



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's Good to be Back!

We would like to wish our Hindu families a very happy Diwali, We hope your celebrations last week were full of light, colour and family time. It sounds as if the children all enjoyed the half term holidays and they have shared their excitement and celebration of the Festival of Lights and the fireworks of Bonfire Night.

Snuggle time...

As we approach winter and the evenings grow darker and longer, it can feel like the opportunities for enjoyment are more limited. **But this is an ideal time for you to share a book with your child and discover, for them and for you, the joy of reading.** What better way to spend a cold winter's evening, than curled up on the sofa, with no screens (TV or tablet) to distract, - just the peace and quiet of listening to your child read or of you reading them a story. How magical. An opportunity to feed your child's imagination with new places, people and ideas and it doesn't cost a penny.



We know that most of our parents have discovered the joy of reading with their child – and we are in no doubt that you are seeing the benefits for your child. But perhaps there are still one or two of you who are struggling with the idea of reading to your child. If that's you, come and talk to your child's class teacher; if your child is in **Reception class**, make sure you come to our **Story Café** event on **3rd December**. Just encouraging your child to talk about the pictures they see in their reading book is a start.

Moorlands Family centre are running fun reading sessions every **Tuesday** from **12.30-2.30pm** up until 10th December so why not drop in and enjoy their sessions.

But to make that start, **your child needs to bring their book bag to school every day.** Learning to Read is the key that opens doors to your child's success. Share a book with your child regularly and you will be a major part of their learning journey.

Remembrance Poppies will be sold on Monday at the school gates.



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Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 11th - Friday 15th November

Next week will be devoted to the subject of Anti-bullying. Each day the children will focus on a new theme. Please talk to your child about their learning and understanding each day – it is so important that they are given the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings with you at home too.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Theme	Anti-bullying	Behaviour	Respect	E-safety	Odd socks
Focus	Courage & Kindness	Behaviour expectations at Moorland	Choosing & showing respect	Cyber bullying & keeping safe online	Celebrating what makes us each unique

On Monday, **OpenView Education, a theatre company** will be coming into school for a day of creative learning which will develop our children's understanding of **Courage and Kindness**.

Please Join us for our **Wednesday Coffee morning on Wednesday 13th November, when we are offering parents advice and information about children's online safety**. We put children's safeguarding at the heart of everything we do, so this is a very important opportunity to share this information with parents.



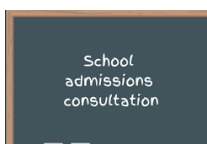
Don't forget to search through the **Odd Sock Drawer**. Children will be asked to **wear odd socks on Friday** to help them think about what makes us unique.

Consultation - Admission Arrangements for the 2026 Intake

This year, at Moorland Primary School, we are consulting on our Admission Arrangements for the September 2026 intake. This is to meet our statutory duty to consult after 7 years, even if there have been no changes, as outlined in the DfE's School Admission Code. Here is the [link](#) to our proposed Admission arrangements.

The consultation period will begin on Monday 11th November 2024 and will end on Tuesday 31st December 2024.












Should you wish to make comments on the proposed arrangements, you can do so, during the consultation period, by email to: ceo@campfire.co.uk.



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Moorland Attendance HERO – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time.

Well done Ladybirds for coming **1st** this week – Owls and Squirrels came a close 2nd. Well done. An excellent start to the new term. Hedgehogs and Skylarks will, we are sure, raise their attendance levels next week. If you have been unwell this week, we hope that you are feeling much better. Overall, it is good to see so many children achieving excellent attendance every day.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 4 th November 2024	
 Ladybirds ~ 100% 	 Owls ~ 98.0%
 Hedgehogs ~ 85.1%	 Squirrels ~ 98.9%
 Foxes ~ 96.3%	 Badgers ~ 93.5%
 Falcons ~ 95.0%	 Skylarks ~ 87.0%
 Whole School ~ 93.4% 	

Stay and Play for Nursery parents – Wed 20th Nov

Join us for a fun Stay and Play session on Wednesday 20th November at 9.30am – 11.00am. It will be great to see you.



