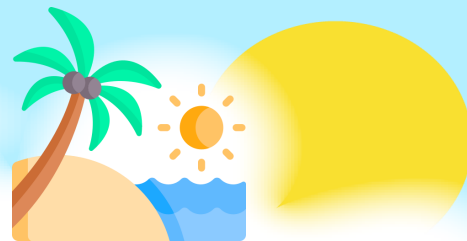




End of Year Newsletter



A heartfelt goodbye

As the school year comes to an end, we bid a heartfelt farewell to two longstanding and highly valued members of our Moorside team—Mrs Metcalfe and Ms Desmond—who will be retiring this year. Both have been an integral part of the Moorside community for many years, and their presence will be deeply missed by staff, pupils and families alike.

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Mrs Metcalfe has been a truly exceptional Business Manager, playing a vital role in keeping our school running smoothly. From managing the school's finances with care and precision, to ensuring our building remains safe, well-kept and welcoming, she has supported every part of school life. On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Metcalfe for the incredible support she has given to the school—and to me—in helping shape key decisions that have allowed Moorside to strive for excellence and continue to flourish.

We are truly grateful to both Mrs Metcalfe and Ms Desmond for their dedication, kindness and hard work over the years, and we wish them every happiness and fulfilment in the exciting chapter ahead

Summer Fair

We are delighted to share that our second consecutive Summer Fair was another incredible success, building on the excitement and energy of last year's return! The event brought together pupils, parents, staff, and members of the wider community for a fantastic evening packed with fun, laughter, and a genuine sense of togetherness. From classic games to the ever-popular "Sponge the Teacher," there was something for everyone to enjoy—and the atmosphere was buzzing from start to finish.



I can personally vouch for the excitement, having been hit in the eye more times than I can count during the sponge-throwing (all in good fun, of course!). Let's just say... my hair has definitely seen better days!

Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised a **fantastic amount** of money, which will go directly towards new books, sports equipment and lunchtime resources to benefit our pupils. A huge thank you goes to our amazing Parent Voice representatives who gave up their time to help run the event, as well as to all the families who donated so generously to the tombola. We are also incredibly grateful for a significant donation from one of our parents, who provided a large quantity of drinks to sell on the day—helping us raise even more for our school.

Events like these remind us of the power of community and the strength of the partnerships between home and school. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Moorside Summer Fair 2025 such a memorable and meaningful occasion.

Sports' Day

A huge well done to Miss Cull and Miss Royle for organising a fantastic Sports Day! Our aim this year was to keep every child active and engaged. From Nursery to Year 6, pupils demonstrated sportsmanship, teamwork and determination while earning points for their House colours.

We were so proud to see our school values of **Pride, Collaboration and Aspiration** on full display. A special thank you to the parents and staff who bravely took part in the Parent and Staff Races—your participation brought smiles to everyone's faces. **Congratulations to House Blue**, our overall Sports Day champions!



Class	Attendance
Nursery	93%
RC	92%
RM	91%
1F	94%
1P	96%
2B	96%
2C	96%
3B	96%
3A	94%
4N	96%
4F	96%
5A	92%
5P	92%
6C	93%
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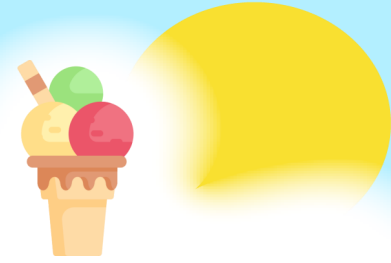
Overall School

Attendance is 94%





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Welcome to new staff

We are excited to welcome the newest members of our Moorside team—some of whom joined us earlier in the term, and others who will be starting in September. Please join us in welcoming Miss Buttigieg, our new Business Manager, Miss Lewis, our Attendance Officer, and Miss Barr, who will be joining us as Year 5 teacher. Each of them brings a wealth of experience to their role, and we are confident that their skills, professionalism and passion for education will make a strong and positive impact on our pupils and wider school community. As Moorside continues to grow and strive for excellence, we look forward to all they will bring to our team. Please join us in giving them a very warm Moorside welcome!

September Updates and Reminders

Please can we ask you to support school in ensuring that:

- Pupils attend school in full uniform and that school shoes/trainers are fully black (any small Nike ticks or adidas stripes need to be black as well).
- PE kits on PE days are: a **plain white T-shirt**, black shorts/black jogging bottoms/thick black leggings, a school jumper/cardigan/fleece, pumps or trainers - please note that gymnastics is usually done barefoot. (please see attached uniform policy on the next page)
- No nail varnish, false nails or tattoos (temporary or permanent) permitted.
- Water is the only drink permitted during lesson times and children will only be allowed to bring in fresh juice, squash or flavoured/sparkling water to drink during lunchtime.
- No trading cards, stickers, laser pens or other collectibles/toys are to be brought into school
- Children are not expected to bring their own stationery into school and any colours, equipment and notepads used during break or lunchtime clubs must be discussed with your child's teacher



Wonderful SATS and Multiplication Results this year

Reading—71%

Writing— 71%

Maths— 72%

Multiplication Check

Average score 22/25

Over 50% of our pupils scored full marks



We've seen a significant increase in children being collected early for adult appointments. This results in a considerable amount of lost learning time. Going forward, we will kindly ask for appointment evidence to help ensure that children are in school for as much of the day as possible and making the most of their learning. Please make sure notifications are turned on for **MCAS** and **Class Dojo**, as these are our main platforms for sharing important updates and reminders.

