

8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We are full steam ahead with Christmas festivities at Moorside and enjoyed our visits to Ripon Library to listen to stories and learn about new authors and new books that our children might like to read in school. Our FOMS are investing in some new books for all year groups to enjoy as part of their 'Recommended Reads' in classroom reading corners, so we look forward to ordering some great texts ahead of the start of the National Year for Reading 2026!



### Tree decorating



Our children all enjoyed decorating our school Christmas tree on Friday whilst singing Christmas Carols in preparation for our **Carols Around the Tree on Friday 19th December at 9.15am**. Our hall is starting to look lovely!

Years 3 and 4 also look forward to visiting Long Meadows Care Home to sing carols to the residents on Thursday morning this week. They will need a coat and sensible footwear for walking there and back.

### Performances

Our Christmas nativity performances for Early Years and Key Stage 1 begin tomorrow. A reminder of the timings are as follows:

**Tuesday 9th December** for EYFS at **9.30am** and **1.45pm**.

Key Stage 1 will share their performance on **Thursday 11th December** at **9.30am** and **1.45pm**.

You will be able to enter the school hall at approximately 9.10am and 1.15pm respectively. There will be some refreshments on sale at each event.

On **Tuesday 16th December** we will have our **KS2 Christmas Extravaganza** at 9.30am and 2pm.

We will allow children to leave school once they have got changed after the afternoon performances and you will be able to take their siblings home with you too.

All diary dates are included at the end of each newsletter as usual.

### Attendance

Those winter bugs are affecting staff and children at Moorside and therefore impacted on our attendance last week which was at 95.09%.



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%

Well done to Year 6 for managing to dodge the germs as much as possible with 97.8% attendance!

Our raffle will be drawn on Wednesday next week.... There is still plenty of time to buy some tickets. Please enquire at the school office if you would like some to be sent home with your child.

### Requests for our Christmas Fair....

We are running a tombola as part of our Christmas Fair on 19<sup>th</sup> December and would REALLY appreciate any donations for the stall! Chocolate, sweets, toiletries, games, socks, bottles of any variety!!.... If you are sending anything that is glass or alcohol into school, please could this be delivered to the office by an adult. Many thanks.

### Christmas Jumpers

We will have a second-hand Christmas jumper stall at our Christmas Fair if your child has one that they have grown out of! If you would like to donate one, please send it into school... you might also be able to grab one for a bargain at the fair!



### Last Week for Clubs this Week

This is the final week for after school clubs (they will not be taking place from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December), apart from Mr Doey's Sports club which will still be on next Wednesday.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our end of year events. We always do our best to get communication to everyone in good time, but if there is anyone who you think is missing the weekly Newsletter or Marvellous Me updates, the Newsletters are uploaded to the website every Monday at [Moorside Primary School and Nursery](#) and we can easily set parents up on the Marvellous Me app if details are shared.

Have a great week everyone!

With very best wishes,

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

**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates:

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
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
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

# ***Christmas Week Menu***

## ***w/c 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025***

Monday – Spaghetti Bolognaise  
v Veggie Bolognaise  
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

