



Moordown St. John's Primary School Bulletin

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Autumn 1 – week 3 – Friday 18th September

Headteacher Update

I'm excited to share our **Blossoming BEST Charter** for 2026-27 ([see attachment](#)). It includes our planned visits and visitors for this school year. We invite families to make a voluntary contribution through Arbor:



Year	Cost
Reception, Years 1 and 2	£31.50
Years 3, 4 and 5	£42
Year 6	£50

There is no obligation to contribute. Children will not be treated differently if their family is unable to contribute. Some families may pay more than the suggested amount and some families may give less. If we do not receive enough contributions, some activities may not be able to go ahead.

All our enrichment plans are subject to availability and may change.

Mr Ruffle

Key News

- **New Reward System Update**

Following the closure of MarvellousMe, we will now use **Arbor Rewards** to celebrate children's achievements and learning behaviours. This means parents will have one place for messages, consent, information and rewards.

We hope to launch this over the next two weeks. Children's existing badge totals will be transferred, so nobody will start from zero. Parents will receive reward notifications in a very similar way to MarvellousMe. We will share more details next Friday!

Key dates for the coming week

- **PFA Family Meet-Up (3pm) – Monday 21st September**
POSTPONED. A new date will be shared soon.

- **TEAMS morning – Friday 25th September**

Children In Y1 to Y6 will be working in mixed year groups for the morning on our new vision.

Enclosed with the Bulletin

- Safeguarding news for 2026-27
- Extra-Curricular Club Timetable – Autumn 2026
- Updated Assessment information leaflets from the Department for Education:
 - Reception Baseline
 - Year 1 Phonics Screening
 - Year 4 Multiplication check
 - Year 6 Statutory Tests

This Week in Worship

This week, we remembered that everyone has a voice and everyone has a place at MSJ.

Children in Years 2–6 voted for their **School Parliament representatives**.

Year 6 also chose our new **Team Captains**.

These elections helped children learn about democracy—one of our British Values.

We will celebrate our new elected pupils in next week's bulletin.



Reminders – safety around our school site

- **No dogs** on the school grounds, including the visitors' car park, with the exception of assistance dogs. Currently, we allow small dogs who are carried but this is being reviewed after a parent reported that their child stepped in poo inside the school gates.
- **No smoking or vaping** anywhere on the school site.
- Still a fairly new trend, but we've taken the decision early that **Smart Glasses** must not be worn on the school site by staff, pupils, parents or visitors. This helps us protect everyone's privacy.

Safeguarding Information

At MSJ, keeping every child safe is our top priority. To help with this, we have specially trained staff members called **Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)**. Their job is to make sure children are safe, listened to, and supported if they have any worries or concerns.

If you ever have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child, you can speak directly to one of our DSLs either via the school office, on the gate or via a confidential email:

MSJSafeguarding@st-johns.bournemouth.sch.uk



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children
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everyone's
responsibility**



At Moordown St. John's the Designated Safeguarding Leaders (DSL's) are:

Mr P Ruffle
(Headteacher)

Mr S Grinsted
(Deputy Headteacher)

Mrs M O'Gara
(Lead SENCO)

Mrs Ham
(Phase SENCO)



Our Keep Safe Code for children

We teach all children a simple phrase so they know how to ask for help if something is happening that makes them feel uncomfortable: "Please don't do that, I don't like it. If they don't stop, tell a trusted adult."

This helps children remember that:

- They have the right to say when they don't like something.
- If someone doesn't listen, they must tell an adult they trust.
- Every child should feel they have an adult in school who will listen and help.

