

# Mossgrove Monthly

Mossgrove Primary School  
and Nursery Unit



June 2025

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## DIARY DATES

### SCHOOL RETURNS

**28 AUGUST 2025 8.50AM –  
12.30PM**

*\*Separate arrangements for Nursery & P1\**

Friday 29 Aug	<b><u>PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED</u></b>
Wed 10 Sept	<b>P6 begin Swimming Lessons</b>
Fri 19 Sept	<b>Registration for P7 SEAG closes</b>
Mon 27 Oct - Fri 31 Oct	<b>Half Term</b>
Sat 15 Nov	<b>1st SEAG Assessment P7</b>
Sat 22 Nov	<b>2nd SEAG Assessment P7</b>
Wed 26 Nov	<b>P1-7 flu vaccinations</b>
Fri 19 Dec	<b>Pupils finish at 12.30pm</b>



## END OF TERM AND THANK YOU

We have come to the end of another busy and fun-filled year in the life of our school. It has been a fantastic year with many highlights and special memories.

We are very proud of all the children for their progress and achievements in their learning and personal development this year.

It is the end of an era for our wonderful P7 children and many families who have been associated with the school for a long time, as well as our wonderful Mrs Gillespie who is retiring after her amazing 42 years of dedicated service.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Bingham, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Alawat for their hard work and contribution to our school and wish them well for the future.

I would like to thank the whole staff team at Mossgrove for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the children throughout the year.

I am very grateful for the dedicated work and support provided by the Board of Governors and the PTA.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the parents and carers for the continued support with your child's education and for your support and encouragement within the wider school community as a whole. It is very much appreciated.

I hope you and your family have a happy and relaxing summer.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to remind parents of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform.

Girls and boys should come to school every day in their full Mossgrove uniform.

Trainers or boots should not be worn, **only plain black school shoes please.**

The exception to wearing school uniform is for P4-P7 on set PE days as given by their teacher in September. The correct **P.E kit is plain navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms** and trainers, along with the Mossgrove polo and sweatshirt

Please note, no other PE uniform will be accepted from September onwards.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS / UNIFORM GRANTS

If your child is entitled to free school meals and a uniform grant please renew/apply online as soon as possible. Please see link below.

[freeschoolmealsanduniforms.eani.org.uk/](https://freeschoolmealsanduniforms.eani.org.uk/)

Early renewal ensures your child can commence their free meals from the start of term.

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## The School Leavers' Assembly and Annual Prize Giving

The School Leavers' Assembly and Annual Prize Giving took place on Thursday 26 June. It was a very special and enjoyable morning which was well supported by parents and friends of Primary 7. The children led the assembly, sharing their memories, singing and entertaining us with their many talents. Rev Lockhart also spoke to the children about starting their new journey as they move onto their next school and they received a 'Moving On' book from Ballyhenry Church.

Each child also received their 'Record of Achievement' along with a Dictionary/Thesaurus and photo frame from the PTA. Miss Ferguson, their class teacher included a special P7 class photograph and QR link to their memory video.

We are very proud of all our P7 pupils and their many achievements throughout their time at Mossgrove! They have been a hard-working, happy and fun class who have made great friends throughout the years. We will miss them and wish them every success in their new schools and for the future!

## PRIZE WINNERS 2025

Our prize winners for 2025 were announced in our Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly on Thursday.

