



Staffing

The Senior Team

	I am pleased to announce that I have now been given the permanent post of Executive Headteacher of Moorhill & Redhill Primary Schools & will continue to lead the strategic direction of the schools & I will continue to spend most of my time at Moorhill next term.
We are very excited that Mrs Hall is now officially Head of School. She will primarily lead of teaching & learning, curriculum & behaviour.	
	Mrs Liley, as always will continue doing her good work on supporting & improving outcomes for children with Special Educational Needs.
Mrs Hassall will be taking some time out as she starts her maternity leave in April.	
	Miss Snape will continue to lead the daily running of the Moorland road site & be the first port of call for EYFS, Year 1 & 2.
Mrs West, our pastoral leader will continue to support our families with pastoral & safeguarding needs.	
	Coming Soon... We have a newly appointed Operations Manager who will lead on HR, Finance & Estates across the two schools.

Spotlight on....

Moorhill EYFS:



Reception had a delivery of five duckling eggs! They observed the eggs in the incubator, watched the eggs hatch and observed the ducklings grow over the week. They learnt about the life cycle of a duck and how to care for the ducklings. The children were all very enthusiastic, calm and gentle and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Miss Freeman from Redhill for arranging this.



MUSIC: Rocksteady

This week we celebrated music in our school by hosting our second Rock Steady music concert. Our bands have been working hard all term and were incredibly excited to showcase this to our KS1 children. I am all the parents/carers were very proud of their talented musicians. Thank you to Miss Waterfield

Y3: Pizza Making



Year three have been putting on their chef hats and cooking up some tasty pizzas for their DT. They have analysed in refiners, working on their chopping and



mixing skills and putting their maths into practise by measuring ingredients.

Super science

This term year 3 have been learning about forces. We concluding by putting our knowledge into practise by helping reception decide which material would be best used as a toy care ramp. We even used our maths skills to create a bar chart to help us decide which one was best. Excellent problem solving and thinking scientifically!

Year 4 - Miss Nickolls News



I need to start with a huge thank you for your support with our volcanoes topic. It was wonderful to see so many models (2D and 3D) of volcanoes. I will develop further opportunities for home learning tasks of this natural as we move into the summer term.



In Year 4 we are using the text 'Mission Impossible' for English this half term and the children have really enjoyed

this. It is a visual text which is really humourous. Some great pieces of writing have been produced related to this. Reading continues to be really important to us and I am so thankful to parents who are able to hear their children read regularly. This really does make a massive difference. In just the last 4 weeks the class have read over 124,000 words using Reading Plus. This is a really positive achievement.

In Maths we have entered the challenging world of fractions and they are doing really well with this. They all now recognise that knowing their times tables is really essential which calculating fractions. Times tables remain a significant focus as we move rapidly towards our National Multiplication Check at the beginning of June. We are looking forward to showing off our improved knowledge. Over the last month we have achieved 100% engagement in TT Rockstars – thank you for your continued support.

Science has been really practical this half term. We have changed liquids into solids (shaving foam), pretended to be particles in solids, liquids and gases and created our own water cycles within the classroom (see picture). I am particularly impressed with the development of scientific language when explaining ideas.

Thank you all for your support.

Miss Nickolls

Red Nose Day

As a school, we raised over £250 for Comic Relief. Well done everyone.

Trackit Light Rewards

So far this year, our children have earned over 101,000 green Trackit Points. Year 3 earned over 35,000 of these. Most Trackits were given to children for being ambitious.





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Coming Soon



Walsall Football Club will be delivering a Move -It Programme to the children in Year 5 next term for 6 weeks. This will be a combination of class & field-based activities. Thank you to Mrs Roobottom (PE Lead), from Redhill for securing the funding & this activity for both schools.

Classes Summer Term 2024

Reception	Miss Stanford, Mrs Percival & Mrs Fellows
Year 1	Miss Eustace & Mr Hopley
Year 2	Miss Snape & Miss Kaur
Year 3	Mr Bayliss & Miss Waterfield
Year 4	Miss Nickolls & Miss Ashley
Year 5	Ms Martland & Miss McHenry Due to Ms Martland having a medical absence this term we will share with parents the cover arrangements next week.
Year 6	Mrs Hassall, Mr Morrissey & Miss Robertson.

2023/24 Term Dates

Easter Holiday	Mon 25 th Mar – Fri 5 th Apr
Children back to school	Mon 8 th Apr
INSET Day	Mon 15 th April
May Day	Mon 6 th May
May Half Term	Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May
Children back to school	Mon 3 rd June
Last day for children	Change of date – we will be running essential teacher training on Thursday 18 th & Friday 19 th July therefore the children's last day will be Wednesday 17 th July.
INSET Day	Mon 22 nd July
INSET Day	Mon 2 nd Sept
Children back to school	Tue 3 rd Sept

Please note that the school will not be authorising family holidays taken in term time

TERM DATES 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Monday, 2 September 2024 will be fixed as an inset day and the other four days are to be identified by schools. Schools will be encouraged to set Monday, 21 July 2025 as an inset day but closed in lieu of twilight training.

