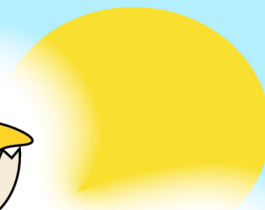




# Moorside Newsletter



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

What a brilliant and incredibly exciting half term! World Book Day, British Science Week, Parents' Evening, Moorside Mingles, International Maths Day and our Easter Egg Bonanza just to name a few... Special visitors from jaw dropping Scientists to Guinness World Record Holders and everything in between. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and engagement with all of our school events and activities, we have seen an increased number of Parents and Carers supporting us on Trips and offering to volunteer during school time with our library and readers this term. I have also included the overwhelmingly positive feedback that you all shared over our two-day Parents' Evening with over **170** responses from families (please see the other side of this Newsletter for the highlights!) Based on the feedback you shared, we are going to look at after school clubs again as all teachers are already currently running a club over a term each year. We will also look at the possibility of using our parent helpers and 'Parent Voice' group who have a DBS to support us.

## @MoorsidePA #MoorsidePA on Twitter

## (X) and check out Class Dojo!



Nursery have been focussing heavily on emotional regulation linked to 'Zones' and Reception have been working hard to prepare their outdoor provision for the summer term—they have lots of wonderful learning opportunities ready for after half-term. Year 1 have been busy experiencing lots of interesting Science learning linked to plants and have even managed to grow their own! Year 2 had a special delivery 10 little



eggs to hatch and Year 3 visited Tatton Park for a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop. Year 4 visited the Palace Theatre for a Horrible Histories production and Year 5 have been baking up a storm during the 'Bake Off' ready for Droylsden Academy. Year 6 have been hard at work preparing for their SATs in May but have also managed to enjoy World Book Day and create some incredible World War Air Raid Shelters.



## Class Dojo Changes and New Term Dates Confirmed

The Trust are implementing some new changes regarding teacher parent messaging (please see page 3 for the letter from the Trust). This important change will take effect after the Easter break and is a decision that has been made by the Trust across all 32 of its primary schools.



Class	Attendance
Nursery	93%
RB	92%
RC	91%
1F	96%
1L	95%
2C	95%
2R	95%
3B	96%
3P	97%
4B	94%
4W	94%
5P	96%
5W	97%
6C	93%
6R	94%

**Overall School Attendance is 95.1%**



I am pleased to announce that that finalised term dates have been agreed and can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter. This will mean that the October half term will now last for 2 weeks and that the Easter break will reduce to 10 days for the next year academic year.



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## Moorside Parent / Carer Voice 2025 Highlights



"A huge thank you to the entire team at Moorside! Your dedication and care create such a wonderful environment where children can thrive."

"My child has been very happy at Moorside. We are pleased with the progress and support offered."

Survey results from over **170** families.

**Moorside is a happy place for children to learn.**

**99 %** of parents and carers agreed that their children are happy at Moorside Primary Academy.

**Moorside is a school to be proud of!**

**97%** of parents and carers would recommend Moorside Primary Academy to others.

**Moorside is a safe place to learn and succeed.**

**99%** of parents and carers agreed that their children feel safe 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 is a school where children are ready to learn.**

**97%** of parents and carers agreed that children are well-behaved at Moorside Primary Academy.

**Moorside has an exciting and stimulating curriculum.**

**100%** of parents and carers agreed that there is a range of subjects at Moorside Primary Academy.

**Moorside is a school where children succeed.**

**97%** of parents and carers agreed that their children are doing well at Moorside Primary Academy.

**Moorside works closely with families.**

**98%** of parents and carers agreed that they knew how their children were doing at Moorside Primary Academy

"My child has come on so much since starting at Moorside. Their teacher is amazing and supportive and as a parent that is what I need when I leave my child to go to work."



## Moorside Curriculum

**Nursery** — Fantasy and Adventure

**Reception** — Heroes

**Year 1** — Chester Zoo

**Year 2** — Monarchs

**Year 3** — Roman Britain

**Year 4** — The Mayans

**Year 5** — India

**Year 6** — SATs support



## 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'

### May 2025

**7th** - Year 3 Moorside Mingle

**12th - 15th** - SATs week

**21st** - Reception Moorside Mingle

### June 2025

**9th-13th** - Year 4 Multiplication Check week. Phonics screening week

**11th** - Year 3 Roman Workshop

**12th** - Reception trip to The Sealife Centre

**16th** - Class Photos

**23rd - 27th** - Sports Days

**18th** - Year 6 Moorside Mingle

**25th** - Nursery Moorside Mingle

**27th** - Pride Day (wear something bright)

**30th** - Year 6 trip to Aid Raid Shelter

18 Appleton Court  
Wakefield  
WF2 7AR

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important change in how we will be communicating with you about your child/ren using Class Dojo.

While Class Dojo has been a valuable tool for communication, we feel that there are alternative, more secure methods available that will better support our safeguarding protocols. We are currently exploring other platforms and will keep you updated on the new communication channels we plan to adopt.

In the meantime, we are happy for you to continue to use Class Dojo however our staff will not be replying to individual, private messages. Should you need to raise a concern or speak to staff we ask you do this via the office, in person at drop off or collection or phone school.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Liz Thompson  
Director of Governance and Development  
for and on behalf of  
**The Enquire Learning Trust**





# Moorside Primary Academy

## TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026

Term and Holiday Dates			
TERM / HOLIDAY	PUPILS' FIRST DAY	PUPILS' LAST DAY	No. OF DAYS
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	33
Half Term Holiday	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	
Autumn Term 2	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	35
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	
Spring Term 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	30
Half Term Holidays	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	
Spring Term 2	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	29
Easter Holidays	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	
Summer Term 1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	28
Half Term Holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	
Summer Term 2	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	35
		Total Days	190
BANK HOLIDAYS 2024 - 2025			
Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	During Christmas holidays	
Boxing Day	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2025		
New Years Day	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026		
Good Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	During Easter holidays	
Easter Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026		
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	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>			
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day	
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day	
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day	
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> July	SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day	

**Please note that these dates are subject to change**

**KS1 SATs / KS2 SATs Week:** We understand these to be week commencing **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

**Phonics Screening for Year 1 & Year 2** takes place from the **Monday 8 June 2026**.

**Multiplication tables check for Year 4** takes place within the 2-week period from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**.

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

DfE Guidelines mean that **NO** holiday requests will be authorised by school unless there are extremely special circumstances. When a pupil has at least 10 sessions of unauthorised absences from school, we have to notify the Local Authority and this may result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice fine of £80.00 per child, per parent.