Moss Road Academy Newsletter

October 2026

Making Every Moment Count!

It has been a wonderful first half term at Askern Moss Road Infant Academy! We have enjoyed so many exciting events and opportunities, including our Harvest Festival performances, Halloween disco, charity days, family workshops and our first parents' evening of the year. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events and helped make our school such a special place to be.



A huge thank you to all our families for your commitment to making sure your children attend school regularly. We are currently achieving **94.4% attendance**, and our next goal is to reach the government's expectation of 96% attendance. With your continued support, we know we can get there! Every day in school makes a difference to children's learning, friendships and confidence, so let's make every day count. Let's continue to work together, build on the progress we've already made and strive to make Moss Road the top-performing academy in the Trust for attendance!

After a busy and successful first half term, we have another very busy and exciting half term ahead, filled with more opportunities for learning, celebration and making wonderful memories together. We look forward to sharing all the exciting things to come and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely half-term break!

Mrs Hawley
Assistant Headteacher

KEY DATES

Thursday 5th November
Army Officer, Major Ashton, *selling Poppies for Remembrance*

Friday 6th November
Parents' Coffee Morning – join us for drink and a catch up!

Monday 9th November
African Drummers Visit – Yr2 pupils
Height and weights checks – F2 pupils

Tuesday 10th November
Local Area Walk – Yr1 pupils

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day Service at Alexander House – Yr 2 pupils

Thursday 12th November
Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Flu Immunisation Programme
School Nursing Team – information to follow

Friday 13th November
BBC Children in Need (pupils only)

Monday 16th November
Anti-Bullying Week & Road Safety Week

Tuesday 17th November
Road Safety Walk – Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Pupils
Managing Big Emotions – Parent Workshop (9-10am)

Wednes 18th, Thurs 19th and Fri 20th November
Walk to the Woodlands – F2, Yr1 and Yr2 pupils

Monday 23rd November
UK Parliament Week

Wednesday 25th November
KS1 Basketball Competition @ Campsmount

Thursday 26th November
Skip2Bfit – All pupils

Wednesday 2nd December
Pantomime at CAST Theatre – Yr1 and Yr2 pupils

Thursday 10th December
Save The Children – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15th December @ 4pm – 5:15pm
Christmas Disco (Yr1 & Yr2 pupils only)

Wednesday 16th December
Choir Concert at St Peter's Church – information to follow

Friday 18th December
Breakfast with Santa (pupils only 8am) £2.50

Moss Road Fundamental Four:
1. Every Day, On Time! Children arrive on time, wearing their school uniform.
2. Children bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day.
3. PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and remains in school until Friday.
4. Children read at least 3 times each week.

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TEACHING & LEARNING



Topics next half term have included:

EYFS (Juniper & Oak): *Exploring Maps – Where?*

Children will discover maps through stories, games and practical activities. They will explore what our school looks like from above, build and draw simple maps, and use words such as "over", "under" and "around" to describe positions and journeys. Exploring Maps

Yr1 (Cedar): *Different Places – What is it like here?*

Children will explore our school and local surroundings, identifying familiar places in photographs taken from above. They will create simple maps, follow routes around the school grounds and share ideas about how to make our playground even better.

Yr2 (Sycamore): *Climates, Cultures and Communities*

Children will discover hot and cold places around the world, locating the seven continents, the Equator and the North and South Poles. They will compare Kenya and the polar regions with where we live, learn compass directions and explain whether they would prefer to live somewhere hot or cold.

Governing Body: Are you, or any of your friends or family, interested in being a school Governor? Being a Governor can be an extremely rewarding experience and you will develop different transferrable skills which is great for your personal development. Please get in touch with the School Office for more information.

ASPIRE



Some of our wonderful children enjoyed a lovely afternoon at Norbreck Communal Hall with members of Doncaster charity b:friend, which helps reduce loneliness and social isolation among older people through one-to-one befriending and community social groups. Together, we enjoyed games, colouring and jigsaws, sharing nursery rhymes, stories and laughter throughout the afternoon. It was a joy to bring generations together, build friendships and strengthen the children's sense of belonging within our local community.

The MOST wonderful time of year will soon be upon us. The staff are dusting off the costumes, prepping the song words and writing the scripts! So save the date and join us for a little festive magic this December.

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December

Juniper and Oak Christmas Performance @ 11am

Cedar and Sycamore Christmas Performance @ 2pm

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are due to start Reception in September 2027. You must apply through your home local authority, even if you would like your child to attend a school in another area.

Key dates

- Applications open: Applications for September 2027 are now open in Doncaster.
- Application deadline: Friday 15th January 2027.
- National Offer Day: Friday 16th April 2027. City of Doncaster Council

How to apply

1. Find your local council: Visit GOV.UK to find the correct council for your home address.
2. Complete your application: Doncaster residents should apply through the Doncaster Council admissions portal. Contact the admissions team if you need help applying. GOV.UK
3. List your preferred schools: In Doncaster, you can name up to three schools, including schools outside the borough, in order of preference. Listing only one school does not improve your chances of securing a place there. Enquiry
4. Submit by 15 January 2027:

Ensure you submit your completed application by the deadline. Doncaster advises that late applications will be considered after National Offer Day, which may reduce your chances of obtaining a preferred school. City of Doncaster Council

Please remember: You must apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends the school's nursery.