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Term Ends: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August

Autumn Term 2025

Inset day: Monday 1 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 2 September



Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%. **Class Attendance to date:**

	Sept – Dec 23	Sept 23 – Feb 24	Sept 23 – Mar 24
Reception			
AS	93.2%	93.3%	94.0%
LP/MF	89%	90.1%	89.7%
Year 1			
RE	93.4%	93.5%	93.1%
LM	93.3%	93.4%	93.6%
Year 2			
CS	91%	91.8%	91.4%
RK	94.8%	95.2%	94.9%
Year 3			
VW	94.9%	91.4%	90.9%
PB	96.4%	95.9%	95.4%
Year 4			
JA	91.8%	90.5%	91.3%
JN	87.8%	87.2%	86.5%
Year 5			
RM	94%	93.4%	93.0%
TM	89%	88.3%	89.2%
Year 6			
OH	92.2%	92.2	92.3%
MR	89.2%	90.7	91.4%
Whole School YR-6	92.1%	91.9%	92.0%

If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% (see your weekly text message), please ask the class teachers for advice on how you can help your child catch up on missed learning.

We will be sending out letters of intent to take statutory action against families who have children who are persistently absent.

Uniform

We are noticing a few children are not wearing the agreed Moorhill uniform. Staff will be asked to follow up on this next term.

If you have any uniform which you are able to donate to us to recycle – please send into the school office.

School Uniform consists of:

- Blue jumper or cardigan
- Blue or white polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/shorts/skirt
- Black shoes/plin black trainers

PE Kit consists of:

- Plain blue or white t shirt
- Plain black shorts, joggers or leggings
- Trainers
- Blue hoody/jumper or plain black Moorhill tracksuit.

A watch & pair of small stud earrings are the only jewellery permitted. (No smart watches).

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - NAME ALL ITEMS!

Class Dojo



Over the past 3 years, Class Dojo has been a vital tool for home-school communication.

As a school, we will be using Dojo to share teaching and learning information as well as key events.

Any other communication/concerns should be called into the school offices so that they go to the most appropriate person.

Staff are also being encouraged to only have the app open in school hours and not to respond in an evening nor over the weekend and holidays. Can I ask that you please respect this unless in the case of an emergency?



Wrap Around Care

All sessions for the wrap around provisions should be booked in advance. We need to ensure we have the correct staffing ratios so please do not just turn up on the day.

Breakfast Club: 8am-8.45am on KS1

After School Club: 3.30-4.30pm on KS2 site

Children on the KS2 site can have a quick cereal breakfast at 8.30am but this is just for those wanting to eat breakfast. Others will stay on the playground.

School Meals – **ALLERGY & INTOLERANCES!**

School Meal Price increase: £2.95

A few parents/carers have asked about the school menu & catering for specific needs. Please see the link to Edwards & Ward below.



Welcome to the Edwards & Ward Family of Food

We are thrilled to announce that we will be your school's new lunchtime catering provider from the 1st of September 2023.

At Edwards and Ward, we take great pride in our special diets process and continually strive to make it as simple and inclusive as possible to help us ensure that all children can be fed safely and effectively.

If your child requires a special diet due to a diagnosed allergy, intolerance or medical condition, you will need to register with us.

Our special diets registration form can be found on our website along with a full list of FAQs .
edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/

In order to guarantee that your special menu is ready at the start of the new academic year, registration forms should be submitted no later than the 30th of June.

If there are any concerns about this, please contact our Special Diets Team for advice.



Please ask Mrs Hayward in the KS1 office in if you need any help finding out if you are entitled to Free School Meals & eligible to Pupil Premium Funding or check the link -

[https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education al-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education%20al-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx)

Safeguarding

If you think a child or young person is in immediate danger telephone 999

If a child or young person is at risk of significant harm call:

First Response on **0300 111 8007** .They are open Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:00pm and Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Outside of these hours please call the **Emergency Duty Service** (EDS Out of Hours Service on 0345 604 2886 Or you can call a national helpline number (**free of charge**):-

NSPCC Helpline - 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk

Child line – 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

As a school we have our own Designated Safeguard leads: Mrs Banks DSL & DDSLs - Mrs West, Mrs Hall, Mrs Liley & Ms Nickolls.

February 2025 – Y6 Residential



We are considering taking the Y6 children to Conover Hall in Shropshire for their residential next year. This would be for the whole week. Look out for more information coming soon to see if you would like you child to take part.



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Mon 8 th April	Back to School
Wed 10 th April	Walsall FC with Y5 Each Wed pm for 6 weeks
Mon 15 th April	School Closed for INSET Day
Wed 17 th April	Y6 MHST Wellbeing Talk
Tue 2 nd May	Polling Day – KS1 Car Park
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 13 th May	Y6 SATs – SPAG
Tue 14 th May	Y6 SATs - Reading
Wed 15 th May	Y6 SATS - Maths
Thur 16 th May	Y6 SATS - Maths
Mon 20 th May	Y3 Greek Workshop
Mon 27-Fri 31 st May	Half term
Mon 3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Check
Mon 10 th June	Y1 Phonics Screen Week
Wed 19 th June	Y4 Music Concert @ Stafford
Mon 24 th June	EYFS & Y1 Sports
Tue 25 th June	Y2&3 Sports
Wed 26 th & Thur 27 th June	Y6 SUA & CCHS transition so Y6 sports will be rearranged
Thur 27 th June	Y4 & 5 Sports
Mon 1 st July	Y6 Performing Arts Week
Fri 5 th July	Y6 Performance 2pm
Wed 10 th July	Opportunity to discuss child's report is you wish.
Wed 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & event
Thur 18 th July	INSET
Fri 19 th July	INSET
Mon 22 nd July	INSET