



The Mosley Academy Newsletter



Friday 06.09.2024

Welcome Back!

What a wonderful first week back to school! We are so proud of the children for returning with such confidence, calmness and happiness to be back. Children have set to their learning with a real commitment this week. We are all so very proud of them! Thank you for your support with this, and for getting your children to school on time every day. It makes a real difference.

Dates for your Diary

Further down the newsletter are some diary dates for the year ahead. It isn't a complete list, and of course could be subject to change, however we hope that this will be useful to plan your own diaries.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 11th September** (this coming Wednesday). If you would like a sibling photo that includes pre-school children, these will be taken from 8am on this day. Please send your child to school in their uniform, with PE kit in a named bag to change into if this is their PE day. Thank you.

PE/Forest School Timetable

PE will take place on the following days:

Class	Days
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on their allocated days. In addition, Y6 will have their Forest School sessions this half term on a Thursday morning, so please send them with their outdoor clothing and boots/wellies for this.

Medical Updates

A reminder that if your child requires an inhaler or any other medication in school, please make sure this is brought in and handed to the office as soon as possible. Please keep a record of when any medications go out of date, so that a new one can be brought in promptly. We review all asthma cards, allergy forms and care plans annually and we will be in touch with families shortly to update these.

Bikeability

Y5 children will be taking part in their Bikeability course next week, with Y6 doing so the following week. Each child will need to bring their bike and helmet on their allocated day (Y5 parent should have received a message with these days this afternoon, while Y6 will receive theirs next week). We're looking forward to an exciting week! If any parents have not yet completed the consent form we may still be able to arrange for your child to take part - please contact the school office as soon as possible

Clubs

After school clubs begin on Monday 9th September, other than Magical Maths which will begin in a couple of weeks. Please refer to the letter previously sent out for all details, and to book your places if you have not already done so.

Action for Children Workshop - Please Respond

We have the pleasure of Action for Children coming in to work with children on their wellbeing. During this time, they have offered to run a workshop for parents.

Please could you select a date on both of the questions (on the Microsoft forms below) to give us some idea of availability.

<https://forms.office.com/e/yPkZzAHJxi>

We will then ask them to run the workshop on the most popular day and let you know prior to this. Please do this by Monday 9th September, so that we can inform Action for Children with as much notice as possible. With thanks, Miss Twells (Mental Health Lead) and Miss Hardwick (SENDCo)

Young Voices

Ordering is now open for t-shirts and tickets for those attending Young Voices in January 2025 - you should have received a link allowing you to order towards the end of last term. Please place your order as soon as possible to avoid

disappointment - tickets sold very quickly last year! We do still have a few places available if any more Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 children would like to attend Young Voices - please email Mrs Kirkpatrick in the office to arrange this. Rehearsals will take place on Monday lunchtimes from Monday 16th September.

Labels

Please ensure that all uniform, water bottles and any other possessions are labelled clearly with your child's name, so that we can ensure they are returned to them if lost. Thank you.

Curriculum Updates - Homework

We have reviewed our homework procedures using research from the Education Endowment Foundation on effective provision. While there is no compulsory element for homework to be set for children in primary school, we know that homework has many benefits. We intend for homework to be used as a tool to develop and embed basic skills, such as reading, spelling and recall of facts in maths. By mastering these elements of the curriculum, it frees up space for children to focus on new challenges in the classroom.

Research has shown that there are added benefits to using online platforms for homework, as they are visually rewarding and provide instant feedback for the children on their progress. For maths, Year 1 will be accessing an online platform called Numbots, which aims to build fluency and recall of basic number facts. We will be using Times Table Rock Stars in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to support rapid recall of multiplication and division facts, which is essential knowledge for many areas of maths. Year 6 pupils will receive additional formal maths homework from the spring term to support their transition to high school.

Our younger children in Reception and Year 1 will be provided with homework to support their development in phonics, while children from Year 2 onwards will receive spelling homework via the Spelling Shed online learning platform. Spelling tests will take place in school each week based on this.

All children will be expected to read at home daily and record this in their reading diary. We will continue with the reading rainbow rewards that the children are used to and enjoy collecting the badges.

