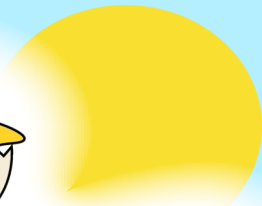




Moorside Newsletter



Parents' Evening, Science Week, Maths Day and World Book Day

It has been an incredibly positive and exciting half term at school! From World Book Day, with creative costumes, paired reading and assembly prizes, to British Science Week and International Maths Day, the children have embraced learning with enthusiasm and curiosity. Our community events, including the Coffee Morning, Year 4 Mingle and Nursery Mingle, have strengthened the close partnership between school and home, while a special music assembly ran by Tameside Music Service and a Park Run assembly provided fantastic opportunities to inspire pupils in different ways. Sporting events, including a basketball festival and tournament, showcased teamwork and mutual respect and the Easter Discos brought everyone together for a fun-filled day. Thank you for your continued support and engagement, it is clear to see our shared commitment to working together, supporting one another and striving for the very best for all of our children. We were also delighted to receive exceptionally positive feedback from our recent survey following Parents' Evening, with over 210 responses from families, highlighting the strong partnerships we have built together; we will now carefully review this feedback to further strengthen and refine our provision.



SATs (Y6), Multiplication Check (Y4) and Phonics Screening (Y1)

As we move into the summer term, children across the school will take part in key national assessments. Year 6 pupils will sit their Key Stage 2 SATs from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May, covering Reading, Mathematics, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, with writing assessed by teachers. These tests provide a snapshot of learning, but our focus is on ensuring children feel confident and ready.



Parents can help by encouraging regular reading, practising key maths skills little and often and focusing on areas children find tricky rather than what they already know well.



Class	Attendance
Nursery	93%
RC	94%
RN	94%
1F	94%
1L	96%
2H	95%
2R	95%
3P	96%
3W	96%
4B	95%
4W	94%
5B	94%
5F	95%
6P	93%
6R	96%

Overall School Attendance is 94.7%



These assessments play an important role in supporting children's long-term learning. They help identify strengths and any gaps in understanding, ensuring the right support is in place as pupils move through the school and into the next stage of their education. Just as importantly, they help children develop confidence, resilience and independence - key skills that will support them not only in future tests, but throughout their learning journey and beyond.



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Moorside Parent / Carer Voice 2026 Highlights



"My child is doing brilliantly. The school has helped him so much. Love this school – best decision we made."

"We are really pleased with the progress our child is making. He loves coming to school and has made lots of friends. "

Survey results from over **210** families.

Moorside has made me feel welcome.

98 % 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.

96% 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.

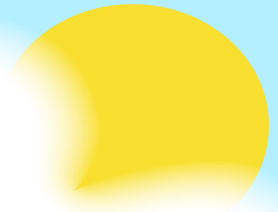
Moorside is a school where children feel confident and are set up to succeed.

96% 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.

98% of parents and carers agreed that Moorside Primary Academy communicates effectively with them.

"Both children have come to Moorside and have nothing but amazing things to say. Thank you so much!"



Moorside Curriculum

Nursery — Fantasy and Adventure

Reception — Helpful Heroes

Year 1 — Chester Zoo and the local area

Year 2 — Kings & Queens

Year 3 — Prehistoric Britain

Year 4 — The Mayans

Year 5 — India and Space

Year 6 — SATS Prep and Evolution



Events, Inset and Fundraising

Thank you for your generous donations and support this half term towards 'Comic Relief', 'World Book Day' and 'International Maths Day'

April 2026

1st - Year 3 & 5 Easter Disco (3:30pm-4:30pm)
- EYFS Easter Disco (2:00pm-3:00pm)

13th-17th - Year 4 Whitby residential

20th - Year 6 Violence Against Women and Girls workshop

23rd - Year 6 residential meeting for parents (TBC)

24th - Year 2 Pirates workshop

29th - Year 3 Moorside Mingle

30th - Reception trip to Blackpool Zoo



May 2026

7th - Polling day (school will be closed)

11th - 15th - SATs week

18th - 22nd - Walk to school week

18th - Parent Voice Meeting (5:00pm - 5:30pm)

19th - Nursery trip to Cannon Hall Farm

20th - Reception Moorside Mingle

- Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

22nd - Year 1 trip to Eureka museum



Moorside Primary Academy



TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 – 2027

Term and Holiday Dates			
TERM / HOLIDAY	PUPILS' FIRST DAY	PUPILS' LAST DAY	No. OF DAYS
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Friday 16 th October 2026	33
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 19 th October 2026	Friday 30 th October 2026	
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	35
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21 st December 2026	Friday 2 nd January 2027	
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	29
Half-Term Holidays	Monday 15 th February 2027	Friday 19 th February 2027	
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	24
Easter Holidays	Friday 26 th March 2027	Friday 2 nd April 2027	
Summer Term 1	Monday 5 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	39
Half-Term Holidays	Monday 31 st May 2027	Friday 11 th June 2027	
Summer Term 2	Monday 14 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027	30
		Total Days	190
BANK HOLIDAYS 2026 - 2027			
Christmas Day	25 th December 2026	During Christmas holidays	
Boxing Day	26 th December 2026		
New Years Day	1 st January 2027		
Good Friday	26 th March 2027	During Easter holidays	
Easter Monday	29 th March 2027		
Monday	3 rd May 2027	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Monday	31 st May 2027	During Summer Half Term	
PUPIL CLOSURE DAYS (INSET) DAYS			
<i>Pupils are required to be in school for 190 days per school year. Up to five pupil closure days may be taken at any time in the school year to be determined by the Principal with approval from the Local Governing Body.</i>			
Tuesday	1 st September 2026	School Closed – Inset Day	
Monday	4 th January 2027	School Closed – Inset Day	
Thursday	6 th May 2027	School Closed – Local Elections and Polling Day	
Monday	26 th - 28 th July 2027	School Closed – Inset Days	

Please note that these dates are subject to change

Reception Baseline Assessments are conducted during the first 6 weeks of the school year

KS2 SATs Week: We understand these to be the week commencing **Monday, 10th May 2027**.

Phonics Screening for Year 1 & Year 2 takes place from **Monday, 14th June 2027**.

Multiplication tables check for Year 4 takes place within the 2-week period from **Monday 7th June 2027**.

It is very important that all children attend school during these periods of time.

DfE Guidelines mean that **NO** holiday requests will be authorised by school unless there are exceptional circumstances. When a pupil has at least 10 sessions of unauthorised absences from school within 10 weeks of term time, we have to notify the Local Authority and this may result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice fine of £160.00 per child, per parent, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.



KEEP

MOORSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY TIDY!

DON'T DROP LITTER!

HELP US. LOOK AFTER OUR SCHOOL
AND COMMUNITY!



BIN IT!

PICK IT UP!

KEEP IT CLEAN!

SHOW RESPECT!

**DO YOUR PART – KEEP OUR SCHOOL
AND COMMUNITY LITTER-FREE!**

