



# Moat Farm Infant School

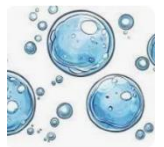
## Newsletter May 2026

### Reminders

- **School closes today for the Whitsun half term holiday and we reopen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June .**
- **School information forms:** Thank you to the vast majority of families who have returned their child's information forms to us. The lovely ladies in the office have been busy updating children's records with changes in phone numbers, addresses and emergency contact details! All of this information is vital to the smooth running of the school and we appreciate you taking the time to complete the form for us. We are still waiting for a few families to return their forms to school, if these could be returned as soon as possible, that would be brilliant.
- **Our school PE kit:** Gentle reminder that it is our expectation for children to wear the correct PE clothes to school. This is an extension of our school uniform for children. Children should not be wearing mufti- style/ non-uniform clothes for PE days. Thank you to all parents who ensure their children continue to wear the correct PE uniform on PE days.  
-White t-shirt, black shorts/joggers/leggings, school jumper or cardigan and pumps or trainers only please
- **Free school meals:** All children in our school are automatically entitled to a free meal every day regardless of parental income, however some families may also be entitled to the benefit related free school meals for their children in school. This means families receive food vouchers in the school holidays equivalent to £10 per week from Sandwell Council, and also free HAF activities (holiday and food activity sessions during the school holidays). You can apply on this link - <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals> or complete a form which is available from the school office.
- **Food bank vouchers:** We can issue food bank vouchers to families who need it for a local foodbank at the NT Church of God, Church Street, Oldbury. Please ask to speak to Mrs George, Mrs Davis or Mrs Walker if you need one.

### World Hand Hygiene Day

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated 'World Hand Hygiene Day'. We discussed in assembly why hand washing was so important and talked about how to wash your hands thoroughly. We also had bubbles at playtime to remind us of washing our hands with soap and water. Thank you to all the children who participated in our poster competition. The winning entries were, River from Nursery, Haani from Otter Class, Jacob from Rabbit Class and Kali from Mole Class.



## PSHE Storybooks

Through our PSHE learning, the children learn about acceptable and desirable behaviours such as; listening, sharing and using kind hands. To support this learning at home, on the PSHE page on our school website, there are some links to story books which you can share with your children. You can click on the link and it will take you to the online stories.

[Moat Farm Infant School - Virtual Library](#)



## School Values

Our school motto is 'At Moat Farm Infants everyday; we learn, achieve, have fun and play!' Our school has 6 core values: **Collaboration, Respect, Creativity, Perseverance, Caring and Reflectiveness**. Our final value to focus on next half term we will be:

### Reflectiveness

To show we are caring we need to care for:  
stop and think

- stop and think
- use what we already know
- ask questions
- think about our learning



## Autism Acceptance week

During the week commencing 23rd March, we celebrated Autism Acceptance Week, focusing on kindness, understanding, and recognising that everyone is unique. Children watched short videos, shared the story 'We Are All Different', and took part in activities exploring inclusion and celebrating differences. We wore bright colours to celebrate individuality, and some Year 1 and Year 2 children visited our SEND hub, where they enjoyed playing and learning before sharing their experiences back in class. It was a fantastic week, and we all learned a lot. Thank you for your continued support in promoting inclusion across our school community.



### Reception Young Artist Competition

In our PSHE lessons in the Autumn term, Reception learnt all about families and how all of our families are unique and special. To celebrate this, Reception were tasked with drawing a picture of their own family to enter a competition held by Young Artists. We are proud to announce that 15 of our Reception children had their fabulous drawings published in a book! A really big congratulations to the following children:

Mole – Harry, Ariya, Haiden

Owl – Heidi, 1 child,

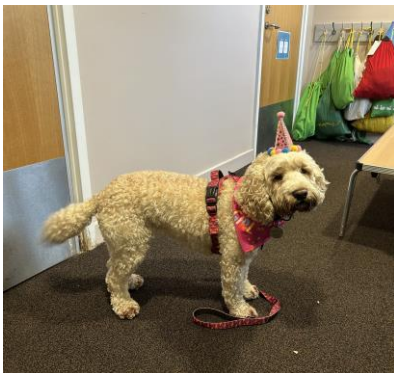
Robin – Isabelle, Riley, Gurbaaz, Ashwin, Carter



