

Moon's Moat First School

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Dear Parents,

The children returned from their Easter break ready to embrace their new topics of learning and have really thrown themselves into these. Please do remember to keep checking our Facebook page where a whole range of different learning activities are shared and your wonderful children's achievements are celebrated.

Our Value This Half Term: Aspiration

This half term, we are focusing on our value of Aspiration; encouraging every child to believe in themselves, aim high and make the most of each opportunity. Aspiration sits at the heart of our school vision, *Big Hearts, Bright Futures*. We want our children to develop big hearts, showing kindness, curiosity and resilience, while also building bright futures by recognising what they can achieve through effort, ambition and a positive attitude to learning. Regular attendance plays a vital role in this. When children are in school every day, they can take full advantage of the rich learning experiences, clubs, trips and wider opportunities we offer, helping them to grow in confidence and realise their potential. Every day really does count.

Enhancing Our Lunchtime

We are also excited to share that we are currently enhancing our lunchtime offer to make it an even more positive and enjoyable part of the school day. Children have been sharing their ideas and views through their School Council representatives, helping us to shape improvements that reflect what matters most to them. This is a fantastic example of British Values in action, particularly *democracy* and *individual liberty*, as children learn that their voices are listened to and that they can make a real difference to their school community. We are proud of the thoughtful and imaginative suggestions they have shared and look forward to seeing these ideas support happy, confident children at lunchtime and beyond.

Wellbeing Offer

We kindly ask that parents do not send fidget toys or sensory items in from home unless this has been explicitly agreed with either your child's class teacher or Mrs Lawrence. Items brought in from home can unfortunately get lost or broken, and can sometimes become more of a distraction than a support. Please be reassured



Upcoming Events

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

6th May – Reception Eye Tests

8th May – David Attenborough Day

14th May – Wear Green Day for Mental Health Week

13th- 15th May Year 4 Blackwell Adventure

15th May – DT Sewing Project – Parents invited (Year 1 only)

21st May – Year 4 Leavers' Photo

22nd May – Maths Rockstar Day

School Holiday Dates

School will close:

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 4th May

School will close after school on:

Friday 22nd May 2026

School re-opens on:

Monday 1st June 2026

School will close after school on:

Friday 17th July 2026

TED Day – School closed to pupils

Monday 20th July 2026

that we have a wide range of strategies already in place to help all children regulate throughout the day. Every class has built-in whole-class regulation sessions, a calm corner that children can access when they need to, and a variety of sensory resources available to support self-regulation, all guided by staff. Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do, because children who feel happy, calm and regulated are best able to access learning. For more information on our Wellbeing Offer please visit our website [Mental Health | Moon's Moat Nursery & First School](#) Thank you, as always, for working so positively alongside us to ensure the right support is in place for every child.

Have a fabulous Bank Holiday weekend (let's hope the sunshine stays!) and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Best wishes,
Karen Crawford

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.