



# The Mosley Academy

## Newsletter

Friday 07/03/2025



### World Book Day

We loved celebrating World Book Day this week! It was fantastic to share our favourite books and find out about new ones we might not have read yet. Lots of children shared their new purchases from the book fair and inspired others with their selections. We sold a large number of books to the value of £871.80! Thank you! We will let you know next week, the percentage we receive in books for school!

In assembly, we shared the Blue Peter 'Book' badge which you can currently apply for. This badge has been designed by illustrator, Sir Quentin Blake. The application involves writing a short passage about a favourite book and drawing an accompanying picture of a character or scene from that text. Details of how to apply can be found via this link:

[How to get a Blue Peter Book badge - CBBC](#)

We would love to celebrate with children who are awarded this, or any other Blue Peter badge, during our Friday Celebration Assembly, so don't forget to bring them in to show when they arrive!



### **Items required for Reception**

Reception will be reading the story Mrs Armitage on Wheels - We are looking for resources to support the book and create a story suitcase and wondered if you had any of these items at home that you would be able to kindly donate..

- an old cassette tape
- some toy tools (EG spanner, hammer)
- some toy nuts and bolts
- a child size or toy umbrella

Thank you in advance!

### **Phunky Foods**

Thank you to Helen and her Phunky Foods ambassadors for helping out at parents evening this week. We have attached the recipe for the vegetable cous cous if anyone would like to try it.

### **Star Foundation Assembly**

On Monday, Pete from the STAR FOUNDATION joined us for assembly to talk about the good work they do to support the community. Don't forget our STAR clothing bank just outside of school that will take all sorts of your unwanted items. Monies raised will be donated to school. As part of the work we do with the STAR foundation, we will soon be welcoming a visitor who will be leading a musical theatre day for all the children in school!

### **Earrings and Jewellery**

If earrings are to be worn in school, please ensure they are a small, simple and plain coloured stud. They must not be dangly earrings or large 'diamond' studs. All earrings must be taken out for PE lessons. We are not allowed to tape ears, this includes surgical tape. This is in the health and safety PE documentation for schools. Jewellery should also not be worn for school. Watches must also be taken off for PE lessons. Some children are now wearing smart watches. These items are expensive to replace and can easily get broken. We would recommend that children do not have these in school.

### **Lost Property**

We have loads and loads! Please just pop in when we open the doors in the morning if your child has lost something- shoes, coats, jumpers, fleeces etc. Most do not have a name on so please can you keep checking that your child's name is on each item of clothing - including shoes!

### **Comic Relief**

Friday 21st March is Comic Relief Day. Please come to school dressed in red or Comic Relief themed.

All donations will go to Comic Relief.



STARS

OF

THE

WEEK!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Rec	Charlton
Y1	Ellis
Y2	Eva
Y3	Thomas C
Y4	Aurora
Y5	Jenson
Y6	Evelyn

## ATTENDANCE Target 97.5%

Year Group	This Week Attendance %	Days Missed This Week
Rec	100	0
Year 1	99.3	1
Year 2	98	3
Year 3	99	1.5
Year 4	96.5	5.5
Year 5	93.7	10
Year 6	97.4	4
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>25</b>



## Whole School Year to Date Attendance

**96.7%**

800 days missed so far this year



# Diary Dates 2024 - 2025

Any changes made from the previous week will be marked in red

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Fri 14th Mar	Y4	Y4 Parent Lunch - available to book on Monday 3rd March via MCAS
Fri 21st Mar	ALL	Comic Relief. Come dressed in Red or Comic Relief themed, donations to Comic Relief.
Fri 28th Mar	ALL	Mother's Day Shop. Mother's Day gifts handmade in school, £3 in the PTFA box in school reception area.
Fri 4th Apr	Y5	Y5 Parent Lunch
Thurs 10th Apr	ALL	Chocolate Bingo
Fri 11th Apr	ALL	Break Up for Easter
Mon 14th Apr - Fri 25th Apr	ALL	Easter Holidays
Mon 28th Apr	ALL	Return to School
Fri 2nd May	ALL	May Day Celebrations
Mon 5th May	ALL	May Day Holiday - School Closed
Thurs 8th May	Y1	Phonics Screening Workshop
Mon 12th May	Y6	SAT's Week
Fri 23rd May	ALL	Family Picnic
Fri 23rd May	ALL	Break Up For Half Term

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May	ALL	Half Term
Mon 2nd Jun	ALL	Return to School
Mon 16th Jun	Y3/Y4	WCET Violin and Ukulele Concert, Birmingham
Fri 20th Jun	ALL	Sports Day and Summer Fair
Wed 2nd Jul	Rec, Y1, Y2	Seaside Day EYFS and KS1
Thurs 3rd Jul	Y3,4,5, 6	Seaside Day KS2
Fri 4th Jul	ALL	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Wed 9th Jul	KS2	Summer Music Showcase
Tues 15th Jul	ALL	Move Up Morning and Meet the Teacher (3.30pm-4pm)
Fri 18th Jul	ALL	Break Up for Summer Holidays
Mon 21st Jul	ALL	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Tues 22nd Jul - Fri 29th Aug	ALL	Summer Holidays

<b>95%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</b>  <b>WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?</b>  <b>BE SMART BE THERE!</b> <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
<b>90%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day</b>	
<b>85%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days</b>	
<b>80%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days</b>	



