

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

We had a creative end to the week last week with visiting artist Chris Layfield delivering two art workshops for Years 5 and 6. The children were delighted to welcome Chris from Open Door Art back to Moorside, for a super workshop based on Art from North America - linked to their Geography topic! They all sketched their own totem poles, inspired by Native American spirit animals. Y5 created colourful Mayan masks, inspired by Gods and Goddesses using recycled materials and Y6 designed a character in the style of Keith Haring on canvas using bold colours. They look forward to continuing their journey this week with American pop art!



Our service pupils and some of their friends were delighted to represent the service pupils' community in North Yorkshire, by presenting the beautiful poppy artwork created by service children across North Yorkshire. The artwork was displayed in Ripon Cathedral for the annual Service of Remembrance on Friday 7th November. The children were welcomed by staff and veterans who shared where their work would be on display. They look forward to visiting again for some carol singing later in the term!



Final Week for Clubs

The final day for after school clubs (apart from Buddies and Mr Doey's sports club) is Tuesday 9th December. The final day for Mr Doey's sports club is Wednesday 17th December.

Christmas Library Visits

Just a reminder from last week's letter that library visits will be on Tuesday 2nd December for Reception and Year 5 and Thursday 4th December for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Please ensure that your child has their library card to borrow any books that they would like too, have 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. This is in place of our Reading Café this half term.



Reading Challenge

It was such a pleasure to present so many of our children with their Summer Reading certificates last week....well done to them all! Ripon Library is such a lovely welcoming place. They are constantly updating their books to engage and interest our pupils. It's worth a visit if you have an available morning or afternoon over the Christmas holidays!!



Attendance

Our attendance last week in school was 93.61%. Each class achieved:



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%
17.11.25	83.6%	94.4%	96.2%	90%	93.7%	98.3%	99.1%

A HUGE well done to Year 6!

Christmas Performances and Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas performances begin on 9th December for EYFS at 9.30am and 1.30pm.

You will be able to enter the school hall at approximately 9.10am and 1.10pm respectively. There will be some refreshments on sale at each event.

Our revised Christmas week menu is at the end of this Newsletter with our Christmas Lunch and Party Lunch details on. We will be sending a booking form home for you to complete so we can gauge numbers for both days. This will be for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 children.

School Car Park – Keep our Children Safe!

Unless you have a disabled badge, please do not use the school car park at drop off and pick up times – this is for staff use and deliveries only at this time. It is dangerous when there are young children walking from Whitcliffe Grove and Harrogate Road up the path where there is no fencing and more than 1 vehicle reversing or turning. The speed at which vehicles are driving up the drive is also not always within the restriction of 5mph. If we close the gates, it makes the parking area inaccessible for people who do need disabled parking. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

Easy Fundraising Reminder...

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 our Friends of Moorside 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!



As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything that you can share to support your child in school or if you have any questions or queries. The best way to do this is via email at admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk and we will arrange for you to speak to the best person to help. Thank you for working with us to support all our children, especially as we approach one of the busiest times of the school year!

With very best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

Christmas Week Menu

w/c 15th December 2025

Monday – Spaghetti Bolognese
v Veggie Bolognese
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Tuna or Beans
Cheese & Crackers

Tuesday - ***Christmas Dinner***
Roast Turkey & Trimmings
v Roast Veg Sleigh
Potatoes
Medley of Vegetables
Christmas Cookie



Wednesday – Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce
v Vegetable Carbonara
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Tuna or Beans
Chocolate Krispie Cake

Thursday - ***Polar Pizza Party Day***
Selection of Pizza
Fries
Crispy Vegetable Sticks
Sandwiches: Tuna, Cheese or Ham
Arctic Roll

Friday - Fish Fingers & Chips
Sandwiches: Cheese, Tuna or Egg
Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Tuna or Beans
Muffin

