

23rd February 2026



MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a lovely half term break! It feels like the nights have become significantly lighter over the past week and there is a real feel of Spring in the air after a very wet end to last half term!!

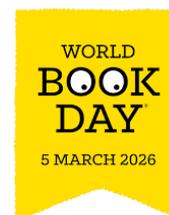
Years 3 and 5 Dance Festival

We have an exciting week ahead with Years 3 and 5 taking part in a dance competition at Outwood Academy on Wednesday morning. Please can you ensure that children are wearing coats and suitable footwear for walking as they will be leaving promptly at 9am to arrive in time for the start of the event. They will return in time for lunch and we advise that they take a named water bottle with them.

World Book Day

We are very excited that World Book Day is just around the corner on 5th March (next Thursday!) - not the 4th as previously shared. All children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book (this is not compulsory) and this year's World Book Day Lunch is a 'Scarecrows Wedding' Feast! Please let us know if your child would like to opt in for a school lunch for the occasion if they are usually a packed lunch.

The children will be taking part in activities linked to traditional fairytales as this Thursday is also 'Tell Me a Fairytale' day! It would be great if you could read some together at home to familiarise your child with different fairytales - we all have our favourites!!



I Spy you Reading High 5 Readers!

It was extremely difficult to judge the winning entries for our 'I Spy you Reading Competition.....' as there were some very imaginative photos sent in! The winners this year are:

KS1 - Georgina Day

LKS2 - Zara Coles

UKS2 - Phoebe Needham

All High 5 Readers were put into a lucky dip for a chance to win a book voucher (you have to be in it to win it!!).

The lucky winners that were drawn out were Henry Philpott and Walter Needham. Your child can start this week to be a High 5 Reader for this half term by reading 5 times per week in their reading record!

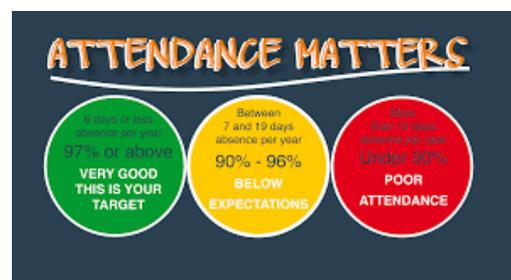


Attendance

We are aiming for at least 96% attendance for all pupil groups each week and over the course of the year. Our overall attendance currently is %. Each class for 2025-2026 is as follows:

Rec: 95.38%	Y4: 97.02%
Y1: 96.99%	Y5: 94.68%
Y2: 95.72%	Y6: 96.46%
Y3: 95.7%	

If you need any support with helping your child to attend school please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help!



Some diary dates for you.....

Multiplication Check - Year 4 Parents - Monday 9th March



Year 4 children nationally will be taking the Multiplication Check in June. Your child's score will be reported to you in their end of year report. There is information for parents about the Multiplication Check in the link below and we are holding an information session at 3.20pm on Monday 9th March in the Year 4 classroom if you have any questions or would like further details about how you can support your child at home. All parents of children in Y4 are welcome.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb4ebb5e5a06aefd46b58/Multiplication_tables_check_information_for_parents.pdf.

SATs Information Evening for Parents - Tuesday 10th March

The children in Year 6 will be sitting the end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in May. There is information for parents in the link below but we will also be running a session during SATs club on Tuesday

10th March for pupils and parents to share further information and examples of questions that the children may encounter in the tests. This will be at 3.20pm in the Year 6 classroom. Even if your child does not usually attend SATs club we do advise that you attend with them if you can.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb76ed4c5f31272d3e6be/2026_key_stage_2_tests_information_for_parents.pdf.



Phonics Screening Check - Year 1 Parents - Monday 16th March



The National Phonics Screening Check will also be carried out in school in June. Children in Year 2 who did not pass the check in Year 1 will also be re-taking the assessment.

Information about the Phonics Screening Check for parents is in the link below but you are also invited to attend an information session on Monday 16th March at 3.20pm in the hall if you would like further details about how to support your child at home.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb573dad669f061d46b58/Phonics_screening_check_information_for_parents.pdf.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March. You will receive a Spring Assessment Report update shortly after the Easter holidays which will also outline information shared in the meeting. Booking information for you to meet with your child's class teacher will be sent out next week!

Please do let us know if there are any changes at home or if you have any concerns at all, so that we can support your child(ren) together.

I hope that you have a great week ahead.

With very best wishes,

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

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 23 rd February 2026	Children Return to School after Half Term Holidays
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Year 3 and Year 5 Dance Festival
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
Monday 9 th March 2026	Y4 Multiplication Check Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Y6 SATs Parent Information Meeting
Monday 16 th March 2026	Phonics Screening Check Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
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

The Scarecrows' Wedding ✕

World Book Day FEAST

Betty O'Barley's
bread buns & sandwiches (cheese, ham, tuna)
and sausage rolls

Harry O'Hay's
Hay bale cheese pin wheels and vegetable
sticks

Pudding:
Shortbread biscuits with pink flowers

