



Moira Primary School

Newsletter 28.08.2026

Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new academic year, I can certainly say that last year was very busy but also so rewarding to see our children thrive across the school.

Over the summer, we were thrilled to hear from Mrs Darpan about the birth of her beautiful baby girl; Shreya, who was born on 2nd August. We would like to send our warmest congratulations to Mrs Darpan and her family.

We are looking forward to this academic year and all of the exciting opportunities ahead. We are proud of our offer, including the wide range of extra-curricular activities that are available across the year, children representing our school and enjoying our outside environment, particularly in Forest School. During our first assembly, the children shared what being at Moira Primary School is like – what we hear, see and feel in our school. It was very positive to hear about kindness, laughter, happy children and feeling safe.

A reminder of our open classroom event to meet the teacher on Thursday 3rd September and please see attached school events for the autumn term. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school.

Vicky Santy,
Headteacher



I would like to welcome our new Reception children. They have had a wonderful first week in school and we are very proud of them all.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome Freya, Matthew, Elsie-Mae and Georgia in different year groups across the school. They have all settled beautifully.



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Reading books & Home Learning



You will receive updated information regarding what your child is learning over the next few weeks today. Reading books will also be sent home very soon.

Changes to Free School Meals Eligibility

From September 2026, all families receiving Universal Credit will qualify for Free School Meals, regardless of income. There are two categories:

Targeted Eligibility: Pupils will receive school meals and generate pupil premium funding for the school.

Expanded Eligibility: Pupils will receive school meals but NOT generate pupil premium funding.

To see if you are eligible, click on the following link: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> or contact the School Office to check on your behalf. Thank you.

Allergies

We have a number of children attending our school who have severe allergies. Please ensure any food that you send in your child's lunchbox does not contain nuts. Please note, that chocolate spread often contains nut and therefore should not be in lunchboxes.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Morning Drop Off

Please can parents from **Year 2 to Year 6** drop their children off at the back gate in the mornings. The children can then walk to their classroom independently. Thank you!

Attendance

Government guidelines on attendance remain the same as last year.

Key things to note are:

- The fine for authorised holiday will increase from £60 to £80 per parent per week, per child (£160 if not paid within 21 days).
- Prosecution if unauthorised holiday is taken for a third consecutive year.
- Prosecution/Notice to Improve for 10 unauthorised absences over a 10 week period (this can include 6 episodes of unauthorised lates).

Wrap Around Care

Just a reminder that if you are using our Wrap Around Care childcare, it is important you let us know if you will be paying by childcare vouchers as the booking system is slightly different.

The cost for each session remains at £6.00 and bookings should be made by Friday for the following week. Payment is expected to be made before your child attends the club.

The times for each session are:
Breakfast club: 7.30 – 8.35
Afterschool Club 3.15 – 4.30
Late Stay – 4.30 – 5.30* (Mon



Medicine in School

If your child requires prescribed medicine in school, please come to the front office after dropping off your child and complete a form.

Please do not send medicine in bookbags or give to the class teacher. Thank you.

School run afterschool clubs will start w/c 31st August. A letter has been sent with full details of what clubs we will offer this half term.

School Milk



Milk is not ordered by the school but via "Coolmilk". For children under 5, milk is provided for them and funding is available for children entitled to pupil premium funding. If you would like your child to have milk, the quickest and easiest way to register is online at www.coolmilk.com.



Parking

Please be courteous when parking your car and respectful of our local residents. Please **DO NOT** park on Blackfordby Lane, in the school car park, on corners or blocking resident's drives. Please use Jazz's car park and walk down to school.



Diary Dates 2026-2027

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

We will provide a full list of dates and events on our next newsletter.

However, please refer to our 'Open Schools' flyer which gives you details of opportunities to come into school.

Parent Evenings

These will be held on Monday 5th October and Wednesday 7th October



If you have changed your email address, telephone number or moved house over the summer, don't forget to let us know so our school records remain up-to-date!

MOIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

(77 school days)

INSET Thursday 20.08.26 & Friday 21.08.26

Pupils return to school Monday 24.08.26

Bank Holiday Monday 31.08.26

Break up for half term Thursday 15.10.26

INSET Friday 16.10.26

Half term Monday 19.10.26 to Friday 23.10.26

Pupils return to school Monday 26.10.26

Break up for Christmas Thursday 17.12.26

INSET Friday 18.12.26

SPRING TERM 2027

(50 school days)

Pupils return to school Monday 04.01.27

Break up for half term Friday 12.02.27

Half term Monday 15.02.27 to Friday 19.02.27

Pupils return to school Monday 22.02.27

Break up for Easter Friday 19.03.27

SUMMER TERM 2027

(63 school days)

Pupils return to school Monday 05.04.27

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 03.05.27

Break up for half term Friday 28.05.27

Half term Monday 31.05.27 to Friday 04.06.27

Pupils return to school Monday 07.06.27

Break up for the Summer Thursday 08.07.27

INSET Friday 09.07.27 (disaggregated)

Please visit Dojo for pictures of recent events and well-being.

Visit us at www.moiraleics.sch.uk

LEARNING TOGETHER