



Moat Farm Infant School

Newsletter July 2026

With the summer holidays coming up, don't forget that Sandwell children can swim for FREE in the Aquatic Centre near us! This is a great way to entertain the children whilst learning lifelong skills. You have to register for this on the following link.

[Free Swimming in Sandwell](#) | [Register Here](#) | [Kore Sandwell](#)



SAFE IN THE SUN

Now we've finally had some hot and sunny weather please ensure that your child comes to school with:

- A water bottle
- A layer of sun cream (and a named bottle if further applications are required)
- Sensible shoes or sandals with a back strap
- **Crocs style shoes are not allowed**
- The children are outside for periods of time throughout the school day so it is important that they are protected from the sun. We do monitor the children and encourage them to seek shade when it is hot and regularly remind them to keep hydrated.



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Sports Week 'Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July'

We are looking forward to our curriculum focus week next week where the staff have organised and planned a week full of sport and fitness, where the children will take part in a range of sport-related activities designed to promote enjoyment of physical activity and deepen their understanding of sport. Due to the activities planned for each day, children may wear sports clothes throughout the week and should wear trainers every day!



Welcome
Team GB Judoka
NEKODA SMYTHE-DAVIS
to our school

“Train hard,
Win easy”

Scan to sponsor
Search our school



Nekoda Smythe-Davis will be joining us on Tuesday 7th July!

School Nursery Places

We have limited places available for September 2026. Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent transition meeting on 18th June. We look forward to all our new children starting in September.

Registration forms are available at the school office or it can be emailed to you on request.

If you would like to know more ask at the office for Miss Evans or alternatively you can email her direct on elise.evans@mfi.school

This is the range of options we offer for our families:

- **30 hour** funded places for **3 and 4-year** olds (8:45 – 3:00) you can apply for the eligibility code on this website. www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
- **15 hour** funded places for **3 and 4-year** olds - children may start with us the term after they turn 3 (8:30 – 11:30am or 12-3pm) We have an intake in January and April for children who are turning 3 after September.
- **15 hour** funded places for eligible 2-year olds (12-3pm) some families may receive an ELT code or letter offering them free nursery places for their child.
- **15 hour** funded places for eligible working families with 2-year olds (12 – 3pm everyday) Eligible working families will be able to get 15 hours free places too. You can apply for the eligibility code on this website – free childcare for 2-year olds www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
- We also have the option for families to pay for additional nursery hours, individual sessions will cost £25 for 3 hours.



www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

[Family Information Service Hub \(sandwell.gov.uk\)](http://sandwell.gov.uk)

Medication in School

Can we remind parents that all medication should be in the original container from the doctor (including inhalers), with the child's name and dosage visible. We cannot administer the medication if it is not in original container. Please can we also remind parents to always visit the office and complete the appropriate medication form if you need your child to receive medication in school, including inhalers. You will be informed at the end of the day what time the medication was given.



It is not long to go now until Sandwell HAF vouchers will be emailed out to eligible families. Children will get 16 credits for the summer holidays. Vouchers will be sent out on 1st July. Information about provision, and how to book is available at: holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk
[Sandwell Holiday Activities](http://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk)



'At Moat Farm Infant School every day we learn, achieve, have fun and play'



Wellbeing

Jump Back Up July 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy	1 Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry	2 Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"	3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it	4 Find something to look forward to today	5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time
13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14 Get outside and move to help clear your head	8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation	12 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'
20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life	15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter	19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it
27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem	22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong	25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead	26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath
ACTION FOR HAPPINESS				Happier · Kinder · Together		

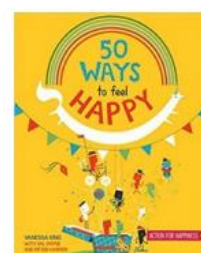
Mindfulness Rainbow

Walk Go for a walk with your children and be mindful of all the beautiful colours you can see. Get them to write what they see in each colour of the rainbow. They might see several things that are red, yellow, blue, green and orange. The aim of the session is to use their power of sight to notice things around them right now in the present moment. When they have written the things in the rainbow they can carefully colour their rainbows with coloured pencils so as not to hide the writing.



