

19th October 2026

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and friends,

I cannot believe that we have reached the final week of this half term already! It has been a busy and enjoyable one at Moorside, and it has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into their classes, developed their confidence and embraced the many opportunities available to them. As always, I am incredibly proud of our children and the way they represent our school. We are looking forward to sharing their individual progress this week during our parent consultations.

We have had two great trips linked to this term's history theme:

Years 3 and 4 are still talking about their day out at Stump Cross Caverns! Our Year 5 and 6 children had a wonderful day at Eden Camp, immersing themselves in an exciting and memorable Second World War experience. There were some fantastic costumes (thank you parents), and it was lovely to see the children so engaged with their learning.

The children were polite, sensible and enthusiastic throughout the day. They were an absolute pleasure to take on the trip and were wonderful ambassadors for Moorside. Well done, Years 5 and 6!



Netball Success!

A huge well done to our netball team, who came second place in their competition on Wednesday, missing out on first place by just one point! What a fantastic achievement. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout. We are very proud of you all!

A special thank you to **Mrs Needham** and **Mrs Pickard** for giving up their time to support and encourage the team. Your help is very much appreciated.

Welcome to Moorside!



Our Welcome to Moorside tree is continuing to grow, with almost 200 handprints helping to bring it to life! Each handprint represents a valued member of our school community and reminds us that everyone has a place at Moorside.

Just like our rainbow that we had in the entrance area last year, our tree is a symbol of belonging, kindness and togetherness. Thank you to Miss Lile for all her hard work to handprint all the children and create such a beautiful whole school belonging display.

Friday Film Morning – Years 1–6

As a treat for the children and to round off the half term, Years 1–6 will enjoy a Friday film morning, watching *Toy Story 5*.

Alongside enjoying the film together, we will use it as an opportunity to think about technology and the role it plays in our lives. We will encourage the children to share their thoughts, ask questions and consider how technology can be used positively and responsibly but also how it affects children's relationships and health and wellbeing in an age-appropriate way in the film.

The film is a PG. Please let us know if you have any questions or queries about them viewing the film.

Our Annual Pumpkin Competition



We are delighted to be running our annual pumpkin competition again this year, and we cannot wait to see the wonderful creations you come up with! Please make sure all pumpkin entries are brought into school by **9.00am on Friday 23rd October**, ready to be judged by one of our Governors. There will be prizes for first, second and third place, so get those creative ideas flowing! If carving a pumpkin isn't for you, don't worry! We have also included a pumpkin design template at the end of this newsletter. These entries will be judged separately, with a prize for the winning design.

A little reminder about safety: Children must always have an adult to help them if knives or carving tools are being used. Safety comes first! We look forward to seeing all your fantastic creations. Good luck, everyone!

Reception Harvest Festival TOMORROW – Tuesday 20th October

We are looking forward to welcoming the parents and families of our Reception children to their Harvest Festival assembly on **Tuesday 20th October at 9.15am**. We cannot wait to see you there!

As part of our celebrations, we would love your help in supporting local community food banks. If you can, please send your child into school with a donation of a tin of food or a dried food product with a long expiry date.

Donations can be handed to your child's class teacher from **Monday 19th October onwards**.

Thank you for helping us support people in our local community who may need a little extra help. Every contribution, however small, can make a difference.



Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations are taking place this week on Tuesday and Thursday, with Year 5 consultations on Monday and Tuesday.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and share how we can continue to support their learning and development. Working together with families is such an important part of helping every child thrive.

To help everything run smoothly, please note the following arrangements:

- **Key Stage 2 parents:** Please enter via the Buddies door and wait in the Learning Zone corridor until your child's class teacher is available.
- **EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents:** Please enter through the same door your child uses each morning.
- **Appointment times:** Each appointment is allocated 10 minutes. If you feel you need a little longer to discuss something in detail, please arrange an alternative time to meet with the class teacher.

