

23rd March 2026

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

I can't believe the final week of the term is upon us! It feels like no time at all since we came back from our Christmas break and began our Month of Reading Madness! Year 6 jetted off at the start of term to Marrick and are still talking about their adventures during their week in the outdoors!

Since then, we have had visits from the Allerton Waste Recovery Park, the Hornblower and the Mayoress, took part in the Holocaust Memorial Service, had trips to Fountains Abbey (and this week to the Yorkshire Museum), took part in the dance festival with our local cluster schools, we held our Showcase for Years 3 and 4 to share their Anglo Saxons and Vikings Learning, enjoyed a Mother's Day brunch and held parent information evenings about Phonics screening, the Multiplication check and KS2 SATs! I am sure that there are a few events that I have missed....Phew....!

There's still more to come before we finish for a well deserved break with our Showcases for Years 1 and 2 today and Years 5 and 6 on Thursday and a Sponsored Bounce on Wednesday!

It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their after school clubs too, and I would like to thank the staff for running these in addition to the busy school day!

Thank you to those of you who have managed to attend the parent meetings and school events that we have offered this term too - it is so important that we work together to support our children- we really do appreciate it.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Slots are 10 minutes to talk to the teacher, but then you can take as much time as you want to look at your child's books after the meeting. Please be mindful of this so that the teachers are not running too late. If you feel that you need a further chat with your child's class teacher at any stage, please do get in touch via the school office. Thank you so much!!

Safety on School Site



Please could you remind your child not to ride their bike/scooter on school site – this includes the staff car park. We advise that ALL children who are travelling to school by bike or scooter wear a helmet to keep them safe. If children are caught riding on school site then we will ask them not to bring their bike or scooter to school for the remainder of the half term. Thank you for helping us to keep our community safe.

Farewells....

On Thursday we will sadly be saying farewell to Miss Ryder and on Friday to Mrs Price. I would like to say a huge thank you to them both for their contributions to Team Moorside over their time here, and wish them the very best for the future and much happiness in their new jobs!



Easter Holiday Activities.....



Sporting Influence are running their holiday club here at Moorside for the whole of the Easter break apart from Good Friday and Bank Holiday Monday. It has been extremely successful over the past few holidays.... There is a flyer below for booking details. This is for Years 1-6.

Ripon Cathedral

Ripon Cathedral will be hosting an Easter Activity morning for families at the Cathedral on Tuesday 31st March from 10:30-12pm - £4 per child. They also have their Spring Fair on Saturday 18th April. Visit the Cathedral's website for all their Easter activities!

Attendance

This week's overall attendance for the whole school has been 95.93%. The winning class with 97.27% is Y6!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
23.02.26	95.14%	99.6%	88.76%	98%	97.69%	95.86%	93.04%
02.03.26	95.50%	97.6%	96.47%	97%	98.46%	95.86%	94.64%
09.30.26	97.59%	99.20%	92.66%	97%	95%	95.97%	98.64%
16.03.26	95.83%	97.2%	94.44%	97%	95.77%	94%	97.27%

Meningitis Update

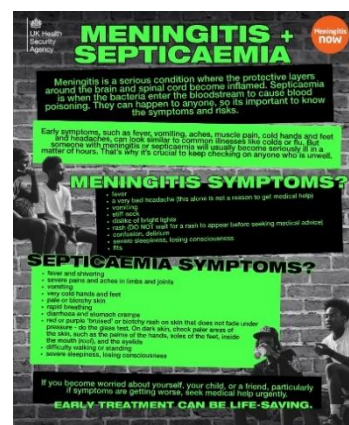
You may be aware of recent media coverage regarding a meningitis outbreak in **Kent**. Although this incident is not affecting schools in our area, we understand that it may prompt concern and questions within our community.

For accurate, up-to-date and authoritative information about meningitis, including symptoms, risks and how to protect pupils and staff, we follow the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance available at:

[What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

and mUKHSA blog on meningitis: [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

Health protection in schools advice (including meningitis) - [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK](#)



To support staff and parents in recognising potential signs of meningitis, I have attached the **UKHSA signs and symptoms poster** - see below!

Please be reassured that there is no specific public health advice or additional action required for schools outside the affected area at this time but we will be vigilant in school.

Next term.....

PE and Forest School days PROVISIONALLY:

Reception - PE on Thursdays and Forest School on Fridays

Y1 - PE on Mondays and Forest School on Fridays

Y2 - PE on Mondays and Forest School on Fridays

Y3 - PE on Wednesday and swimming on Fridays

Y4 - PE on Wednesday and Fridays

Y5 - Forest School on Wednesday and PE on Mondays

Y6 - PE on (day to be confirmed) and Fridays

We will let you know if there are any changes at the start of the new term.

We try to give you plenty of notice with diary dates for the term ahead... please keep an eye on them at the end of our Newsletters and they are on the homepage on our website too!

I hope that you all have a wonderful break together with your families and lots of fun over the Easter weekend!

With very best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher



Diary Dates:

Monday 23 rd March 2026	Years 1 and 2 Showcase at 1.45pm
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 3 and Year 4 Trip to the Yorkshire Museum Year 5 and Year 6 Showcase 2.15pm
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
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May 2026	SATS week
Monday 18 th May 2026	Class Photos
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Half Term
Monday 1 st June 2026	Back to School – no training day
Tuesday 16 th June 2026	Year 6 First Aid Workshop
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Dentist Visit
Monday 6 th July 2026	National Sports Week

Children's Easter Holiday Activity Morning

Mark Holy Week with us through creative, hands-on children's activities as we explore the story of Easter together.

Tuesday 31 March
10.30am-12pm

- **Make your own Easter baskets**
- **Create decorative crosses**
- **And much more!**

£4 per child

refreshments
included

*(Babies and young
toddlers free)*

**Scan the QR
code to book**





RIPON
CATHEDRAL

SPRING HOME & GARDEN FAIR

Saturday 18th April 2026

10am – 4pm

HOME • GARDEN • GIFTS • MUSIC • PETTING FARM

Get ready to indulge in a delightful celebration of all things
spring in the stunning surrounds of Ripon Cathedral

Tickets £5

Under 16s free, must be
accompanied by an adult

Scan QR code to book





April Fools Open Day

We definitely don't sort your rubbish...April Fools! Come behind the scenes and see what actually happens to your household rubbish

Site tours (for over 7s) will run throughout the day

Upcycling crafts

The North Yorkshire Rotters

Waste Prevention and Recycling Officer

Open to everyone

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Please book using this [link](#)

All ages welcome at the visitor centre but please note no access to site tour for under 7s



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ACTIVITY CAMPS

Moorside Primary School
and Nursery

THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY

TIMES:

Early Drop Off

8:00^{am} - 8:30^{am}

Regular Day

8:30^{am} - 4:00^{pm}

Late Pick Up

4:00^{pm} - 5:00^{pm}

AGES:

Year 1 - Year 6

FROM:

£30 per day

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MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

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Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.