# JUNIOR BAKE OFF



**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

## **JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

**... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES  
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING  
SERIES!**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

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6 MARCH 2025

# READ YOUR WAY

## THIS WORLD BOOK DAY

### 6 MARCH 2025

## JTMAT COMPETITION

# EXTREME READING CHALLENGE!

HEY, BOOK LOVERS! 🌟 GET READY FOR THE EXTREME READING CHALLENGE THIS WORLD BOOK DAY! 📖 READ YOUR FAVORITE BOOK ANYWHERE—UNDER A TREE, ON A SWING, OR EVEN ON A TRAMPOLINE! 🎉 PICK THE WACKIEST SPOT, SNAP A PICTURE, AND SHOW HOW FUN READING CAN BE. READ YOUR WAY THIS WORLD BOOK DAY! 🚀

SUBMIT YOUR EXTREME READING PHOTO TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY 6TH MARCH  
2025 FOR JUDGING!

THE MOST CREATIVE EXTREME READING CHALLENGE PHOTO WILL WIN A FANTASTIC PRIZE, SO GRAB A BOOK, FIND A WILD READING SPOT, AND GET SNAPPING! 📷📖🌟



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

### VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

### DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

### THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp-2025>

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

AGE RESTRICTION  
PEGI  
12

ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



### Meet Our Expert

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# Vegetable Couscous

**Serves:** 1 (child)

**Portions of fruit and vegetables per serving:** 1

**Allergens:** Gluten

**Equipment:** Knife, Chopping Board, Pot & lid, Scissors, Measuring Spoons

## Ingredients

- 50g couscous
- ½ tsp vegetable stock
- 1 spring onion
- ¼ red pepper
- 1 broccoli floret
- ¼ tsp garlic granules
- ¼ tsp onion granules
- ¼ tsp dried parsley

Each 144g portion contains:

ENERGY	FAT	SATURATES	SUGARS	SALT
212kcal 894kJ	1.5g	0.2g	3.3g	0.08g
11%	2%	1%	4%	1%

of an adult's reference intake  
Typical energy as sold per 100g: 147kcal/621kJ

## Method:

1. Put 50g of couscous (4-5 tbsp) in the bottom of the container.
2. Chop your red pepper and spring onion into small pieces, using the bridge hold technique.
3. Add your vegetables to the couscous.
4. Snip the ends of your broccoli floret into the pot using scissors.
5. Add your seasonings.
6. Put the lid on and stick on your cooking instructions. Take home to cook.

**Don't forget to add your name!**

## To Cook:

Pour over enough boiling water to just cover the dry ingredients. Replace the lid and leave for 5 minutes. Stir and enjoy



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# HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP

Have fun in the school holidays with your friends!



**William Shrewsbury**

**Mosley Academy**

**Thomas Russell Infants**

William Shrewsbury (DE13 0HE)  
April 14th - 25th  
Thomas Russell (DE13 8DS)  
April 14th - 25th  
Mosley Academy (DE13 9QD)  
April 14th - 17th

## Camp info

Times: 8.30am - 3.15pm  
Ages: 4-13  
What to bring:  
Packed lunch  
snack plenty to drink,  
Late collection option  
4.15pm

## Featuring

- Dodgeball
- Football
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Movies at lunchtime
- Easter Activities
- Street dance
- Nerf wars
- Zorb football
- Capture the flag
- Gymnastics
- Axe throwing

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The Mosley Academy

# PTFA Newsletter

MARCH 2025



## Friendship, Kindness & Love Disco

We hope all the children enjoyed ending the half term with the Disco.

A big thank you to the volunteers and teachers who gave their time so the children could have fun.

Ticket sales and tuck shop items sold raised **£465 profit!**

## Upcoming Events!

**March** – Mother's Day Shop Friday 28th March

**April** – As last year was so much fun we have decided to do it again – Chocolate BINGO! Thursday 10th April

**May** – Family Picnic Friday 23rd May

**June** – Summer Fair Friday 20th June



MOTHER'S DAY

## Mother's Day

For the Mother's Day Shop this year children will be making something in school to bring home on Friday 28th March.

For those wishing to participate please put £3 cash in a named envelope in the red PTFA box by the end of the day on:

**Friday 21st March**

## Funding Commitments

We have contributed £100 to each class to offset against the cost of coaches for their class trip. Year 4 have already been to Poole's Cavern.

Coaches to Lichfield Garrick for the Pantomime were funded for everyone.

KS2 children had a drama workshop for anti-bullying week.

KS1 & Reception – watch this space!



# Asthma Detectives Academy: Investigating asthma for 8-11 year olds

**Our next meeting is on Saturday 8th March 2025 at 10.30am**

Are you 8- 11 years old? Do you, your sibling or a friend have asthma? Join us on the 8th March 2025 for a fun and interactive Saturday morning workshop. This exciting event will help you to get 'clued up' about asthma in a creative, hands-on way.

## **What is the Asthma Detectives Academy?**

Through games, activities, and discussions, you will uncover what asthma is and learn to 'detect' what triggers it. Our expert team of 'chief detectives' will help you to 'crack the case' on asthma, so you can be confident using your inhalers. You will learn tips and tricks for managing your asthma at school, at home, and in groups and clubs. You can also chat to other children from around the UK who have asthma themselves or who know someone living with asthma.