**P4 McCabe Cup**                      **Leo Kane and Caleb Babalola**  
(Boys' contribution to school life and academic improvement)

**P4 Kerr Cup**                      **Tanya Rajewaran and Rebecca Ke**  
(Girls' contribution to school life and academic improvement)

**Henderson Cup**                      **Brooke McMullan**

(Achievement in Language and Literacy)

**Henderson Cup**                      **Harry Ewart**  
(Achievement in Mathematics and Numeracy)

**P7 Montgomery Cup**              **Katie Shannon**  
(Girls' Hard work and personal achievement)

**Longwell Cup**                      **Joel Gamble**  
(Boys' Hard Work and personal achievement)

**Endeavour Cup**                      **Michael McCullough**

**McCartney Cup**                      **Isobel McClelland**  
(Music)

**Cooke Cup**                      **Grace Fulton**  
(Drama)

**Grimason Cup**                      **Archie Bell**  
(Sports Personality of the year)

**Ardchonnell Cup**                      **Mollie Neill**  
(Educational visits)

**P7 Young Entrepreneur Cup**      **Katie Moore**





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## FAREWELL PRIMARY 7

What a great group of children you are! Each one of you will be greatly missed and will always be a special part of the Mossgrove Family. Thank you for your hard work and contribution to the life of our school. We look forward to seeing you again soon and hearing all about your new adventures.

We send you our sincere best wishes and wish you every success for the future!





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## A VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT TO OUR MOST WONDERFUL MRS GILLESPIE

On 30 June, we said a fond farewell and special thanks to the wonderful Mrs Gillespie after 42 years working in Mossgrove! Mrs Gillespie has worked here since she first qualified as a teacher and has been outstanding in her work and dedication to the children and the whole school community.

Mrs Gillespie's dedication, talents and educational impact on the lives of so many children beginning their Primary School journey is simply outstanding! In addition, she has inspired and provided numerous children with opportunities to enjoy and engage with music and provided wonderful and memorable experiences for them, and indeed all of us, through her exceptional Nativities and musical productions.

We had a special assembly in the morning with the choir performing with Mrs Gillespie to the rest of the school. Then the choir and Mrs Jinariu performed a special set of choir pieces for Mrs Gillespie, with the final song, finishing with the words, 'Thank you for the Music, our special Mrs G!'

The Primary 1 class and parents made her a special memory book which was presented to her alongside many beautiful gifts from all the pupils, parents and staff, both past and present. Mrs Gillespie was given a lovely garden bench, a bracelet, a picture and a voucher for her favourite restaurant, and she was absolutely delighted!

We will greatly miss Mrs Gillespie who will always be part of the Mossgrove Family. On behalf of the pupils, parents, staff and Board of Governors we wish Mrs Gillespie a long, happy and healthy retirement.





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## WELL DONE TO OUR AMAZING PRIMARY 3 PUPILS

Carson won a football trophy team with his team Crusaders!

Cora achieved a medal for gymnastics and James won his white belt in Ju-Jitsu!



## STAND BY ME

Earlier this month all of our children from Nursery—P7 took part in the 'Big Water Walk' to raise some money for our sponsor children Akewak and Fanose in Ethiopia.

A massive thank you for your donations and generosity! The amazing amount of £1,767 was raised!

This covers the cost for this past year and will allow us to support the children for almost the next 3 years.



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## MOSSGROVE PRIMARY WRAP AROUND CARE

Our Wrap Around Care for P1 to P7 now operates 8.00am to 5.00pm each week day term time.

Places can be booked for the new school year via SchoolMoney.

We also accept government child care vouchers! This equates to 20% off reduction to your club costs. Once you have set up your account with HMRC using the link <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> please email Mrs McCudden your reference number [tmccudden353@c2kni.net](mailto:tmccudden353@c2kni.net)

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## **VOTE FOR Mossgrove Primary and Nursery**



**1 July to 30 September**

**We have been selected for public voting to win funding from  
Tesco Stronger Starts, for enhancement  
to our outdoor learning space.**



### **To Vote**

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within the below stores of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

**Location:** 

**TESCO,**  
Antrim Road Superstore BT15 3BG  
Newtownabbey Superstore BT36 7GU  
Mayfield Express Express BT36 7WU  
Ballygomartin Superstore BT13 3LD  
Monkstown Express Express BT37 OHS  
Northcott Extra BT36 5HH  
North Belfast Doagh Road Express Express BT37 9QS



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The PTA would like to thank Family and Friends of pupils along with local businesses for your continued support and donations throughout the year.

