

13th July 2026



MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,



I can't believe that I am already writing the final Newsletter of the school year!

It was BRILLIANT to see so many of you at our Sports events and Summer Fair last week. Thank you for coming to cheer on the children.... they did SO well!!

It's the final week at Moorside for our Year 6 pupils! It only feels like five minutes since most of them joined us in Reception. They have made us incredibly proud, especially over the past term. They have led events such as Sports Day and taken on a range of leadership responsibilities throughout the year, proving themselves to be excellent role models for the younger children. Many of them enjoyed their transition days last week, and we know they are ready for the new challenges that Secondary school will bring. As is the case for schools across the country, their SATs papers have unfortunately been delayed in being returned to school. However, their success is not measured solely by their academic outcomes. It can also be seen in the kind and caring young people they have become, the Moorside PRIDE they show in everything they do, and the resilience and courage they demonstrate when taking on new challenges. This was particularly evident during their visit to Marrick earlier this year and throughout rehearsals for our production of *The Button Box*.



They are all superstars, and we wish them every success as they take the next steps in their education. They are more than ready, but we hope they enjoy their final week with us first!

We also say farewell to Mr Price and Miss Padbury-Hunt at the end of term and wish them both well in their new ventures. A huge thank you to them both for everything they have contributed to our school community. We will miss them greatly and hope they keep in touch!

Reports

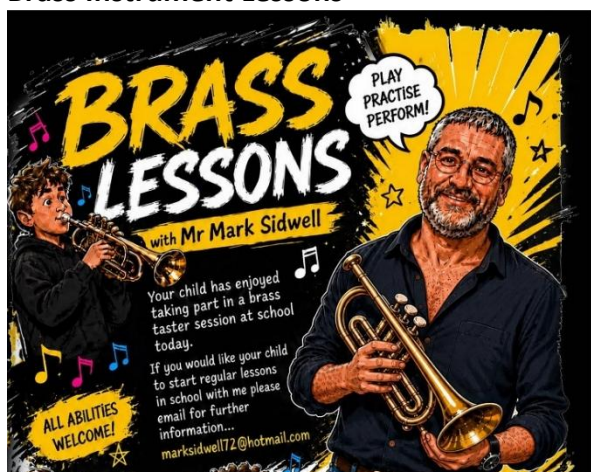
School reports will be sent home on Wednesday this week - please keep an eye out for them. We will include a feedback form that we would really appreciate being returned by Friday or if not in the first week of September. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher via the admin office if you have any questions. All teachers are meeting this week to share information with their new teachers for September too so that we can ensure a smooth transition for all our children.



Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday last week, we were delighted to welcome Harriet from Ripon Library to share this year's Summer Reading Challenge with our children! The theme is 'Read to the Beat'! Please see further information on the poster below.... It is the National Year of Reading this year so it would be great for as many children as possible from Moorside to participate for FREE! And it's always lovely to visit the library for a bit of chill out reading time!!

Brass Instrument Lessons



Mr Sidwell will continue to offer brass instrument lessons from September and would love to hear from any enthusiastic musicians who would like to have a go! His flyer is attached to this letter. If you have any questions about the lesson options available, including access to instruments, I know he would be more than happy to help.

Party Lunch

Don't forget to let us know as soon as possible if your child is usually packed lunches but would like a party lunch on Friday! See the menu below and email the school admin email if you would like to book one. Many thanks.

Silver Games Award



We are thrilled to have been successful in achieving our Silver Primary Games award! Mr Price completed the application to share all the fantastic sporting opportunities that our children have at Moorside. We always strive to improve so will be 'going for gold' next! Well done and thank you to everyone, especially Mr Price who will be handing the sports leadership baton over to Mrs Plummer for September!

Button Box Performance

Our production of The Button Box is today and tomorrow! A big thank you to you all for sending in costumes. If you haven't got any tickets, please get in touch with the school office as we may have a few available for tomorrow on a first come first served basis.



Attendance

Our attendance last week was 94.85%. Well done to Year 3 again with 99.09%!
Each year group achieved as follows....



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
01.06.26	78.93%	94.62%	94.21%	97.73%	96.92%	94.67%	90%
08.06.26	78.78%	93.85%	94.21%	97.73%	96.92%	94.67%	90.91%
15.06.26	88%	95.7%	96.5%	97%	94%	95.2%	93.7%
22.06.26	90%	98.46%	85.79%	96.36%	97.69%	91.33%	94.55%
29.06.26	93.45%	95.38%	88.50%	98.18%	94%	94.67%	94.55%
06.07.26	89.66%	93.85%	91.46%	99.09%	95.2%	98.33%	96.36%

Helpers in School

Thank you so much to our helpers and volunteers who have been on our school trips this term - it enables us to take the children on exciting learning experiences outside the classroom and the more helping hands we have enables us to keep the children safe!

