



MOSSLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL | WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2

HEADTEACHER WELCOME

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 29th September – Year 5/6 X -Country @

It has been a very positive couple of weeks at Mossley. As the term gathers momentum, it has been wonderful to see sporting events getting underway, our teacher-led after-school clubs beginning, and the PTA launching another exciting programme of events for our children and families. These opportunities enrich school life beyond the classroom, helping children to develop new skills, interests and friendships. They are a big part of what makes Mossley such a special place, and I am grateful to our staff, volunteers and parents for the time and commitment they give to making these experiences possible for our pupils.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Keeping Children Safe Online

A Parent Information Morning with **PC Cornall**

The online world changes quickly... but we're here to help!

Join us for a friendly and informative session designed for parents and carers who want to feel more confident about keeping their children safe online.

You will find out:

- ✓ How to help your child stay safe online
- ✓ The latest information about apps, games and social media
- ✓ Current online risks and trends affecting children
- ✓ Practical tips to support your family at home
- ✓ Where to go for help and advice

Safer Children Brighter Futures

Friday 13th November **9:00am** **School Hall**

Together we can keep children safe online

Please save the date! These meetings provide an excellent opportunity for parents to understand the risks children face online and, most importantly, learn how to help keep them safe.

Historically, attendance has been low, but the feedback from those who do attend is always extremely positive. Parents regularly tell us that the information is invaluable and that every family would benefit from attending.

Sporting News

Year 5/6 Boys Football – League Round 1

Our Year 5/6 boys' football team made a fantastic start to their league campaign, playing two fixtures and recording one win and one defeat. The team displayed great skill, determination and teamwork throughout both matches, with some outstanding individual performances helping the team compete at a high level.

These opening games have provided a strong foundation to build upon, and the players should be very proud of their efforts. We look forward to seeing their continued progress as they head into the next round of league fixtures. Well done, boys!



House News



House	Points	Position
Air	802	1 st
Earth	698	3 rd
Fire	767	2 nd
Water	642	4 th

Year 2

Please could we ask parents and carers not to allow children to play in the car park while waiting for the school doors to open in the morning. The car park is in use during this time, and we want to ensure that all children remain safe around moving vehicles. We also ask for your support in helping to prevent any accidental damage to cars. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Lunch with Leadership

Our Lunch with Leadership initiative has got off to a fantastic start, with all members of the Senior Leadership Team enjoying lunch with the first groups of children. It has been great fun and a wonderful opportunity to hear directly from pupils about what they enjoy most about school and any ideas they have for making it even better. We value pupil voice enormously, and every child will have the opportunity to take part in a Lunch with Leadership session during the course of the school year.



Our OPAL Journey

It is hard to believe that it has been almost 12 months since we began our OPAL journey at Mossley. During this time, we have seen a significant improvement in the quality and variety of play opportunities available to our pupils.

Our aim has been to create a rich and engaging play environment that reflects the 16 different types of play identified within the OPAL programme. Many of the exciting developments we have introduced would not have been possible without the generosity, support and donations from our families. Thank you for helping us make these improvements a reality.



Since introducing OPAL, we have added:

- A wide range of toys to encourage social, imaginative and role-play opportunities.
- A mud kitchen, complete with pots and pans, to support symbolic and creative play.
- A sandpit, kindly funded through parent donations.
- Wellington boot storage, enabling us to make greater use of our outdoor spaces throughout the year.
- Opportunities for exploratory play and natural den building within our woodland area.
- Free movement across outdoor spaces, encouraging mixed-age play and collaboration.
- Leadership opportunities through our OPAL Squad.
- Slacklines and swings to promote physical activity and locomotor play.
- Music to inspire dancing, creativity and self-expression.

We have also continued to improve our outdoor environment by installing a new running track, creating a larger Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), and removing the smaller MUGA to provide pupils with even more space to play.



Coming Soon

Over the next few weeks, we will be:

- Installing netting around the MUGA to create a safe space where ball games can resume.
- Completing the development of our large loose-parts storage area, which will house a variety of materials including tyres, tarpaulins, cable reels and plastic crates. These resources will enable pupils to build dens, solve problems and create their own imaginative games.

- Developing a dedicated digging area to provide further opportunities for exploratory play. To help protect school uniforms, we would greatly appreciate donations of waterproof trousers or children's overalls. If your child has outgrown theirs and you no longer need them, please consider donating them via the school office.
- Reopening our woodland area. We are currently awaiting the results of our annual tree survey and any necessary follow-up work to ensure the area is safe and ready for play.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are excited to see how our OPAL provision continues to grow and develop, providing even more opportunities for our children to learn, play and thrive.



Attendance Stars

Attendance really matters. Being in school every day gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress and enjoy all that school life has to offer. We are delighted that attendance across the school has started strongly this term, and the class currently leading the way is Year 4 Mrs. Teagle with an excellent 99.6% attendance figure. Well done to everyone in the class, and thank you to all families for supporting regular attendance. Let's see which class can top the leader board next week!

Community News

Mrs Liz Knibbs

Today we say a fond farewell to Liz Knibbs as she begins a new chapter. We would like to thank Liz for her incredible hard work, dedication and commitment over the past 11 years. Her contribution to our school community has been

greatly valued, and she has made a lasting difference to so many children, families and colleagues. Liz will be truly missed, and we wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Little Eco Steps, Big Impact

 Repair & Reuse – Fix, donate, or upcycle items instead of throwing them away.