



# MOORTHORPE NEWS - MARCH 2026

Welcome to our March newsletter. We are already over halfway through the academic year and have achieved so much already! Just before half term we had another successful sports tournament with year 6 winning - year 4 and year 2 also performed well. In our last assembly many children received special badges such as 'expectation expert', 'independent icon' or 'emotion regulator' to wear on their ties – hopefully as they move through school, they will collect the set!  
It finally feels like the days are getting longer and lighter and the sun is making an appearance hooray!

## **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!**

Thank you so much for coming to the book fair - thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we have been able to receive an ENORMOUS amount of books. These will be coming into school reading areas and our library. A love of reading gives a child a head-start on expanding their vocabulary, improving comprehension skills and equally important allows them to relax, de-stress and escape into other worlds. Unlike online games it can help them sleep too!

World Book Day is fast approaching on 5<sup>th</sup> March – your children may dress up as a book character or word. There are lots of ideas online that do not need to cost much. Are you having a spring clean at home? Do you have any costumes that don't fit your children? Donations are always welcome to pass on to others.

## **PARENTS EVENING**

This will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 3.30-7pm. Please do book these home/ school appointments when they become available (we will inform you on Dojo) as they are so important to ensure we work together to support you child(ren) to be happy, successful learners. Any issues please phone the school office and Miss King will book you on. If you are unable to make that evening, speak to the class teacher and they will do their best to arrange another time.

## **FOND FAREWELL**

At the end of term, we will be saying thank you and goodbye to our wonderful nursery teacher, SENCO and PE Leader, Mrs Jackson, as she moves onto pastures new. She has made a huge difference to the lives of so many Moorthorpe pupils over the last 16 years and we will all miss her.

In Nursery for the Summer Term, Mrs Wright and Mrs Peacock will be covering extra days and Mrs Howlett will also be doing two mornings therefore the children will have familiar adults who know them well. Staff will ensure everything continues in the same way and that our children are happy and progress as they should. Mrs Currie as EYFS leader will be the teacher in charge of the unit should you wish to discuss anything of a more serious nature.

On Friday we appointed an experienced SENCO who will be working three days a week in school after Easter. As soon as everything is finalised, we will send you more details.

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 APPLEYARD, MRS STEPHANIE FIELD, MRS REASBECK, MRS GORDON, MR  
BEARDSMORE AND MRS WORTLEY.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

(new dates in red)

### March 2026

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day (Dress up)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day (Wear red!)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y4 parents/carers in 3.15 for a meeting about the Y4 multiplication check.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Visit from Little Zoo for Y2 and Resource pupils

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 3.30-7pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - School closes at 3.10pm for the Easter holiday

### April 2026

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – school reopens

### May 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Bank holiday **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - School closes at 3.10pm for Whitsun holiday

### June 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – School reopens

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June

Year 1 Phonics screening – Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - SPORTS DAY Y1-Y6

### July 2026

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Foundation stage sports morning (nursery and reception)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 leavers concert (after school – details to follow)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Nursery graduation

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Prom (after school details to follow)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Leavers assembly, rewards assembly

Close for the summer break – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3.10pm.

Inset Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**We are still waiting to arrange one further INSET day, which we will inform you of as soon as we can book our training. It may be one of the dates below:**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> –Possible INSET (also Polling Day)**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> –Possible INSET?**