

# Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

## 12th - 18th September

Classes of the Week: R/KS1: 2P KS2: 6H

House of the Week: Dolphin

Pupils of the Week: R/KS1: Riley A-F KS2: Charlie L



## 15th - 19th September

KP Benjamin K REC -

1H Harry T

3G Lydia W

5H Logan E

1E Millie Mc

3H Harry W

5M Toby P

2C George H

4C Kumayl Y

6H Rory A

2P Iris P

4G Cooper H

6R Jake G



## Pen License

Quinn Mc



## Star Bonds

Moorfield Tables



## 15th - 19th September

Rec 99%, Year 1 99%, Year 2 99%, Year 3 97%  
Year 4 99%, Year 5 98%, Year 6 96%

Attendance Matters



## Headteacher Award

KS1 - George H - Responsibility  
KS2 - Jerome J - Responsibility

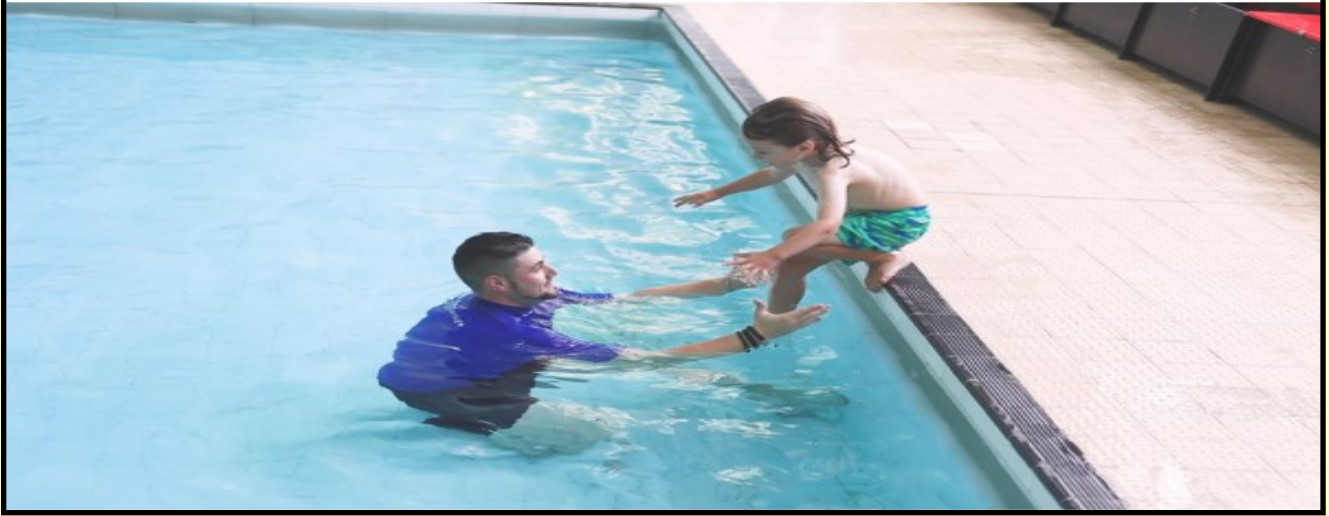


## PTA

Well done and thank you to all the families who took part in the 'Fund Raising' Competition. In total a fantastic £316.56 was raised over the summer holidays.

The winning class was 5H who raised an amazing £78.71.

## SWIMMING FOR CHILDREN AGED 4+



Learning to swim is an essential life skill that helps children stay safe in and around water. Beyond safety, swimming boosts confidence, improves fitness, and supports coordination and strength. It's a fun way for children to stay active and healthy, while building skills they can enjoy for life.

Life Leisure swimming lessons are available for children aged 4+, with Badge 1 perfect for complete beginners. Lessons are fun, engaging, and structured so children make steady progress while enjoying their time in the pool.