This will help us keep appointments running on time and ensure every family receives their allocated time. Buddies will be based in the hall on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, so please collect your children from the hall door on these days.

Parents visiting classes for children in different year groups are kindly asked to enter through the labelled corridor doors rather than walking through the hall.

School Reception Applications



The deadline for applying for your child's school reception place is:

JANUARY 15

Applications for Reception places for September 2027 has now opened and closes on **15th January 2027**. For children born between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**, please apply via the North Yorkshire Council website: www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions.

If you know anyone who would like to come and visit our school for a tour ahead of applying for a Reception place, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.

Superhero Day - EYFS!

As part of our learning this term, we have been enjoying the story 'Supertato' and the topic 'People Who Help Us'. To celebrate, we will be having a **Superhero Day on Thursday 22nd October**.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a superhero if they would like to join in the fun. This could be a favourite superhero character or a real-life superhero, such as a doctor, nurse, firefighter, police officer, teacher, or any other person who helps others. Please do not feel that you need to buy anything new. A simple homemade costume or accessories you already have at home will be perfect. We are looking forward to a super day of learning and fun!



Attendance

Our attendance target is at least **96%**. Our attendance last week was **94.86%**. This half term overall it has been **95.84%**. Each class 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%
05.10.26	99.29%	91%	97.31%	85%	94.09%	99.63%	94.33%
12.10.26	99.29%	94%	98.46%	90.45%	87.27%	98.52%	96%

We hope that everyone who has been unwell and unable to attend school feels better very soon!

With Halloween approaching, many children may be looking forward to dressing up and enjoying some trick-or-treating fun. We want everyone to have a happy and safe time, so please take a few moments to remind children about road safety. We will be sharing these top tips with the children in assembly this week....

- Always walk on the pavement where possible and stay away from the road.
- Stop, look and listen before crossing, and use a pedestrian crossing whenever available.
- Hold an adult's hand when crossing roads, particularly after dark.
- Choose costumes that allow children to see clearly and move safely.
- Wear something bright or reflective and carry a torch when it gets dark.
- Only visit homes with a trusted adult and never enter a stranger's home.

A little reminder before heading out can help keep everyone safe while enjoying the Halloween celebrations.

Firework Safety

As we approach Bonfire Night, it is important to remind our children how to stay safe around fireworks and bonfires. Sometimes fireworks are set off from around Halloween so we will also share the following information with children.....

- Never touch or pick up fireworks, even if they appear to have finished.
- Keep a safe distance from bonfires, fireworks and always follow adult instructions.
- Sparklers can become extremely hot, so they should only be used under close adult supervision, with appropriate safety precautions.
- Never play with matches, lighters or other items used to start fires.



Please remind children that fireworks are not toys and that keeping a safe distance is essential. We hope everyone enjoys the celebrations safely.

Looking Ahead to Next Half Term....

Years 1 and 2 will be visiting York Castle Museum on Friday 6th November. We would be grateful if you could make your contributions on ParentPay as soon as you can.

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank all our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half-term break, filled with lovely moments together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holidays, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning and new opportunities.

As always, thank you for being part of Team Moorside!

