

MOSSEND PS & NC

Newsletter

May / June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are at that time of year already where we are writing our final newsletter of this academic session and sharing our end of session plans...a school year truly does fly past. We will have our staffing for next session confirmed shortly, this will then allow us to formulate our classes and share these structures with you in due course.

Although we are planning our end of year activities, we are still conscious of the hard work which will still be undertaken over this term, so we ensure that every child attains what they are capable of prior to the summer break. Attendance remains as important as ever and will continue to be monitored closely over these summer months.

Our P7 pupils are looking fabulous in their leavers' hoodies – we wish them an amazing final term in Mossend and we would like to thank our Parent Council for helping to subsidise the cost of these.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative, but if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, keep an eye out for our tweets and emails for the latest updates.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch

Head Teacher



Birthdays

A big 'happy birthday' to the following school children who celebrate their birthdays in May, June or July: Cali, Lana May, Lucie, Marley, Francesca, Baillie, Coby, Reilie, Olly, Anaya, Olivia, Theo, Olivia, Lillie, Zara, Logan, Dominic, Andrew, Tomasz, Riley, Georgia-May, Ruby, Emily, Mason, Lilyana, Luis, Finnlay, Amelie, Rubyn, Oscar, Oliver, Cara, Carly, Euan, Paige, Sophie, Max, Laci, Lily, Grace, Jordan, Evie, Macie, Emelie, Arlo, Arianna, Harley, Skye, Josh, Albi, Arlo, Chloe, Poppy, Aleena, Declan, Ava, Thomas, Maya, Lily, Leo, Zach, Lucas, Jayden, Kyle, Ayda, Joshua, Levi, Poppy, Carter, Layton, Koa, Noah, Jordan, Alba, Khadijah, Eva, Aria Rose and Senulya.

Also, to the following nursery children who celebrate their birthday in May, June or July: Karson, Emily, Amelia, Ellie, Brandon, Nova, Odin, Azaan, Sofia, Adam, Luca, Cody, Summer, Marshall and Callum.

Your Mossend friends hope you all have a very special day!



Mossend Nursery

The Nursery children are excited about their upcoming trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park on Friday 13th June 2025. More information to follow.

Due to their curiosity around this we have been beginning to explore animals through play and learning experiences in the playroom.

We would like to thank all families for their generosity in our recent sponsored danceathon, which took place to raise funds towards our Summer Trip. We raised an amazing £953.85!!! Thank you for your support.

Our pre-school children have been enjoying transition visits to Primary 1. A reminder that our parent information session for pre-school children is on Wednesday 21st May. Children will also have a graduation celebration on Friday 20th June at 10am.



Attendance and Lateness

Attendance continues to be a strong priority across our authority, and nationally. At Mossend PS we are monitoring attendance closely and working alongside partner agencies to support families in improving this.

There is a direct link between attendance and attainment and we cannot stress the importance of good attendance for your children.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives at school for their start time so they do not miss key teaching and learning.

If you are needing to report pupil absence, this can be done via Parents Portal. If you are planning to phone the school, please call after 8.15am as the office is not staffed until 8.15am.

School Uniform for Session 2025/2026

We are aware that some of you may now be thinking about purchasing uniforms for the new session. A reminder of our uniform policy:

Formal Uniform

- Royal blue jumpers and cardigans (school branding optional)
- White shirt and tie
- Grey trousers/pinafores/skirts
- Blue Tartan pinafores/skirts

Please note, the colour black is not in line with the school's uniform policy.

PE Kit

- Royal blue hoodie or jumper
- White t-shirt/polo shirt
- Black leggings, shorts or joggers

Children will be permitted to come to school wearing their PE Kit on gym days (twice per week) as long as they are in correct formal school uniform on the other 3 days.

Nursery Uniform (Uniform is not compulsory for nursery children)

Royal blue polo shirt and sweatshirt or own clothes.

Appointments (Reminder)

Where possible, appointments should be made out with the school day. If this is not possible then an appointment letter should be produced in advance of when your child needs to be excused from class time. Please call in advance and inform us of appointments.

We have an increasing number of children with afternoon appointments, particularly on a Friday. This is disruptive to learning, and to the running of the school through unplanned office interruptions at busy times.

We appreciate your understanding with this.



Sports Day

Our School & Nursery Sports Day is planned for Tuesday the 10th of June 2025. Children will participate in a number of activities at Holy Family Park. This is dependent on weather, if the day is cancelled it will take place on the next dry day.

