

Moulton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our first round of parent meetings on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share how well the children have settled into the new school year and to discuss how we can work together to make this year a happy and successful one for every child.

If you haven't yet booked your appointment, there's still time — simply log in and book a slot for **Wednesday 15th October**. We look forward to seeing you then! <https://moultonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

A Pause for Thought on Smartphones...

In recent years, we've all seen how quickly technology has become part of our children's lives. Smartphones, tablets and online games can offer fun, learning and connection — but they can also bring challenges, particularly for younger children who are still developing their sense of self and the world around them.

In school, we sometimes notice how children's attention, sleep, and social skills can be affected by screen time. Families tell us the same — that managing screens can feel like a constant balancing act!

I'd like to share with you a short, powerful film called "*A Stolen Childhood*", created by the charity *Nip in the Bud* and shared through the *Smartphone Free Childhood* initiative. The film explores how smartphone use and social media can impact children's wellbeing, friendships, and happiness — and offers practical ideas for parents who want to help their children flourish both online and offline.

You can watch the film here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/resource/a-stolen-childhood-short-film>

As a school, we are reflecting on how we can best support children's healthy development in this digital age — and we invite you to join us in thinking about what a balanced, joyful, "real world" childhood can look like today.

Thank you...

To everyone who attended, donated, or created cakes and bakes for our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a fantastic event, and together, we raised over £300 for this brilliant charity.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Miss Jones

Poppy Appeal 2025

We are proud to be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal once again this year. Poppies have now arrived in school, and our Year 6 pupils will be visiting classrooms during the week commencing **Monday 3rd November** to offer poppies and related merchandise in exchange for donations.



If you would like your child to take part, please send them in with **silver coins only** during that week. They will be able to choose an item from the available poppy merchandise in return for their donation.

Thank you for your continued support of this important cause.

The Classroom News

Year 6



This term, Year 6 have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and curiosity in their science unit on classification. They began by researching Carl Linnaeus and his creation of Taxonomy, before diving into the fascinating world of vertebrates and invertebrates. From performing a lively animal classification rap and playing 'Heads Up' to identify organisms by their characteristics the pupils have shown fantastic teamwork and scientific thinking.

They went on to research more unusual organisms, confidently applying their knowledge to classify and compare complex species. The unit concluded with a hands-on investigation into how mould grows on bread in different environments - with pupils planning, predicting and recording like genuine scientists. We are so proud of their hard work, curiosity and impressive scientific skills this term!



Prefect Team 2025-26

This week, we have been thrilled to announce our new prefect team for 2025-26. All members of Year 6 are invited to apply for the prestigious role of prefect at the start of the new year. The standard of applications this year, as always, has been very high and the Senior Leadership Team have spent a long time considering each application, consulting the Year 5 and 6 teachers to elect children into their roles. We have thought carefully about which role is most appropriate for each child and are confident that we have made a great choice. The applications were written brilliantly, detailing how children's previous leadership opportunities in school have prepared them well for the role.



Our expectations of the prefects are high; prefects set very high standards for themselves and expect others to follow. They will be visible around school, wearing their lanyards so that they are easily identified by other children.

In addition to the Family Head role, our prefect team also oversees responsibilities at lunchtime, in the library and with the reception children. We have expanded our Personal Assistant team in order to fully support both the admin team and the Senior Leadership Team in the operational running of the school.

Each role comes with significant responsibility focusing on the effective running of the school. Throughout the year, the prefect team will assist with various events. They will support at parent meetings and open evenings, meet visitors to the school, develop key areas of the school site, attend School Council meetings on behalf of their family as well as many other day-to-day duties.

Family Heads		
Crick	Spencer	Tull
Frank	Jude	Finley
Everly	Anastasia	Naevia

Personal Assistants		
Crick	Spencer	Tull
Hanna	Nicole	Gracie
Jack	Eva	Tobi

Whilst	Our Prefect Team		
	Crick	Spencer	Tull
	Peggy	Harlan	Eva
	Pixie	Harper	Jasmine
	Molly	Rowan	Harry
	Corey	Pixie	Oliver
	Carmela	Thanvi	Amaya
	Antek	Evolene	Olivia

our prefect applications have now closed for this year, we are yet to announce our Subject Ambassadors. This role involves working alongside teachers with a subject responsibility to improve children's experience of the subject across school. Announcements for this role will be made in the coming weeks.

Donations Request – Toys and Books for Playtime

We kindly request your support in donating any old or unused items that could be enjoyed by our children during break and lunchtimes. We are currently looking for the following:

- Toy cars
- LEGO
- Car mats
- Dolls and doll's clothes
- Action figures
- Children's reading books



If you have any of these items at home and are happy to part with them, please feel free to drop them off at the school office.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help enhance the children's playtime experiences.

Thank you for your continued support.

Harvest

Moulton Primary School will hold Harvest celebrations on Monday, 13th, and Tuesday, 14th October. During these two days, children will participate in assemblies. On Monday, Jenna Griffiths from the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation will speak to them about the charity, and on Tuesday, representatives from Moulton Parish Church will lead a Harvest celebration.

The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation is a community-focused charity addressing isolation, mental health issues, and financial hardship. It supports local residents through food aid, social engagement, and educational programs. This year, we invite those who wish to participate to donate tinned or non-perishable food items and small toiletries. These contributions will be delivered to the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation to aid those in need.

Please ensure that any contributions arrive at school between Thursday, 9th October, and Monday, 13th October.

We sincerely thank you for any donations you can offer.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Dates in the Diary

DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	TIME
13th October	Hockey Team	Hockey Competition	
14th October	Year 6	Citizen Workshop	Normal School Hours
15th October	Selected Yr 6	DT Event	Normal School Hours
15th October	Whole School	Parents evening	3.40pm - 6.30pm
16th October	EYFS	Storytime	2.45pm
21st October	Year 6	Life Education Visitor	Normal School Hours
6th November	Year 6	SATs Information Meeting	9am, 3.30pm, 6pm
12th November	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
12th November	Prospective EYFS parents	EYFS Tour	6:00 PM
13th November	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
14th November	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
18th November	Whole School	School photos - individual and sibling	Normal School Hours
19th November	Year 3	School Trip	8.50 - 3.45pm
20th November	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations	Normal School Hours
23rd November	Year 6 Strictly	Strictly Juniors	1:00 PM
6th December	Year 6	Windrush Workshop	Normal School Hours

11th December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day (requires booking via fresh start)	Normal School Hours
17th December	KS2	Christmas school trip - Royal & Derngate	Normal School Hours
19th December	EYFS & KS1	Christmas school trip - Royal & Derngate	Normal School Hours
26th January	4, 5 & 6	Young Voices	TBC
4th March	Whole School	Class photo's	Normal School Hours
27th April	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
28th April	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
29th April	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
11th May - 13th May	Year 4	Residential	TBC
11th - 14th May	Year 6	SATs	Normal School Hours
1st June - 5th June	Year 6	PGL	TBC
15th June	Crick Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
16th June	Spencer Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am
17th June	Tull Family	Maths Morning	8.30 - 9.15am

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: SQA full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>



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THE TEAM

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