

20<sup>th</sup> October 2025



## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

I can't believe we are into the final week of the half term! I think that everyone will be ready for a rest by the time we get to Friday!!



We had a wonderful week of trips last week, with Years 1 and 2 enjoying learning about different species at Tropical World and then Years 3 and 4 had a Geography fieldwork visit to Studley Royal. They walked from Moorside tracking the Ripon 'landmarks' on their maps and observed pictures so they could work out where they were along the way. All the staff who took the children out and about said how super they were! Thank you so much to our helpers, Mrs Atha, Mrs Simms, Mrs Pickard and Mrs Harris who made sure the children were all counted, present and returned to school safely too!

The Early Years children have been busy using foraged materials for their art work! They used sunflowers for printing to create....sunflowers! Also, they made beautiful mandalas from maple leaves, pinecones, conkers and acorns... We love Autumn. What a great season for natural resources!

### Sporting Influence - Holiday Camp

Sporting Influence have kindly added a 25% discount to their system for any children who book onto their camp from Moorside. If you select Moorside as our school when you book, you will automatically receive a 25% discount to your booking. Please see the leaflet attached below for the holiday camp information! This is a great opportunity for our children, especially if you don't already have holiday plans and childcare sorted!

### School Council

This half term, our children have elected a brand new school council. They are Harry (Y6), Ella- Mae (Y6), Harlo (Y5), Celina (Y5), Abel (Y4), Ivy-Mai (Y4), Elara (Y3), Leo (Y3), Georgie (Y2), Cohen (Y2), Orla (Y1), Hayden (Y1). They have already represented their classes during lunchtime meetings and a Local Authority visit and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

### Ripon Cathedral Half Term

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, there is an Autumnal craft morning at Ripon Cathedral for primary aged children. This event is from 10.30am-12pm and costs £3 per child.... See the flyer below!

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to a parent consultation - it's not too late if you haven't done so already but the booking system will close at 9am tomorrow. Please can you let us know as soon as possible when you are available as we aim to see ALL our parents.





## Individual School Photographs

Just a reminder that it is individual school photographs in school tomorrow!

## Ripon Library Half Term

Join our friends from Fountains Abbey for a Deer-Themed Storytime, where woodland tales come to life. This is at Ripon Library on Thursday 30th October, 10.30am - 12noon.

## Library Cards

We will be taking the children on one of our whole school visits to the library week beginning 1st December for a 'Christmas read'! If your child does not have a library card already, it would be useful if they had one so that they can borrow books – Thank you.

## Pumpkin Competition!

Our pumpkin competition is THIS WEEK! 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!



## Forest School and PE

After half term the following classes will have Forest School and PE:

Reception: Thursdays and Forest School on a Friday.

Y1: PE on Wednesday, Forest School on Friday pm.

Y2: PE on a Monday (TBC), Forest School on Wednesday pm.

Y3: PE on Wednesday and Friday (TBC).

Y4: Forest School on Friday am and Swimming Friday pm.

Y5: PE on a Monday and Wednesday.

Y6: PE on a Thursday and TBC.

Please ensure that children are wearing appropriate kit on their PE day.

Y4 will continue with swimming until Christmas.

## Attendance

Our overall attendance last week was 95.49% with the highest class being Y1 with 98.8%.



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%
13.10.25	98.5%	98.8%	97.5%	92.9%	93%	93.8%	93.9%

Have a wonderful week ahead everyone and hope you have a fantastic autumnal half term break with your families. Stay safe everyone if you are out in the dark in the dark for Halloween / Bonfire Night activities!

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



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## ACTIVITY CAMPS

Moorside Primary School  
and Nursery

**THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

### TIMES:

Early Drop Off

8:00am - 8:30am

Regular Day

8:30am - 4:00pm

Late Pick Up

4:00pm - 5:00pm

### AGES:

Year 1 - Year 6

### FROM:

£30 per day

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# Join us this half-term

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
10.30-12pm

During October half-term join us for a fun and creative children's activity morning with a fruit and vegetable theme!



RIPON  
Cathedral

£3 per child, to include all crafts and refreshments. For more information and to book your place, please email:

[BethWickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:BethWickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk)



