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## September 2025 Newsletter 1

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# Moon's Moat First School

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Dear Parents,

What a busy first month it has been in school! The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and have hit the ground running with their new topics of learning. Our new Nursery and Reception children (and children who have joined us in other year groups) feel like they have always been here and are very much part of the Moon's Moat Family already!

As you will know, our school vision and values are based on the poem 'Children learn what they live' by Dorothy Law Nolte. This poem is a lovely way to remind us all that children are influenced and inspired by the example that is set by the adults around them. We fully believe in this and the poem continues to underpin our vision. We have found that the children do not fully grasp what this means and have created a more child-friendly version which we have introduced to the children: 'Big Hearts, Bright Futures'. A copy of our vision statement is attached where you can read more about our core values that we will be promoting and celebrating with the children this year in order to create a warm and inclusive environment where children thrive. 'From Nursery to Year 4, we nurture not only bright minds but big hearts. Our children are encouraged to explore the world with wonder, face challenges with confidence, and dream boldly about their futures. Through meaningful relationships and joyful learning, we help every child grow into a compassionate, confident learner, ready to make a positive difference in their world.' We look forward to continuing to work together positively with you all over this coming academic year to help your children get the very most from their school life.

Best wishes,  
Miss Crawford

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### Behaviour

We have been focussing on establishing good routines with the children and this includes setting our behaviour expectations. You will find a copy of our Positive Relationships and Behaviour Policy attached. At the heart of our approach is an emphasis on respectful, positive relationships where children know they are listened to and supported; this includes when they have not made the right choice and will always be supported with a restorative conversation to help them put things right.

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### Upcoming Events

**Details of all Events can be found on the Calendar section of our Website**

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – School Photographs. (Uniform to be worn PE/Forest clothes in a bag please)

**7<sup>th</sup> October** Reception Parents/Carers Phonics & Maths Workshop – 9.00am

**9<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop – 9am

**w/c 13<sup>th</sup> October** Donations for Issac's Foodbank (Harvest)

**13<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 4 Bikeability

**21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parents Evening

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Parents Evening

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival, children walk to church

**24<sup>th</sup> October** – T.E.D school closed

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### School Holiday Dates

**School will close after school on:**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

**School re-opens on:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**School will close after school on:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**School re-opens on:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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During this restorative conversation, consequences will be discussed with the child and put in place (this might be missing some of their playtime and having a

### **Behaviour (continued)**

movement break later, it might be spending some time with a member of the leadership team, it might be a phone call home). Where we find that children respond most positively to any consequence and are able to then make a change in their behaviour, is where the same messages about expectations are repeated at home. Thank you for your support in ensuring our school is a calm and safe space; as ever, school and families working together is always so beneficial to the children. We will soon be holding an informal coffee morning to discuss how we can all best support behaviour, including how clear boundaries (both within school and home) can help children feel secure. We will let you know this date as soon as possible and look forward to chatting with lots of you there.

### **P.E**

A reminder that children are to come into school wearing their PE kits on the days where their class has PE. This should be black / navy joggers and a white t-shirt.

PE Days are as follows:

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| <b>4B</b>        | Monday & Thursday    |
| <b>3S</b>        | Monday & Tuesday     |
| <b>3G</b>        | Monday & Wednesday   |
| <b>2M</b>        | Wednesday & Thursday |
| <b>2L</b>        | Thursday & Friday    |
| <b>1BR</b>       | Monday & Tuesday     |
| <b>Reception</b> | Monday               |
| <b>Nursery</b>   | Wednesday & Friday   |

### **School Uniform**

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart! To help all of us (families included!) please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. For health and safety reasons children with pierced ears should wear small studs only to school. Hoops are not permitted. Earrings cannot be worn for P.E. so please remove your child's earrings before they come to school on P.E. days if they cannot do it themselves. We will soon be updating our school logo on our uniform; this is only a slight refresh and does not mean that anything new will need to be ordered.

### **Attendance**

Thank you for all of your support as we have started the school year with ensuring attendance is a high priority. As you know, children are much more settled and make better progress when they are in school every day and on time.

If your child is absent it is important to please telephone the school office or report it online via the 'contact us' page on our website. Please do not only tell the teacher as they may not have time to pass the message on. If your child has an appointment please let us know as soon as possible and let the office have a copy of the appointment letter.

School holiday dates are given below and are also on our website.

A reminder that school starts at **8.45 am** and children should be lined up in their classes, ready to go into school with their teacher, at this time. If you arrive after the gates are locked please bring your child to the school office, please do not leave them until a member of staff has let them through the door. Please do not leave children unsupervised on the school playground when you arrive in the morning. For safety reasons, the play equipment should not be used before and after school.

### **Family Support Worker**

Lisa, our Family Support Worker, will continue to be in school regularly. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to her, please contact the school office.

### **School Meals**

School lunches can be ordered via School Food United. The cut off point for orders to be placed or amended is 9am the day prior to the lunch being required. If any amendments are needed after the cut off, please liaise with School Food United directly.

### **Free School Meals**

If you feel you may be entitled to income-based free school meals please make sure you go to the Worcestershire County Council website to apply for them [Apply for free school meals | Worcestershire County Council](#). Children who are entitled to income based free school meals are also entitled to free milk. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 (and gets the Universal Infant Free School Meals) or doesn't wish to take up the school meals it is important to apply as the school gets additional funding which means that we can support your child with additional opportunities such as subsidising clubs and music lessons; this funding is also used to benefit all children in school. If an older sibling is in school already you will still need to apply online for the younger child.