

19th January 2026



MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

We waved off some very excited Year 6 children on the bus this morning, ready for a week of adventures in the Yorkshire Dales on their residential trip! Canoeing, climbing, abseiling and nightline walks are just some of the exciting activities that they will take part in this week - we know that they will have a great time! Thank you to Mrs Plummer and Mrs Hunton for getting them organised and to Miss Lile and Mrs Jemmett who will also be spending time with the children at Marrick this week, as well as working in school - we are sure that after lots of fresh air they will need lots of sleep.....fingers crossed! Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page for updates!



Mr Price, who was due to attend the trip is unfortunately unwell, so Mrs Lawson-Ross continues to cover Year 4 for him in school and we hope that he feels better very soon! Thank you to all our staff who are covering everything in school as well as up at Marrick. There are a few changes to teaching arrangements this week - they are as follows:

Year 1 will have Mrs Jemmett and Mrs Plummer at the beginning of the week and Mrs Allen, who usually teaches in Year 2, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Year 2 will have Miss Lee with them all week.

Year 3 will have Miss Ryder with them all week.

Year 4 will have Mrs Lawson-Ross all week.

Year 5 and EYFS are as normal!

This is of course subject to change if we have further staff absence, but please do contact the members of staff above via the school office if you have any messages for the adults who are teaching them.

Attendance

Attendance last week was 96.1% overall! A HUGE well done to everyone, and ESPECIALLY to Year 1 with 99.6%!



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%
12.01.26	96.4%	99.6%	94%	96%	96.3%	92.1%	98.3%

We were VERY impressed with Year 5 last week as the whole class managed to read 5 times at home - making them the highest high 5 readers! The whole class enjoyed a Headteacher hot chocolate as a reward on Friday. Well done to Year 5!

Reading Madness Update

We have had some great Month of Reading Madness events already this half term, with our Character Battle at the end of last week in our Friday PRIDE assembly! Well done to Viktoria Biro in Year 1 and Jaime Hutchinson in Year 3 for their excellent character descriptions of Baby Bear (from Goldilocks) and Arthur (from Arthur and the Golden Rope), which resulted in them being this year's Character Battle winners!!



Reading Cafe



Don't miss our Reading Cafe on 3rd February, when you can come and enjoy some of our engaging reading activities in school with your child - it might give you some ideas about some of the activities that you can do at home to support your child as they learn to read fluently and (hopefully) grow a love of reading and books!

Our I Spy You Reading Competition

You are once-again challenged to read in the most strangest of places! Use your imagination and please share the different places where you can enjoy a story!! Please send your photos to admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk.



Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or information to share! I hope that you all have a great week ahead!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd January 2026	Y6 Residential Trip to Marrick Priory
Tuesday 27 th January 2026	Y5 Visit to Ripon Cathedral
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	Reading Café at 3.20pm
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

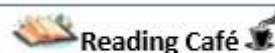
Children in each class will vote for a reading recommendation weekly to add to our 'Growing a Love of Reading Tree' which will be in our school entrance. This visual representation of our reading throughout school will help children to find new reading ideas to love!



National Year of Reading 2026

A Month of Reading Madness!

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



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 (Road to Dhaka) - "Some books are like treasure chests - the more you read, the more you find inside."

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.**

