

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

Our first week back was action-packed - both on the weather front and ensuring that school was ready to open in the freezing temperatures and our numerous launches into new topics and events for 2026!

We hope you enjoyed reading about all the different activities that we have in store to celebrate books and reading! We also shared all our homework grids and knowledge mats on Friday alongside class learning letters. If you did not receive these then please let us know. They are also on the website at: Moorside Primary School and Nursery.

Our after school clubs begin this week. Confirmation of spaces will have been sent via text today. We always aim to meet everyone's requirements but we do allocate on a first come first served basis. Mr Doey's Multi-Sports Club needs to be booked and paid for directly through ParentPay.



Sporting Influence Half Term Clubs

We are delighted to be hosting a half term sports club at Moorside, organised by Sporting Influence who are using our site. We hope that you will be able to access the booking forms which open today if you are interested. More information can be found at sportinginfluence.com.

Attendance

We had some excellent attendance last week with the whole school achieving 95.84%. Well done everyone! A special well done to Year 2 with 97.7%!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
05.01.26	92.9%	97.5%	97.7%	94.4%	95.8%	95.3%	97.3%

New Devices and Online Safety



We are sure that quite a few of our children will have asked Santa for new devices for Christmas and it may be that you have already set up parental controls and discussed using them safely. It is so important to monitor them regularly so that they are not encouraging conversations with strangers or viewing inappropriate content on the internet. Some tips for supporting children with new or existing devices are:

- Set Up Devices Together: Explore privacy settings, parental controls, and safe search options with your child.
- Learn Together: Your children may know more than you do about the online world so let them teach you what they know.
- Talk About Online Safety: Discuss online behaviour, cyberbullying, and what to do if something worries them.

Use Trusted Resources:

- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Bullying | Get help and advice | YoungMinds](#)
- [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\) Report Online Images](#)
- [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\) Online Safety](#)
- [Resources for 3-11s - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Safety Cards - Inege Safeguarding Group](#)
- [Safeguarding Children - Get Safe Online](#)

We appreciate you working with us to ensure that children don't only say what they know about keeping safe online but that they put this into action. Every week we are aware of at least one incident or scenario outside school where a child has accessed content inappropriately or shared details/information/messages that they shouldn't have with friends or strangers. Misuse of the internet can seriously affect children's mental health and well-being and this is why online safety is a priority in our curriculum.

Inhalers and Epi-pens

If your child has an inhaler or an epi-pen in school, please can you ensure that it is in date and that you monitor this to request updated medications from your GP? We do check inhalers but it would really help us (and your child) if you do too. Many thanks.

Year 5 Visit to Ripon Cathedral

Our children in Year 5 will be visiting Ripon Cathedral for the Holocaust Memorial Service at 10.30am on 27th January. The children are learning about Judaism at the moment, and this will provide them with an opportunity to commemorate the lives of the six million people who died during the Holocaust during the Second World War. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform and has a coat to wear on that day. They will leave school at 9.45am and return in time for lunch.



Marrick Parent Information Session

Parents of children in Year 6 who are attending Marrick are invited to an information and Q&A session on Tuesday 13th January at 3.20pm. This will be in the Year 6 classroom and led by Mrs Plummer, Mr Price and Mrs Hunton. Mrs Lawson-Ross will be teaching Year 4 w/c 19th January so that Mr Price can support the Y6 trip as we send male and female members of staff to look after the children.

Reception Applications for September 2026!



Primary School Applications Reminder!

Primary school applications close on 15th January 2026.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 then it's time to apply for their primary school place.

If you know of any perspective parents who have not visited Moorside and are looking for the most suitable school for their child, we would love to meet them and offer a tour any time before the application closing date. Please do sign post them to us - we arrange tours via the school office. More information about applying online can be found at:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/2025/primary-school-admissions-september-2026-are-now-open>.

We currently have some spaces in Nursery for April starters, so if you have or will be applying for our Reception for September and would like to support your child in their transition to Moorside by moving them to join us before the Summer, please do contact us and we can support you in your application.

I hope that you all have a super week. As always, we are on the end of the phone or admin email if you would like any information or would like to share any information about your child with school, so that we can support them together.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 13 th January 2026	Y6 Marrick Residential Parents Meeting at 3.20pm
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd January 2026	Y6 Residential Trip to Marrick Priory
Tuesday 27 th January 2026	Y5 Visit to Ripon Cathedral
w/c 9 th February 2026	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13 th February 2026	Break-up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Children Return to School after Half Term Holidays
Thursday 26 th February 2026	Tell a Fairy Tale Day
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
w/c 9 th March 2026	British Science Week
Friday 27 th March 2026	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	Children Return to School After Easter Holidays



I Spy You Reading Competition

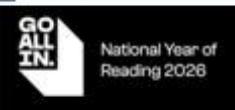
Our I Spy You Reading Competition is back by popular demand! You are once-again challenged to read in the most strangest places! We are always surprised by your imagination and cannot wait to discover this year's weird and wonderful reading spaces! Please send your photographic evidence to admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

The most imaginative will win a prize! ☺



Growing a Love of Reading Tree

Children in each class will vote for a reading recommendation weekly to add to our 'Growing a Love of Reading Tree' which will be in our school entrance. This visual representation of our reading throughout school will help children to find new reading ideas to love!



Reading Café

On Tuesday 3rd February at 3.20pm, we invite all our families and friends to join us for our Moorside Reading Café where you can join in a range of reading activities with your children, whilst enjoying a lovely cup of tea/coffee/hot choc and a little treat!

The theme of this special Month of Reading Madness Reading Café is...

SHARING WHAT WE LOVE TO READ. The children will get the chance to TALK to you, and their peers about the things they love to read most!



Malala (Malala Day) - "Some books are like treasure chests — the more you read, the more you find inside."

A Month of Reading Madness!

On Tuesday 6th January 2026, Moorside Primary School and Nursery is launching its 13th annual Reading Extravaganza!

The Ultimate Character Champion Battle

During the week commencing 12th January, all children in school will take part in THE ULTIMATE CHARACTER CHAMPION BATTLE where they will engage in **debates** with their classmates to persuade them why their chosen character is the **BEST!** The winner from each class will once again battle it out in a special assembly to crown...

Moorside's 2026 Ultimate Character Champion!



Complete a Reading Passport: Reading what you love!

To start the Month of Reading Madness, we are launching our Reading Passports to help you enjoy reading more of what you love. These passports can be completed throughout the year and signed by adults at home or school. All completed passports will be placed a grand prize draw at the end of the year.



Poetry Performances

Class Performances To round off the month of Reading Madness – the children in each class will work together as a class team to learn a poem 'off-by-heart.' Each class will **perform** their poem during a special assembly on **Friday 6th February**.