To further supplement our homework offer, we will be publishing termly curriculum newsletters for each year group, outlining the topics the children will be covering in class. Alongside this will be optional homework activities that they may wish to complete to enhance this learning further.

Details of homework routines for each year group will be communicated over the coming week along with the procedure.

Curriculum Updates - Reading at Home

We are very lucky at Mosley to have so many families who support reading at home - thank you so much, it is greatly appreciated! Practising and making time for reading outside of school has a huge impact on a child's reading journey.

Over the next week, all children will be given their reading book and a home reading diary. The reading diary is for recording any reading that happens outside of school. Many of you are already familiar with how we use reading diaries. A slight change this year is that we will not be recording any reading that takes place in school, in the home reading diary. This is purely for you to and your child to record reads at home. There are a number of reasons for this. We strive to make the most of every minute in our school day, therefore time during a reading session should be focused on the teaching and learning of reading. Recording in the reading diary takes time away from this purpose. Teachers keep detailed records of a child's reading in school and will of course let you know if they have any suggestions to help your child further - and of course if your child is doing really well and being a super reader through our reading rewards system and other notes home!

The teaching of reading, including practice time for the children, is prioritised in all classes and it is clear to see a real buzz of reading around school.

We appreciate your support with this change. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your responses to the questionnaire sent in the summer term with regards to homework and online reading diaries. We will share further results from this next week - if you have not yet responded and would like to, please do so by Monday 9th September.

[Parent Questionnaire - July 2024 \(office.com\)](#)

Book Bus

The book bus will be visiting Mosley on Friday 13th September! It will be here from 8am - 4pm. Parents and families are welcome to visit before and after school, and children will be able to visit during the day. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

STARS

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WEEK!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Rec	Woody
Y1	Robyn
Y2	Darcy and Zidan
Y3	Sienna and Candace
Y4	Charlotte R and Sukhmani
Y5	Henry
Y6	Esme R

ATTENDANCE Target 97%

Year Group	Days Missed This Week	This Week Attendance %
Rec	0	100!
Year 1	1	99.2
Year 2	5	95.7
Year 3	8	93.6
Year 4	8	93.6
Year 5	10	92.2
Year 6	1	99.2
Whole School	33	96.2



Whole School Year to Date Attendance

96.2%

Diary Dates 2024 - 2025

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
WB Mon 9th Sept	Y5	Bikeability
Mon 9th Sept	Y4	Twycross Zoo trip (rescheduled from July)
Wed 11th Sept	ALL	School Photos (Pre School Siblings 8am)
Fri 13th Sept	ALL	Book Bus
WB Mon 16th Sept	Y6	Bikeability
Tues 17th Sept	Y1,2,3,4	Dog's Trust Talks
Sun 22nd Sept	ALL	Harvest Festival at Anslow Church - we'd love to see you there!
Wed 18th Sept	Y1	Y1 Trip to Packington Moor Farm
Tues 24th Sept	ALL	Action for Children Workshops
Fri 27th Sept	Rec	Phonics Workshop for Parents 9am-10am
Fri 27th Sept	ALL	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm-3pm, all welcome
Tues 1st Oct	ALL	Action for Children Workshops
Fri 4th Oct	ALL	Harvest Festival Assemblies Rec and KS1 - 9am KS2 - 2pm
Tues 8th Oct	ALL	Action for Children Workshops
Mon 14th Oct	Y3	Bikeability
Tues 15th - Fri 18th Oct	Y6	Laches Wood Residential
Tues 15th Oct	ALL	Flu Immunisation Clinic
Tues 15th Oct	ALL	Parent Consultations (details to follow)
Thurs 17th Oct	ALL	Parent Consultations (details to follow)
Fri 18th Oct	Rec	Parent Lunch
Fri 18th Oct	Y4	Bikeability
Wed 23rd Oct	Rec	Parent Stay and Play Session 2pm-3pm
Thurs 24th Oct	ALL	PTA School Disco 3.25pm - 4.40pm
Thurs 24th Oct	ALL	Break Up for Half Term
Fri 25th Oct	ALL	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st	ALL	Half Term