Run NL

On Sunday 24th August, Run NL are holding a Half Marathon and 5K at Ravenscraig Sports Centre. As our school is on the Half Marathon route, we have been asked to design the medal for the participants of the Half Marathon. All children will be given a template to complete this in class. The winner will be invited to present the medal on the day. We are excited to see all of the creative designs!





End of Term Service

Our End of Term Service will be held on Monday 23rd June at 10am in Bellshill Central Parish Church. This event marks the end of the school year and all that we have achieved, we also incorporate our Awards Ceremony, and mark our P7 Leavers. This is always a lovely event to round off our year. Children will be escorted and seated in the Church downstairs with school staff and will be seated in their classes. Parents are invited to join us and to utilise the seating upstairs. Children will return to school by staff after the event.

All children should be dressed in full school uniform for the service.

Mossend House System

Our House Captains and Vice Captains will continue to work together to take turns in preparing and presenting at our whole school assemblies. They will also be supporting the organisation and running of Sports Day and Mossend's Got Talent.

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Health and Wellbeing

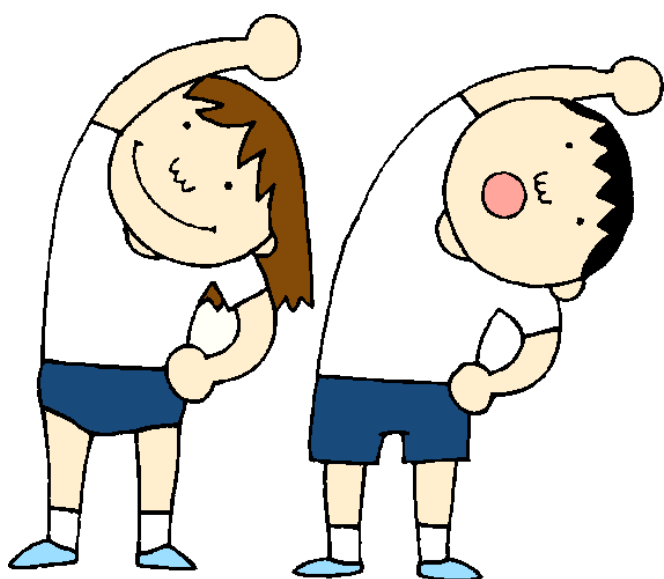
In June, Health & Wellbeing will focus on Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood at all stages within the school. We are aware a lot of parents will have questions about the content of lessons for their child's stage. A parent information session will be held on Wednesday 28th May at 2pm where parents will have the chance to look at resources in more detail and ask any questions.



Physical Education (Reminder)

We continue to ensure that our children receive their 2-hour entitlement of physical education each week. This comprises of 1 hour of indoor PE, and 1 hour of outdoor PE. On these days we would appreciate your support in ensuring that long hair is tied back, jewellery is removed, and children have their water bottles with them.

In relation to new piercings, these must be covered with a plaster either prior to coming to school, or children need to apply themselves in school. This is in accordance with NLC guidelines to ensure that children can access their entitlement safely.



Partnerships

Unitas Court

This year, we have continued to nurture connections with the residents at Unitas Court. Some pupils have had the opportunity to get involved in a number of events such as a board games morning, a Christmas Carol performance and an Easter Crafts morning. We have also arranged a reading event later in the term for some pupils to attend.

Holy Family Primary School

Primary 7s from both schools have worked successfully together in the Nil by Mouth workshops. We have also joined together in celebration of Book Week Scotland. This last term, P2–P5 pupils will spend some time at the park beside Holy Family Primary School, getting to play with pupils in the same year group as them. P6 and P7 pupils will also have the opportunity to put their name forward to participate in the annual Mossend vs Holy Family Football Tournament in June.

St Andrew's Hospice

P5/4 have been working hard to raise funds for St. Andrew's Hospice through their Teddy Bear Enterprise project. We will keep you updated with their successes in the near future!

Mossend Parent Lending Library

We are excited to announce that we have launched a lending library for adults in our school community. This was initially launched at our Parent Consultation evening in March. If you would like to borrow a book from our lending library, it can be found outside the school office, beside the main door.

If you would like to donate any books for the lending library, we would greatly appreciate this! Please drop them in at the school office.



Water Bottles and Suncream

As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle as we are unable to provide plastic cups in school. They will be able to refill their bottles in school with water from the fountains.

