



Moorside Newsletter – Autumn 2025



What a Wonderful start!

What a fantastic start to the year we've had! Following a fantastic year filled with success stories, our best results in seven years, and unforgettable trips and assemblies, it's been wonderful to see the children return and settle back into school life so smoothly. Every day, our pupils continue to embody our Moorside Values of **Pride, Collaboration, Understanding, and Aspiration**—and this year, we've placed a special focus on Respect and Manners, which is already making a noticeable difference. It's also been fantastic to see so many children getting involved in whole school events—whether that's joining clubs and workshops, volunteering as Playground Leaders, or supporting charities and the local community through fundraising and raising awareness. Uniforms are looking smart, Boom Reader engagement is at an all-time high, and our recent focus on Times Tables Rockstars has seen us climb into the top three schools out of 32 in our Trust! To top it all off, we were thrilled to welcome Olympic medal-winning gymnast Beth Tweddle for a special visit!

Our school is on Instagram and Class Dojo

We're excited to announce our new Moorside Instagram pages! These pages will showcase all the fantastic learning and activities happening across our school.



Please make sure to follow our pages and, if you'd like to see photos of your child featured, don't forget to update your photo consents on MCAS (My Child at School).



Follow us: [moorside.primary.keystage1](#) [Moorside.Primary.EYFS](#)
[moorside.primary.ks2](#)

Instagram

Our children have been amazing this half-term! They've settled back into great learning routines and shown such positive attitudes towards school life. It's been wonderful to see so many enthusiastic learners, smiling faces, and exciting learning experiences happening across Moorside.

Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance and Punctuality is always high on our agenda at Moorside as we believe 'Every day in school makes a difference to your child's future' and this all starts by being in school on time each day. We understand that some absences are unavoidable, but we believe it's crucial now more than ever to get your child in school and on time every day wherever possible. This will give them the best possible chance of achieving their full potential. If you have any concerns, please contact school and let us know how we can help. Please report any absences due to illness to Admin@moorside-primary.org or via MCAS.

Our pupils are looking incredibly smart in their uniforms, and we would like to thank you for helping to maintain these high standards. We want to continue supporting families to ensure this continues throughout the school year. Please make sure that school shoes or trainers are completely black, including any small Nike ticks or logos. Our PE uniform consists of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms or thick black leggings, a school jumper, cardigan or fleece, and pumps or trainers (please note that gymnastics is usually done barefoot). Smart watches, necklaces and bracelets are not permitted in school, and for health and safety reasons, stud earrings must be removed or covered during PE. As always, we are here to support you wherever we can, so please get in touch if you need any help with school uniform.

Attendance

This term

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.3%
RC	94.3%
RN	95.9%
1F	95.0%
1L	95.2%
2H	96.4%
2R	95.8%
3P	94.6%
3W	94.3%
4B	95.9%
4W	96.5%
5B	96.4%
5F	93.6%
6P	92.6%
6R	95.7%
Overall	95.1%





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Parking, Tailgating and Blue Badges

We have recently become aware of growing safety concerns in the school car park, with some vehicles tailgating others to gain access and driving in at high speeds. This behaviour poses a serious risk to the safety of our pupils, families, and staff. Unless there is prior agreement due to safeguarding reasons, an arrangement with the police, or the driver is a registered blue badge holder, vehicles should not be entering the school car park. We are now taking vehicle registration details, keeping a record of blue badge holders, and sharing relevant information with the DVLA and other appropriate authorities where necessary. If you are a blue badge holder, please let the school office know so that we can record this on our system. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe. Myself and Mr Mills will be on the school gates every Friday afternoon so hopefully we will see you there soon!



Latest News and Updates

Our work with **Voice 21 Oracy** continues to have a brilliant impact across the school. Pupils are becoming increasingly confident, articulate, and reflective speakers who can express their thoughts clearly and listen respectfully to others. Across all year groups, we are seeing children engaging in rich discussions, using ambitious vocabulary, and showing greater confidence when presenting ideas or working collaboratively.

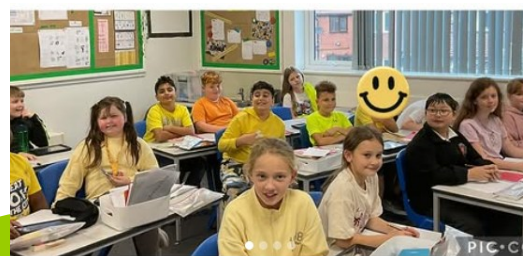
We're excited to offer **Year 4 pupils a free 2-night, 3-day residential trip to Whitby**, fully funded by the school and our Trust! Children will enjoy a wide range of outdoor and educational activities, including rock pooling, fossil hunting, boat trips, walks, team building, visits to Whitby Abbey, and more, plus a fish and chip tea and a child-friendly Ghost tour. It's an amazing opportunity for adventure, learning, and fun!



From next term, the cost of **Breakfast Club will increase by 50p**. Rising food prices, staffing costs, utility bills, and increased rates mean we are struggling to break even, and without this small increase, keeping the club running would be extremely difficult. We are doing everything we can to keep this important provision open for our families and greatly appreciate your support.

Following feedback from our **pupils, Parent Voice, and recent parent survey**, this year we'll be celebrating the festive season with **Christmas shows for our younger children and a Carol Service for Upper KS2**, giving every year group a special way to join in and get involved in the celebrations.

In light of the recent tragic events reported in the news and media, we want to reassure parents that the safety of our pupils is our highest priority. Our school has a **robust lockdown policy**, and staff are fully trained, familiar with the alert system, and prepared to respond swiftly. Parents would be **notified as quickly as possible** in the unlikely event of an incident, giving confidence that every precaution is in place to keep children safe.



Moorside Curriculum

Nursery — Celebrations

Reception — Celebrations

Year 1 — Our Local Area

Year 2 — Africa

Year 3 — Stone Age

Year 4 — Ancient Egyptians

Year 5 — WWI

Year 6 — Ancient Greece



November 2025

5th - Year 6 Moorside Mingle
10th - Odd Socks day
12th - Year 2 Moorside Mingle
21st - Children In Need
24th - Flu Immunisations



December 2025

4th - Whole school watching a pantomime
11th - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day
15th - Parent Voice Meeting (5:00pm-5:30pm)



Events and Inset

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

£350 from our MacMillan Coffee morning.

Over £210 of food donations for our harvest festival.

Awareness of children's mental health by wearing yellow for #HelloYellow day.

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

WE GIVE PROOF OF LISTENING



WE RESPECT OTHERS' IDEAS

WE BUILD, CHALLENGE, SUMMARISE,
CLARIFY, AND PROBE EACH OTHER'S IDEAS



WE ARE PREPARED TO CHANGE OUR MIND

WE INVITE OTHERS INTO OUR DISCUSSION



WE TRY TO REACH A SHARED AGREEMENT



Moorside



Ask questions
about what is
happening in
school

Come along and
make your voice

Make suggestions
for improvement

Let us know if
you feel that
something is or
isn't going well

The next meeting is due to be held on

Monday 15th December 2025
at 5:00pm

If you would like to attend then drop Mrs McGuire a message on Class Dojo where she can answer any questions you may have.

