



# The Mosley Academy Newsletter

Friday 27/06/2025



## **Sculpture Showcase Event**

Thank you to our amazing children for designing and creating such incredible art and DT work in preparation for the Sculpture curriculum showcase event. You are all so talented and your efforts and enjoyment in art and DT are so pleasing for all of the staff at Mosley. Thanks to Mrs Ingham for organising this event in school. We hope that you enjoyed it. Thank you also to the PTFA for coming in to school to sell some light refreshments and in supporting the event.

## **Summer Music Showcase Event**

If your child is performing in the Summer music showcase, expertly put together by Miss Richards and Mrs Jackson, you will by now have received a letter to inform you of this. We will be selling tickets next week. Year 3 and 4 children will get another chance to perform on the school stage in front of parents so please support them, if you didn't get chance to see them at the Symphony Hall.

The event will start at 5.30pm and we ask children to be back in school for 5.15pm in school uniform please.

## **New Classes**

Over the next 3 weeks, your child's new teacher will be checking in and saying hi to their new classes - this might be a quick pop in to see their new class or a simple hello in the corridor or at play and lunch times.

The transition morning will be on Tuesday 15th July where your child will start the day in their new class and stay for the morning to get to know their new teacher.

We will also be welcoming a few new children to our school in September in some of our KS2 classes. We know that our Mosley children will give their usual friendly welcome to any new children joining the school. Thank you children.

## **5 Star Rating!**

Well done to our kitchen team and to our breakfast club team for both achieving 5 star ratings at the recent EHO inspection! Great work.

## **Seaside Day**

Our two day event across the school is next week! KS2 on Tuesday 1st July and KS1 on Wednesday 2nd July.

Teachers have planned a day of seaside activities. Children will need to bring in suitable clothing if they wish to get wet, a towel and a drinks bottle. Also, they can bring along buckets/spades, sand pit equipment and water pistols!

They can come to school in non-school uniform (seaside day themed ideally please!). Thank you again to the PTFA for funding the cost of Paul from Magical Mayhem for all classes to enjoy.

## **Work Experience Children**

This term we welcome lots of work experience children from De Ferrers and John Taylor. Many of them are hoping to be teachers themselves. We hope they enjoy their time in a primary school - most are also former pupils wishing to return to complete their work experience at Mosley.

## **End of Summer Term**

It is a very busy time for all school staff. Please can we respectfully remind you that we have a 48 hour response time to emails, phone calls and dates to confirm meetings with school staff. Thank you for your patience, respect and kindness.

## **Music Lessons**

We are fortunate at Mosley to have a great team of music teachers who visit the school, some weekly and we also have daily visits. If your child is interested in having music lessons in the next academic year, please contact the music teachers directly.

Piano and woodwind lessons with Ania Richards [aniaaleksa@hotmail.com](mailto:aniaaleksa@hotmail.com)

Singing lessons with Gill Jackson [gill.jackson@talk21.com](mailto:gill.jackson@talk21.com)

Guitar and drum lessons with Jack Poxon [armshawschoolofrock@gmail.com](mailto:armshawschoolofrock@gmail.com)

## **Cricket Tournament**

A team of 8 Year 5 and 6 children attended the Dove Valley Dynamo cricket tournament on Wednesday.

They learned quickly and were soon striking balls across the field and bowling with confidence. The children showed exemplary behaviour and had a wonderful attitude during all games - even when faced with some very skilled bowlers! Thank you to the parents who were so supportive of the team.

