

14th September 2026



MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome to all our new families across the school. We are delighted to have you with us as part of Team Moorside!



What a wonderful first week we had last week! It has been lovely to see the children settling into their new year groups, making new friends and getting stuck into their learning. We are incredibly proud of how well they have started the new school year. Children in Reception really impressed us with how well they adapted to their new learning environment and routines....

We had some fantastic topic launches to inspire our children, including a visit from the author Dan Smith, to introduce UKS2 to their new text, My Friend the Enemy! Today, we had an even more exciting visitor in our Early Years (sorry Dan) – the children couldn't believe that The Gruffalo had taken up residence in our reading corner!

A Few Important Reminders School Day Timings

Please remember our school day timings:

Reception: 8:45am – 3:15pm

Years 1–6: 8:50am – 3:20pm

Registers **close at 9:00am**, so please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school on time and is ready to start their learning promptly.



Attendance

We will continue to **bang the attendance drum!** Good attendance and punctuality are incredibly important for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing.

As a reminder, leave of absence during term time **cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances**. Where a request is made, we may ask for additional evidence, including for occasions such as weddings or medical appointments.

Please book routine appointments, including **dentist appointments, wherever possible during the school holidays**. Every day in school really does count.

Last week's attendance was 96.54%. Each class's attendance was as follows:



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
07.09.26	96.49%	99.17%	99%	96.39%	100%	96%	88.75%

Well done to Year 4! What a super start!

Uniform and Appearance

A reminder that children should come to school ready to learn and dressed in line with our school uniform policy - see the guidance on our website at <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/school-uniform/>. Please ensure that children do **not** wear:

- Earrings or other jewellery on PE days. (Children can wear stud earrings only with their uniform).
- Temporary tattoos.
- Hair dye/coloured hair.
- Nail varnish.
- Make-up.
- Non-school shoes.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to maintain high standards and ensuring that all children are ready to learn.

We will also be sending home our Home School Charter this week to share how we can best work together in partnership to support your child's education and wellbeing!

I hope that you received your Learning Letters from your children's teachers as well as Knowledge Mats and Homework for this term (these were emailed on Friday). Please let us know if you would like a paper copy.

Early Years Open Morning – Saturday 10th October



We are delighted to invite prospective families to our **Early Years Open Morning on Saturday 10th October, 10–12pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to look around our nurturing Early Years setting, meet our experienced staff and find out more about life at Moorside. We look forward to welcoming you! All current Early Years pupils are also welcome to come for a play in our areas with their families, so that they can share their new learning environment too!

Please do spread the word if you know anyone who might like to visit us.

After School Clubs

Our extra-curricular After School Club letter will be sent home this week. Please email the admin email address to request a place; places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and we will send confirmation of spaces by Friday afternoon at 3.20pm. Payments for the Sports Clubs with Sporting Influence will be taken via Parent Pay. Details will follow in the club's letter.

Reception Parents - Save the Date – Monday 28th September

We would love to welcome you into Reception at **2:45pm** to watch one of our **phonics lessons**. Afterwards, there will be a short presentation in the hall where we will share more information about **phonics and reading in school**, including how you can support your child at home. We hope you can join us — it will be a lovely opportunity for you to see the children learning and to find out more about how we teach reading.

Brass Lessons

Mr Sidwell continues to teach brass lessons every week at Moorside. If your child is interested, we can source an instrument for them to give it a try. Please see the flyer below for further details!



Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 18th September



On Friday 18th September, we will be taking part in **Jeans for Genes Day** to raise money and awareness for children living with genetic conditions. Staff, parents and children are invited to wear jeans or something denim to school and make a donation via **ParentPay**. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause which is close to our hearts at Moorside.

Staffing Update

We are really pleased to share that Sally Price is rejoining our staff team at Moorside today. This is in a new role as our Children and Families Manager. This role involves elevated responsibility as part of the safeguarding and inclusion teams, personal development and welfare support as well as liaison between school and parents and external agencies. I know that you will be as pleased to welcome her back as we are - we are delighted that she is working with us again.



Our Theme Days and Weeks for this term is on our website too so that you can see some of the key dates ahead as well as those on each Newsletter. Please do get in touch via our admin email/telephone if you have any questions at all. We are always here to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another fantastic week ahead!

With Best Wishes

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Friday 18 th September 2026	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 28 th September 2026	Reception Phonics Lesson – 2.45pm
Friday 9 th October 2026	World Mental Health Day
Saturday 10 th October 2026	Early Years Open Morning
W/c 19 th October 2026	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Reception Harvest Festival
W/c 9 th November 2026	Anti-Bullying Week
W/c 9 th November 2026	EYFS & KS1 Nursery Rhyme Week
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	Armistice Day

BRASS LESSONS

with Mr Mark Sidwell

PLAY
PRACTISE
PERFORM!

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!