Moordown St. John's Keep Safe Code

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Autumn term dates 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER 2026

Date	Time	Event
Mon 14 Sept	8.20am	EYFS start full time
Tues 15 Sept	7pm	PFA AGM
Mon 21 Sept	3pm	PFA family meet and chat (Bouncy Castle after school)
Thurs 24 Sept	9 – 10am	Prospective Parent Tour
	7pm	Directors' Board Meeting
Friday 25 Sept	9 – 12	TEAMS morning <i>Working together in mixed year groups</i>
Mon 28 Sept	8.20	Bournemouth Food Bank Appeal (for Harvest)

OCTOBER 2026

Date	Time	Event
Thu 1 Oct		School Census
Fri 2 Oct	8.45 – 9.15am	Welcome Service at St John's Church (Year 6 and EYFS children) led by 5G Families welcome
Fri 2 Oct	9.45am – 10.30am – 1F, 2C, 3NG, 4D led by 5S 10.45am – 11.30am – 1MT, 2BL, 3B, 4S led by 5G	Whole School Harvest Service (Year 5 lead) at St. John's Church Families welcome
Tues 6 Oct	All day	SCARF Life Education Workshops (KS2)
Wed 7 Oct	All day	SCARF Life Education Workshops (KS2)
Thu 8 Oct	9–10am	Prospective Parent Tour
	3.30–4.30pm	Stay & Play
W/C 12 Oct	Whole week focus	Black History Activities
Tues 13 Oct	1 – 2.45	Pavilion Carol Concert Rehearsal @ Epiphany
Thu 15 Oct		PFA Disco (tbc)
	7pm	Directors' Board Meeting
Mon 19 Oct	3.20–6pm	Parents Evening (virtual)
Wed 21 Oct	1.15 – 2.15pm	Prospective Parent Tour
Wed 21 Oct	3.20–7pm	Parents Evening (virtual)
Fri 23 Oct	3pm	School closes for October Half Term

Please note that the application deadline for secondary school (Y6) is the 31.10.26

NOVEMBER 2026

Date	Time	Event
Mon 2 Nov		Staff Development Day
Tue 3 Nov	8.20	Children return – Start of Autumn 2
Wed 4 Nov	9.15 – 11.30	Pavilion Carol Concert rehearsal @ Epiphany
Thu 5 Nov	6–6.30pm	Prospective Parent Information Evening
Fri 6 Nov	2 – 3pm	Team Reward (Aut 1)
Tues 10 Nov	Morning	RISE Discovery Morning at MSJ (with the DfE)
Wed 11 Nov	9 – 9.30am	Remembrance Service (Year 6 lead)
Mon 16 Nov	Whole Week Focus	Odd Sock Day and Anti-Bullying week 'Break the Silence'
	Whole day	School photos (Fraser) – individual portraits
Thu 19 Nov	9–10am	Prospective Parent Tour
	3.30 – 4.30pm	Stay & Play for Prospective Parents
Fri 20 Nov		Staff Development Day
Wed 25 Nov	9 – 12	Pavilion Carol Concert rehearsal
	Evening	Pavilion Carol Concert Performance Families welcome
Thu 26 Nov	9–10am	Prospective Parent Tour
	7pm	Directors' AGM and Finance Meeting
Fri 27 Nov	8.40am	Christmas Charity Appeal Launch of Toy Appeal with Salvation Army
Nov		Reception vision checks (tbc)

DECEMBER 2026

Date	Time	Event
Mon 30 Nov	8.40am	Advent Service in school
Wed 2 Dec	1.15 -2.15pm	Prospective Parent Tour
Fri 4 Dec		PFA Christmas Event (tbc) Families welcome
Wed 9 Dec	6pm	Carols by Torchlight with the Salvation Army Families welcome
Thur 10 Dec	3.30 -4.30pm	Stay n Play (prospective parents)
		Flu Vaccinations (tbc)
Mon 14 Dec	9.30am	Y2 Christmas Production Families welcome
	2pm	Reception Nativity Families welcome
Tues 15 Dec	9.30am	Reception Nativity Families welcome
	2pm	Y2 Christmas Production Families welcome
Wed 16 Dec	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch (Forerunner)
	2pm	Y1 Carols around the Christmas Tree Families welcome
	2 – 3pm	Christmas craft (Reception and Y6 buddies)
Thu 17 Dec	9am – 3B, 4S, 5S, 6C	KS2 Carol Service (all KS2 involved) at St John's Church Families welcome
	10.30am – 3NG, 4D, 5G, 6H	
	Afternoon	EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party
Fri 18 Dec	9am	Christmas special assembly
		Collection of toy appeal
	12.30pm	School closes for Christmas