

18th July 2025

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Friends,



I can't believe I am writing the final Newsletter of the school year and it has been another busy, exciting and successful one for Team Moorside! It has been lovely to reflect on some of the great events and learning experiences that have taken place each month....

In **September**, as well as a visit from the author Dan Smith, a visiting theatre performance from M&M productions and a 'dance in denim' for 'Jeans for Genes' day, we welcomed our new Reception children who

are now ready and raring to go up to Year 1.

They performed their first assembly for parents in **October** for harvest and also had a great Superhero day! Key Stage 1 headed to York Castle Museum to learn all about homes in the past, Years 3 and 4 were immersed in the Stone Age at the Yorkshire Museum and back in school we all wore yellow to raise money for World Mental Health Day!

In **November** we took part in the Service Pupils Armistice Day service, an Act of Remembrance at school and were treated to a musical performance of Letters from the Trenches by the children in Years 5 and 6 as part of their learning about WW2. We welcomed Chris from Open the Door Art to create some anti-bullying week art work and held our annual 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate the fact that we are all different! Lots of our children also did us proud representing our school at the annual cross country competition!



In **December** we were on the radio serenading everyone with 'It was on a Starry Night' as well as performing our Christmas plays where everyone danced and sang their hearts out! We also visited Ripon Library for a

Christmas story time and some of our children sang carols in our local care homes!

In **January**, we started the year with a dance competition for Key Stage 1 and Nursery had a great time making their own dragon for their dragon dance for Chinese New Year! Year 6 also enjoyed a fabulous week on a residential to Marrick Priory!

February brought us safety week - we had another great visit from Lauren Doherty to teach us about road safety, we also deepened our learning about Internet Safety and Year 6 even had a go at some first aid!

March was our month of Reading Madness, World Book Day and Afternoon Tea for all our Mums and Grandmas! Also a super Science week where the whole school took part in investigations.



In **April** we LOVED our Sponsored Bounce organised by the FOMS to raise money for school!

May was filled with VE Day celebrations, SATs for our Year 6's and a fantastic win for our cricket team at our local Sporting Influence competition and in **June** we took Year 6 on their adventure to London, 40 children in Key Stage 2 to perform at the Royal Hall in Harrogate for charity and had 2 great sports days! We also loved taking our Early Years children to Beetle Bank Farm and Key Stage 1 to Saltburn for the day!

We have celebrated the end of the year with a great Strawberry Festival on the field, more school visits - this time to Harlow Carr for Years 3 and 4 and Crucial Crew for Year 6....a pirate day, a water day, a party day AND a wonderful 'Night at the Movies' concert! Phew!!

I wonder which events have been favourites for the children?? None of the above would be possible without the hard work, passion and dedication from our entire staff team, who always go that extra mile to provide the best experiences and opportunities possible for our children and work tirelessly to do so! We also couldn't do it without the support from all our Governors, parents and our Friends of Moorside.



Our FOMS are a small but supportive group of parents and grandparents whose fundraising has subsidised trips, coaches to different events, ice cream treats and they have already booked in our next visiting theatre production for our children in September!

Thank you to you all for being part of Team Moorside and working with us to make our school such a great place to learn.



We say a sad farewell to two members of staff as the term comes to an end....

Miss Riley has been with us to cover two maternity leaves and has been a lovely teacher for Year 2 this year. She has also run our Gardening Club and has been a valued member of our Key Stage 1 team. We wish her all the best as she takes on a new role at The Dales School.

Miss Barnes also joined us in the Autumn term as a Teaching Assistant on supply in Key Stage 2 as well as Nursery in the afternoons! We have really enjoyed having her with us as part of both teams to cover staff absence!! We hope she will come back when we need some supply in the future too!



We also say farewell to our Year 6 children on Monday and we wish them all the very best at their new Secondary schools. It has been a pleasure to be part of their primary school journey and we know that they will be an asset to their new schools - we will of course miss them lots!

Forest School and PE

Next term we will have Forest school for Year 1 on a Wednesday afternoon, Reception and Year 5 on a Friday morning and Year 1 on a Friday afternoon. PE days will be confirmed at the start of next term!

Attendance

Attendance has dwindled towards the end of term with term time holidays....it has been slightly better at 95% this week.

I am hoping we will be able to quickly get back on track and sustain at least 96% attendance each week which is the national average! Obviously, we are aiming for 100%! Our Attendance Policy is at <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/New-Attendance-Policy-September-2024.pdf> on our website for a refresh if you haven't read it or are new to school.

Our attendance this week has been as follows....



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
02/06/25	97.62%	94.53%	92.72%	93.44%	84.62%	98.21%	93.97%
09/06/25	93.3%	100%	97.37%	96.17%	86.31%	97.24%	91.33%
16/06/25	89.91%	96.32%	91.1%	94.04%	100%	97.22%	90.4%
23/06/25	90.37%	96.3%	94.74%	88.98%	95.8%	99.07%	93.69%
30/06/25	97.4%	99.38%	97.88%	94.89%	96.56%	99.07%	90.95%
07/07/25	95.85%	98.77%	98.94%	99.15%	94.3%	98.15%	73%
14/07/25	97.92%	92.64%	98.94%	97.86%	94.66%	96.34%	88.7%

We are all in school on Monday and look forward to our Leavers Assembly at 10.30am as well as a visit from Ripon Library to share this year's Summer reading project... The Story Garden!

I will be reminding the children about keeping safe over the holidays....

- Online - not sharing any information about themselves or speaking to strangers! Also, not playing on games that are recommended for older children and adults. Parent control information can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>.
- Near water - being aware of the depth and current of water - how it can take us by surprise and not to enter any water without adult supervision.
- Road Safety - remembering and reinforcing the Green Cross Code and remembering helmets when riding bikes and scooters.
- Trusted adults - not taking any sweets or anything to drink from strangers or going into people's houses without permission from parents.

It's really important that we keep reinforcing these messages to keep our children safe!

We close at 3pm on Monday....

If there is any information you need to share over the holidays, the school admin email will be checked periodically but we will most likely get back to you at the start of term.

We will be excited to see everyone back in school in September with refreshed new classrooms and learning environments...

Have a wonderful weekend and a fantastic Summer break when we get there everyone - the children have all earned a rest!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 21 st July 2025	Leavers' Assembly 10.30am
Monday 21 st July 2025	Break-up for Summer Holidays (at 3pm)
Monday 1 st September 2025	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Children Return to School



The poster features a background image of a young boy in a white Nike t-shirt. Overlaid on this are several circular images showing children participating in various activities: a boy with a yellow ball, two boys with a red ball, and two boys with a tennis racket. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts.

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ACTIVITY CAMPS

Moorside Community Primary School

28th July - 1st August

AGES:
Year 1 - Year 6

TIMES:
8:30^{am} - 4:00^{pm}

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