As mentioned in previous communications, the school will be **transitioning away from Twitter** and launching a new **Instagram account** starting in September. We look forward to connecting with you there!

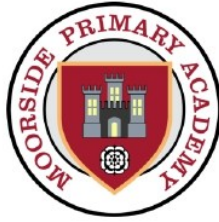
Goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s and Finishing for the Summer!

A huge **well done to our brilliant Year 6 pupils**, who not only showed resilience, hard work, and commitment throughout the year, but also achieved an **excellent set of SATs results**. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you—not just for your achievements, but for the effort, determination and maturity you've shown. While we're sad to see you go, we know you're more than ready for the next stage of your journey!

To help keep learning ticking over during the holidays, we encourage all pupils to continue with **daily reading**, **Times Tables Rockstars**, and **Reading Plus**.

Have a fantastic summer—and we look forward to welcoming everyone back very soon!





Uniform Policy 2024/25

Our uniform is something we are very proud of. It gives the children a sense of identity and a feeling of belonging to the Moorside community. We have high expectations in all things, and our uniform is one of them. We expect that all of our pupils will wear our required school uniform when in school, as listed below:

Boys

- Grey or black trousers or shorts
- Logoed/plain white polo shirt
- Logoed/plain Burgundy school sweater or fleece (Nursery - Year 4), or logoed/plain black school sweater or fleece (for Years 5 & 6)
- Only black shoes or full black trainers (black laces and no stripes or other patterns e.g. Nike tick/Adidas stripe would need to be fully black)

Girls

- Grey or black skirt, or grey pinafore, or black or grey trousers
- Logoed/plain White polo shirt
- Alternatively, red/burgundy gingham dress
- Logoed/plain Burgundy school sweater, cardigan or fleece (Nursery - Year 4), or logoed/plain black school sweater, cardigan or fleece (for Years 5 & 6)
- White or black socks
- Only black shoes or full black trainers (black laces and no stripes or other patterns e.g. Nike tick/Adidas stripe would need to be fully black)

PE Kits

All children are expected to wear the appropriate kit for PE lessons. Children can wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. Each class will have 1 designated PE day (please speak to your child's teacher).

PE (including swimming when appropriate) is a compulsory subject, and children are required to wear the correct kit. We have kept our PE kit as simple and cost-effective as possible.

Our PE Kit is:

- A plain white T-shirt
- Black shorts/black jogging bottoms/thick black leggings
- School jumper/cardigan/fleece
- Pumps or trainers - please note that gymnastics is usually done barefoot.

We ask that all PE kits be named using a permanent marker. Unmarked or lost items are placed on tables during whole school events and disposed of at the end of each half-term.

If your child has pierced ears, we ask that they be either removed for PE days or covered by a plaster. As children get older, they may well be able to take their earrings out at school and put them back in after the lesson.

The school have purchased several spare white t-shirts. Any child who comes into school without the correct PE kit will be given a spare white t-shirt to wear and a message/letter will be sent home to parents.

Uniforms can be purchased from Panache (Droylsden), Tesco online or MCS (Ashton-under-Lyne).

In addition to wearing school uniform, we also expect the following standards from our pupils in relation to their presentation and dress:

- All uniform, and equipment, should be clearly marked or labelled with your child's name;
- Hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied back with a plain coloured bobble or headband (no large bows, elaborate headbands, or fascinators, etc);
- Short hair should be shaved no lower than a guard level 2;
- Extreme and shaved patterned hair (e.g., tags) are not allowed in school;
- Extreme hair colourings (e.g., red, green, blue, pink, orange and so on) are not permitted;
- No nail varnish, false nails or tattoos (temporary or permanent) permitted;
- No jewellery to be worn in school (an exception is earring studs)
- No Smartwatches (including Apple)

Parents will be reminded of our uniform expectations if children are sent to our school not conforming to the policy above. If this is persistent, or extreme (for example, pupils with coloured or tagged hair), children will be sent home for parents to make the necessary adjustments. We are always here if you need any support with purchasing uniforms or if you would just like to speak to someone about the help we can offer in school.

We appreciate your support for following our policy and for sharing our high uniform code expectations for all pupils.

Date: November 2024

Review: November 2026