Mossbank Primary Newsletter August 2026

Hello and welcome back to a new year at Mossbank School!

I am delighted to be welcoming all the children back and very much looking forward to another very successful and enjoyable year at Mossbank. I hope you have all enjoyed your holidays, despite the rubbish weather!

Staffing

There are some staffing changes to begin the new school year.

As you are probably aware Miss Emma Nisbet, Senior Practitioner in ELC, has left us to complete her probationary year as a primary teacher. We will miss Emma but we are delighted that Miss Lauren Anderson will be acting Senior Practitioner until July.

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Charlene Turrell to the Nursery team as temp Support Worker.

Miss Samantha McDonald is moving to the role of Learning Support Worker, as is Mrs Heather McKimm. We wish them both well in their new positions.

We also welcome Miss Jodie Saunders to the role that Samantha has vacated, that of Learning Support Assistant.

We also welcome back Ms Laurie-Ann Carr to her role as Art Teacher.

Public Bus

We are delighted that, after much lobbying from the school, community and elected officials, the Number 23 bus route has been moved to include Mossbank. The bus will be at the Maidenfield bus stop at 3.30pm. This is excellent news for our community and means that parents and children going to Sandside and Leaside will be able to benefit from this service going home from school.

We are currently reviewing arrangements for pupils going home and you will soon be given a form to fill in asking about home time and the usual arrangements in place. eg,. Will be collected by parent, will walk home, will get the bus etc.
We would always recommend that children in P1-3 be collected by an adult.

If you are happy for your older children to get the bus home by themselves please let the school know. Please note that children getting the public bus will be expected to leave the school premises at 3.15 as usual and wait in the Maidenfield bus stop unsupervised until the bus arrives at 3.30pm.

If there is any change in the usual home time arrangements please let us know.

Learner Led Parents' Event

The first event of the year is a Learner Led Parents' event on **Wednesday the 16th September from 6-7pm.**

This is not a formal parents' evening where individual children's progress will be discussed, it is just an opportunity for the bairns to show you their learning spaces and tell you about school.

You are invited to attend a short presentation from the Head Teacher at 6pm in the ELC area, you can then go downstairs and see the classrooms and chat with staff. During the presentation the bairns can go downstairs with their teachers.

I hope you can make it!

Family Fridays

Our popular Family Fridays are continuing this year and will be between **2:15pm and 3.15pm**. Our School and ELC will be open for you to come in with your child and take part in the activities on offer. The dates and themes for the Family Fridays are:



Friday 2nd October – Healthy Eating

Friday 20th November 2026 – Children in Need

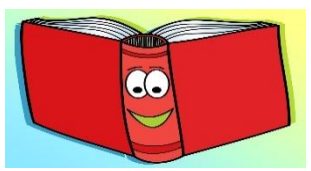
Friday 28rd January 2027 – World Lego Day

Friday 5th March 2027 – World Book Day Quiz

MacMillan Coffee Morning

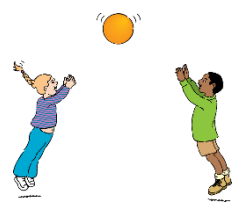
The ELC are planning a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday the 25th September, from 9:30-10:30. We would be delighted if you could make it. This is open to all members of the community.

Book Fair



It has been a number of years since our school last hosted a Scholastic Book Fair, this year we are planning to host one the week beginning **14th September**. We will let you know specific times and dates nearer the time.

Visiting Specialists



PE will continue to be on **Fridays** this year and I would remind you all that, although we do not ask pupils to change for PE, they are expected to wear suitable clothing that day. Loose fitting trousers or shorts and trainers are essential. Please ensure your child is wearing or has these with them on Fridays.

Art will be on **Mondays.**

Music will continue on **Thursdays.**

Parent Council

We'd love to see you at our Parent Council AGM! 😊 It's a great chance to come along, meet other parents, hear what's happening in school and, most importantly, have your say. There's no pressure to take on a role or commit to anything – we'd just really value your ideas, views and support. The more parents we have involved, the stronger our school community becomes, so please come along, grab a cuppa and join us – new faces are always very welcome!

The meeting is on **Friday 2nd October** straight after Family Friday.

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Quick Dates for your diary



Book Fair week – **14th -18th Sept**

Learner Led parents' event - **16th Sept**

McMillan Coffee morning- **Friday 25th September**

Parent Council Meeting - **Friday 2nd October**

Mossbank School Christmas Craft Fair – **28th November**

Christmas Jumper Day – **10th December**

Christmas Event – **9th December**

ELC Christmas party – **15th December**

Kirk Service – 18th- **December, 10:30am**

World Book Day – **4th March 2027**

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School Term Dates 26/27

- Term 1: Wednesday 19 August 2026 – Friday 9 October 2026
- Term 2: Wednesday 28 October 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026
- Term 3: Tuesday 5 January 2027 – Wednesday 24 March 2027
- Term 4: Wednesday 7 April 2027 – Friday 2 July 2027
- Term Dates

Occasional Holiday Dates

- Wednesday 27 January 2027
- Friday 12 February 2027
- Monday 15 February 2027
- Friday 21 May 2027
- Monday 24th

In-Service Dates

- Monday 17 August 2026
- Tuesday 18 August 2026
- Monday 26 October 2026
- Tuesday 27 October 2026
- Tuesday 16 February 2027