We have also been lucky to experience some sunny days since returning after the Spring/Easter break. We are asking that you ensure children come to school wearing suncream on these days as we are unable to apply suncream to children when they are in school. Children are also able to bring suncream to school in their bags and apply it themselves for a top up during the school day.



Mossend's Got Talent

We're excited to let you know that our annual Mossend's Got Talent will be taking place on the 5th of June during school hours. This fun-filled event is a chance for students to showcase their talents and support their classmates in a positive and encouraging environment. From singing and dancing to comedy and magic, the talent show is all about building confidence, celebrating creativity, and having fun together as a school community.

There will be a first round of auditions taking place on the 14th of May for P1-3 pupils and on the 15th of May for P4-7 pupils. Finalists will be announced on the 19th of May. Please note: due to limited space, unfortunately the talent show will be for pupils and staff only. If you have any questions regarding the talent show, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Lamont. We ask that pupils inform their class teacher of their interest in taking part by Friday the 9th of May.

**FINAL ON THURSDAY
5TH JUNE 2025**

**MOSSEND'S
GOT TALENT**

AUDITIONS:

**P1-3: WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY
2025**

**P4-7: THURSDAY 15TH MAY
2025**

**FINALISTS ANNOUNCED ON:
MONDAY 19TH MAY 2025**





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Parents Portal

As of August 2024, we are now completely paper and cash free in line with North Lanarkshire Council policy. All communication and money collections will be processed online via Parents Portal. This includes the completion of the annual data check, EV5 forms for school outings, photograph permissions and digital use agreements. Currently, we have 88% of our school community signed up for Parents Portal, however it is necessary for **all** parents to be signed up. We would encourage you to access the following link and ensure that your account is set up.

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/nl-digital-school/parents-portal>

If you are having any issues, signing up or accessing anything, please contact clerical staff at the school office.

Parent Council Area

Our final Parent Council meeting for this session took place on Monday the 28th of April at 4.45pm and we were joined by Beth Baudo, a local councillor. Minutes from this meeting can be found in the school foyer.

All parents can attend Parent Council meetings as part of the parent forum. If you would like to attend future meetings, please let us know.



Dates for your Diary

May

Thursday 1st – P4/3 and P4 trip to the Science Centre

Thursday 1st – P5 play at the park with Holy Family PS

Monday 5th – May Day Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 6th – In-service Day – school and nursery closed to pupils

Thursday 8th – P4 play at the park with Holy Family PS

Tuesday 13th – P6/5 trip to Dynamic Earth

Wednesday 14th – P1-3 Mossend's Got Talent Auditions

Thursday 15th – P4-7 Mossend's Got Talent Auditions

Thursday 15th – P3 play at the park with Holy Family PS

Friday 16th – P5/4 Teddy Bear Enterprise Showcase (time tbc)

Tuesday 20th – P7 Parent Information Evening at Bellshill Academy

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st – Day 1 of P7 2-day visit to Bellshill Academy

Wednesday 21st – New Primary 1 Enrolment – Parent Information Session at 9.15am

Thursday 22nd – Day 2 of P7 2-day visit to Bellshill Academy

Thursday 22nd – P2 play at the park with Holy Family PS

Friday 23rd – May Weekend – School and Nursery closed

Monday 26th – May Weekend – School and Nursery closed

Wednesday 28th – Reading with the Residents at Unitas Court

Wednesday 28th – RSHP Parent Information Session at 2pm

Thursday 29th – Parent Consultation Evening

Friday 30th – Mossend Fun Day

June

Tuesday 3rd – P6/P7 Football Tournament with Holy Family

Dates for your Diary

June

Wednesday 4th – New Primary 1
Enrolment – School Parent and Child
Lunch Visit at 11.15am

Thursday 5th – Mossend's Got Talent Final

Friday 6th – P3/2 Parent Showcase (am)

Tuesday 10th – Sports Day

Friday 13th – Nursery Trip to Blair
Drummond Safari Park

Tuesday 17th – P4 Parent Showcase (am)

Thursday 19th – P7 Leavers' Party at the
Alex James from 7pm until 9pm

Friday 20th – Nursery Graduation at
10am

Monday 23rd – End of Term Service at
10am

Monday 23rd – Best class/House of the
term celebration

Tuesday 24th – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 25th – House/Class of the year
treats

Wednesday 25th – School closes at 1pm

***Save the Date – Mossend Christmas
Fayre – Thursday the 27th of November
(time tbc)**

Please note that dates for the diary
are subject to change. Any changes
will be communicated as and when
required.

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