



MOORTHORPE NEWS - MAY 2026

May is here! Unfortunately, as a headteacher my first thought is year 6 SATs. Our Y6 pupils have worked their socks off and have made great progress this year so I know they are ready. Of course, there is a lot more going on in May including trips for Y4 and Y2 to enhance their learning.

Similarly, June means Phonics screening for Year 1 and 2 and Year 4 multiplication tests so we continue to push for high attendance, especially at this time so the pupils do not miss any vital revision/preparation sessions. It is a key time to ensure our children are fully prepared and feel confident to do their best.

CHANGING UNIFORM FOR SEPT 2026

We had 113 responses to our uniform poll, thank you for voting. The results are in:

- 18% wanted to continue with shirts and ties from Y1-Y6.
- 27% liked the idea of shirts and ties in Y5 and Y6 but polo tops in Y1-Y4.
- 54% wanted polo tops throughout.

So, to confirm from September 2026 we will move to **polo tops throughout**. As you know currently, we have grey polo tops however these are very difficult to get hold of. Also, we feel all grey could look a bit dull so we are **changing to green polo tops**. This will add colour and to the rest of the grey uniform and also make it easier to spot Moorthorpe pupils on trips! Asda do a pack of 5 for between £7.50 and £12.50 depending on sizes.

We will be putting correct colours on Dojo soon.

All parents will receive a **£30 voucher** to spend on their child's uniform. More details to follow.

INCREASED COSTS

AS we know prices are rising everywhere. The cost of a school meal has recently risen to £3.15. Also, our breakfast club will increase to £3.50 for those arriving at 7.45am or £2.00 for those arriving from 8.15pm from 1st June.

TRIPS

We do our best to keep costs down and subsidise trips wherever possible. Please find information about payment on Parentmail. More to be added soon.

CLASSES AND STAFFING NEXT YEAR

Staffing and classes are still being finalised for next year. We plan to do plenty of transition in June/July so children are fully prepared. We have spaces in both nursery and reception as the birth rate is low in both these years.

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/>



DATES FOR THE DIARY

May 2026

Monday 4th – Bank holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 7th – SEN Unit closed - Polling Day (Main school open as usual)

Monday 11th – Y4 trip to Clifton Park Museum

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 11th – Friday 15th May

Tuesday 19th – Y2 trip to Withernsea Lighthouse and RNLi

Friday 22nd - School closes at 3.10pm for Whitsun holiday

June 2026

Mon 1st – INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues 2nd - School reopens

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week commencing 1st June

Year 1 Phonics screening – Week commencing 8th June

Tues 16th Y5 go to The Big Strum at Wakefield Cathedral

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)

24th, 25th, 26th – Transition days to Hemsworth

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 to parents in gym

Friday 10th – 1.15pm SUMMER FAYRE

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

September 2026

Tues 1st Sept – INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd – Sept – Back to school.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Birdsall

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