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Well done to our Y6 children for putting themselves forward for election as House and Vice-Captain which then forms our Mossgate Pupil Parliament. The children have been presented with their badges and will be holding their first meeting this week.

Welcome to my first newsletter of the new school year. In this edition I will be celebrating the learning that has taken place across the school and providing some advance notice of events taking place this half term leading up to Christmas.

I will be continuing to support Bowerham Primary School & Nursery this half term for two days a week, but want to reassure families that I remain fully committed to Mossgate and Little Saplings Nursery.

Mr Smith

Brilliant start for Reception Elm

Reception Elm Class have made an excellent start to their seven-year journey at Mossgate and settled well into our routines and expectations. Over the last couple of weeks, they have been busy exploring the nature area, using tricky words to make sentences, playing with number blocks and making the most of the recent downpours by splashing in muddy puddles!






Cooking & Nutrition Lessons in D&T

During our Health & Wellbeing focus last half-term, classes were busy evaluating, designing and creating their own delicious dishes – part of our 'Cooking & Nutrition' element of D&T (Design & Technology). Dishes ranged from healthy kebabs to omelettes and pasta dishes. Across our D&T curriculum, the children learn about food sources, seasonality and a variety of cooking techniques.






MOFFS AGM – Monday 16th November, 3pm

On Monday 16th November, 3pm in the school hall, MOFFS (Mossgate Friends, Families & Staff) will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is an opportunity to find out about the events we have organised, how much we have raised, what we've spent the money on in school, and share ideas for the coming year.

This meeting is open to all parents with no obligation to take on a role! Children are welcome to attend also and refreshments will be provided. Please come to the office, after school, on Monday 16th to join us.

Christmas Events Organised by MOFFS

Our brilliant MOFFS members have organised several festive events this half term with all monies raised being used to support the children at Mossgate and Little Saplings Nursery.

Chocolate Non-Uniform Day

Children can wear their own clothes to school next **Friday 13th November** in exchange for donating a chocolate item. The donations will be used as prizes for our upcoming **Chocolate Tombola** on **Tuesday 24th November**, **after school**, with 3 tickets for £1. Please note the change of date - this event was previously advertised for Wednesday 2nd December.

Christmas Bingo

Join us for a festive evening of family fun on **Thursday 26th November, 5pm - 7pm**. There will be five exciting bingo games with prizes for a line and house in each game. **£1 per book** when purchased in **advance via ParentPay** (includes a sheet for all 5 games) or £1.50 per book if purchased on the night. There will also be refreshments available to purchase with card and cash payments accepted.

Secret Santa Gift Room

Our Secret Santa Gift Room gives children the opportunity to choose a special Christmas gift for a loved one. To take part, simply select the type and number of gifts you would like your child to choose (Boy, Girl, Male or Female) and these will come home gift wrapped during the last week of term. **Gifts costs £3 each** and can be paid for on Parent Pay - purchase **deadline: Friday 4th December**. Children will visit the Gift Room and select their presents the week commencing 14th December.

Curriculum Enrichment - The History Man

On **Thursday 12th November**, we are delighted to welcome '**The History Man**' back to school once again to help bring alive the children's learning with engaging workshops, hands-on activities and Q&A sessions. Children in **Y1** will be learning all about **historical toys** and how they have developed over times, and **Y4** will be exploring life during **Ancient Egypt**. To enable this exciting and enrichment experience to take place, we are asking parents to make a **£4 contribution** to help cover the cost of the sessions.






Y5 Tower Wood Residential

Our Y5 children once again enjoyed many challenging and memorable experiences at the start of the school year during our annual outdoor and adventurous activity (OAA) residential at Tower Wood. A huge thank you to our amazing staff who volunteered so much of their time to make this residential possible for our children. Also, thanks to Miss Turnbull, for her organising behind the scenes.





The first challenge for many children was to make their own bed before moving onto a range of OAA which included ghyll scrambling, jumping into the lake, raft building, the high rope challenge, orienteering and mountain climbing! Every child was encouraged to use their Mossgate value of courage to push themselves a little further during each activity to achieve their full potential.








