

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

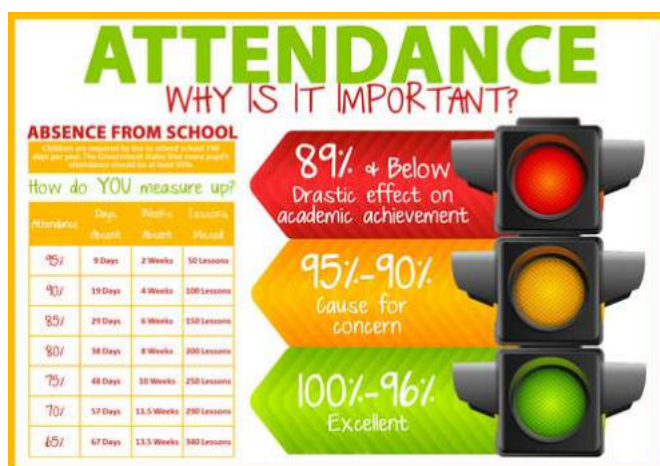


What a great first week last week when we welcomed everyone back to school! We loved meeting all our new children and we hope that they have felt settled and made some new friends. The children have been launched into their new topics, learning about countries in UK and Kenya in Key Stage 1, Norway in Lower Key Stage 2 and North America in Upper Key Stage 2, whilst the children in Reception are enjoying getting their teeth into 'The Gruffalo'!

Attendance

We had just four days in school last week – our whole school attendance was 96.2%.

Attendance and arriving at school on time has a direct impact on children's academic outcomes and their mental health and well-being so we always aim for our whole school attendance to be at least 96%! We understand that sometimes children really are too unwell to attend school, but if you are unsure, there is extensive government guidance to support you: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



Each class's attendance last week was as follows:

w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
01/09/25	96.2%	100%	100%	95.2%	96.3%	92.9%	91.3%

Forest School Kit

Please can children bring any extra items of clothing for Forest School, including wellies in a large re-useable shopping bag along with an extra plastic bag for muddy wellies.

Just a reminder that Year 6 have Forest school on a Wednesday and need waterproofs and wellies.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 have Forest School every Friday this half term and need to be in suitable clothing and footwear to take part. Please do not send your child in uniform on those days if they have Forest School as they are likely to get cold and muddy!

Headlice

We have had some cases of headlice in school so please could you check your child's hair regularly and ensure that long hair is tied up? There is further information to support anyone who thinks that they have a case of headlice at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

Many thanks.



Reception Parents - Phonics and learning to read!

Phonics

We would like to invite all the parents and carers of children in Reception to attend our Phonics Information Evening on Monday 22nd September at 3.30pm in the school hall. Reading is an essential skill, and phonics is prioritised as part of our teaching and learning in Early Years and Key Stage 1 at Moorside. We hope that the session will enable us to work together so that you can support your child at home too.

First Reading Café of 2025-26

We would like to invite ALL our families to our first Reading Café of the school year on Thursday 2nd October at 3.20pm in the school hall. Come and get reacquainted with our school library, borrow some books, play some reading games and learn about our class texts and authors who we are championing in each year group this year! As always, there will be some refreshments for everyone and it's a lovely opportunity to share a book and a cuppa! We hope to see you there!

Reading Cafe

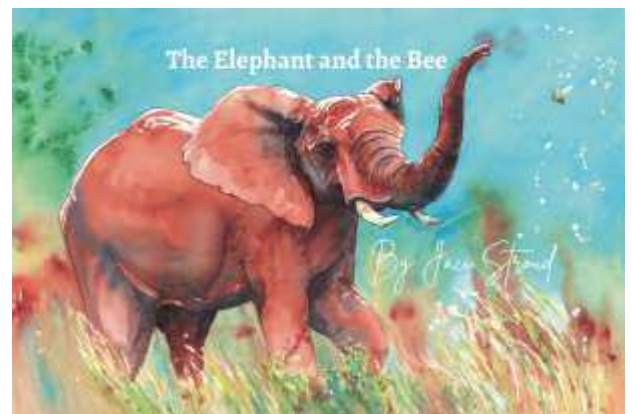


Music Lessons 🎵 🎹

Our Music lessons will begin again in school next week and Mrs Kitching has a little bit of space for singing or piano lessons for 20 mins or 30 minutes. You can enquire directly by emailing her at sarahkitchingmusic@gmail.com. Our lessons take place on rotation so that children are not missing the same lesson in the classroom each week.

The Elephant and the Bee - Jaci Stroud

Last year, we had a memorable visit from Jaci Stroud, an author and artist, who came to work with the children in Year 1 (our current Y2 children). They enjoyed listening to her story of 'The Elephant and the Bee' and had a unique opportunity to illustrate some of the story with her. The exciting news is that her book has now been published, and she has credited Moorside Primary School and Nursery in the story. Jaci wrote her book to help raise funds for the 'Save the Elephants' charity and is launching it at The Station in Richmond as part of her exhibition, 'Wonder in Wildlife', from Friday 12th to 23rd September.



She will also be displaying some of our children's beautiful artwork inspired by the story, alongside her own amazing illustrations. Jaci will be storytelling on the platform at The Station on Saturday 13th September if you are available and would like to visit the exhibition/hear the story. The storytelling times are at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm followed by an art activity with Jaci. We are looking forward to buying some copies of her book to read in school and Jaci is looking forward to returning to Moorside later this term to share her finished story with the children, especially our little illustrators who are now in Year 2.

Finally...a **HUGE** well done to Mrs Burland, who completed the Great North Run in just 1 hour and 39 minutes yesterday, coming in at 3,557th place overall out of 60,000 runners! What an amazing achievement and support for the Stroke Association! Super speedy!

I hope that you feel well informed about your child's learning this term, having received the letters from teachers and knowledge mats on Thursday last week, as well as lots of great homework challenges linking to their learning! We are looking forward to welcoming you into school – there are lots of dates for your diaries below!

If you have any questions, queries or any information to share we always appreciate it if you contact us as soon as you can by calling or emailing the school office and we will direct you to the best person to help you!

I hope that you all have a great week ahead.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Friday 19 th September 2025	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 22 nd September 2025	Phonics Information Evening for Reception Parents – 3.30pm
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Reading Café – 3.20pm
Tuesday 7 th October 2025	EYFS Harvest Assembly 9.30am
Friday 24 th October 2025	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Children Return to School after Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 5 th & Thursday 6 th November 2025	Parents Consultation Evenings (more details to follow)
w/c 10 th November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
w/c 17 th November 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nursery Rhyme Week
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	EYFS Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.45pm
Thursday 11 th December 2025	KS1 Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.45pm
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	KS2 Christmas Productions 9.15am and 2pm
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	Carols Around the Tree – morning (more details to follow)
Friday 19 th December 2025	Break-up at 3pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Children Return to School after the Christmas Holidays