School dinners

You can now order school dinners just one week in advance through Parent Pay. Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners for the next few weeks. You can of course order school dinners for the whole term, but **if you miss these deadlines, your child will need to bring a packed lunch from home.**

Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Tues 12 th Nov	Monday 18 th Nov
Tues 19 th Nov	Monday 25 th Nov
Tues 26 th Nov	Monday 2 nd Dec
Tues 3 rd Dec	Monday 9 th Dec
Tues 10 th Dec	Monday 16 th Dec



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Open evening for Prospective Reception Parents and their children – Tuesday 19th November – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

We are having a Stay and Play event for all parents whose children are due to start in our Reception class in September 2025. This is a chance to meet the staff, look round the Reception class and outdoor play area and find out what Moorland Primary School can offer your child.

Please come along if your child attends our nursery and is due to start school in September. If you know a family living in the Moorland School catchment area who has a child due to school next September, then please encourage them to come along. We look forward to meeting them.

**KNIFE
AMNESTY
WEEK**

National week of action and knife amnesty

Parents/carers across the Thames Valley are being offered **free, online** information sessions to raise awareness of the risks of knife crime and help them to support their children to stay safe.

Two online sessions are being offered and are delivered by the leading anti-knife crime charity The Ben Kinsella Trust.

The sessions explore the different risk factors that can lead to a young person carrying a weapon or being drawn into violence. They aim to raise awareness by exploring issues such as child exploitation, county drug lines, the impact of online harm and how fear and not knowing who to ask for help that can drive someone to pick up a knife.

Each session promotes the “[Stay True to You](#)” campaign, which was launched in May. This promotes a positive approach to helping young people make their own choices, encouraging them to plan ahead, to trust their instincts and to ask for help from any adult they trust.

The sessions are free to attend and can be accessed online via a phone or computer. Advance registration is now open via the website:

www.staytruetoyou.co.uk/parents or use the following links:

- [6.30pm – 8.30pm Tuesday 12 November](#)
- [6.30pm – 8.30pm Thursday 21 November](#)

Thames Valley Police is also promoting the availability of knife amnesty bins across the force area as safe places to dispose of weapons, with no questions asked and no details taken. For information on the locations of bins, visit the Thames Valley Police [website](#).



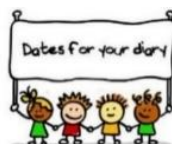
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Jules Bottazzi, Director of Strategy & Performance, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, said:

“Knife crime is a huge concern for many parents and we have been working to help raise awareness of the issues so that together we can help keep young people safe.

“We’ve partnered with the leading national charity The Ben Kinsella Trust to deliver these sessions for some months, with hundreds of parents benefiting to date and many leaving fantastic feedback.

“We want to encourage as many parents as possible to take the time to join one of these sessions wherever they can.”



It is another fun and busy week next week...

Date	Event
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Mon 11 th Nov	OpenView Education theatre event for children
Mon 11 th Nov	School Council to represent MPS at the Remembrance service Coffee Hall
Tues 12 th Nov	Individual pupil photos
Wed 13 th Nov	Wednesday Coffee Morning – advice and information about keeping children safe online – don’t miss it.
Fri 15 th Nov	Odd Sock Day for staff and children
Tues 19 th Nov 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Stay and Play for prospective Reception Parents and their children who are starting school in Sept 2025 – come along and meet the Reception class team
Wed 20 th Nov 9.30am – 11.00am	Current Nursery Parents Stay and Play
Tues 3 rd Dec 9am	Story Café for Reception parents
Fri 6 th Dec	Flu vaccinations
Fri 20 th Dec 3pm	Last Day of term

Best Wishes
Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher



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STAY TRUE TO YOU

**Free online training sessions
for parents, carers and wider family
or community members**

Tuesday 12 November, 6.30pm–8.30pm (online) → [register in advance](#)

Thursday 21 November, 6.30pm–8.30pm (online) → [register in advance](#)

Course content:

Everyone is worried about the levels of violence in our community, particularly knife crime involving young people.

The Stay True to You campaign aims to prevent violence by taking a positive approach to supporting young people to help them build confidence and make the right decisions.

Open to all parents, carers and wider family members, these sessions are an opportunity to better understand the facts, including:

- Risk factors to crime and violence
- Exploitation and county drug lines
- Online harm
- How fear drives weapon carrying
- Legal consequences
- How to have those difficult conversations and create trusted relationships
- Sources of help and support

**Tuesday 12 November
6.30pm–8.30pm (online)**

Register in advance at bit.ly/stty-12nov2024

**Thursday 21 November
6.30pm–8.30pm (online)**

Register in advance at bit.ly/stty-21nov2024

Or visit the training page on the website:
staytruetoyou.co.uk/upcoming-training-dates-parents/

Contact

info@staytruetoyou.co.uk

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