

5th October 2026

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

It has been wonderful to see our children embracing the lovely Autumn weather and making the most of our outdoor spaces through Forest School this week. Our school grounds are particularly beautiful at this time of year as the leaves are beginning to change colour!

Our Early Years children have enjoyed going on their own 'bear hunt', using their imaginations as they explored our outdoor environment. The Year 1 children have been investigating their senses, experiencing outdoor trails with and without their sight and learning about how much they rely on their other senses without it! Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 children have been stepping back in time as they have been whittling and making items that people may have used during the Stone Age. It has been fantastic to see their concentration, creativity and enthusiasm as they develop these practical skills as well as all our children being curious about the natural world around them and watching their confidence grow as they explore.



Attendance

Our attendance has recently dropped to below 96% - it was 94.92% last week. This is well below the national average. Please do make sure that, as much as possible, your child attends school every day. Each class's attendance has been 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%
14.09.26	97.14%	98.33%	98.40%	95.45%	100%	96.80%	96.33%
21.09.26	99.29%	95.67%	94%	92.73%	96.80%	94.80%	97.33%
28.09.26	99.29%	94.67%	93.85%	86.82%	95.45%	96.67%	97.67%

We really appreciate the support of our parents and carers in helping children to be in school and ready to learn. A particular thank you to those parents who have supported their children to attend even when they have been feeling a little under the weather. We know that children can have the occasional sniffle or cough, and being in school wherever they are well enough to attend makes such a difference to their learning and friendships.

Of course, we know that sometimes children are genuinely poorly and need to be at home to recover. To all those children who have been ill with temperatures and those nasty coughs and colds, please get well soon! We are looking forward to seeing you back in school when you are well enough.

Thank you for helping us to give every child the best possible opportunity to learn, enjoy school and make the most of each day.



World Mental Health Day Hello Yellow– Friday 9th October

Saturday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We would love all members of our school community to join us in recognising the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing as part of the Young Minds Hello Yellow campaign!

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

On Friday 9th October, children and staff are invited to wear something yellow, or a yellow accessory, alongside their usual school uniform, Forest School or PE clothing. It will be lovely to see a splash of yellow around school as we come together to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

During the day, our children will also be designing their own worry monster and talking about the importance of sharing our worries rather than keeping them to ourselves. We will be reminding children about our class worry boxes, which provide a way for them to share something that may be troubling them with a trusted adult.

Open Morning – Saturday 10th October

Our Open Morning is taking place on Saturday 10th October, from 10:00am–12:00pm.

We would love to welcome all our current Early Years families, as well as families who have older children at school and a younger child who will be ready to start Nursery from January (aged 3 and upwards) or Reception from September 2027.

This is a great opportunity to come along and find out more about life at Moorside. We would love to see you and your little ones! Please spread the word if you know of anyone else who would be interested too!

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 20th October

As we celebrate the season of Harvest, we are looking forward to holding our Harvest Festival assembly on Tuesday 20th October at 9.15am. We are delighted to invite our Reception parents to join us for this special assembly and to celebrate the children's learning with them.



As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would also like to support local food banks and help those in our community who may be struggling. If you are able to, we would be very grateful for donations of canned or dried, packaged foods which we can collect and pass on to local food banks.

Every donation, however small, can make a real difference. Thank you for helping us to teach our children about kindness, generosity and the importance of supporting others in our local community.

Water Bottles



A little reminder about water bottles - thank you for your support with this. In Nursery and Reception, all children have their own named cup in school, so there is no need for children to bring a water bottle in from home.

For children in Years 1 to 6, we ask that water bottles are brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. We will make sure that bottles are washed and refilled in school during the week. We would also like to remind everyone that water bottles are for water only – **no juice please!** Thank you for helping us with this and for supporting our routines in school.

Our Awards and Activities App

We hope that everyone has now been able to access our awards app, which gives us a lovely way to share positive messages and celebrate our children's achievements with you at home. If you are experiencing any difficulties at all, please contact the school office and we will be very happy to help.

By Friday, every child should have received at least one badge or positive message. If this hasn't happened for your child, please do let us know. We really want to make sure that we are able to celebrate and share your child's achievements with you on a daily basis.

Coffee and Chat....A Message from Mrs Price - Children and Families Manager

We would love to invite parents, carers, grandparents and family members to join us for an informal brew and chat about how you can get involved and help support our school, through fundraising and school events. These events continue to ensure we can provide enriching experiences and opportunities that enhance our children's educational journey.



Come along, meet Mrs Price and other parents, carers and grandparents, share your ideas, and find out more about the Friends of Moorside School (FOMS). We are keen to welcome new faces and hope that, together, we can ensure FOMS continues to flourish and provide valuable enrichment opportunities for our school. Join us for a brew and an informal chat on:

- Tuesday 13th October at 9:00am
- Wednesday 14th October at 3:00pm

Whether you can offer a little time, share ideas, or simply want to find out more, we'd love to see you. Mrs Price will have the kettle on and looks forward to welcoming familiar faces as well as meeting some new ones! Together, we can make an even bigger difference for our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With Best Wishes



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Friday 9 th October 2026	World Mental Health Day
Saturday 10 th October 2026	Early Years Open Morning
Tuesday 13 th October 2026	Coffee & Chat with Mrs Price – 9.00am
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Coffee & Chat with Mrs Price – 3.00pm
Thursday 15 th October 2026	Year 5 and Year 6 Trip to Eden Camp
W/c 19 th October 2026	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Reception Harvest Festival – 9.15am
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
Tuesday 24 th November 2026	Individual School Photographs

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
for more information or call 01765 604208

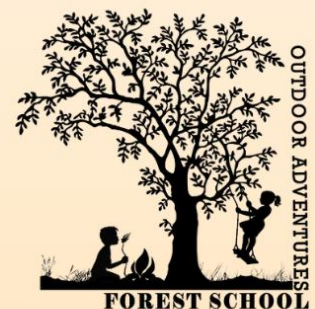


CELEBRATION OF AUTUMN FAMILY FUN DAY

Sponsored by The Friends of Hell Wath



MONDAY | **26** | 2026
OCTOBER



10.30-2 Autumn Crafts and
Hammering

10.30-12.30 Drumming and
Music Workshops

Pop up Mud Kitchen and
self led activities running
all day 10.30-2

Free event- bring a picnic

**Sign in on arrival at
Panther's Club House
Hell Wath, HG4 2SE**

