



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can

15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Remembrance Day Service and Parade – Monday 11th November

On Monday, the School Council represented Moorland at the annual Remembrance Parade at Woughton. They wore their poppies with pride and were immensely considerate and thoughtful about the occasion. Thank you all for representing us so respectfully.



A Burst Water Pipe in Beanhill

Thank you for your responding promptly to our message about the school being closed on Wednesday. We were relieved that the school was only affected for a day. But, more than anything, this is a reminder of the importance of parents and carers keeping the school office informed about changes to phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying" week has been a great success. The theme of "Choose Respect" has been incredibly well demonstrated within the school throughout the week. Friday was our grand finale as we all celebrated how unique we are as individuals by wearing odd socks!



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On Monday, **OpenView Education, a theatre company** came into school for a day of creative learning to develop our children's understanding of **Courage and Kindness**. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 did workshops and the younger children enjoyed a performance about being kind and brave.



Sadly, because of the burst water pipe, we had to cancel our Well-Being Wednesday Coffee morning on Children's On-line Safety, but we will organise another date for this event.



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

Nursery parents – don't forget to come along to our Open Afternoon event for children 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.

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.



Stay and Play for Nursery parents – Wed 20th Nov

All Nursery parents are welcome to 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.



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Wednesday Coffee Morning – Wednesday 20th November

Year 1 and 2 parents are particularly encouraged to come along to our next Well-Being Wednesday Coffee Morning for a talk and information about how to look after your child's dental health. But all parents are welcome to join us.

Flu Vaccinations – Friday 6th December

Children in Reception class up to year 6 are entitled to a flu vaccination which is being offered in School on Friday 6th December.

Parents and carers have been sent an email with a letter attached explaining how to give consent for your child to have the flu vaccination. The deadline is Wednesday 4th December – so don't delay – do it today.

Christmas Singalong for Reception and Nursery parents

Our annual Christmas Singalong for Reception and Nursery parents will be on **Thursday 12th December**. Other year group performances will be taking place in the same week – so watch this space.



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 began 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.

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.**



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Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
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



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

Well done Squirrels for coming **1st** this week– Foxes came a very close 2nd, just a hair's breadth. Attendance dipped for some children this 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 good attendance every day.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 11th November 2024

 Ladybirds ~ 92.8%	 Owls ~ 58.6%
 Hedgehogs ~ 89.7%	 Squirrels ~ 98.9% 
 Foxes ~ 98.6%	 Badgers ~ 95.7%
 Falcons ~ 93.8%	 Skylarks ~ 93.2%
 Whole School ~ 91.2%	

**KNIFE
AMNESTY
WEEK**

A Reminder: 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.

In case you missed the online session on 12th November, there is another one on 21st November and is being 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



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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 link:

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

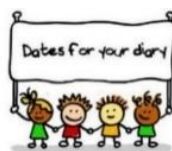
Thames Valley Police is also promoting the availability of knife amnesty bins across the force area as safe places to dispose of weapons, with no questions asked and no details taken. For information on the locations of bins, visit the Thames Valley Police [website](#).

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
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
Thurs 21 st Nov – 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Thames Valley Police Online Training course for parents and carers about the risks of knife crime
Tues 3 rd Dec 9am	Story Café for Reception parents
Fri 6 th Dec	Flu vaccinations for all children from Reception to Year 6 whose parents have completed the online consent form
Thurs 12 th Dec 10.30am	Christmas Singalong for Reception and Nursery Parents
Fri 20 th Dec 3pm	Last Day of term
Tues 7 th Jan 8.30am	Children return to School

Best Wishes
Mrs. Angela Garner
Headteacher



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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: staytrueto you.co.uk/upcoming-training-dates-parents/

Contact

info@staytrueto you.co.uk

