9th November 2026

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we had back at school after half term! The children have all enjoyed exploring different poetry forms and Art inspired by Remembrance and Bonfire Night!
Year 1 created some super fireworks and sparklers using paint and playdough! Some very careful work!!



KS1 also had a wonderful trip to York Castle Museum, where they explored what homes were like in the past and compared them with our houses today as part of their history topic. The visit really brought their learning to life through the hands-on museum experience.

We were incredibly proud of the children's behaviour throughout the visit. They were extremely enthusiastic and represented our school brilliantly. Well done, KS1!
A huge thank you to our brilliant staff and parent helpers who gave their time to support the visit. We really appreciate it!

Attendance – A Brilliant Start!
Our whole-school attendance last week was **96.78%** – what a great start to the term!
Can we work together to push our whole-school average up to **97%** by Christmas? Every day in school really does make a difference, and we appreciate your continued support in helping children attend school regularly and on time.

A big well done to **Year 1**, who achieved our Attendance Star last week for having the highest attendance! As a reward, they enjoyed an extra playtime too!



w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
02.11.26	94.55%	100%	96.7%	95.43%	97.73%	97.22%	95.83%

Remembrance
Thank you to our Key Stage 2 Service pupils for representing our school beautifully at the Remembrance Service in Ripon Cathedral this afternoon. We are proud to support our armed forces and pupils who join us at different stages in their learning journeys when families are posted to Ripon.
Thank you to Mrs Price, our Children and Families Manager for liaising with external agencies to provide such opportunities for our children.



Children in Need – Friday 13th November



Team Moorside would love to play our part in supporting the National fundraising efforts for Children in Need.
On **Friday 13th November**, all children and staff are invited to come to school in non-uniform, with spots of any sort! Think spotty socks, tops, hair accessories/face paint or anything else you can find!
We would welcome a donation to support this wonderful cause, which can be made through ParentPay.
Thank you in advance for helping us make a difference!

Christmas Productions



A King is Born will be our Christmas Production for EYFS and Key Stage 1 together this term. There will be two productions for parents / families on **Thursday 10th December** at 9.15am and 2pm.
As part of our KS2 Christmas celebrations, we are excited to be preparing for our very own 'Moorside Variety Show'! We will be holding talent show auditions in school on **Tuesday 24th November**, where we would love children to showcase their talents! Whether it's singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or performing a drama piece, all acts are welcome! Winter or Christmas-themed performances are particularly encouraged! Successful acts will be selected to perform in our KS2 Christmas Performances on **Tuesday 15th December** at 9.15am and 1.30pm.

Anti-Bullying Week – Week Commencing 16th November



The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Break the Silence'.
To kick-start the week, Monday 16th November will be Odd Socks Day! We invite all children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique. Our differences are something to be celebrated, and we want to remind everyone that being different is something to be proud of!

Throughout the week, all children will take part in PSHE lessons and activities to help them understand the importance of speaking up, being kind, celebrating differences and knowing how to seek help if they or someone else is experiencing bullying. We want every child at Moorside to feel safe, happy, valued and listened to.

School Car Park – A Reminder!

A polite reminder to all parents and carers collecting children at the end of the school day: **please do not use the school car park** unless you hold a valid disabled parking badge or have an agreed school parking permit.
This is really important to help us keep everyone safe, particularly our children and families arriving and leaving school at busy times.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Moorside family. Have a lovely week ahead!

With Very Best Wishes

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

W/c 9th November 2026	EYFS & KS1 Nursery Rhyme Week
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Armistice Day
Friday 13th November 2026	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day – Wear Something Spotty!
W/c 16th November 2026	Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day!
Tuesday 17th November 2026	Reading Café
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Talent Show Auditions in School
Thursday 10th December 2026	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production – A King is Born (9.15am and 2pm)
Tuesday 15th December 2026	KS2 Moorside Variety Show/Christmas Performance (9.15am and 1.30pm)
Friday 18th December 2026	Carols Around the Christmas Tree (9.10am)
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