STARS

OF

THE

WEEK!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Rec	Arthur
Y1	Oscar
Y2	Jack P
Y3	Soli
Y4	Florence
Y5	Matilda L & Isaac P
Y6	Nathan

## ATTENDANCE Target 97.5%

Year Group	This Week Attendance %	Days Missed This Week
Rec	100	0
Year 1	97.3	4
Year 2	96.5	0
Year 3	99.4	1
Year 4	95.5	2
Year 5	95.2	7.5
Year 6	91.7	8
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>



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## Whole School Year to Date Attendance

**96.7%**

1217 sessions missed so far this year



# Diary Dates 2024 - 2025

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

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Tues 1st July	Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6	Seaside Day KS2 - (THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM 3RD JULY)
Wed 2nd July	Rec, Y1, Y2	Seaside Day EYFS and KS1
Fri 4th July	ALL	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Wed 9th July	KS2	Summer Music Showcase 5.30pm
Fri 11th July	Y6	Year 6 Parent Lunch - Will be available to book on MCAS on Monday 30th June.
Tues 15th Jul	ALL	Move Up Morning and Meet the Teacher (3.30pm-4pm)
Fri 18th July	Y6	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.05am
Mon 21st Jul	ALL	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Tues 22nd July– Fri 29th August	ALL	School Holidays!
Monday 1st September	ALL	INSET DAY– School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd September	ALL	Back to School!

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Thursday 23rd October	ALL	Break up for half term
Friday 24th October	ALL	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Monday 3rd November	ALL	Back to School
Friday 19th December	ALL	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 5th January	ALL	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th January	ALL	Back to School
Friday 13th February	ALL	Break up for half term
Monday 23rd February	ALL	Back to school
Friday 27th March	ALL	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	ALL	Back to school
Monday 4th May	ALL	Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils
Friday 22nd May	ALL	Break up for half term
Monday 1st June	ALL	Back to school
Friday 3rd July	ALL	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Friday 17th July	ALL	Break up for Summer
Monday 20th July	ALL	INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 21st July –Monday 31st August	ALL	Summer holidays!

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	<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>
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	



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# KIDS SUMMER CAMP

**FUN & CREATIVE  
ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS  
& GIRLS  
RECEPTION - YEAR 6**



Week 1

**28<sup>TH</sup> JULY -  
1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

Week 2

**4<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST**

Admission

£25 a day or book a full  
week and get Friday for  
free!

## Activities

- ✓ Outdoor crafts
- ✓ Outdoor games
- ✓ Drawing & painting
- ✓ Treasure hunts
- ✓ And many more!

## Hosted at the Mosley Academy

Main Rd, Burton upon  
Trent, Anslow, Burton-  
on-Trent  
DE13 9QD

**8:30 - 15:30**

Late pick up options  
are available!

## Registration Link

[Inclusive-Kids-Clubs.classforkids.io](http://Inclusive-Kids-Clubs.classforkids.io)

**More Information** [www.inclusivekidsclubs.co.uk](http://www.inclusivekidsclubs.co.uk)

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# HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

Have fun in the  
school holidays  
with your friends!



**William Shrewsbury**



**Thomas Russell Infants**



**Mosley Academy**

## Camp info

Times - 8.30am - 3.15pm

Late collection 4.15pm

All your child needs is  
a packed lunch drink  
and suitable clothing

Featuring

Football  
Gymnastics  
Dodgeball  
Dance  
Arts & Crafts  
Axe throwing  
Scooter skills  
RC racing  
Archery  
Lego  
and much more!

**William S Camp**  
July 21st - Aug 8th

**Thomas R Camp**  
July 21st Aug 22nd

**Mosley Camp**  
Aug 11th-29th

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.



### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌪️ (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👤 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.



### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.



### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.



### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.



## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 😎 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🌽 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🌪️ (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

