

2nd March 2026



MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

We had a great first week back at school after half term last week! Our children in Years 3 and 5 did a fantastic job of representing Moorside at the cluster dance festival where they enjoyed a great choreographed mass warm up and performed their dances in their classes. Certificates were awarded to our children for determination and body language! They all put in 100% effort with a smile! We are very proud of them all.

Spellings and Knowledge Mats

The spellings for this half term and knowledge mats with the vocabulary and key knowledge for this term's topics have been uploaded onto the website and can be found at:

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/curriculum-plans/> and <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/home-learning-and-websites/>

Parent Consultations

Parent consultation letters for the 23rd and 24th March will be sent home in children's book bags tomorrow so please can you check them and book one space to see your child's class teacher on the most convenient day for you. If your child has 2 teachers during the week you will still only require one meeting. Please let us know if you have any issues with the booking system or are unavailable on both days and we will do our best to help.

Headlice

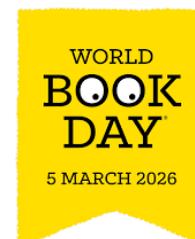


We have had cases of Headlice reported to school. Please could you check your child's hair and if you do spot any eggs or lice, they will need treating before you send your child into school. Many thanks!

World Book Day

Don't forget.... It is World Book Day this Thursday!

We would be delighted to see your child dressed up as their favourite character from a story book for the occasion! Don't forget - we have our World Book Day lunch too...we can't wait for a 'Scarecrow's Wedding Feast'! Some easy costume suggestions without any additional cost can be found at [75 Easy World Book Day Costume Ideas UK 2026 | Mumsnet](#).



Attendance

Our attendance last week was 95.44%. Each class has been as follows:



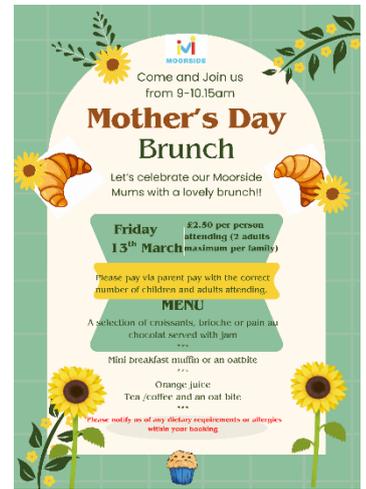
| w/c | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| 23.02.26 | 95.14% | 99.6% | 88.76% | 98% | 97.69% | 95.86% | 93.04% |

This is unfortunately below our 96% week target hopefully so hopefully we will have a week with everyone in school this week...

Mother's Day Brunch!

We are having a Mother's Day Brunch on Friday 13th March.... The menu and information about how to book is on the flyer at the end of this letter. The closing date for bookings is Monday 9th March 2025.

We have to cap this event at 2 adults per family, due to capacity and staffing to cover in the classrooms as well as at the event. We hope that you will be able to join us, so that we can look after you! This will be from 9.00-10.15am or slightly earlier, depending on how quickly the children are ready to join their classes. Please drop them at their usual door at the usual time and we will send them into the hall once they have been registered to meet you there. Many thanks.



Sponsored Bounce



Our Sponsored Bunny Bounce will be on Wednesday 25th March! Sponsor forms will be sent home this week to start fundraising.... This is always such a fun event for the children, organised by the Friends of Moorside, and they have the opportunity to win an Easter Egg if they manage to do the most jumps in their class in a minute! Thank you for your support with this.

And finally, you will be aware from the news of the disturbing situation regarding conflict in the Middle East. This does come up as a conversation topic in school when children have been exposed to some of the information and images about what is happening, and it can lead to them feeling unsafe and of course concerned about other people in the world.

Some children may have friends or family working or holidaying in areas that have been under attack over the weekend. If children ask questions in school, we will approach our responses with a calm, honest, and age-appropriate approach that emphasises safety and empathy. We will focus on people who will help those involved in conflict to reduce anxiety. If you need some support with strategies for conversations:

- ask your child what they already know or have heard from friends or social media to address specific worries.
- keep it simple by using age-appropriate language and keep details minimal to avoid overstimulating fear.
- emphasise that the conflict is far away and they are safe at home in the UK.
- validate emotions by allowing children to express fear, sadness, or anger without judgment, acknowledging that the situation is distressing.
- focus on hope and kindness and remind them that within all conflict there are people who show courage, and people working for peace.
- avoid graphic images and disturbing details.
- use analogies related to their experience, such as "sometimes countries are cross and fight".

If you feel that your child would benefit from a check-in and chat with a member of staff at school, please do not hesitate to get in touch - we are always here to help.

I hope you all have a super week ahead!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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| 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 |
| Thursday 12 th March 2026 | Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to Fountains Abbey |
| Friday 13 th March 2026 | Mother's Day Brunch |
| 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) |
| Wednesday 25 th March 2026 | Sponsored Bounce |
| 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





Come and Join us
from 9-10.15am

Mother's Day Brunch

Let's celebrate our Moorside
Mums with a lovely brunch!!

Friday £2.50 per person
13th March attending (2 adults
maximum per family)

Please pay via parent pay with the correct
number of children and adults attending.

MENU

A selection of croissants, brioche or pain au
chocolat served with jam

Mini breakfast muffin or an oatbite

Orange juice

Tea /coffee and an oat bite

**Please notify us of any dietary requirements or allergies
within your booking**

