



Moordown St. John's Primary School Bulletin

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Autumn 1 – Week 6 – Friday 16th October 2026

Headteacher Update

Our PFA discos this week were very well attended, and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves. Their behaviour was excellent throughout, and I would like to thank everyone involved in organising and supporting these events, particularly our wonderful PFA volunteers.

We've had some helpful feedback about having a cut-off date for purchasing tickets. A similar deadline applies to next week's parent consultation evenings, so please remember that 3pm on Tuesday is the final opportunity to book an appointment for Wednesday evening.

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed our **Black History focus**, discovering and celebrating the stories of individuals who have made a difference in their communities and wider society, but whose contributions have sometimes been overlooked.

Across the school, children have been learning about a fascinating range of people, including Joseph Clough, Rosa Parks, Dennis Morris, Mac Williams, Ben Carson, Paul Stephenson, Norman Samuels, David Mwanaka and Alison Bennison. Through their stories, we have reflected on courage, determination, challenging injustice and the importance of recognising the contribution that everyone can make.

This links beautifully with our school value of **Belong**, remembering that we all have a part to play in creating a community where everyone can flourish.

Mr Ruffle
Headteacher

Key dates for next week

It's another busy week ahead as we approach the end of our first half-term!

Monday 19 October

- **Parents' Evening** – Virtual consultations from 3.20pm to 6.00pm. Parents' Evening appointments can be accessed through the Online Booking System. Use the Quick Links section of our school website or alternatively, visit: <http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/moordownstjohns>
- **Flu vaccinations** – Taking place throughout the school day. We've had a particularly high take-up this year, which is encouraging.



Tuesday 20 October

- **PFA Meeting – 7pm in the Studio.** Everyone is warmly welcome to come along, share ideas and get involved in supporting our school community.

Wednesday 21 October

- **Parents' Evening** – Virtual consultations from 3.50pm to 7.00pm.
- **African Drumming Workshops** – Children in Years 2, 5 and 6 will enjoy an exciting opportunity to explore African rhythms and music.
- **Year 3 Egyptian Day** – A special day of learning, including a visit from 'Mr Egypt' to help bring their history project to life!
- **Year 5 Boys' Football Tournament** – Y5 boys' first football tournament of the school year, taking place at Littledown in the afternoon.

Thursday 22 October

- Directors' Board Meeting 7pm

Friday 23 October

- **Year 6 Bovington Tank Museum** – Educational visit.
- **End of Autumn 1** – School finishes at 3pm for the half-term holiday.

Looking ahead

School will be closed to pupils on **Monday 2 November** for our staff INSET day.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 3 November** for the start of Autumn 2.

Autumn term dates 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM

OCTOBER 2026

Date	Time	Event
Mon 19 Oct	Morning and afternoon	Flu vaccinations taking place in school Dorset nursing service
	3.20–6pm	Parents Evening (virtual)
Tue 20 Oct	7pm	PFA meeting
Wed 21 Oct	Morning	Year 2, 5 and 6 - African drumming workshops
	All day	Year 3 Egyptian Day
	1.15 – 2.15pm	Prospective Parent Tour
	From 12:30pm	Year 5 Boys' football tournament @ Littledown
Wed 21 Oct	3.20–7pm	Parents Evening (virtual)
Fri 23 Oct	All day	Year 6 - Bovington Tank Museum Trip
	3pm	School closes for October Half Term <i>Please note that the application deadline for secondary school (Y6) is the 31.10.26</i>

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)
Thu 12 Nov	9 – 10am	School nurse Parent drop-in
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
Mon 23 Nov	9 - 12	ASD parent workshop led by Linwood School Please email: LTSA@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk to book your space and indicate whether you would like 1 or 2 spaces.
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

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)
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
	12.30pm	Collection of toy appeal School closes for Christmas