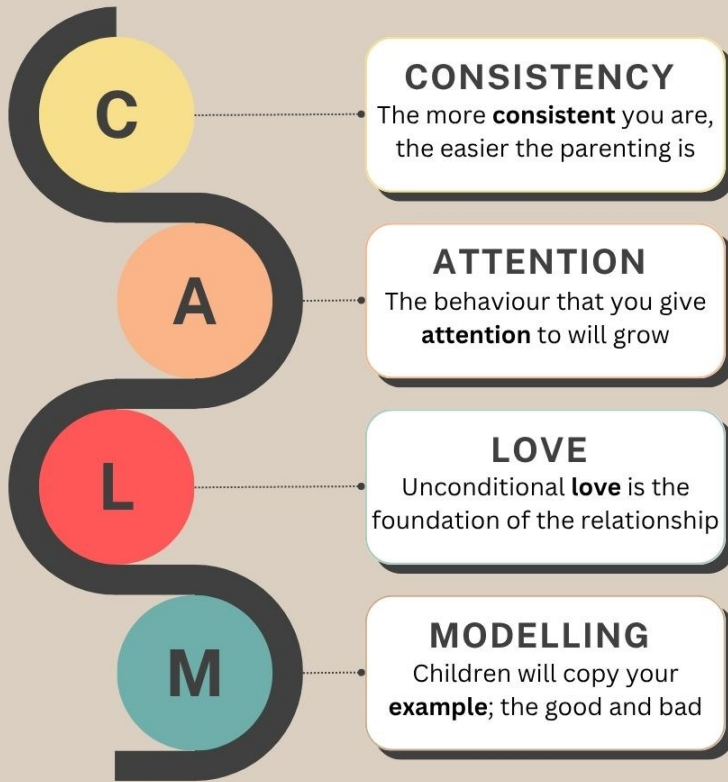
### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org), the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.





# CALM PARENTING TEENAGERS PROGRAMME



A free 6-week interactive course for parents or carers of 10-17 year olds, to develop new strategies to help you deal with the challenges of parenting a teenager!

Where & When?

East Staffordshire Family Hub  
Waterloo Street  
Burton-on-Trent DE14 2NJ  
  
10am till 12pm  
Every Wednesday from  
10th September 2025 -  
For 6 weeks

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## **Summer Reading Challenge 2025 and Staffordshire Libraries**

### **FAQs for schools and families**

➤ **When does the Summer Reading Challenge start /end?**

Start Date: Saturday 5 July 2025

End Date: Monday 15 September 2025

➤ **What age do children have to be to take part?**

Children aged under 4 can complete the Mini Challenge

Children aged 4 and over can complete the Main Challenge

There is no bottom or top age-limit for the Challenge.

➤ **How does my child take part?**

Children need to visit a Staffordshire Library with a parent / carer who can agree to them taking part in the Challenge.

They will need to have a library card in their name.

Parents / carers complete a quick registration card for the Challenge (we can help with this if needed).

Ideally, we ask that children borrow six books during the Challenge and visit the library three times to do this, but we are happy for children to decide the number of books for themselves and visit as many times as they need to.

Children will receive a sticker sheet when they register for the Challenge. There are three sets of stickers to collect.

Once all stickers have been collected, the child will be given a medal and a certificate.

Taking part in the Challenge is completely free.

➤ **What type of books does my child have to read?**

All types of books are eligible e.g. board books, picture books, fiction and non fiction, audio books, comics / graphic novels.

Your child can borrow physical books from the library or they can download books from our e-library (this include e-audio books and e-comics as well as e-books)

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/Library-services/eLibrary/eLibrary.aspx>

The only condition is that children must borrow the books from a Staffordshire Library; they cannot just read books they already have at home.

➤ **What if a child doesn't have a library card?**

Library cards are free.

Parents / carers can get one for their child from any Staffordshire Library or they can join their child online here

<https://stafford.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/custom/web/registration/index2.html>

If the child has had a library card before and it has been lost, we can give them a replacement one.

➤ **What if my child has unreturned books on their library card and we've not lost or can't find them?**

Don't worry! Please come and tell us about this and we will clear the unreturned books from your child's library card.

We want your family to use the library, not put barriers in the way.

➤ **I can't take my child to the library. Can they still do the Challenge?**

If you want your child to have the stickers and medal / certificate, you will need to bring them to the library to register and to collect their rewards.

You could borrow books for them through our e-library if you cannot visit the library to choose physical books.

A 'whole of the UK' online Summer Reading Challenge is also available here <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Children do not need to visit the library to take part. They will receive virtual rewards rather than the physical stickers / medal / certificate.