We have some regular helpers in school....

Mrs Atha and **Mrs Simms** who have been out for Forest School in all weathers and help us to maintain our grounds with the children and Mrs Goss! They have also helped out on lots of school trips and other events in school.

Mrs Pickard, who has taken the children swimming every week and braved almost all the school trips this year...!

Mrs Priest, **Mrs Paley** and again, **Mrs Atha** who have come in to read with our children each week too! It really helps to develop their fluency.

And finally.....our FOMS who have organised raffles, uniform sales, sponsored bounces, art and pumpkin competitions amongst other events which helps us to provide those little extras or reduce the cost of school trips - we really value you all! Thank you for giving up your time - it means the world to us! **Mrs Beckett** and **Mrs Atha** have children moving on from us to Secondary school at the end of term so a special thanks to them!

And finally, I want to thank our staff team for everything that they have done this year to make our school such a special place for all our children to learn. The past week had been extremely hot but, as with other challenges faced within the year, they always power on and make sure that our children receive the best experiences and opportunities that they can. We have a great team and along with the children.... everyone deserves a good rest. Working in partnership with our families makes our job so much easier so thank you for choosing us and for supporting our school. It really is appreciated.



We wish all our families a wonderful Summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all our children into school on 8th September. If you have any questions, queries or news that you need to share before then, we will check the admin email periodically over the break and direct your message to the best person to help.

With many thanks again and very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Monday 13 th July 2026	Button Box performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Button Box performance – 9.30am and 1.30pm
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Reception Graduation - 2pm
Friday 17 th July 2026	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly and Party Day!
Friday 17 th July 2026	Break-up for the Summer Holidays



Party Menu

Moorside Primary School



- Sandwiches – cheese, tuna and ham
- Sausage rolls



- Cheese whirls
- Vegetable sticks
- Crisps
- Party cupcake
- Juice



BRASS LESSONS

PLAY PRACTISE PERFORM!

with Mr Mark Sidwell

Your child has enjoyed taking part in a brass taster session at school today.

If you would like your child to start regular lessons in school with me please email for further information... marksidwell72@hotmail.com

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

BUILD CONFIDENCE
MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN!

Trumpet
Cornet
Trombone
Euphonium
Baritone
Tuba
Flugelhorn

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE!

READ to the BEAT

Read to the Beat is the name of the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge - the UK's biggest reading for fun scheme for 4 - 11-year-olds

Children sign up at their local library to start the challenge, which is to read six books over the summer break.

They can choose any books they like, as long they're from the library. eBooks and audiobooks borrowed from our digital platforms Borrowbox and Libby also count.

Reading or listening to books with grown ups or siblings also counts towards completing the challenge.

For each book read, children collect stickers. When completed, they are presented with exclusive prizes, a certificate and medal.

Lots of fun and often FREE tie-in events running across libraries. Scan the QR code for details of what's happening in your patch.

Sign up to Read to the Beat at your local library from Saturday 4 July - while stocks last...



Ripon Tennis & Padel Centre

Summer Family Membership

TENNIS PADEL GYM

ONLY £75 for all the family

FREE USE OF RACKETS & BALLS 7 WEEKS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 20th July - Sunday 6th September 2026



* MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES FREE USE OF OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS, INDOOR TENNIS & PADEL COURTS HAVE AN ADDITIONAL FEE BUT WILL BE CHARGED AT MEMBERS PRICES. GYM USERS NEED TO BE AGES 12+ AND SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. MEMBERS CAN USE THE GYM UNSUPERVISED FROM AGES 16+.

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Ripon BID SUMMER TRAIL

18th July - 16th August



Complete the trail for a chance to Win Prizes from brilliant local businesses

Collect a trail sheet from Ripon BID, Ripon Library or Specsavers



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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

July 21st - September 6th

All these activities are included in
the price of your annual ticket



VICTORIAN BAKING

Roll up your sleeves and get stuck in! Learn a new recipe and take your freshly baked goods home to enjoy!

 Tuesday - Thursday  10:30am-3:30pm  Workhouse Museum



STORYTIME

Get hands on with history in these fun, interactive stories and free play sessions.

- Let's Find Mummy
- Pig On The Loose
- Jailhouse Boogie

Visit the website for exact dates and times



CRAFTY WEDNESDAYS

Weekly craft activities at The Workhouse Museum

21 & 22 July	Make your own slime	19 August	Mini book making
29 July	Marble making	26 August	Metal frame embossing
5 August	Textiles	2 September	Window Wanderland
12 August	Willow Lantern making		

FIND FULL DETAILS AND PLAN YOUR VISIT
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