

10th January 2025



MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and friends,

A very Happy New Year to you all!! I hope you all had a wonderful break..... and WHAT a first week back! A huge thank you to our brilliant team for braving the elements to get to school so that we could stay open. Also, a massive well done to Mrs Greg for quickly clearing paths and getting grit down to help us to access the site safely. She has managed to just break one shovel this week - we will let her off!! Thank you to you all too, for working with us and getting the children to us safely.... We know that the freezing temperatures and snow have made journeys to school much harder.

Our children in Reception have been thinking about how to help the birds this week, who struggle to find food in the freezing weather. They made some hanging bird feeders using berries, leaves, seeds and water. They hung them up for the birds to find and left their feeders outside overnight - they were amazed to find they had frozen solid by the morning! Reception had lots of great ideas about why the water had frozen. Thank you, Reception, for being such kind and caring children!!



At the start of the new term, we always have our topic launches to share new topics with the children in exciting ways, to 'hook' them into their learning! To launch them into their Geography topic about natural disasters, Years 5 and 6 took part in a fun quiz all about volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis, before some clever science investigations to make a volcanic eruption! Everyone loved watching the volcano explode and asked lots of great questions. They can't wait to try the experiment again outside, where they hope to make an even bigger eruption! Well done, everyone!

Our whole school theme this term is **'Diversity,'** and this will be the general focus for our assemblies and some of our theme days and weeks! More information about your child's learning will be shared through their learning letters and knowledge mats via email and our website in due course. You will also be able to access their spellings and homework tasks for this term on the website too.

Attendance



Our whole school attendance this week has been **98.13%**. This is BRILLIANT as we are always aiming for at least 96%. The attendance for each class is as follows:

w/c	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
07/01/25	98.79%	100%	95.74%	99.45%	100%	94.44%	97.84%

Well done to Year 1 and 4 this week with 100% attendance!

Forest School and PE Reminder

We have learnt today that for some reason, our end of term newsletter did not arrive in some parent's inboxes! We apologise and were not aware of this technical hitch. It has been on our website since 20.12.24 at [Newsletter-20.12.24.pdf](#)

It shared the information that Forest School and PE days are as follows:

Reception – PE on Thursdays and Forest School on Fridays

Year 1 – PE on Wednesdays and Forest School on Fridays

Year 2 – PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 3 - PE on Fridays and Forest School on Wednesdays

Year 4 - PE on Wednesdays and Forest School on Fridays

Year 5 - PE on Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 6 - PE on Mondays and Thursdays



Holocaust Memorial Service

Our Year 5 children will be representing our school at the Ripon Cathedral Holocaust Memorial Service on Monday 27th January. Please could you ensure that your child is in smart uniform with a coat and sensible walking shoes to walk to the Cathedral safely. Many thanks.

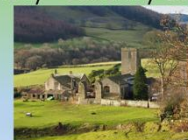
Local Area Study Years 1 and 2

The children in Years 1 and 2 will be going on a walk around Ripon to do a local area study as part of their Geography fieldwork next Friday morning (instead of the Y1 Forest School session). Please ensure that they have a coat and sensible footwear for walking. We will review this if the footpaths are icy. Thank you.

Y6 Marrick Parent's Meeting 13.1.25

There will be a Marrick information meeting for parents on Monday 13th January at 3.20pm in the hall. This will be for approximately 30 minutes. If your child is attending the trip but you can't make this meeting, please do not worry - we will share the PowerPoint with you.

Year 6 residential to Marrick
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<http://www.marrickpriory.co.uk/>

School Reports

We are aiming to send printed copies of your child's report home by Friday next week. We will send a text home so you can look out for it in their book bag!

Baby News....



Charlotte Elizabeth Allen was born on 31.12.24! A huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Allen and to Edward, who is a very proud big brother!! We can't wait to meet the newest member of Team Moorside!

Have a great weekend everyone. Please stay safe and thank you again for your support this week.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 13 th January 3.20pm	Marrick Parent's Information Meeting
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th January	Y6 to Marrick
w/c 10 th February	Safety Week
w/c 3 rd March	Month of Reading Madness
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
w/c 7 th March	Science week
Tuesday 11 th March	Reading Cafe