

21st September 2026

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

We had another busy and happy week in school last week, with the children getting stuck into their new topics and getting more acquainted with their classroom learning environments and routines.

Jeans for Genes! Thank you!

We had lots of fun during our Friday PRIDE assembly, with our very own Dance in Denim to 'I Like to Move It!' There were certainly some fantastic moves on show — it was a brilliant way to start the day and we loved seeing everyone joining in! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Jeans for Genes Day collection on ParentPay. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will help support such an important cause. Together we have raised £159.50. AMAZING!!



Forest School



Our Year 1 children have been having a wonderful time at Forest School over the past two weeks as they've been exploring a new area!

There has been lots to discover and plenty of opportunities to get stuck in. The children have been learning how to stay safe around the campfire, and some have even had a go at using fire steels to make sparks — very exciting! Tree climbing has been a particular favourite, and our digging pit is already getting bigger and deeper!

It's fantastic to see the children developing their confidence, independence and resilience whilst having so much fun outdoors.

Attendance....

Our overall attendance last week was **97.49%**. Our winning class was Year 4 again with 100% attendance two weeks in a row – very impressive! WELL DONE EVERYONE....



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%
14.09.26	97.14%	98.33%	98.40%	95.45%	100%	96.80%	96.33%

Home School Charter

Just a reminder to please return your child's signed Home School Charter to school by Friday 25th September.

Thank you for taking the time to read through the charter with your child and for supporting the shared expectations we have between home and school. Working together makes such a difference!



Ripon in Bloom

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded GOLD in the schools' category for Ripon in Bloom! Our theme was 'Steps to Carbon Zero' – grow your own food with fruit, vegetables and herbs planted in WELLIES! A big well done to Mrs Goss and her Forest School helpers for leading on this!

Come and Play! Open Morning

Our Open Morning is on 10th October, from 10am–12pm.

We are inviting prospective parents and our current EYFS parents to come along and play, explore and get a feel for our school. This is a great opportunity for anyone with a child who has just turned 3 ready for Nursery or Reception 2027 school starters! Please do share with anyone who you think may be interested.

We'd love to see you there! You can let us know if you are joining us via the admin email - admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk or call us on 01765 604208.



Reception Phonics Afternoon

Our Reception phonics introduction takes place on Monday 28th September. Parents are invited to join us in Reception at 2.45pm to watch one of our phonics lessons. Afterwards, we'll head to the hall for a short presentation about phonics and reading in school, including how we teach these important skills and how you can support your child at home. We hope you can join us — it's always lovely to welcome you into the classroom and give you a flavour at what learning looks like in Reception at the moment!



Dogs on the Playground.....

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted in the school playground please. This helps us to keep the playground safe and comfortable for all our children and families. Thank you for your understanding!

School Lunches

Our children in Years 3-6 can choose their lunch as part of the daily register. There's no need to decide in advance as to whether they are having packed lunches or school dinners for the whole week. They can have a mixture and simply choose on the day! You can find our current menus on the school website:

[School Meals – Moorside Schools](#)

You may have heard about the new school food standards being introduced. North Yorkshire Catering team will make sure that our school menus incorporate the new regulations. These standards will also be reflected in our wraparound care breakfast and snack tea menus, so that the food we provide throughout the school day continues to meet the new requirements. We promote and request that children are sent to school with healthy packed lunches if they are not having school meals. There are lots of ideas for items to provide at <https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/healthy-packed-lunch-ideas/> Thank you!!

After School clubs begin this week! The collection points are:

Singing Club – Key Stage 1 door

LEGO Club – Key Stage 1 door

Sports Clubs (Football and dance) – hall door on the KS2 playground

Sports clubs finish at 4.30pm. The other clubs finish at 4pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. There is always lots happening in school so it's really important to read our newsletters for updates.

We look forward to another busy and exciting week ahead!

With Best Wishes



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

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

Come and Play!

*Explore our Nurturing Early Years
Environment and meet our experienced team!*



**10am-12pm
Saturday 10th October**



Contact admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk
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