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Mon 4th Nov	ALL	Return to School
Mon 4th Nov	Y5	Y5 Trip to Burton Fire Station
Thurs 7th Nov	NA	Reception Intake 2025 Tour 9.45am (Booking Required)
Fri 8th Nov	Y1	Y1 Parent Lunch
Mon 11th Nov - Fri 15th Nov	ALL	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 22nd Nov	NA	Reception Intake 2025 Tour 9.45am (Booking Required)
Fri 29th Nov	ALL	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5pm
Tues 3rd Dec	ALL	Whole School Trip to Lichfield Garrick - Jack and the Beanstalk
Mon 9th Dec	NA	Reception Intake 2025 Tour 1.45pm (Booking Required)
Wed 11th Dec - Fri 13th Dec	Y5	Whitemoor Lakes Residential
Wed 11th Dec	Rec, Y1, Y2	Nativity Performances 9am and 2pm
Tues 17th Dec	ALL	Christmas Dinner
Wed 18th Dec	Y3,4,5,6	Christmas Concert Performances 9am and 6pm
Thurs 19th Dec	ALL	Christmas Party Day
Fri 20th Dec	ALL	Break Up for Christmas
Mon 22nd Dec - Fri 3rd Jan	ALL	Christmas Holidays
Mon 6th Jan	ALL	INSET Day - School Closed to Children
Thurs 9th Jan	NA	Reception Intake 2025 Tour 1.45pm (Booking Required)
Fri 24th Jan	Y2	Y2 Parent Lunch
Fri 31st Jan	Y3,4,5,6	Young Voices (those signed up only)
Mon 3rd Feb - Fri 7th Feb	ALL	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 11th Feb	ALL	Internet Safety Day
Fri 14th Feb	ALL	Break Up for Half Term
Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb	ALL	Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	ALL	Return to School
Fri 28th Feb	Y3	Y3 Parent Lunch
Thurs 6th Mar	ALL	World Book Day
Fri 14th Mar	Y4	Y4 Parent Lunch

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
Fri 4th Apr	Y5	Y5 Parent Lunch
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 Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 12th May - Fri 16th May	Y6	SATs Week
Fri 23rd May	ALL	Break Up for Half Term
Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May	ALL	Half Term
Mon 2nd Jun	ALL	Return to School
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



Why breakfast matters

A breakfast factsheet for parents/carers of primary school aged children



A healthy breakfast for my child

Mornings can be a stressful time as a parent or carer, and it's not always easy to get children to eat breakfast. So, why does your child need a healthy breakfast?

Why is a healthy breakfast important?

Healthy breakfasts provide important nutrients for children's health and development. If children skip breakfast regularly this can make it harder for them to get all the nutrients they need.

Studies suggest that having breakfast can benefit children's health, body weight and learning.

What do healthy breakfasts provide?

Healthy breakfasts can provide important nutrients for children including:

- ✓ **Carbohydrate** for energy to support growth, activity and learning.
- ✓ **Protein** for healthy muscles and for bone development
- ✓ **Fibre** for gut health
- ✓ **Calcium** for healthy bones
- ✓ **Iron** for brain development

Ideas for healthy breakfasts

A healthy breakfast doesn't have to be complicated or take a long time to prepare. It's a good idea to include starchy foods like wholegrain breads or breakfast cereals, some fruit or vegetables, some dairy or protein foods and a drink – water and milk are best.

If time is tight to have breakfast at home, then breakfast clubs at school are a good option – talk to your school for more information.

Find out more

If you'd like to find out more about healthy breakfasts, take a look at the **Good Breakfast Guide** on our website: <https://bit.ly/NSchoolBreakfastWeek>

Breakfast ideas to try at home:

- ✓ Wholemeal bagel with reduced fat soft cheese and sliced fruit
- ✓ Wholegrain cereal with sliced banana, raisins and milk
- ✓ Wholemeal toast with baked beans and sliced pepper
- ✓ Wholemeal roll with sliced boiled egg, cherry tomatoes and orange segments
- ✓ Porridge or overnight oats with frozen berries or dried fruit