With Best Wishes

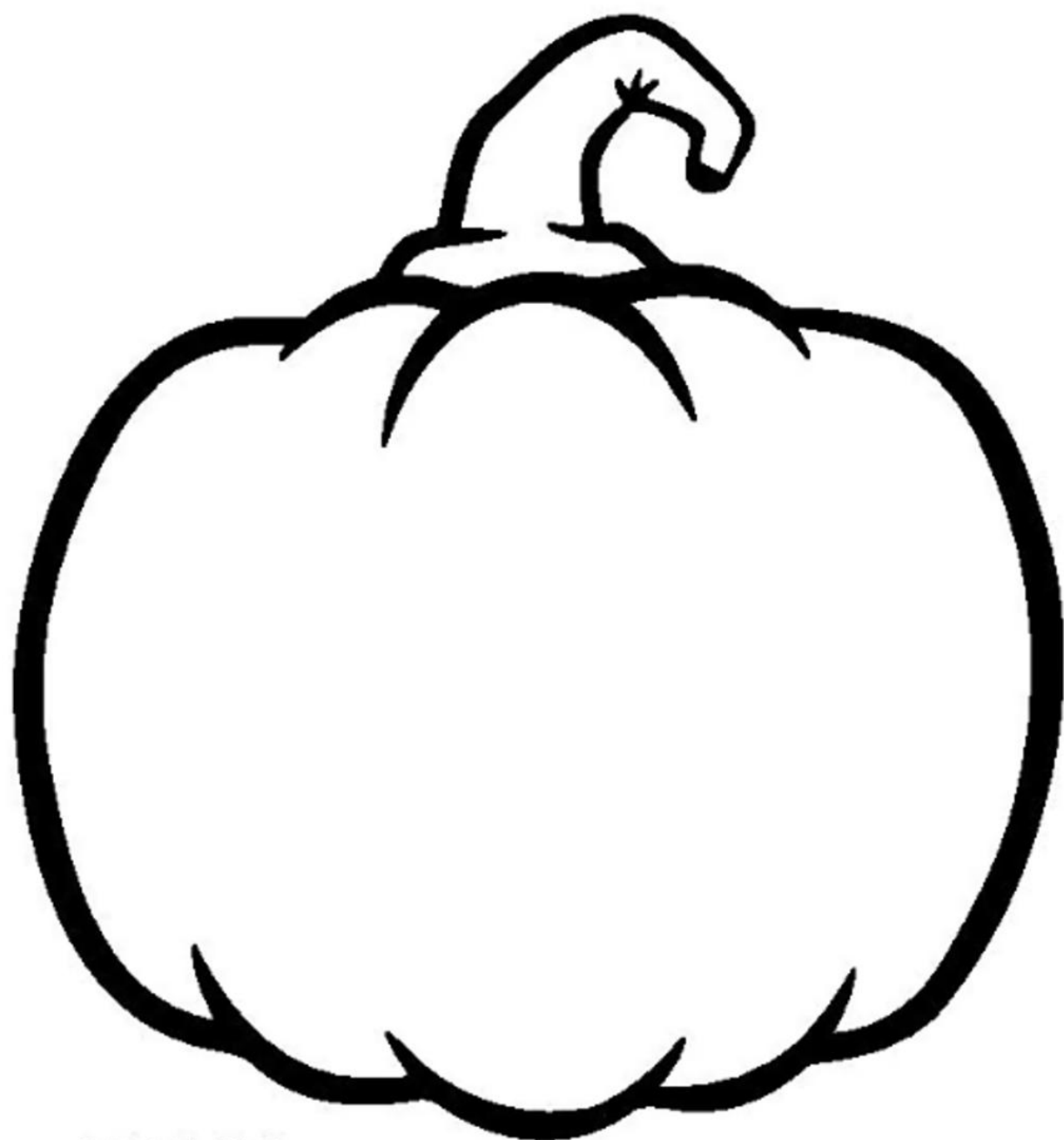


Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

W/c 19 th October 2026	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Reception Harvest Festival – 9.15am
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Flu Immunisations (1pm onwards)
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Nursery & Reception Superhero Day
Friday 6 th November 2026	Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to York Castle Museum
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

DESIGN YOUR OWN PUMPKIN!



NAME: _____

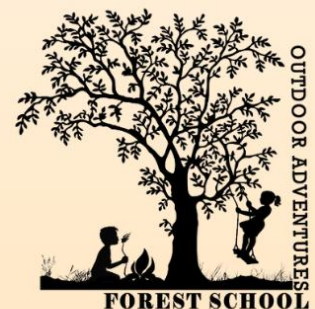


CELEBRATION OF AUTUMN FAMILY FUN DAY

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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**

