

4th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the National Year of Reading 2026, we are excited to invite children from Moorside, aged 7 and above, to take part in **Poetry by Heart** – England’s national poetry speaking competition! This event will take place at Ripon Library on the morning of **Saturday 18th April** (times to be confirmed).

Children are invited to choose a poem they love, learn it by heart and share it aloud! This is an exciting opportunity to join other young people in a showcase event to celebrate a love of poetry and performance and share their hard work. Guest Star, Yorkshire-based poet, Matt Abbott will also be attending. Participation is completely free!

On the day of the event, some of our staff from Moorside will be there to greet you and your child/children and will be staying for the duration of the event. Parents will need to stay as well. You may like to visit the link below for poetry ideas and inspiration:

<https://poetrybyheart.org.uk/timeline/7plus>

If your child/children would like to participate in this fantastic event, please complete the form below and return to school on or before **Friday 20th March** so we can gather an idea of numbers.

Best wishes,
Mrs H Jemmett
Deputy Headteacher

Poetry by Heart Event – Saturday 18th April 2026

My child/children and I would like to attend the Poetry by Heart Event at Ripon Library on Saturday 18th April 2026:

Child/children’s Name(s): _____

Class(es): _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____