Book Recommendation: 50 Ways To Feel Happy

What can you do to help yourself (and others) feel happier? This book is packed full of activities and ideas to try with family, friends and on your own. So, whether you feel happy right now and want to stay that way or you need some ideas to help you feel happier, this book is for you. It's a cheerful, fun, inspiring, and varied collection of projects for creative, happy and thinking individuals, containing a mixture of step-by-step projects and shorter activity ideas that encompass happiness-inspiring crafts, mindfulness, relaxation, and positivity techniques, and fun ways to get active and boost happiness outdoors.





Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



Attend



Belong



Achieve

From our doors opening at 8.30 to let children in for each new day to the last goodbyes at the end of the day, these interactions build a sense of belonging, nurture wellbeing, spark positivity and ultimately drive academic success. That's why every day counts!

Children who attend school regularly find learning easier and have more chance of reaching their potential! We have high expectations for all of our children however if their attendance is low, particularly if it is below 90% then school is harder for them, due to many days of lost learning when the children were not in school.

Every day off chips away at their chance to succeed, for children their time in education when they are young is now. As parents/carers of our children, your role is vital in supporting your child to attend well and achieve well. One of the most practical ways you can support your child and their school attendance is by establishing consistent daily routines. This is setting regular bedtimes and wake up times, even on weekends, to help keep your child's body clock steady. It's a simple step, but an important one that can have a big impact on energy levels, mood and readiness for school.

Making attendance a priority isn't about chasing targets or ticking boxes, it is absolutely about giving our children the education they deserve; when our children are brought to school regularly they have a greater chance to learn, grow, aspire to dream big and thrive!

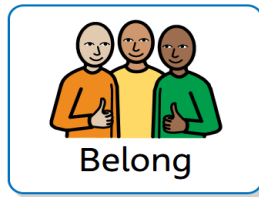
Important dates for this half term

Week beginning 29th June – Y2 leaver assemblies

Week beginning 6th July – Sports Week, with a special visit from Nekoda Davis-Smythe-Davies GB Judoka to our school!

Week beginning 13th July – last week with many special events and celebrations!

Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!



'Our Attendance challenge winners'



Oliver – Otter

Aagam – Frog

Yathisan – Kingfisher

Eva – Nursery



Eva – Nursery

Avneet – Fox

Leighton - Heron

We also had winners in the following classes... *one child in Owl class *one child in Squirrel class
*one child in Hedgehog class

We had 202 children who had 100% attendance across the two weeks in the challenge!

Reminders

- **Parking:** May we remind parents to park in a safe and legal manner when dropping children off at school and collecting them at the end of the day. The safety of our children is paramount and your co-operation is appreciated. Please make sure that you keep our entrance clear and do not park on the zig zag markings on the road outside the school gate.
- **Reporting absence:** If your child is absent from school please telephone the school office on the first day of absence, choose Option 1 to report the absence, or Option 2 to speak to the school office before **9am**. Please ensure that you state your child's name and class and explain the reason for the absence. You should then call each morning your child is absent to give school an update. Home visits are completed to see children who are absent for more than 3 days or sooner if your child has below 90% attendance.
- Please be aware that we are still a **NUT FREE** school. Please do not send your child in with anything in their lunch bags that may contain nuts, e.g. peanut butter sandwiches, Snickers or Nutella filled biscuits. Some of our children have severe nut allergies and we thank you in helping to keep them safe and healthy.

Relationships and Health Coffee Morning

Thank you to the families who attended the RSHE Coffee Morning on Thursday 11th June. We hope it was useful for you to hear the importance of the Relationships and Health Education curriculum in schools and helped you to understand the challenges some children may face when they grow up.

For more information about the topics we teach at our school, please visit the PSHE page on our school website <https://moatfarm-inf.sandwell.sch.uk/pshe/>

The NSPCC have many useful resources to use when talking to children about their bodies and they have some supporting documents for parents too. For more information, please follow <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT



In school we use the [NSPCC](#) 'Children Understand' resources to help that their body belongs to them and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

The information below is to support you as parents to reinforce this message at home.

The world of digital safeguarding is constantly changing and we need to ensure that we are mindful of the risks for our children in the online world. Most of our children have either their own device or access to a device.

New CSAM figures from the Internet Watch Foundation:

- * There were more images showing the sexual abuse of **7-10 year olds than any other age group.**
- * There were more **images of 3-6 year old children found than 14-15 year and 16-17 year olds.**
- * There were **13,032 images** of child sexual abuse material found relating to **children between the ages of 0-2 years**

Law enforcement agencies such as NCA CEOP have repeatedly warned about sexual predators tricking young children into getting changed or undressed on camera by playing a 'game' or issuing a 'challenge' to see how fast they can get

changed into different clothes or into a swimming costume. This might happen over video chat or livestreaming app; children often do not even know this has happened; videos are often taken and then circulated.