### Nursery – Lottie's Birthday Party!

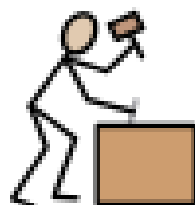
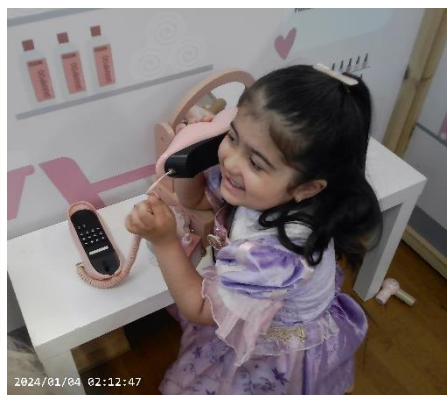
On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, we celebrated Lottie, our school dog's, 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. The children were really excited to celebrate with Lottie. They wrapped presents, learnt to sing 'happy birthday' using Makaton signs, made her birthday cards and even enjoyed some party food. Nursery thoroughly enjoyed watching Lottie unwrap her presents and the children were extremely excited when Lottie brought us 2 birthday books for our book trolley.

Lottie joined in the celebrations wearing her birthday bandana and party hat for her party. She brought in some of her new toys to show us and her little dog birthday cake!

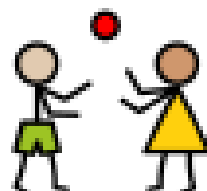


### Rainbow and Nursery's visit from Maple Tree Lane

The children in Rainbow and Nursery had a fantastic time during their recent visit from Maple Tree Lane role play village. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring all of the different areas, which included a; school, salon, construction site, dentist, hospital, fire station, police station, supermarket, and post office. The children loved dressing up and taking on different roles as they used their imaginations to act out real-life experiences. The visit helped to develop their confidence, communication, and social skills while encouraging teamwork, creativity, and lots of fun with their friends.



role



play





**thinktank**  
Birmingham science museum

### Year 1 Think Tank Visit

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to the Thinktank Museum, where they enjoyed a fun and engaging day of learning. The children explored the exciting exhibits, discovering lots of interesting facts along the way. They took part in an interactive body workshop to learn how their bodies work. To end the day, they experienced the planetarium, where they were amazed by the stars and planets.



## Wellbeing

Joyful June 2026

| MONDAY                                                             | TUESDAY                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                          | THURSDAY                                                     | FRIDAY                                                       | SATURDAY                                                       | SUNDAY                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month              | 2 Say positive things in your conversations with others         | 3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it | 4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it | 5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down  | 6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings | 7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good              |
| 8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share            | 9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently                    | 10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them            | 11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it   | 12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone                 | 13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side | 14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you   |
| 15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it | 16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way                   | 17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful              | 18 Look for something good in a difficult situation          | 19 Get outside and find the joy in being active              | 20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity               | 21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement   |
| 22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh           | 23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to            | 24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for          | 25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others   | 26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it | 27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy            | 28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people |
| 29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today                | 30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it) |                                                                    |                                                              |                                                              |                                                                |                                                               |

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS** **Happier · Kinder · Together**

### Action for Happiness Podcasts

Do you like to listen to Podcasts? Well, Action for Happiness have a bank of happiness Podcasts. Click on the link below to for more information:

<https://actionforhappiness.org/podcasts>

### Action for Happiness Videos

Action for Happiness also have a set of free videos that everyone can access to support happiness. Please click on the link below to find out more:

<https://actionforhappiness.org/talks-library>

### Sleep

Do you feel as though you are getting enough sleep at night? Do you have problems falling asleep or staying asleep? Research conducted in 2021, found that 36% of UK adults struggle to get to sleep on a weekly basis and nearly half of the UK have trouble falling asleep at least once a month. The NHS recommends that we have 7-9 hours of sleep each night, and up to 10 hours for younger children.

Here are some tips to help us get the most from sleep:

- Try to sleep at the same time each night, and wake up at the same time each morning, even on the weekends.
- Avoid taking naps after 3pm, and don't nap for longer than 20 minutes.
- Avoid caffeine after 2pm, if you are sensitive to its effects.
- Exercise regularly but try to avoid this within 2-3 hours of bedtime.

Follow a routine to help you relax before sleep (e.g. reading or listening to music). Aim to turn off the TV and other screens at least an hour before bedtime.

