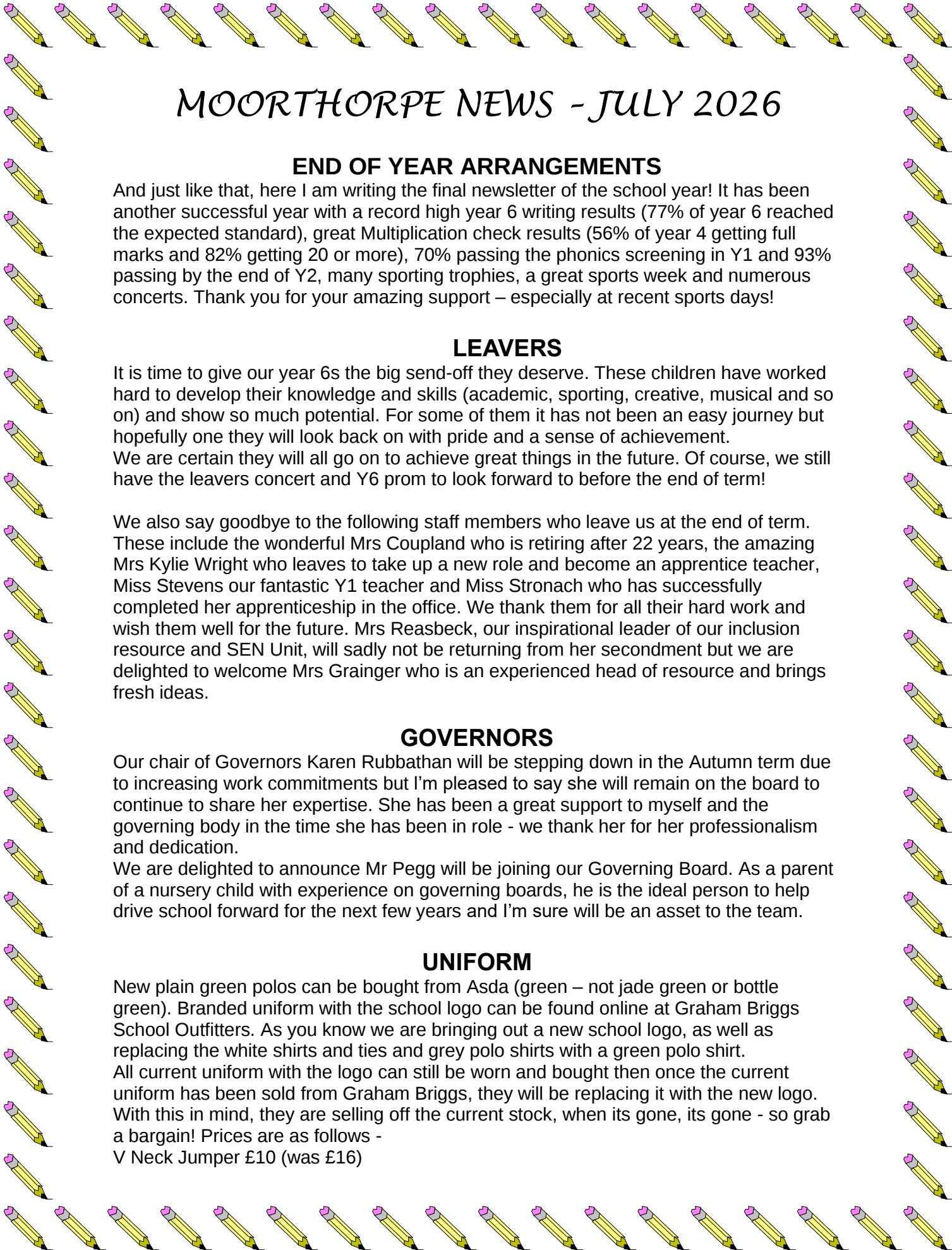




MOORTHORPE NEWS - JULY 2026

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

And just like that, here I am writing the final newsletter of the school year! It has been another successful year with a record high year 6 writing results (77% of year 6 reached the expected standard), great Multiplication check results (56% of year 4 getting full marks and 82% getting 20 or more), 70% passing the phonics screening in Y1 and 93% passing by the end of Y2, many sporting trophies, a great sports week and numerous concerts. Thank you for your amazing support – especially at recent sports days!

