



Moorside Christmas Newsletter



Learning, Laughter and a Little Christmas Magic

This term has been busy and full of celebration, with pupils enjoying Christmas shows and an external theatre company performing the Christmas Panto *Dick Whittington*, alongside events such as Christmas Jumper Day, anti-racism workshops and Bikeability for Year 6. Pupils have worked hard across the curriculum and we have had a strong focus on developing Oracy skills through Voice 21, while continuing to demonstrate our Moorside Values of Pride, Collaboration, Understanding, Aspiration and Respect. We are also extremely proud of our confirmed KS2 results, showing increased scores in Maths and Reading. To support pupils' wellbeing, we have a worry box in school and clear posters that signpost children to trusted adults they can approach if they need further support. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support through Parents' Evening, Moorside Mingles, performances and workshops—we look forward to welcoming you again soon.



Instagram

Class Dojo and our Moorside Instagram

Please take a look at our ClassDojo page and the Moorside Instagram to catch a glimpse of the brilliant learning and exciting experiences happening across school. Year 6 enjoyed bikeability, while Year 5 took part in powerful Anti-Racism workshops and welcomed visits from our local Police Community Support Officers. With school trips, pantomimes, a visit from the Whitby Residential Centre, and the addition of a brand-new projector and sound system in the hall, this term has truly been packed with memorable moments!



Attendance and Punctuality

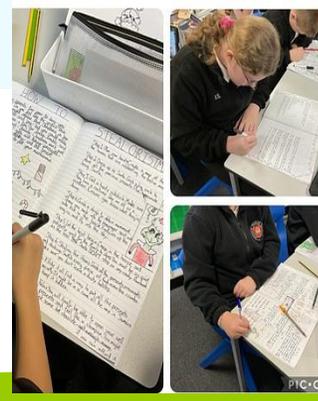
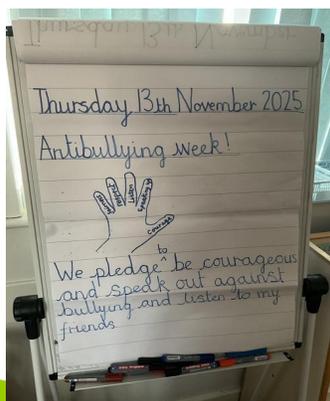
Just a reminder that the school day begins promptly at 8:45am. We have noticed that an increasing number of children, particularly those who walk to school, are arriving closer to 9:00am. This means they are missing vital learning at the start of the day, when key fundamentals and core skills are taught and revisited. These early sessions are essential for reinforcing strong foundations in learning, supporting recall, and preparing pupils to successfully access new concepts later in the lesson. When children arrive late, it can disrupt their learning flow and make it much harder for them to build the secure understanding they need to make progress.

Attendance and punctuality are crucial at Moorside, as we know that children who are in school every day make the most of their learning and are more likely to do well in lessons and assessments. Learning starts by being in school and on time each day. While we understand that some absences can't be avoided, we kindly ask families to support us in getting children into school and on time whenever possible, giving them the best chance to reach their full potential. For PE days, children should wear black shorts or joggers and a white T-shirt and fleece/jumper. We hope this makes PE days easier for families, ensures no child misses out, and helps the school day run more smoothly. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

| Class | Attendance |
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| Nursery | |
| RC | |
| RB | |
| 1F | |
| 1L | |
| 2C | |
| 2H | |
| 3P | |
| 3W | |
| 4B | |
| 4W | |
| 5B | |
| 5F | |
| 6P | |
| 6R | |

Overall School

Attendance is 95.4%



Moorside Parent / Carer Voice 2025 Highlights



"We are very pleased with the progress our child has made in Year 1 in this short time. His teacher is very supportive, and he loves coming to school! Thank you."

"We all love Moorside as a family! Thank you for providing a safe, fun and nurturing environment."

Survey results from over **203** families.

Moorside has made me feel welcome.

99% of parents and carers agreed that their families have been made to feel welcome at Moorside Primary Academy.

My child has settled well into their new class.

99% of parents and carers feel that their child has settled into their new class at Moorside Primary Academy.

My child feels safe and content at Moorside.

97% of parents and carers agreed that their child feels emotionally settled, safe and content at Moorside Primary Academy.

Moorside holds aspirational expectations for learning.

98% of parents and carers agreed that high expectations of learning are held at Moorside Primary Academy.

Moorside has an exciting and stimulating curriculum.

97% of parents and carers agreed that children seem interested and engaged in their learning at Moorside Primary Academy.

Moorside is a school where children feel confident and are set up to succeed.

95% of parents and carers agreed that their children are confident about their learning and are doing well at Moorside Primary Academy.

Communication channels between home and school are strong, and parents know where to go for support or information.

95% of parents and carers agreed that Moorside Primary Academy communicates effectively with them.

"No, I'm really happy with everything that happens at Moorside and would recommend to others,"

"I feel the support from school and teachers is fab!"