This is a useful website to support families - [www.cerebra.org.uk](http://www.cerebra.org.uk)  
[Parent Guides - Cerebra](#)



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# Attendance Matters



As we approach the final term for this school year, we would like to improve our school attendance so we are closer to the target of 96%. Please do all you can to help ensure your child helps us to achieve this. There are **34** school days left of this academic year and it would be wonderful to have all of our children in school every day for the final term! Who can complete a streak of 34 days... this will be the attendance challenge for the final term!

Our whole school attendance for the year so far is 95.5%

We have talked a lot about attendance bands this year with families and we are really please that we have 65% of our children in the highest attendance band. We hope that by the end of the year we will increase this number even more with a strong finish in the last half term of this school year. There is lots still do learn, do, achieve and take part in in our final term. It is only **34** days and then your children will be all yours for the summer holidays 😊

Band 1 95-100% ...65%

Band 2 90-94.9% ...26%

Band 3 85-89.9% ...4%

Band 3 80-84.9% ...4%

Band 5 Below 80% ...0.4%

## Important dates for next half term

Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonic Screening Test & Year 2 retests

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Attendance Focus weeks – prizes to be won!

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 leaver assemblies

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Week, with a special visit from a Great Athlete!

## Dates for your diary – Summer Term 2026

### May

22<sup>nd</sup> Break up for half-term

### June

**1<sup>st</sup> School closed to children – INSET day**

WB 8<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Statutory Phonics tests and Yr 2 retakes

8<sup>th</sup> Y2 transition days to Moat Farm Junior School

8<sup>th</sup> Storyteller in for Nursery and Reception

8<sup>th</sup> Year 2 to visit new Year 3 class in MFJS

9<sup>th</sup> Y3 transition meeting at MFJS 9am & 5pm

11<sup>th</sup> RHSE coffee morning for parents 9-10am

18<sup>th</sup> New nursery parents meeting 9.30am

19<sup>th</sup> Non Uniform Day - £1 donation (summer fair)

24<sup>th</sup> New Reception parents transition meeting PM  
option 4.30-5.30

25<sup>th</sup> New Reception parents transition meeting AM  
option 9:15-10:15am

26<sup>th</sup> Bring a teddy to school (tombola gift donation)

29<sup>th</sup> Otter class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm

30<sup>th</sup> Frog class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm

### July

1<sup>st</sup> Oracy Activities Day – Voice 21

1<sup>st</sup> Kingfisher class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Rabbit class Leavers assembly for parents 5:15 – 6pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Funky sunglasses day (chocolates/biscuits donation)

Wk beg. 6<sup>th</sup> Sports Week

Wk beg. 6<sup>th</sup> SEND Parent Consultations

7<sup>th</sup> Sport Athlete visiting school 9am

8<sup>th</sup> Class swap day

8<sup>th</sup> Nursery parents' consultations 2.15-4pm (Nursery will close at 2pm on this day)

10<sup>th</sup> Mad hair day (bottle tombola donation)

13<sup>th</sup> Nursery graduation for preschool children 9am

14<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady concert 9am

14<sup>th</sup> Music Festival 1.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> 'Break the Rules' day – 50p donation

15<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair – 3.20-4.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> End of year reports sent to parents

16<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Leavers celebration day

17<sup>th</sup> Break up and Party Day

20<sup>th</sup> School closed to children – INSET day

21<sup>st</sup> Summer holidays begin

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

We have had 4 already this academic year so far

~~Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September~~

~~Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September~~

~~Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November~~

~~Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December~~

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Autumn Term 2026**

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

### **Spring Term 2027**

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| <b>Spring Term Starts</b>       | <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>                                     |
| <b>Spring Half Term Holiday</b> | <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> |
| <b>Easter Holiday</b>           | <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>        |

### **Summer Term 2027**

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

## School Nursery Places

Applications are now being taken for September 2026, January 2027, April 2027 and September 2027. Registration forms are available at the school office or it can be emailed to you on request. Nursery places are limited for September! Don't leave it too late to apply for your place. We still have a small number of 2 year old places left and a few 30 hours places for 3-4 year olds for a September start.

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](mailto: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](http://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 between September and December
- **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](http://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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



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

## Reception Trip to Forge Mill Farm

The children in Reception had a fantastic time during their trip to Forge Mill Farm. They thoroughly enjoyed making butter, feeding the farm animals and a tour of the farm from a farmer. The visit helped to develop their confidence, communication, and social skills while learning about farm animals and the importance of farms.