Tower Wood is one of our two residentials which we organise with the second being to London in Y6. We also plan many additional OAA experiences across KS2 which include caving in Y3, Ghyll Scrambling in Y4 and paddleboarding in Y6. Once again, I would like to thank parents for trusting us to organise these experiences and for making the financial commitment so they can take place.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026

In addition to learning about friendships, feelings and bullying last half-term during our Health & Wellbeing focus across the school, children will be exploring key themes during the national Anti-Bullying Week organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance w/c 16th November. Parents can find out more from their website and can download their parent & carer pack here.





Non-Uniform Day and Other Fundraising



Next **Friday 13th November** is our **non-uniform day** with children asked to **bring in chocolate items** (bars, tubs, selection boxes etc) to allow them to take part. (These items are then used as prizes for our upcoming Chocolate Tombola & Christmas Bingo!)

This date also coincides with **Children in Need** and children are allowed to wear any Pudsey themed items (headbands, t-shirts etc) with their non-uniform. The House Captains will be organising a **cake sale**, after school, in the school on **Friday 13th** with all items charged at **50p each**. Donations of cakes and biscuits are very much needed so please bring these to the office on Thursday or Friday morning.

Later this term, we will be supporting the **St John's Hospice Reindeer Rush** (date TBC). Children will be encouraged to collect sponsorship to run or walk a set distance, appropriate for their age, within our school grounds. More details to follow. Thanks to Mrs Wood for sharing this opportunity to fundraise locally.

Tesco Grant – Please Vote!



We are doing amazingly well in the Heysham Tesco Express store - thank you for your support! You can also vote at other stores across the Lancaster, Morecambe and Carnforth area. Customers can cast their vote using a blue token given to them at the checkout each time they shop – please ask for one if not provided! Please encourage all you know.



Marvellous Musicians

Our talented children who have music lessons with Beth had the opportunity to showcase their musical skills and perform for the school and their families. Well done to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to Beth for supporting and encouraging our young musicians. Thanks to Miss Day, Music Subject Leader and Y3 Teacher, for organising this special assembly.



Swim Run Competition

Well done to our team who proudly represented Mossgate at the local Swim Run event last half-term. The challenge consisted of swimming and running alongside children from other local schools. Thanks to parents for transporting and to Mrs Berry for supporting the children at Make a Splash – BLA Pool.

“It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, encouraging one another and showing such a positive attitude throughout the event.” Mrs Berry

Halloween Disco Fun

Thank you to our wonderful MOFFS for organising and helping at our Halloween discos plus school staff who all gave up their time. Thanks also to the Duncan and Chalmers families for loaning their inflatable decorations which gave the hall a spooky feel!





Changes to Free School Meals

The Government has expanded the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals which means that **all children** living in **households** that **receive Universal Credit** are now **eligible** for Free School Meals, regardless of household income. If you currently receive Universal Credit, and your child is not receiving Free School Meals, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible using this link.

If you think you may be eligible, please check the information using the link above and submit your application at your earliest convenience. If you are unsure, or would like to discuss any queries, please contact Miss Turnbull bursar@mossgate.lancs.sch.uk or call school.





Abbeystead Estate Visit

Y4 and Y5 had the pleasure of being invited to Abbeystead Estate for a fantastic Countryside Classroom Day! The children enjoyed six different activities including river dipping, learning about the protection of animals, animal adaptations, the importance of the peatlands and discovering more about walks in the wild and the different animals that live around us. The children also made a bird box which they brought back to school for us to place in our grounds to encourage more wildlife.

