2nd November 2026

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new half term! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back into school in the morning and to another busy and exciting few weeks of learning together as well as our traditions and festivities in the lead up to the end of term.

Well done to our pumpkin winners at the end of the half term…. There were so many amazing entries - thank you to everyone who took part in the competition.







Remembrance Day – Poppy Appeal



As we approach Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November, we will once again be selling poppies in school from tomorrow. We kindly invite children to make a suggested donation of at least £1, with all contributions going towards the Poppy Appeal.

Across the next 2 weeks, the children will also be taking part in a range of art and literacy lessons to help them learn about the Great Wars, understand the importance of remembrance and reflect on the courage and sacrifices made by others.

Key Stage 1 Trip and Forest School

Our Key Stage 1 children are really looking forward to their trip on Friday. We hope they have a fantastic time. With this in mind, we have a change to the timetable for Year 1 this week: Forest School will take place on Wednesday 4th November instead of on Friday. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their Forest School kit on Wednesday. This change is for this week only, and normal arrangements will resume next week.

Forest School and PE Days – This Half Term

Please check your child's Forest School and PE days for this half term:

- Reception – PE on Thursday and Forest School on Friday.
- Year 1 - PE on Wednesday and Forest School on a Friday.
- Year 2 - PE on Monday and Forest School on Wednesday.
- Year 3 - PE on Thursday and Friday.
- Year 4 - PE on Monday and Wednesday.
- Year 5 - PE on Thursday and Friday.
- Year 6 - PE on Monday and Wednesday.

A Winter Kit and Uniform Reminder!

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that children have the appropriate clothing and footwear for both PE and Forest School sessions.

For PE days, children should come to school in the correct PE kit rather than casual clothes. Please remember that our school uniform policy can be found on the school website: https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/school-uniform/

Also - please ensure that when your child is in uniform that they have a coat with them and are wearing black shoes or boots.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that everyone is dressed comfortably, safely and appropriately for their activities.

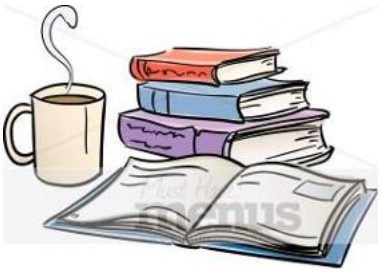
Our Next family Event….

Reading Café – Tuesday 17th November

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our next Reading Café on Tuesday 17th November. For some families, this may be your very first Reading Café, and we are excited to share this opportunity with you.

The Reading Café takes place in the school hall from 3.20pm–4.00pm and offers lots of lovely opportunities for children and families to enjoy reading together.

Activities will include:



- Reading-themed crafts and activities.
- Library scavenger hunts.
- Opportunities to purchase second-hand books.
- Online reading activities.
- Reading activities linked to our current learning topics.
- Refreshments for everyone to enjoy!

We want our Reading Café to be a welcoming space where families can share ideas, discover new books and enjoy reading together.

If you have any suggestions for additional reading-related activities, or there is anything you would like support with in helping your child to read at home, please do get in touch. We would love to hear your ideas!

Attendance and Keeping our Children Well

We noticed that attendance dipped last half term, and we would really appreciate everyone's continued support in ensuring that children attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity. Each class is taking part in an 'Attendance Star Challenge'. Classes that achieve 5 stars over 5 weeks as attendance class winners will earn a class prize!

We completely understand that children do sometimes become unwell, particularly during the colder months. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, the NHS website provides helpful advice and guidance: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Please do remember that if your child is feeling a little under the weather but is otherwise well enough to be in school, we are happy to administer Calpol where appropriate, provided it is supplied by parents/carers alongside clear instructions regarding the required dosage.
Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain good attendance whilst also looking after the health and wellbeing of all our children.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you didn't have the chance to attend a parent consultation with your child's class teacher in the last week of term, please do contact us via phone or email to arrange a chat.

Otherwise, we hope to see as many of you as possible at our Reading Café on 17th November. Have a great week ahead.

With Very Best Wishes



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Friday 6th November 2026	Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to York Castle Museum
W/c 9th November 2026	Anti-Bullying Week
W/c 9th November 2026	EYFS & KS1 Nursery Rhyme Week
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Armistice Day
Tuesday 17th November 2026	Reading Café
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Individual School Photographs
Friday 18th December 2026	Break-up for the Christmas Holidays at **3pm**
Monday 4th January 2027	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Children Return to School