

26th January 2026

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

What a great week we had last week! Year 6 excelled themselves at Marrick, having a go at lots of outdoor activities that put them out of their comfort zones and building their resilience and team work skills! Apart from a few changes to the timetable, the cold and wet weather didn't hold them back at all. I am so proud of them.... I hope they have all enjoyed sharing their stories with their families over the weekend.



Buddies Film Night

Our Buddies enjoyed their first film night last Monday, when they watched Trolls!

Thank you to Mrs Needham for setting up our 'in school' cinema and providing popcorn.... It was a lovely and relaxing environment and we are looking forward to this week's film already!!

Our I Spy You Reading Competititon

Don't forget to share the different places where you can enjoy a story! Please send your photos to admin@moorside-pre.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Reception - Parent Visit

We are looking forward to welcoming our Reception parents/grandparents to another 'Come and Read with Me' session on Thursday 12th February at 2.40pm! The children loved having you to visit on the last two occasions so we hope you can make it!



Dance Festivals

We are looking forward to attending two dance festivals organised by Sporting Influence at Outwood Academy.

Years 3 and 4 will have theirs on **Wednesday 25th February**.

Years 1 and 2 will have theirs on **Wednesday 4th March**.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their black leggings or joggers, plain white t-shirt and Moorside hoodie that day with their trainers. They will also need a named water bottle. Many thanks.

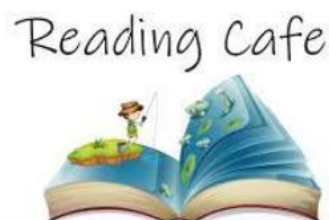
Relief Cleaning

We are sometimes in need of some relief cleaning hours to cover staff absence or holidays. If you are interested, please send your CV to finance@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Reading Cafe



Don't miss our Reading cafe NEXT WEEK on Tuesday 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!



Reading Madness Update

We have our beautiful 'what shall I read tree' in the hall, waiting for recommendations this week! You might see some suggestions in time for your next visit to the Library! Have a look when you visit our Reading Cafe and I am sure you'll feel inspired!

Attendance

I am delighted that our attendance was **96.3%** last week!! Well done everyone! Our children in Reception and Year 6 achieved **100%** which is fantastic! Keep it up everyone!!



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%
19.01.26	100%	94%	93.53%	95.5%	95.19%	95.86%	100%

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or information to share! We are always here to help.

I hope that you all have a great week ahead!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Year 3 and Year 4 Dance Festival

Thursday 26 th February 2026	Tell a Fairy Tale Day
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Year 1 and Year 2 Dance Festival
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
w/c 9 th March 2026	British Science Week
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to the Yorkshire Museum
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! 🏆



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!



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!



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.**

