

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

We have had another busy week with our first Sports Competition for Years 5 and 6, lots of voting for our new School Council members and harvesting our fruit from our amazing orchard... apples, pears and plums!

Nursery's new starters have been enjoying their story - Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have been trapping bears in ice, making bear hats, 'splodgy' mud bear faces and tasting porridge with so many different toppings! We are delighted that our new members of Team Moorside have settled in so brilliantly already!



### Moorside Early Years Open Morning



We are hoping to welcome as many families who can make it to our Early Years Open Morning on Saturday 11th October from 10am-12pm.... Our current families with children in Nursery or Reception are welcome to come for a play and enjoy our provision areas together as well as new families who would like to come for a visit. If you know of anyone who has a child who is coming up to being Nursery age or due to start in Reception in September 2026, we would love to meet them and show them around our lovely Early Years provision - you can email admin or phone 01765 604208 to let us know so that we can cater for numbers.... Alternatively, school tours can be arranged on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays with Mrs Price.

**Thank you** so much to everyone who kindly donated to our Jeans for Genes day fundraiser.... You may have seen already on our Facebook page that the children loved having a 'dance (and sing) in denim' throughout the day! Together we raised £116.50. Well done Team Moorside!

### Reading Cafe



Our **Reading Cafe** is next Thursday, 2nd October.... Come and explore the library, have fun with some reading related activities, get to know all about our class authors or just share a story together with some refreshments! It's a lovely opportunity to share a love of reading in school - we hope to see as many of you there as possible!

### Snapchat

Are you up to date on Snapchat risks? Our guide below explores the latest risks on Snapchat – including sextortion, AI Chatbots and spending pressure from new paid features. Please make sure that you monitor your children's mobile phones to keep them safe and protect their mental health and well-being.



### Attendance

Attendance was just under our 96% goal at **95.8%** last week. We always encourage lots of hand washing in school to try and avoid the spread of germs... we hope that everyone who has been ill will be back at school feeling better as soon as possible. If you're not sure whether to send your child in or not, you can always give us a call....

We may signpost you to the NHS guidance but sometimes with a bit of Calpol children rally round as the day goes on and they could be with us enjoying their learning inside and outside the classroom. Well done to Reception with 99.6% last week!



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%
08/09/25	100%	96%	82.4%	95.5%	92.6%	96.6%	95.7%
15.09.25	99.6%	99.2%	93.5%	93.2%	96.7%	90%	98.3%

### Water Bottles

We always have water available in school for children to keep hydrated but it is best if they do have their own named water bottle which they can bring home to wash at the weekend. Please could you send one into school if your child is in Years 1-6. Many thanks!

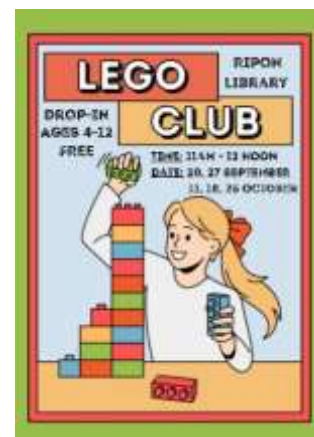
### Autumn Camps - Sporting Influence



We ARE SO excited to share that Sporting Influence will be running an Autumn Holiday Club at Moorside again during October half term from Monday 27th until Friday 31st October. You can book your spaces from today at: <http://www.sportinginfluence.com>.

### Ripon Library

Ripon Library have some fantastic events on at the weekends to keep children busy, especially as the weather is getting colder!! Check out their Lego Club each Saturday from 11-12pm for ages 4-12 and Saturday 'Crafternoons' for children aged 4-9 from 12.30-1.30pm once a month on a Saturday - dates and further details attached below!



### Spare uniform

We have lots of spare uniform in school so if you are in need of a jumper, a hoodie or any other item of clothing for a donation to FOMS, please come and ask at the school office.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or queries, we are just a phone call away.... It is always useful to share any information from home that you feel will help us to support your child in school.

I hope you all have a fantastic week ahead!

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

**Diary Dates:**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Phonics Information Evening for Reception Parents – 3.30pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Reading Café – 3.20pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	EYFS Harvest Assembly 9.30am
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	EYFS Open Morning – 10am – 12pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Flu Immunisations
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Break-up for Half Term Holidays
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Children Return to School after Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parents Consultation Evenings (more details to follow)
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nursery Rhyme Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYFS Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.45pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	KS1 Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.45pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	KS2 Christmas Productions 9.15am and 2pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Carols Around the Tree – morning (more details to follow)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Break-up at 3pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Children Return to School after the Christmas Holidays



# Saturday Crafternoons

## Monthly at Ripon Library



Join us to make fun and easy  
art & craft creations! Suitable for  
ages 4-9, no need to book ahead

September 27<sup>th</sup>  
October 25<sup>th</sup>  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December 20<sup>th</sup>

12.30-1.30pm



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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

### SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

### SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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