Monies raised will continue to be spent on resources for the school to enhance learning, development and the children's experience throughout their nursery and primary school journey.

How we raised money this year:

Halloween guess how many spiders in the jar  
Christmas disco & tuck shop  
Christmas & toy raffles  
Pop up tuck shop  
Zumba fundraiser  
Break the rules day  
Return of the Summer fair  
Easy fundraising scheme  
Asda cashpot scheme

We raised a massive £4,261 - thank you!

How we have invested funds this year:

- \* Easter Bunny visit with tasty treats - which was thoroughly enjoyed
- \* Summer fair expenses including inflatables & face painting
- \* Gifted the P7 leavers Thesauruses
- \* Outdoor play resources for P1 & P2
- \* Ice cream van at sports day which was well deserved & at Nursery for an end of year treat

Money has been agreed and set aside for the purchase of new tablets for each class, in the next school year.

You can continue to support the school PTA over the summer when you're shopping online with Easyfundraising.

A percentage of your spend with participating businesses will go towards PTA funds.

The next AGM will take place in September, if you would like to get involved please come along.

Have a wonderful summer break!



Primary 1 to 7 enjoyed Sports Day and the rain mostly stayed off! Thank you to the PTA for the delicious ice-cream - the children really enjoyed it!



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# Primary 7 completed their cycling proficiency this term led by Mrs Dickinson and Mrs McKee.



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# Nursery enjoying the outdoors!



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# Primary 1 are gardeners!



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# Primary 2 visited Greenmount for a minibeast adventure and had an 'Ugly Bug Ball' to end their topic.



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# Primary 3 visited Oxford Island as part of their Shared Education Programme.

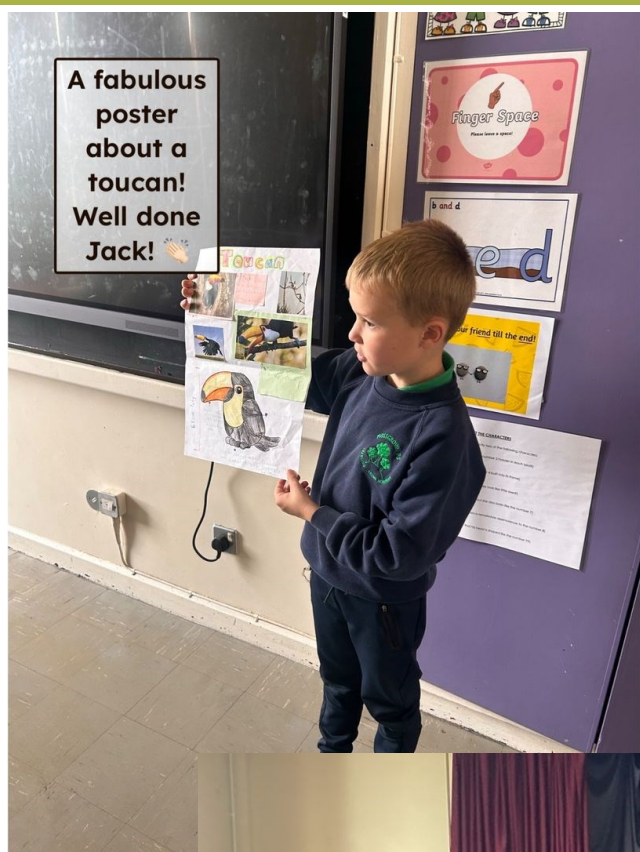


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# Primary 4 showed the whole school their fantastic learning and work on their bird projects.



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# Primary 5 are footballers!

## They visited Windsor Park and won their match against GIPS. Well done!



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# Primary 6 got a taste of life at ‘big school’ with an experience day at Ballyclare High.





# Primary 7 finished their year with fun-filled visits to W5 and Airtastic!