➤ **Are there any activities at the library during the summer holidays?**

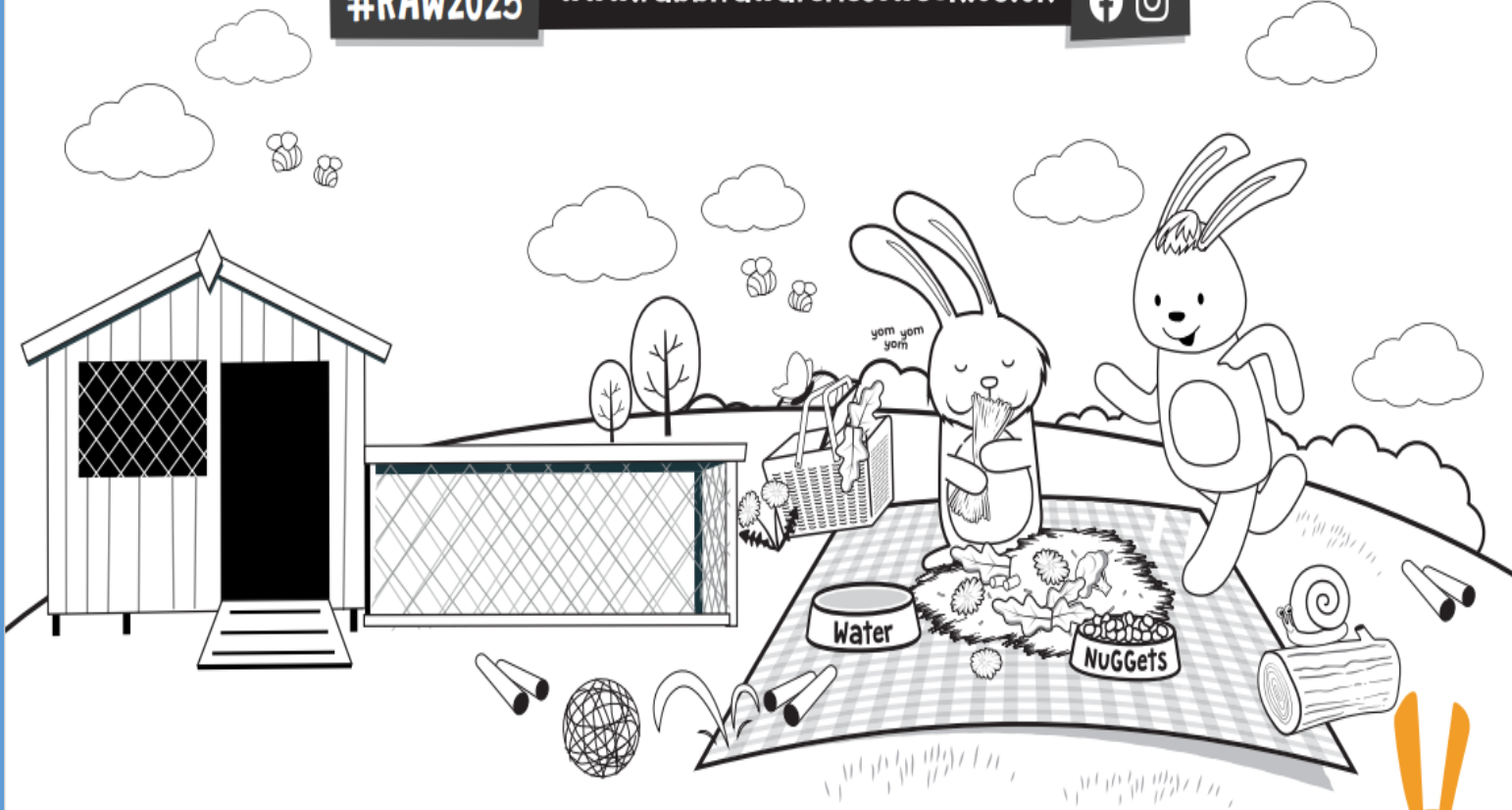
Yes! Burton and Uttoxeter libraries will run a programme of free or low-cost activity for families to enjoy. Pick up a leaflet from the library or check out our Instagram [@burtonlibrary](#) [@uttoxeterlibrary](#) for more information.

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