

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,



We were treated to a fantastic Harvest Assembly by our children in Reception last week - they shared their learning about growing fruits and vegetables, a farmer's job at Harvest time, their favourite fruits and vegetables and sang some super songs about combine harvesters and scarecrows! Well done to Reception and a huge thank you to everyone who donated tins and dried foods to our collection for our local food banks.

We were also incredibly proud of our Netballers who represented Team Moorside at Outwood against other local schools at the cluster Netball Competition organised by Sporting Influence. They didn't lose any of their games but came second place on goals scored - they won their first match 11-0! Great team work.... Well done to them all!

We also enjoyed a great Open Morning hosted by our nurturing Early Years Team on Saturday morning! If you or anyone you know has a child who will be ready for Reception in September 2026 and couldn't make our Open Morning, we would love to offer a personalised tour of school. Please get in touch via [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk).



### Head Lice

We have had some cases of headlice in school. Please could you check your child's hair and treat them if you do spot any signs of head lice. It is best if long hair is tied up!



### Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

### What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pup* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

### Car Park Reminder

Another reminder that our school car park is for staff only, unless you hold a disabled badge or permit. If you are dropping off or picking up from Buddies around school hours, please use a parking space and do not block the access to the entrance to the car park or other car parking spaces. We do not want to have to shut our gates as it means that it is difficult for disabled drivers to access school so please could you work with us to keep our children safe and refrain from using our car park at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.



### High 5 Readers



We will be rewarding children who are High 5 Readers (reading 5 times per week at home) by putting their names into a raffle and providing a reading related prize - one for Reception/Year 1/Year 2 and one for Years 3-6. This will now happen half termly in the hope that we can encourage as many children as possible to read at home. Reading at home can include a mixture of Reading Eggs/Plus and reading to an adult with the reading record signed 5 times.

### Attendance

Our Attendance last week has been 97.13% with the highest class being Year 4 with 99.3%!

Well done Year 4! 5 classes are in the **green** 😊 Keep it up and let's see whether another class can beat Year 4 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%
06.10.25	98.9%	96%	95%	95.7%	99.3%	97.2%	97.8%

### Sporting Influence Holiday Club

Sporting Influence are making Monday 27th October at Moorside **COMPLETELY FREE** to attend! 😊

Just book your spot via their website [www.sportinginfluence.com](http://www.sportinginfluence.com).

If you have already booked for that date a credit will be added to your parent account to use on another day during October Half Term! Don't miss out — spaces will go fast!

### Pumpkin Competition!

If you missed it last week, 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! I have attached a blank pumpkin template for you to practice your designs at the end of this newsletter! :) Good luck!



I hope you all have a fantastic week ahead and as always, if you have any questions, queries or information to share, please get in touch via the school office and we will direct you to the best person to help.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

**Diary Dates:**

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

