

6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Reading Cafe last week! There was a great buzz in the hall - reading, crafting linked to our topics and class texts and some very competitive phonics games taking place! Thank you to those of you who made it and to our staff and Year 6 pupils for doing a great job of hosting!



### Harvest!

We are looking forward to inviting our Reception families to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday! Key Stages 1 and 2 really enjoyed the dress rehearsal this afternoon.... Well done Reception! Don't forget, you can send any harvest tins or dried food into school to contribute to our donation to our local food banks tomorrow morning. Thank you for your kindness.

### Coats!

As you are aware, we had some torrential downpours on Friday and there were children in school who needed a coat and didn't have one so that they could play outside when the rain was less heavy! As it is now Autumn, please send your child to school with a named coat to wear every day.

### Forest School



As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for Forest School - hat, gloves, snood, a warm base layer under clothing or an extra layer of clothing – leggings and long sleeve top (or football skins or thermal base layers). We aim to take our children's learning outside as much as we can and in all weathers which they really enjoy when they are warm and dry!

### Early Years Open Morning

Please help us to spread the news - our EYFS Open Morning is this Saturday from 10am! There is a flyer at the end of this letter with all the information - we would really appreciate it if you could share this with any friends who have children who will be school starters in September 2026 or who might be eligible for a Nursery space from January or April 2026. Thank you for your support!

### School Reception Applications

Applications for Reception places for September 2026 opens on **12th October 2025** and closes on **15th January 2026**. For children born between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**, please apply via the North Yorkshire County Council website: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions).

### Brass Lessons

Our brass lessons have begun today at Moorside! If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in learning how to play a brass instrument, please see the flyer below for further details about how you can contact Mr Sidwell.



## Pumpkin Competition

Pumpkin patches are opening and you can't help but spot pumpkins and gourds in the supermarkets! Our Friends of Moorside are launching a pumpkin carving competition this year! All you need to do is pay 50p to enter your pumpkin to be judged on Friday 24th October. There will be a prize for EYFS, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2! You can of course collect your pumpkin from the hall at the end of the day, ready for Halloween!



## Attendance

Our attendance last week was 95.86%! Well done to Reception whose attendance was 98.2%! Keep it up..... Hopefully we can avoid the spread of the Autumn germs and aim for at least 96% this 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%
22.09.25	100%	100%	88.2%	94.1%	96.3%	86.2%	95.7%
29.09.25	98.2%	97.2%	95.6%	96.7%	95.2%	92.4%	95.7%

## World Mental Health Day



This Friday is World Mental Health day! Children and staff are invited to wear something yellow with their school uniform, to remind each other that they are not alone and we are all here to support each other. This is not a non-uniform day - but their yellow item of clothing can be worn with their uniform or in place of an item of uniform.

## We are NUT AWARE

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Aware school - please do not send your child to school with anything in their lunchboxes that contain nuts.



I hope you all have a fantastic week ahead!

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates:

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	EYFS Harvest Assembly 9.30am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	World Mental Health Day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	EYFS Open Morning – 10am – 12pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	KS1 Trip to Tropical World
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Individual School Photographs
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

## Come and Play!

**Explore our Nurturing Early Years Environment and meet our experienced team!**

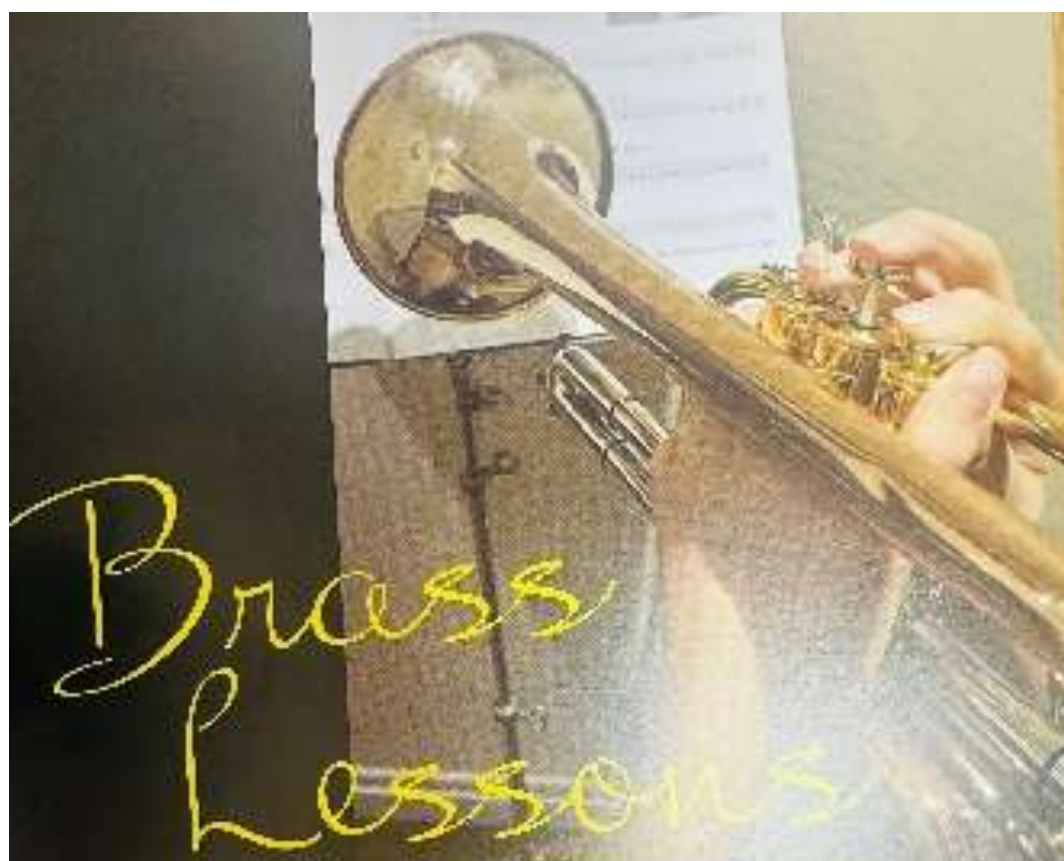


**10am-12pm  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



**Do you have a child who is 3 or over or ready for school in September 2026?**

Contact [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk) for more information or call 01765 604208



# Brass Lessons

**with Mr Mark Sidwell**

Your child has enjoyed taking part in  
a brass taster session at school  
today.

If you would like your child to start  
regular lessons in school with me  
please email for further information...  
[marksidwell72@hotmail.com](mailto:marksidwell72@hotmail.com)