New Moston Primary School

Focused on Growth, Rooted in Pride

School Newsletter – October 2026

Dear Parents, Carers,

Welcome to our October newsletter, here you will find information of all the amazing things we have been doing across school, developments, important information and dates for the upcoming weeks. As always, please feel free to reach out to your child's class teacher or to the office if you have any concerns or questions.

Mr Stewart

What a Fantastic First Half-Term!

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had at New Moston Primary School! October has been another busy and exciting month, filled with fantastic learning, new experiences and plenty of reasons to celebrate. As we reflect on our first half-term, we are incredibly proud of how well our children have settled into their new classes. Across school, we have seen children demonstrating our school values of **Growth, Standards, Attitude and Pride** in everything they do. From purposeful mornings and exciting learning opportunities to improvements in handwriting, presentation and reading, there has been so much to celebrate. We would like to thank our families for their continued support and our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication.

Staffing updates

We are delighted to share some exciting updates to our school leadership team.

Mrs Toshkezi, previously our Associate Deputy Headteacher and Head of Lower School, has been successfully appointed as Deputy Headteacher for Quality of Education. In this role, she will continue to drive high standards of teaching and learning across the whole school, ensuring that every child receives the very best educational opportunities.

Mrs Kearns has taken on the role of Acting Assistant Headteacher, with a particular focus on Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Personal Development. She will continue to support our youngest learners while helping to ensure that all children benefit from a rich range of experiences and opportunities to develop personally and socially.

Mrs Ellison has been appointed as Acting SENCO, supporting SEND and inclusion across the school. She will work closely with children, families and staff to ensure that all pupils receive the support they need to thrive.

We welcome Mrs Rowland, who has recently joined New Moston Primary School as our new School Business Manager. Mrs Rowland is a fantastic addition to our Senior Leadership Team and will play an important role in supporting the smooth running of our school. Her responsibilities include overseeing school finances, resources and day-to-day business operations, helping to ensure that our school continues to provide the very best opportunities for our children. We are thrilled to have her on board and look forward to working with her.

We are excited about these appointments and the positive impact they will have as we continue to strengthen our provision and maintain high expectations for every child at New Moston Primary School.

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We're Off to the Pantomime!

Oh yes we are!

We are delighted to announce that our children will be heading to Middleton Arena to watch the magical pantomime *Cinderella*!

At New Moston Primary School, we believe that learning goes far beyond the classroom. We are passionate about providing our children with exciting experiences and opportunities that create lasting memories, broaden their horizons and enrich their education. For some of our children, this may be their very first experience of visiting a theatre, making this trip even more special! The pantomime is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience the magic of live performance, develop their imagination and creativity, and enjoy a shared experience with their friends and teachers. We cannot wait to see the excitement on the children's faces as they enjoy the music, laughter and magic of *Cinderella*.

If you have not already paid there is still time. Please contact the school office.

Young Voices

We are delighted that preparations for Young Voices 2027 are officially underway! Our after-school choir sessions have started, and the excitement is already building as our children begin learning and rehearsing their songs.

In January, our choir will have the amazing opportunity to perform at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester, joining thousands of other children to sing together in what promises to be a truly spectacular event! For many of our children, performing in such an incredible venue will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we cannot wait to see them shine!

Phonics Reading Hub

An exciting new space where a love of reading can grow!

We are thrilled to announce the development of our brand-new Phonics and Reading Hub. This exciting new space will be much more than just a library. It will be a welcoming, inspiring environment where children can immerse themselves in books, develop their phonics skills and grow into confident, enthusiastic readers.

Our Phonics and Reading Hub will provide a range of fantastic opportunities, including:

- Phonics Learning and Keep-Up Sessions – A dedicated space where children can receive additional support, practise their phonics skills and build confidence in reading.
- Read, Relax and Enjoy! – A cosy, inviting environment where children can explore books, enjoy stories and discover the pleasure of reading.
- Parent Workshops – Opportunities for parents and carers to join us, learn more about how we teach phonics and reading, and discover practical ways to support their children at home.
- A Space for Everyone – An environment designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading and ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed.

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We know that reading opens doors to endless possibilities. Our new hub will play an important role in strengthening our reading provision, supporting children who need that extra boost and bringing our school community together through a shared love of books.

We cannot wait to welcome our children and families into this wonderful new space!

Our High-Vis Team!

One of our favourite parts of the school day is welcoming our wonderful children and families each morning! Our Senior Leadership and Pastoral Teams love being at the front of school, greeting everyone with a smile and helping our children start their day feeling happy, safe and ready to learn.

As always, we are here for you too! Whether you have a quick question, a query, a concern or simply want to say hello, please come over and have a chat. We really value our relationships with our families and believe that working together makes all the difference for our children.

Staying Safe as the Days Get Darker!

As the mornings and evenings become darker, we would like to remind all our families of the importance of staying safe when travelling to and from school. If your child cycles to school, please ensure their bike has working front and rear lights, reflectors and that they wear a properly fitted helmet. We also encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing so they can be easily seen by motorists. Please remind children to take extra care when crossing roads, use designated crossings where possible and stay alert to traffic. Let's work together to keep all our children safe during the darker winter months.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child continue to attend school regularly, our school standard for attendance is 96% and our higher standard is 98%. Our attendance team are there to support you with school attendance, please get in touch by emailing pastoral@newmoston.manchester.sch.uk