The Internet Watch Foundation has identified an increase in this trend and it is important to recognise that this happens while parents are in the house, sometimes the analysts notice the recording ending when a child is called for dinner.

[The London Grid for Learning](https://www.lgfl.net/) have created tools to support parents in ensuring that their children are safe whilst online and understand the risks.

They have created a video to watch with your children:

<https://undressed.lgfl.net>

There is also a portal for parents to use for resources:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>



Summer Fair

Wednesday 15th July

3.20-4.30pm

Leading up to the Summer Fair we have planned in special days in school in exchange for donations for the fair. There are two special days left in July!

Day	Special Day	What to bring in
Friday 3 rd July	Funky Sunglasses Day 	Bring in a box of chocolates, biscuits or packaged cake 
Friday 10 th July	Mad hair day 	Bring in an unopened bottle for the bottle tombola (e.g. wine, squash, fizzy drink, shampoo) 

We are also in need of: teddy bears and old toys that are in good condition

We will be hiring out a table for anyone that wishes to have their own craft stall or to promote their business. This will be at a cost of £10 a table. We only have a limited amount of space so this will be on a first come first served basis. Please let the class teacher or office staff know if this is something that you would like to do.

Dates for your diary – Summer Term 2026

May

22nd Break up for half-term

June

1st School closed to children – INSET day
 WB 8th Year 1 Statutory Phonics tests and Yr 2 retakes
 8th Y2 transition days to Moat Farm Junior School
 8th Storyteller in for Nursery and Reception
 8th Year 2 to visit new Year 3 class in MFJS
 9th Y3 transition meeting at MFJS 9am & 5pm
 11th RHSE coffee morning for parents 9-10am
 18th New nursery parents meeting 9.30am
 19th Non Uniform Day - £1 donation (summer fair)
 24th New Reception parents transition meeting PM
 option 4.30-5.30
 25th New Reception parents transition meeting AM
 option 9:15-10:15am
 26th Bring a teddy to school (tombola gift donation)
 29th Otter class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm
 30th Frog class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm

July

1st Oracy Activities Day – Voice 21
 2nd Rabbit class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm
 3rd Funky sunglasses day (chocolates/biscuits donation)
 Wk beg. 6th Sports Week
 Wk beg. 6th SEND Parent Consultations
 7th Sport Athlete visiting school 9am
 8th Kingfisher class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm
 8th Nursery parents' consultations 2.15-4pm (Nursery will close at 2pm on this day)
 10th Mad hair day (bottle tombola donation)
 14th Rocksteady concert 9am
 14th Music Festival 1.30pm
 15th 'Break the Rules' day – 50p donation
 15th Nursery graduation for preschool children 9am
 15th Summer Fair – 3.20-4.30pm
 16th **End of year reports sent to parents**
 16th Year 2 Leavers celebration day
 17th Break up and Party Day
 20th School closed to children – Training day
 21st Summer holidays begin

*****SCHOOL HAS TO ALLOCATE 6 DAYS EACH YEAR
 FOR STAFF TRAINING*****

We have had 5 already this academic year so far

~~Monday 1st September~~

~~Tuesday 2nd September~~

~~Monday 3rd November~~

~~Friday 5th December~~

~~Monday 1st June~~

Monday 20th July

Here are the Teacher Training days for 2026-2027

Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Tuesday 1st September
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Wednesday 2nd September
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Monday 2nd November
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Friday 4th December
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Monday 17th May
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Monday 7th June

Autumn Term 2026

Here are the term dates for next academic year, including the planned Teacher Training days when school will be closed to the children

Please makes a note of these on your calendar.

Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Tuesday 1st September
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Wednesday 2 nd September
Autumn Term Starts	Thursday 3 rd September
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Monday 2 nd November
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Friday 4 th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January

Spring Term 2027

Spring Term Starts	Monday 4 th January
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
Easter Holiday	Friday 26 th March – Friday 9 th April

Summer Term 2027

Summer Term Starts	Monday 12 th April
May Day Bank Holiday (school closed to children)	Monday 3 rd May
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Monday 17 th May
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
Teacher Training Day (school closed to children)	Monday 7 th June
Summer Holiday Starts	Thursday 22 nd July