

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

The final week of term is upon us and we have an exciting few days of end of term activities and traditions ahead of us!

I am extremely grateful to all the staff who have put in so much hard work, creativity and guidance to support our children in putting on such confident and memorable performances to end the year and celebrate Christmas. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children sang, danced and acted their hearts out in their Nativity plays last week and we couldn't have been more proud of them. They were ALL stars! We have our Key Stage 2 performances tomorrow, which we are really excited about, and look forward to welcoming their families at 9.15am or 2pm to enjoy them with us.



We welcomed the marketing team from Taylor Wimpey to our PRIDE assembly on Friday to present our speed sign competition winners with their Amazon Vouchers.

Congratulations to Lacie Mai Hilton-Green in third place, Ellie Binks in second place and first prize went to Arthur Ravenscroft, whose design will be printed on new speed signs around our local housing development. It has been another opportunity to remind the children about road safety and being aware of cars when they are crossing the road and riding their bikes... especially in the dark!

Our children in years 3 and 4 enjoyed visiting Long Meadows care home on Thursday to sing Christmas Carols and were made extremely welcome. It is lovely to share a bit of festive joy with the community. Well done to them all - we are looking forward to more carols around the tree on Friday morning at 9.10am.

We were delighted to welcome author and artist Jaci Stroud back to Moorside this morning to share her story of 'The Elephant and the Bee', which our children in Year 2 enjoyed illustrating last year. Her book has

now been published and the children in Key Stage 1 LOVED seeing their art work in print - and what a great story too. Thank you SO much to Jaci for such a wonderful opportunity for our children.

Tomorrow (**Tuesday**) is Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch! All children can wear their jumper with their uniform and bring along any festive head wear for lunchtime!



On **Thursday** we have our class parties....all children can come to school in their Christmas party clothes.

On **Friday**, all children should be in their school uniform.



There will be no Forest School for Year 1, Year 4 or Early Years on Friday, as our Carols Around the Tree will be followed by a little festive fair! Come along and enjoy some hot chocolate, s'mores, find a second-hand book or Christmas jumper or have a go at the Tombola! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated prizes to this or our raffle, which will be drawn on Wednesday! There's still time to get your tickets tomorrow!! See the flyer below!



We continue to welcome any families whose children are Nursery age now (age 3) or soon will be, or those who will be four by the start of September 2026 for school tours with our lovely Mrs Price, our Parent Support Advisor. The deadline for Reception applications is 15th January through the North Yorkshire Admissions page at:

[https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school?fbclid=IwDGRleAOR-DFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2NjI4NTY4Mzc5AAEeDS2M3f\\_1Q2WDLJ23223RV2iXzNLHb627AgqNvKjHDwAS9LhlzwEaUN5J5zU\\_aem\\_GZAFJoe-oPh-lwAIntLmqg](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school?fbclid=IwDGRleAOR-DFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2NjI4NTY4Mzc5AAEeDS2M3f_1Q2WDLJ23223RV2iXzNLHb627AgqNvKjHDwAS9LhlzwEaUN5J5zU_aem_GZAFJoe-oPh-lwAIntLmqg)

We do have some spaces in Nursery for full 30 hours from January or April at the moment - please get in touch via the school office if you are interested or signpost anyone who you know to us! We have lots of regular updates on our Facebook page to share our provision, as well as information about our excellent Early Years setting on our school website at <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk>



*Our lovely Nursery environment*



*Nursery/Reception outdoor area*



*Role play in Nursery*



## Attendance

Despite the horrendous winter bugs sweeping through school at the moment, affecting the children and staff, our attendance last week was 95.4%.

Well done to everyone who has been in school everyday and keeping their classes 'in the green', but especially to Year 1 with their attendance last week being 98.8%. Somehow most of them have managed to dodge the germs!!

Each class's attendance was as follows...



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%
24.11.25	91.4%	94.8%	96.9%	95.5%	98.5%	93.1%	95.7%
01.12.25	88.2%	97.6%	94.4%	97%	94.4%	96.2%	97.8%
08.12.25	97.9%	98.8%	96.9%	95.5%	97%	86.6%	96.1%

## Arrangements for Friday (19th Dec)

Carols Around the Tree will take place in the hall at 9.10am, followed by our festive stalls outside on the playground afterwards (weather dependent) or at the top of the hall in the dining area.

Children will be able to attend with parents (we will release them from their usual entrances to the building). You can then deliver them for a playtime on the main playground before returning to class. We will have adults on all gates to ensure that children do not leave the school site during the fair or when you leave. If you are unable to attend the Carols in the hall but would like to come to the fair, this will begin at roughly 9.50am.

School then finishes for the holidays at 3pm on Friday.

Please do keep sending your Tombola donations to school this week so that we can number them up ready for Friday! Thank you so much!

## Forest School next Half Term

Year 3 will have Forest school on a Wednesday afternoon next half term and Reception, Year 5 and Year 1 on a Friday. PE days will be confirmed before the end of term.

A huge thank you to ALL our parents and families for working together with us and for your support throughout the year. It means so much to us. I look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Tuesday 6th January!

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday, a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year 2026**.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett  
Headteacher



**Diary Dates:**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	KS2 Christmas Productions 9.15am and 2pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Class Parties and Polar Pizza Lunch
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Carols Around the Tree at 9.15am & Christmas Fair (roughly 9.50am)
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



# Moorside Primary School and Nursery Christmas Raffle

Tickets £1 Each

If you would like any more tickets  
please ask school reception.




We will also be selling tickets at the  
Christmas performances.





Prizes Include



Days out, Afternoon Tea, Family tickets, Gift  
Vouchers, Hair treatment, Book tokens,  
Toys, Wine and Chocolates and more



Please help FOMS to support school. Funds raised help year round  
to subsidise school trips and leaver's hoodies, pay for National  
Trust membership, and school would love to have enough money  
to purchase some shiny new science equipment and update the  
library with some fantastic new books in the New Year.



# ***Christmas Week Menu***

## ***w/c 15<sup>th</sup> 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

