



# MOORTHORPE NEWS - JAN 2025

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and everyone stayed safe and well.

At Moorthorpe, we love to celebrate the progress of our pupils and I feel incredibly proud of all our children for the wonderful concerts that many of you attended at the end of term. So many of them performed with increased confidence showing how far they've come. It was a joy seeing the children sing, act and dance their hearts out with obvious enjoyment. There will be more chances for your children to shine in 2025 starting with Young Voices at the end of this month.

## CHILDREN & STAFF

We welcome our new nursery starters and their families. When they came for their FEET sessions they did not want to leave, so I am sure they will settle quickly. We also welcome Miss Verity who has joined our staff team and will be teaching our Reception class. Miss Verity is an experienced teacher, who I know will be an asset to Moorthorpe Primary. In the next couple of weeks we will also have an apprentice starting in our school office called Miss Stronach.

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance figure (including resource pupils) for the Autumn term was 95.3%. This was above the national average at 95.1% so a big thank you for ensuring your children are in school (if they are well). We continue to strive to meet our target of 96%.

60 pupils (28%) had 100% attendance for the Autumn Term and received a bronze certificate. Hopefully many will continue and get silver and gold awards for the spring and summer terms!

29 pupils had attendance lower than 90% so classed as persistently absent. Support will be put in place to ensure this improves.

## UNIFORM

Just a reminder that pupils should only be wearing stud earrings NOT hoops or anything hanging below the ear. These studs should be removed on PE days at home. If the ears have just been pierced, they should be covered with plasters at home on PE days. Thank you for your support.

## PARENTS IN SCHOOL

Please see the diary dates below. More dates will be added in due course. As always, keep a close eye on our school and class dojo pages for updates plus our school website for curriculum documents, policies and other information.

Best wishes, Deborah Birdsall

THE DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER AND SENIOR PERSON FOR SAFEGUARDING IS MRS DEBORAH BIRDSALL, THE DEPUTY CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS ARE MRS JANET HARDY AND MRS STEPHANIE FIELD



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### January 2025

**Monday 6th – return to school**

Tuesday 21st – EYFS farm visit morning on the school field.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent/carer coffee morning

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

### February 2025

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – National Storytelling week

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair on school

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Y4 INSPIRE – Mrs Norman’s class 9-10am

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – school closes at 3.10pm for half term**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - return to school**

### March 2025

W/C Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Y5 Bikeability (bikes and helmets provided for those who do not have them)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day (Dress up)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Individual and family photos day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Red Nose Day (Wear red!)

### April 2025

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - School closes at 3.10pm for Easter holiday**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – school reopens**

### May 2025

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> – Class photos - Year 6 only?

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Bank holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - School closes at 3.10pm for Whitsun holiday**

### June 2025

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – school reopens**

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Year 1 Phonics screening – Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - SPORTS DAY Y1-Y6

### July 2025

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Foundation stage sports morning (nursery and reception)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Y6 leavers concert (after school – details to follow)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Nursery graduation

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Prom (after school details to follow)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Leavers assembly, rewards assembly

Close for the summer break – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 3.10pm.

Inset Days – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July