LEAVERS

It is time to give our year 6s the big send-off they deserve. These children have worked hard to develop their knowledge and skills (academic, sporting, creative, musical and so on) and show so much potential. For some of them it has not been an easy journey but hopefully one they will look back on with pride and a sense of achievement.

We are certain they will all go on to achieve great things in the future. Of course, we still have the leavers concert and Y6 prom to look forward to before the end of term!

We also say goodbye to the following staff members who leave us at the end of term. These include the wonderful Mrs Coupland who is retiring after 22 years, the amazing Mrs Kylie Wright who leaves to take up a new role and become an apprentice teacher, Miss Stevens our fantastic Y1 teacher and Miss Stronach who has successfully completed her apprenticeship in the office. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them well for the future. Mrs Reasbeck, our inspirational leader of our inclusion resource and SEN Unit, will sadly not be returning from her secondment but we are delighted to welcome Mrs Grainger who is an experienced head of resource and brings fresh ideas.

GOVERNORS

Our chair of Governors Karen Rubbathan will be stepping down in the Autumn term due to increasing work commitments but I'm pleased to say she will remain on the board to continue to share her expertise. She has been a great support to myself and the governing body in the time she has been in role - we thank her for her professionalism and dedication.

We are delighted to announce Mr Pegg will be joining our Governing Board. As a parent of a nursery child with experience on governing boards, he is the ideal person to help drive school forward for the next few years and I'm sure will be an asset to the team.

UNIFORM

New plain green polos can be bought from Asda (green – not jade green or bottle green). Branded uniform with the school logo can be found online at Graham Briggs School Outfitters. As you know we are bringing out a new school logo, as well as replacing the white shirts and ties and grey polo shirts with a green polo shirt.

All current uniform with the logo can still be worn and bought then once the current uniform has been sold from Graham Briggs, they will be replacing it with the new logo. With this in mind, they are selling off the current stock, when its gone, its gone - so grab a bargain! Prices are as follows -
V Neck Jumper £10 (was £16)

Cardigan £10 (was £16)
Fleece £10 (was £16)
Hoodie £10 (was £16)
Polo £8 (was £12)

Despite the new vouchers for those eligible, we understand the cost of school uniform can be tricky for many of our families. Please get in touch and we will try and help out with our pre-loved uniform (if your child has outgrown theirs and you are happy to donate it, please send it into school. The pre-loved uniform we have, will be displayed at the Summer Fayre.

Regarding footwear: to retain the smart dress but allow for pupils to be comfortable: pupils are able to wear plain all black trainers (no noticeable coloured branding) on non P.E days.

The final few weeks has lots of opportunities for you to visit school. Have a lovely summer break when it comes!

Best wishes from myself and the whole staff team.
Deborah Birdsall.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2026

Monday 1st – 9.15am KS1 Sports morning
Tuesday 7th – 10-11 FEET (new nursery pupils)
Wednesday 8th - Foundation stage sports morning (nursery and reception)
Wednesday 8th – Y6 go to Lightwater Valley
Wednesday 8th – 11.30 Y5 music concert to parents in gym
Thursday 9th – Y2 farm visit
Friday 10th – 1.15pm SUMMER FAYRE
Tuesday 15th – Y6 leavers concert (after school – details to follow)
Monday 13th – Y3 trip to Rassam's
Tuesday 14th – Y1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday 15th – Nursery graduation 10am
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

September 2026

Tues 1st Sept – INSET DAY
Wednesday 2nd – Sept – Back to school.

THE DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER AND SENIOR PERSON FOR SAFEGUARDING IS MRS BIRDSALL, THE DEPUTY CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS ARE: MRS FIELD, MRS APPLEYARD, MRS GRACE, MRS CURRIE AND IN RESOURCE/ SEN UNIT: MISS GORDON, MR BEARDSMORE, MRS WORTLEY and MRS GRAINGER.