



# MOORTHORPE NEWS - DEC 2025

December is fast approaching, where has 2025 gone? As we always say this is the 'most wonderful time of the year' but also the busiest. Christmas is nearly upon us and there's so much going on. We look forward to seeing you all at the many events – see below. Tickets for the concerts are £1 (this includes a number for a raffle ticket). They go on sale Tuesday 2nd Dec. There will be 2 allocated per family – please come and collect them. Any leftover will go on sale on the day before each concert.

## Parents in school

**Parents/carers xmas decoration making:** Our traditional decoration making session is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec at 1.15pm. Please come to the front entrance to sign in and exit through the front signing out also, thank you.

**Christmas Fayre:** Our fayre starts next Friday 1.15pm. Please collect your child(ren) from usual classroom doors and make your way to either of the halls. As always there will be Santa's Grotto and many stalls. Those who are not collected will remain with staff and have an opportunity to visit the stalls (please send some spending money in if you can).

## Reindeer Run

We always support The Prince of Wales Hospice, Pontefract at this time of year when pupils will run/walk around the school track. This year we are doing this on Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec which is Christmas jumper day. All classes will go out around the track from 9am. Sponsor forms will be coming home soon home. We understand money is tight so please only give what you can. Money due in by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Thank you.

## Christmas dinner

For those who do not usually have a school dinner but wish to have a Christmas school dinner on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, please book onto the school grid system. We cannot accept cash.

## Governor vacancy

All I want for Christmas is a new governor! Would you like to develop new skills, give back to the community and make a difference to children's education? Can you attend 4 - 6 evening meetings a year, plus occasional visits, if possible, during the school day?

## Safeguarding

As well as being a wonderful time of year, Christmas can also be a very stressful time for some families. Unfortunately, statistics show that cases of domestic abuse increase during this period. It is expected that this year the incidents will rise even higher as a result of the 'cost of living' crisis.

We are an 'Operation Encompass' school, which means we are informed of domestic abuse incidents involving our families (whether the child is present or not) enabling us to offer further support. Please go to our website, safeguarding page. Click 'Useful Information Leaflet' and it will take you to the Wakefield Council Domestic Abuse service.

We look forward to seeing you at our many events in school. Mrs Deborah Birdsall.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

(New dates in red)

### November 2025

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 INSPIRE One Life (Parents/carers)

### December 2025

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Making xmas decorations in school (Parents/carers in pm)

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – Y6 go to Robinwood

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre 1.15pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - EYFS xmas concert 9.am (Parents/carers)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas jumper day and Reindeer Run

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – List for party food go up on Dojo

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y2, Y3 xmas concert **1.30pm** (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y2, Y3 xmas concert **9.30am** (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Resource xmas celebration **10.30am** (Parents/carers)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y4, Y5, Y6 xmas concert **1.30pm** (Parents/carers)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Y4, Y5, Y6 xmas concert **9.30am** and **1.30pm** (Parents/carers)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Xmas party day (party clothes/ non uniform)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Xmas eve in school (PJs, hot choc, cookies and a film plus a visit from Santa)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> **Break up for xmas to return Mon 5th Jan 2025**

### January 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Return to school

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Y4 and Y6 go to Yorkshire Museum – Time Odyssey

### February 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Y5 bikeability

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Samba concert for parents/carers

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half term