



Moorside Newsletter



What a Wonderful Christmas Performance!

Pupils have been hard at work practising their singing and rehearsing for the Christmas shows—we hope you all enjoyed the brilliant shows. Aside from Christmas, pupils have had a fantastic term learning about a wide range of subjects, influential people and curriculum areas. Pupils have continued to display our Moorside Values of 'Pride', 'Collaboration', 'Understanding' and 'Aspiration' and it has been heartwarming to see so many pupils enthusiastic about learning and pushing themselves to achieve their very best. It has been a busy term with lots to celebrate and be proud of, from freshly baked pizzas in food technology to caving at the Year 6 Residential. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Parents Evening, Moorside Mingles, Christmas Shows and the various workshops throughout the term. We can't wait to see you all again soon!

Class Dojo and @MoorsidePA on

Twitter (X)!



Please visit our Class Dojo Page and the Moorside Twitter page to see some of the amazing learning that has been going on across school. The Year 5 pupils were treated to a delicious, festive dinner at Droylsden Academy last week. We have had Anti-Racism workshops in Year 6 and even a visit from the local Police Community Support Officers. From school trips, discos and sporting events—this term certainly has been a memorable one!



New PE Kit Reminder and Attendance

Attendance and Punctuality is of paramount importance as we know that pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school maximise learning opportunities and are more likely to perform in lessons, exams and formal assessments. 'The more you know, the more you can learn' 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 via MCAS. Please can we ask that you avoid using Class Dojo to report any absences as not all staff are able to see individual messages or accounts.

We would like to thank all families for their support with uniforms and ensuring pupils are coming into school looking smart and taking 'Pride' in the way they dress. We have noticed a slight dip in Year 5 and 6 regarding the use of trainers that are not fully black. After the festive season, please can we ask you to support school in ensuring that your child attends school in full uniform and that school shoes/trainers are fully black (any small Nike ticks need to be black as well).

After consulting with the 'Parent Voice' and school community, please see the new and updated 'Uniform Policy' below which will be in place from January 2025. The main change is regarding PE kits as children will now be allowed to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day (teachers will share this day with you). Children will be expected to wear black shorts/ joggers and a white T-shirt for PE. This is to ensure that no child in school misses out on PE due to forgetting their kit and will hopefully reduce the amount of time wasted getting children changed at the beginning and end of sessions. Putting this in place will also reduce pressure on parents to bring in 'forgotten kits' and will hopefully ensure a smoother transition from one lesson to the next. We hope this a welcomed change families and want to thank you once again for your continued support.

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.90%
RC	91%
RM	92%
1F	94%
1P	95%
2B	95%
2C	96%
3B	95%
3A	95%
4N	96%
4F	97%
5A	93%
5P	92%
6C	94%
6R	94%

Overall School

Attendance is 95.4%



Merry Christmas



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Lunchtime Offer and Student Leadership

We are pleased to announce that our lunchtime provision now includes a number of different sports and activities each day. Pupils have access to a range of different sports throughout the week including dance, hockey, cricket and basketball. Basketballs, skipping ropes and new tennis equipment have also been purchased to ensure that pupils have access to a wide range of sporting activities whilst outside. We have a large number of pupils from across the school with different roles and responsibilities. We currently have a Smart School Council, Anti-bullying Ambassadors, Reading Champions, Eco-Warriors and Playground Leaders. Feel free to ask your children what this looks like in school and whether or not they are involved in the weekly vote that goes on in class.

Staff Update

As we approach the Christmas break, it is with both sadness and gratitude, that we bid farewell to a number of teachers and leaders who have played an instrumental role in the development of our school. Mrs Patel, Mrs Northey and Mrs Sutton have all impacted the lives of countless pupils, inspiring a love for learning and a sharing a real commitment to achieving excellence. I would like to personally thank them for the care they have shown our pupils and for their unwavering support and dedication. As they move on to new adventures and roles, we would like them to know that their contribution here will always be remembered. Thank you all—we wish you the best of luck!

Congratulations to Miss Taylor (Year 6) and Mrs Bryan (Nursery) on the birth of their little ones! We are delighted to announce that Miss Berry (Year 4) and Mrs Mayall (Nursery) are the newest members of our teaching team for January.

Parent Voice Group

The 'Parent Voice' Group continues to be a focal point for building stronger relationships between home and school. Feel free to message our Pastoral Lead, Mrs McGuire, if you would like anything added to the next agenda item. Please can I also remind Parents and Carers not to come through the black electric gates on foot as the gates will not stay open and walking through them with your back to oncoming cars puts both drivers and members of the Moorside community at risk.

Merry Christmas!

Finally, all the staff at Moorside would like to wish our families a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and wish you all the very best for 2025! 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 — WWII



Events, Inset and Fundraising

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

£555 from our MacMillan Coffee morning.

Over **£300** of food donations for our harvest festival.

Over **£400** for 'Children in Need' and 'Save the Children'

Inset Day - Monday 6th January 2025