupils should **not play on the playground equipment or in the Forest School area before or after the school day**.

Please be aware that the school's insurance does not cover the use of playground equipment, Forest School facilities, bikes or scooters outside of supervised school hours. Therefore, the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone and ask that you help us reinforce these expectations with your children.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

HELP FIND THIS MISSING KITTEN

MISSING: ALFRED STREET,
NEW BILTON (RUGBY)

WHERE: Last seen on Alfred
Street, New Bilton (Rugby)

WHEN: 20 September
(evening, 9 PM)

DESCRIPTION: White &
Orange/Ginger kitten, approx.
6 months. Distinctive orange
mask over nose/mouth with a
white patch between eyes.
Large ears.

ID: NEUTERED & MICROCHIPPED
(reported missing)

CONTACT:

CALL/TEXT ANYTIME:

☎ **07778672339**

☎ **07872583263**

HIS NAME IS LEO

Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details



Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

✉ bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:

✉ NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

✉ SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 01926 353899

Don't miss out on your child's **FREE** flu vaccine

NHS
Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust



The School Aged Immunisation Service will
be coming to your school on:



29th September 2026

Look out for an email or text with a consent form.
If you do not receive the consent email or text, please contact
your School Aged Immunisation Service OR follow this link to
complete a consent form for your child:

[Consent for your child's flu vaccination](#)

Please contact us on:



Tel: 02476 321550 email: NORTHIMMS@covwarkpt.nhs.uk



Mental Health Support Team
in Schools

Tips For Wellness Nutrition



Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care
information & support for adults and
children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Nutrition refers to the nutrients in food and how our body uses them to stay strong and healthy. There are lots of positive benefits for our **physical health**, nutrition is also really important for our **mental health**!

Our brain works hard taking care of our thoughts, movements, breathing, heartbeat and senses (even when we are sleeping!), so we must fuel our brain with nutritious foods to help us function. This can help us to think clearly, increase our energy levels and support concentration. What we eat also affects our mood too!

Our tips:

1. **Get involved in the cooking**– Can you help your parent/carer to prepare dinner? This can be a fun way to spend time with others and learn a new skill.
2. **Make it fun**- There are lots of different ways different foods can be prepared. You could try experimenting putting different food together to see what you like and don't like.
3. **Try something new**- When was the last time you tried a new food? It can be exciting to find out what food we like and don't like. Also, our tastes can change as we grow and develop. See if you can set yourself a challenge to try a new food this week.
4. **Keep Hydrated**- Dehydration could lead to headaches, difficulty focusing and may impact sleep. Try to ensure you are regularly drinking water, it can be useful to bring a bottle of water to school every day to remind you to stay hydrated!

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.

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

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.

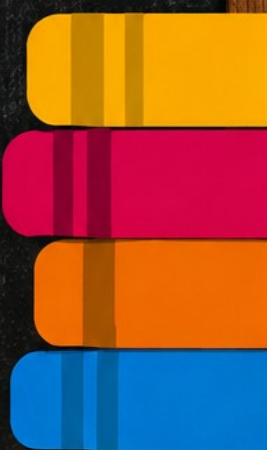
COMING SOON...

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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Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk



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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

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FEELING UNDER
THE WEATHER,**

**IT CAN BE HARD
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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.



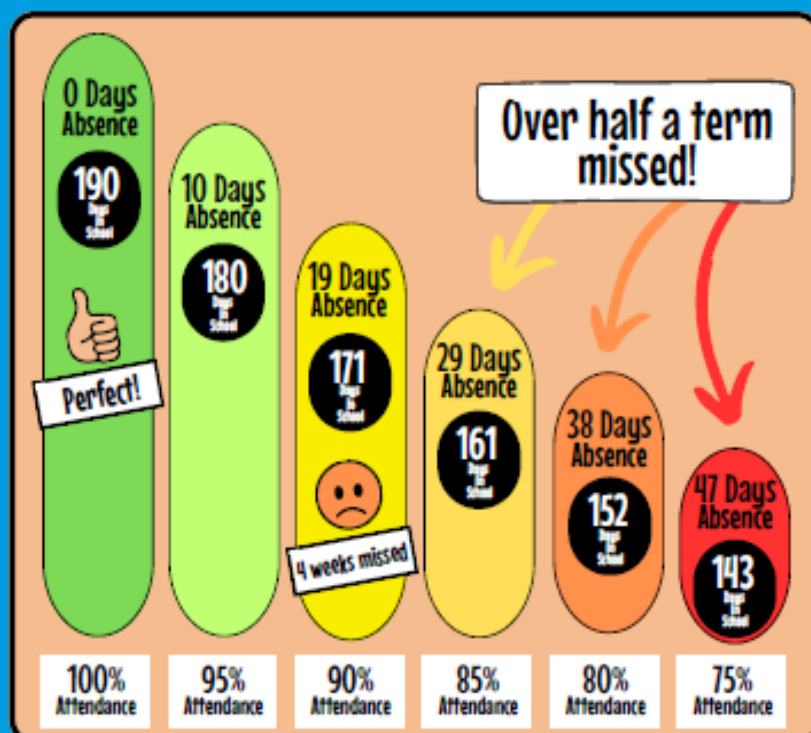
Building Confidence

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

