

20th April 2026



MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

It was so lovely to see all the children again on their return to school last week. They all came back in seeming refreshed and ready for learning!

We had mysterious giant footsteps in Reception, and a visit from a tractor in Key Stage 1 last week to launch some of our new topics for this term. The children asked lots of great questions for them to research and solve over the coming weeks!



We were also delighted to learn that we have been accredited our Gold Healthy School award which we have maintained after we resubmitted the work that we continue to do to maintain this standard. The feedback from all partners involved in reviewing our award was *'about how strong the submission was and really shows our ongoing commitment to a whole school approach to health and wellbeing.'* Well done to Team Moorside!

Attendance

We will be sending out your child's Spring term assessment and report update following on from Parent Consultations. You may also receive a letter to share your child's current attendance if it is below 95% and declining as this is a concern. If you are concerned that your child is unwilling to attend school and you would like any support with this, please contact Mrs Jemmett through the school admin email, or give us a call and we will get back to you.

Last week's attendance in school was 94.76% which is below the National Average of 96%. The winning class with 99.5% was Year 1! A big well done to them! Keep it up and hopefully we will be over 96% this week for all.



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
13.04.26	88.79%	99.5%	94.44%	96.25%	95.19%	95.42%	93.75%

Safeguarding - Online Games

Popular Games Ratings

These are the platforms most parents ask about when setting boundaries or when children feel peer pressure to join group play.

	Fortnite	PEGI 12
	Minecraft	PEGI 7 (One of the most common early games)
	Roblox	PEGI 7 (but individual experiences vary widely and some worlds function more like 12+ or 16+)
	Among Us	PEGI 7 (but often recommended 10+ due to themes and chat features)
	Call of Duty	PEGI 18 (but many children play it due to peer norms)
	GTA V	PEGI 18 (commonly referenced in concerns about exposure)

PEGI stands for Pan European Game Information. The Confused Child

We are concerned about some discussions about games that some Key Stage 1 children are accessing at home through Roblox, particularly 'Five Nights at Freddy's', which is a horror game with an age rating of PG-13'. Whilst we understand that Roblox is aimed at children who are roughly 7, the content of games that they can access through this is not appropriate and we do not want other children who do not play on the games to be scared by them or influenced to try and play them. Fortnite is also rated as a 12 so should not be accessed by primary aged children. Please could you ensure that you monitor the games/apps that your children are accessing and discuss the reasons behind age restrictions with them to support their mental health and wellbeing. Many thanks.

Clubs

Our After School Club letter was sent out on Friday. Thank you to those of you who have emailed school already to request a place. The only club that will be starting this week is Mr Doey's Sports Club and all other clubs will begin on Monday 27th April for 10 weeks. I would like to say a huge thank you to our teachers for running the extra-curricular clubs in addition to the school day!

Dates for your Diaries

We have added a few more dates for your diaries and as always, we have a busy term ahead! Please keep an eye on them at the end of the Newsletter each week. We will provide more details about trips in due course!

Age Restrictions for Video Games

12 PEGI 12	16 PEGI 16
Games with a PEGI 12 rating are suitable for ages 12 and above.	Games with a PEGI 16 rating are suitable for ages 16 and above.
They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">violence of a slightly graphic nature involving fantasy characterssuggestive activities or languagegamblingmild bad language	They may have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">violence and adult content that looks like real lifebad languagescenes demonstrating the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances
For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">SimsFortniteDragon Ball FighterZSuper Smash Bros. Ultimate	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marvel's AvengersBattlefield 2042Halo InfiniteMarvel's Spider-Man

For further information regarding the video game age restrictions mentioned in this document, please see the official PEGI website.

Ripon in Bloom

We are looking for old wellies to use for planting for the Ripon in Bloom School's competition this year. If you have old wellies that are no longer needed and can help, please donate them to school. Any size or colour would be very much appreciated. A BIG thank you.

I hope you all have a super week ahead! As always, please do contact if you have any questions or queries at all.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher



Diary Dates:

Thursday 7 th May	Y4 visit to Bland Close Farm – more info to follow this week
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May 2026	SATS week
Monday 18 th May 2026	Class Photos
W/c 18 th May 2026	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 19 th May 2026	Y5 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Break-up for the Half Term Holidays
Monday 1 st June 2026	Back to School – NO Training Day
W/c 1 st June 2026	Multiplication Check
W/c 8 th June 2026	Phonics Screening Check
Monday 8 th June 2026	New Reception Starters Parents Meeting at 3.45pm
Tuesday 9 th June 2026	Reading Café at 3.20pm
Wednesday 10 th June	Y3 visit to Bland Close Farm
W/c 15 th June 2026	Safety Week
Tuesday 16 th June 2026	Year 6 First Aid Workshop
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Y6 Trip to Edinburgh
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Dentist Visit
W/c 6 th July 2026	National Sports Week
W/c 6 th July 2026	Young Enterprise Week
Friday 17 th July 2026	Break-up for the Summer Holidays