**Days and times:** Flexible lessons to fit around school schedules, including evenings and weekends

**Venues:** Life Leisure Avondale, Grand Central, Cheadle, Hazel Grove, and Romiley

**Pricing:** Competitive rates on a monthly direct debit

Swimmers also get free public swimming all year round! So you can turn learning to swim into a fun family activity.

For more information or to book lessons, visit **our website** or contact the Life Leisure team at: **swimming@lifeleisure.net**

## SCHOOL NURSE DROP-INS

Our school nurse will be offering drop in sessions, for interested parents/carers, between 9am and 12pm on Thursday 16th of October. 20 minute appointments are available and these can be booked through contacting the school office on 0161 483 4521.

## AND FINALLY ... A POLITE REQUEST

As you are may or may not be aware, we have children at Moorfield who have additional needs. We were informed about a situation where a child, who is particularly sensitive to dogs, was startled while waiting to cross the road. And by the school gates This understandably caused the child significant distress and posed a safety risk when their first instinct was to run.

This incident serves as a good opportunity to remind all families to be mindful of their surroundings and other people when at the school gate and crossing. We understand that many of you walk your dogs to drop off and pick up, and we love seeing them! However, please be aware that for some of our pupils, dogs can be frightening.

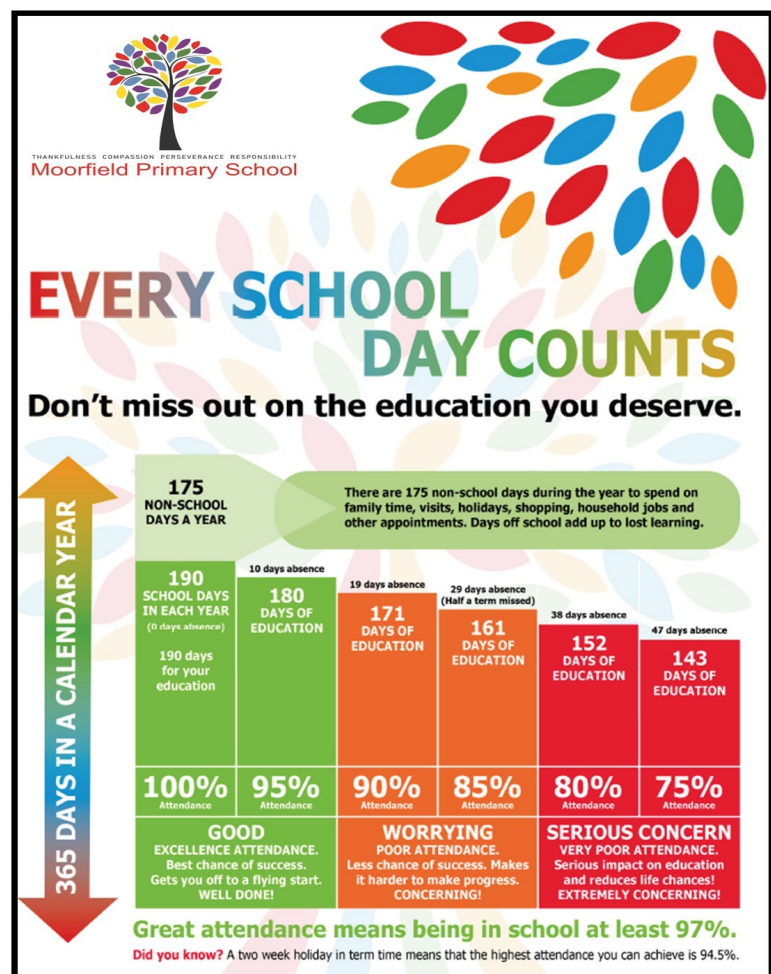
To ensure a safe and calm environment for everyone, please be extra mindful of where you wait with your dogs, particularly at busy times and consider waiting a little further away to give everyone plenty of space.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep our school community a safe and welcoming place for all children.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher







# Picture News

## TAKEHOME

22nd - 28th September



### Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?



## In the news this week

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### SNAP STREAK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SN PCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

#### SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

#### SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

#### SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

#### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

#### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

#### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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