

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

It never ceases to amaze me at how much we manage to squeeze into just a week at Moorside....but last week really was exceptional! Thank you to you all for remembering to send your child into school ready for the different events!

On Monday, we started our learning about Anti Bullying week with 'Odd Socks Day' and an assembly about this year's theme, 'The Power of Good'! This launched our poetry theme for the week and we really enjoyed listening to each class's poems on World Kindness Day (Thursday) with some extremely powerful performances and thought-provoking words to teach others not to be involved in any form of bullying through poetry and to promote kindness!



On Tuesday, we held our Act of Remembrance all together (including Nursery) and shared some of the magnificent Flanders Fields-inspired artwork from each class. From printing and using cubes to make poppies in EYFS to silhouettes and use of black and white photography to create masterpieces in Upper Key Stage 2.... Every child was an artist and shared their interpretation of Flanders Fields through art - I can't wait to see a flavour of the work from each class on display!

We welcomed the Rivers Van from the River Skell project to Moorside on Friday, to share their amazing resources with Years 3 and 4, who have been/will be learning more about rivers! We have very much appreciated being part of this project and feel lucky to have worked with the volunteers on a number of occasions now at Moorside - a huge thanks to them! Our children really were immersed in their geography fieldwork.



Reading Plus

Thank you to our Key Stage 2 parents who attended our Reading Plus event this evening. We will share the PowerPoint on the website for those of you who couldn't make it. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jemmett at school.

Friends of Moorside

Our Friends of Moorside have been busy gathering together prizes for this year's Christmas raffle. They have some amazing items including days out, afternoon teas and vouchers! A full list will be shared in due course. If you would like to become a Friend of Moorside or can help in any way at any of our events, your support would be very much appreciated. Further information is on our flyer below. Many thanks.

FRIENDS OF MOORSIDE SCHOOL

We work with the school to organise events and raise money to ensure our children have the best environment and opportunities for learning.



*We are YOU
We need you!
Carers, parents, grandparents*

**Any amount of time you have to offer is welcome.
Counting at sponsored events, selling ice cream or cakes after school, running fayre or uniform stalls.**

We need YOU and your ideas to help your children

If you can help contact
Maria Atha. 07985478630
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Watch out in the news letters for further information or contact the school office

Easy fundraising



An 'easy' way to help us to raise school funds is through the Easy Fundraising APP, which you can log into for free and then select your 'cause' of choice when ordering things online.....even your food shop for delivery! The Friends of Moorside account then receives a percentage of your shopping total from the company/business that you are buying through straight into their account and this is completely FREE for you! Follow the link to login [Fundraising | Charity Fundraising Online | You Spend Online, Brands Donate | Easyfundraising](#) and sign up!

Collection from School and Drop Off

Just a reminder that children in Early Years and Years 1-5 need to be supervised until 8.50am and dropped off at the door in the morning by an adult (someone who is older than 16). Children also need to be collected at 3.20pm by an adult. Children in Y6 can walk home if we have consent from a parent.

Attendance

Our attendance last week was 94.5%. Well done to Years 5 and 6 with 100%!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
03.11.25	96.4%	96%	93.8%	90.5%	96.3%	100%	95.7%
10.11.25	89.3%	94%	93.8%	88.1%	96.3%	100%	100%

Ripon Library

We will be taking every class to visit Ripon Library for a Christmas Storytime and opportunity to borrow a book or two! The dates for each year group are as follows:

Tuesday 2nd December – Reception and Year 5

Thursday 4th December – Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6

Please ensure that your child has comfortable shoes for walking on those days and a warm, waterproof jacket. Lunchtimes will not be affected. Reception and Year 1 children are likely to travel by bus.



I have attached below some information about how to get your child's eyes tested for free.... Some children have not had an eye test and it may be that they do need glasses – this would support them in being able to read information on the board and walls in the classroom.

Now that the temperatures are dropping and more wintry weather is upon us, we will be sending out our procedures for opening school if it does become very snowy and icy! Keep your eyes peeled....and of course...keep warm!

Have a great week ahead.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Rowett'.

Mrs Rowett

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

w/c 17 th November 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nursery Rhyme Week
Monday 17 th November 2025	Reading Plus Information Evening for Parents of Children in Y3-6 at 3.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Reception and Year 5 Library Visit
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 Library Visit
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	EYFS Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.45pm
Thursday 11 th December 2025	KS1 Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.45pm
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	KS2 Christmas Productions 9.15am and 2pm
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	Carols Around the Tree – morning (more details to follow)
Friday 19 th December 2025	Break-up at 3pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Children Return to School after the Christmas Holidays



Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost**.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test.**

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, **childhood eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: [nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/)
- Find an optician: **Find an optician - NHS**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests **Humber and North Yorkshire ICB**
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in **Craven, West Yorkshire ICB**
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - **College of Optometrists**
- Children's eye health - **Association of Optometrists**