



MOORTHORPE NEWS - APRIL 2026

It will soon be the Easter break but the Easter celebrations have already begun...congratulations to all those who entered our Easter bonnet/ Easter model. As always, the competition was difficult to judge. The entries were amazing. Well done all of you creative folk!

The spring term has been a busy one! As well as our usual curriculum lessons, we've had Bikeability, Young Voices choir, various trips, many visitors including Reverend Chris to lead our Easter assembly and the Little Zoo plus more sporting trophies to add to our collection thanks to Y6 and Y1. We have also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and Red Nose Day. Sadly, we've said goodbye to Adrian and the therapy dogs, who have helped so many of our children. We are looking into alternatives.

A FOND FAREWELL

It's always sad to say goodbye to amazing colleagues, especially those who have been such a huge part of the school and made such a difference to so many young lives. Mrs Jackson – thank you from the whole school community for all you've done for pupils, parents and colleagues. Good luck for your new role. Our new SENCO, Mrs Ford starts on 5th May.

ATTENDANCE & SATS

Y6 will be completing their SATs tests in May (see dates below). The tests are carried out altogether at the same times, although some children may be given extra time, rest breaks, a reader/prompter or a scribe depending on their academic/emotional needs. There will be a Y6 breakfast club that week to get them fully prepared (more details to follow). We are very mindful of not putting extra pressure on the children but encourage them to focus fully and to do their best. We continue to push for high attendance, especially at this time so the pupils are fully prepared. If you have any issues with getting your child into school, please speak to Mrs Appleyard/ Mrs Grace for support.

PSHE/RSE

Our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Policy and schemes of work are on our website. Schools have the right and obligation to teach RSHE topics to prepare children for life when they leave school. These lessons will be taught during the summer term in Y2, Y4 and Y6. The vast majority of the content is compulsory, there is one lesson in Y6 where pupils may be withdrawn. Further details to follow.

ACTIVE SCHOOL

We continue to be a leading 'active school' in Wakefield as part of the Creating an Active School programme (CAS) which promotes physical activity alongside sport. In line with this we are considering a more active uniform from Sept 2026, especially for our younger pupils. Please look out for the poll coming soon on Dojo to share your views.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

I am delighted to say we have two parents who have expressed an interest in joining our governing body. We will update you in due course.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Keep an eye on Dojo – both class pages and the main school page, for up-to-date information! Also, our school website has all the curriculum information you need:

<https://www.moorthorpeprimary.co.uk/>

Best wishes, Deborah Birdsall



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Summer Term

April 2026

Monday 13th – school reopens
Thursday 30th – Reception & Y6 class photos

May 2026

Monday 4th – Bank holiday SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 7th – SEN Unit closed - Polling Day (Main school open as usual)
Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 11th – Friday 15th May
Friday 22nd - School closes at 3.10pm for Whitsun holiday

June 2026

Mon 1st – INSET Day
Tues 2nd - School reopens
Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week commencing 1st June
Year 1 Phonics screening – Week commencing 8th June
Mon 22nd- Fri 26th – Sports week (PE uniform all week except Tuesday please)
Tues 23rd – Y6 transition day to Minsthorpe
Tues 23rd – Move to new classes to meet your new teacher (All about me day – wear favourite clothes)
Friday 26th - SPORTS DAY Y1-Y6 (KS2 from 9.15, KS1 from 1.15pm)

July 2026

Wednesday 8th - Foundation stage sports morning (nursery and reception)
Wednesday 8th – Y6 go to Lightwater Valley
Wednesday 8th – 11.30 Y5 music concert
Tuesday 15th – Y6 leavers concert (after school – details to follow)
Wednesday 15th – Nursery graduation
Wednesday 15th – Y6 Prom (after school details to follow)
Friday 17th – Leavers assembly, rewards assembly
Close for the summer break – Friday 17th July at 3.10pm.
Inset Day – Monday 20th July

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