Key Dates for your Diary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 09.11.26	Clubs restart
Wed 11.11.26	Remembrance Assembly
Wed 11.11.26	Show Rounds for Reception 2027 intake
Thurs 12.11.26	The History Man in Y1 and Y4
Fri 13.11.26	Non-Uniform – chocolate donations
Mon 16.11.26	Anti-Bullying Week – Wear odd socks with uniform
Wed 18.11.26	Y4 visiting Summerhouse Farm, am
Thurs 19.11.26	'Understanding Behaviour' workshop for parents, 9-11am
Fri 20.11.26	Rec Parent Event, 1:30pm
Tues 24.11.26	Chocolate Tombola, after school
Tues 24.11.26	Sammy Clothing Collection - deadline to bring in accepted items
Wed 25.11.26	Y5 visiting Summerhouse Farm, am
Thurs 26.11.26	Christmas Bingo, 5-7pm
Mon 30.11.26	Fire Service visiting Y2 & Y6
Tues 01.12.26	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 04.12.26	Deadline for Secret Santa Gift Room
Mon 07.12.26	Final week of clubs
Tues 08.12.26	Rec & Y2 Lancaster Grand visit
Tues 08.12.26	KS2 Christmas Concert, 1:40pm
Wed 09.12.26	KS2 Christmas Concert, 5pm
Thurs 10.12.26	Y4 Dukes Theatre visit
Thurs 10.12.26	'Understanding Anxiety' workshop for parents, 9-11am
Thurs 10.12.26	Governing Body Meeting, 4:30pm
Fri 11.12.26	Reception singing at Kingsway Court
Mon 14.12.26	Secret Santa Gift Room orders go home
Tues 15.12.26	Infant Nativity, 2pm
Wed 16.12.26	Chsitmas Lunch – order on Parent Pay
Wed 16.12.26	Infant Nativity, 2pm
Fri 18.12.26	School closes, 1pm

Events organised by MOFFS.

Christmas performances to parents.





Reception 2027 & Nursery Show Rounds

Little Saplings nursery at Lossgate primary school

- Meet key staff and visit the classrooms and outdoor areas
- Nursery places available now and Reception starters for September 2027
- School-based nursery for 3 & 4 year olds - including 'Rising Threes'







Wednesday 11th November, 3:30-4:30pm

Call 01524 850736 to book your place.

Nursery children can join at any point throughout the school year.

Families have another opportunity to visit school and Little Saplings Nursery next Wednesday 11th November, 3:30-4:30pm. Please share with prospective families. Individual tours can also be booked with myself by calling the school office on 01524 850736.

Community Events







COFFEE & CONNECT

Free refreshments

Toys available to keep your little ones entertained too.

Everyone welcome

A chance for people to drop in and connect with others in a warm and friendly environment.

Get practical advice on:

- *Housing & Finance*
- *Employment*
- *Parenting Advice*
- *Emotional Health & Wellbeing*
- *SEND advice*



every first thursday of the month

9:30am-11:30am

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Central Dr, Morecambe LA4 5DL



WILDCATS
GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL

Thursdays
KS1 5.45pm-6.30pm
KS2+ 5.45pm-6.45pm
Our Lady's Catholic college grass field
(back entrance via Lune Street)

AGES 4+

- Fun football, a place to play & make friends
- Female led sessions with qualified coaches with over 20 yrs experience
- Option to progress into teams-successful pathway into Morecambe Girls FC
- Open for girls aged 4-teenage years of all abilities- girls are split into smaller groups of similar ability/age
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7PM - 8PM:
PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES YEAR 3-6
SKILL DEVELOPMENT & MATCHES

8PM -9PM:
HIGH SCHOOL AGES YEAR 7-11
SOCIAL INCLUSIVE MATCHES IN A FRIENDLY RELAXED ENVIRONMENT

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FREE TO ATTEND

TUESDAY NIGHTS (DURING TERM TIME)

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SEND support GROUP

at Lune Park Family Hub
1pm - 3pm

We have a number of different agencies attending to offer support and advice.

You can also get to know other families during these sessions.

Dates for your diary...

Friday 10th July 2026
Friday 11th September 2026
Friday 2nd October 2026
Friday 6th November 2026
Friday 4th December 2026



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