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Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

At Moorside, we follow the DfE's Relationships Education, RSE, and Health Education (England) regulations, which make Relationships Education compulsory for all primary pupils. Our programme covers relationships, health, and puberty, alongside the related content in the national science curriculum, such as body development and reproduction in plants and animals. As a Trust, we choose to teach the optional 'Sex Education' lessons and also include additional age-appropriate education to support pupils' emotional and physical development and help prepare them for the changes of adolescence, including how babies are conceived and born.

We will continue to share information on Dojo and MCAS and will provide guidance to support families in talking to their children about these topics later in the year. Where sex education beyond the science curriculum is taught, parents will have the right to withdraw their child and this is something that can be completed on the MCAS app.

Times Tables National Achievement

We are thrilled to share that our school performed amazingly in the recent TT Rockstars "England Rocks" competition! Out of 4,360 schools across the country, our pupils achieved a place in the top 50 schools and are proudly in the top 1% nationally. This incredible result is a true reflection of our pupils' dedication, hard work, and love of learning their times tables—well done to everyone who took part!

Electric Gates and Breakfast Club

We have recently noted increasing safety concerns in the school car park, including vehicles tailgating to gain access and driving at speed. This presents a serious risk to pupils, families, and staff. Unless previously agreed for safeguarding reasons, arranged with the police, or the driver is a registered blue badge holder, vehicles should not enter the school car park. We are now recording vehicle registration details and blue badge holders and will share information with relevant authorities where necessary. If you are a blue badge holder, please inform the school office so this can be recorded. As mentioned in the last newsletter, from January Breakfast Club will increase by 50p to £4.00. Rising costs mean this small increase is necessary to keep the club running and available for our families. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Merry Christmas!

Finally, everyone at Moorside would like to wish all our families a lovely Christmas spent with loved ones, and to send our very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2026. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!



Moorside Curriculum

Nursery — Winter

Reception — Winter Wonderland

Year 1 — Australia

Year 2 — Explorers

Year 3 — Stone Age

Year 4 — The Victorians

Year 5 — WWI

Year 6 — SATs Preparation and WWII



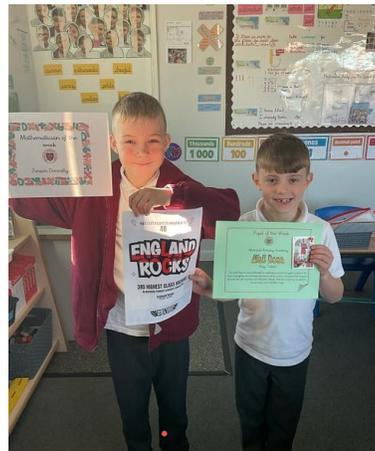
Events, Inset and Fundraising

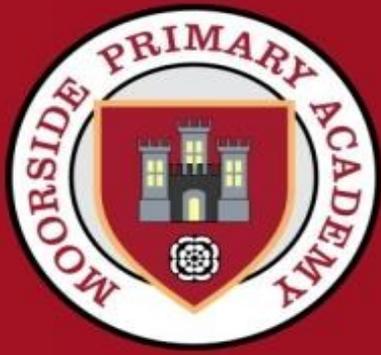
Thank you for your generous donations. With your help we have managed to raise:

£367.68 from our MacMillan Coffee morning.

Over **£100** of food donations for our harvest festival.

Over **£300** for 'Children in Need' and 'Save the Children'





Are you looking for a very special school that will help your child grow and learn?

Then come and visit Moorside!

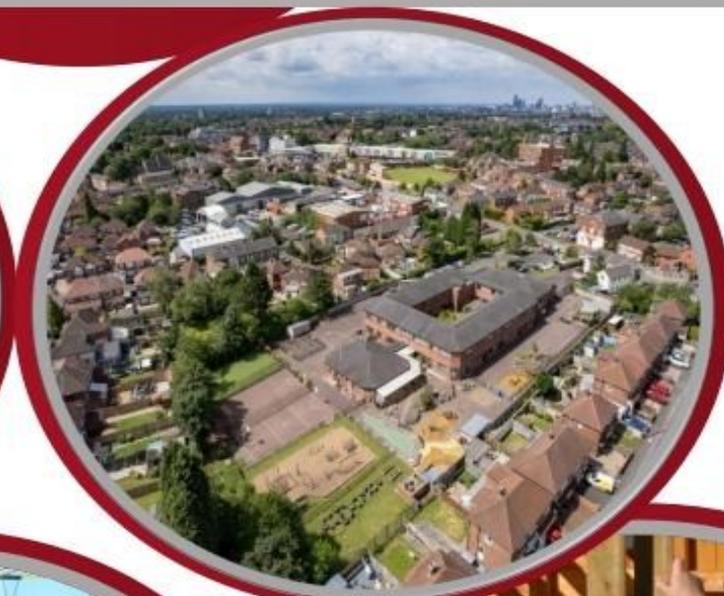
Open Day Thursday 20th November 2025 9:45am-10:30am or 2:00pm-2:45pm

Email: admin@moorside-primary.org to book onto a session. Look around our amazing school and we will answer any questions you have about a Nursery or Reception place.

Intake Deadlines

Nursery September 2026 Intake: Monday 9th February 2026 Apply via School Office

Reception September 2026 Intake: 15th January 2026 Apply via tameside.gov.uk



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