



MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can



14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed the first half of the spring term and we are very proud of how much the children have learnt. We wish you a lovely half term holiday and a reminder that School will re-open on **Monday 24th February at 8:30am**. We **do not** have a teacher training day, so even if the other local schools are off and older siblings are not in school we still need our Moorland pupils to back in and ready to learn please.

Wraparound care

Historically, our parents and community have not needed full wrap around care (between 8-6pm). However, we always aim to keep up to date with the current and future needs of our families so that we can support you in any way that we can.

PLEASE complete the survey sent out with your child yesterday as we are keen to find out whether to invest time and money into a new care club. Even if you do not need this provision we would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. Use the QR code below – it only takes 30 seconds. Thankyou in advance.

WRAP AROUND CARE

We are looking at the potential to offer wrap around care before and after school.
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL IN OUR QUICK FEEDBACK FORM



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Wellbeing newsletter

Three of our wonderful year 6 students have worked really hard to produce their first Wellbeing Newsletter with Miss Tompkins. In this half term's edition, you can read all about "how to cope on a bad day", "who to talk to" and "which coping mechanisms can be used". We are very proud of Taya, Harlow and Kaci for all their hard work and commitment. Keep up the great work girls - we all look forward to the next edition. We hope you all enjoyed reading this yesterday but just in case you missed it, click on the link below-

<https://www.moorlandprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Together+we+can+promote+wellbeing&pid=38>



A Visit by Polar Explorer, Al Sylvester on Monday 24th February

We are so excited to welcome back Al Sylvester, an inspirational speaker renowned for his exceptional leadership and motivational skills. Al led the Royal Air Force's first unsupported attempt on the South Pole and will be sharing his experiences with our **Year 5 and 6 children**. Al brings his stories to life with stimulating presentations and will help the children to develop team building skills and mental resilience.

Valentines movie night

The KS2 children spent a fun evening watching the Gnomeo and Juliet. The children enjoyed spending time relaxing with their friends, munching on popcorn. Thank you to Miss Tompkins for organising the event and to Mrs Coyle, Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Wontner who stayed late after school to support it. We couldn't do it without them.



Valentine's table top sale

The School Council organised their very own Valentine's table top sale yesterday. It was such a wonderful success and sold out in just 8 minutes! The children had a wonderful time decorating the cakes and helping Mrs Carson and Mrs Maxwell prepare the gift bags and table. Thank you all for supporting this event, they raised just under **£50.00** for the pupils fundraising pot and will decide how to spend their efforts later in the year.



World Book Day – Friday 7th March (Please note change of date)

It's World Book Day on Thursday 6th March but we will be waiting an extra day to celebrate on **Friday 7th March**. After the success of last year, we have decided that children and staff can dress up as a **Word** again, after all, Most books are filled with wonderful words to enjoy.

Stuck for ideas? If you think of the word 'Sparkly', your child might wear a sparkly top or a glittery belt. Or if they imagine they are a 'Tree', they could wear brown trousers and a green top with some leaf patterns attached to the top.

You don't need to buy a special outfit, but we are sure that your children will come up with lots of ideas and suggestions. Have some creative fun over half term and we are looking forward to seeing some wonderful words and costumes.



Nursery open afternoon – Wednesday 2nd April

1pm-2pm

If your child is born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 and you are looking for a nursery place for September, then please come along to our Nursery Open afternoon on Wednesday 2nd April to find out what our nursery can offer your child. If you know someone who is looking for a nursery place, please invite them along or ask them to call the school ASAP as spaces are limited.



Refer a Friend for a successful nursery admission in September 2025 and you could bag a £10 voucher!

If you know other families with younger pre-school children who live in the Beanhill or neighbouring area, then **tell them about us and encourage them to arrange a visit with their child. If your referral results in a successful admission to our nursery in September 2025, you could receive a £10 voucher.** Contact the school office for more details and to complete a referral form. (Ts & Cs apply).



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Emily's Star Charity

Emily's Charity is a local support group for 0-25 years olds in Milton Keynes who have life limiting conditions. It is a wonderful charity who support neonatal units in the UK and Milton Keynes Hospital. Mia.C in Owls class (Year 1) and her family are taking part in a **Superhero run** in May and are hoping to fundraise lots for this worthwhile charity – they would really love your support. If you would like to sponsor them, please come to the office and add your name and donation. Thankyou in advance for your support. It really will mean a lot to the family.

School dinners

A reminder of the deadlines for ordering school dinners. You can of course get ahead and order school dinners for the rest of the Spring Term. If your child brings packed lunches, why not take a look at the menu. Remember that **school dinners are free for all children from Reception up to Year 2 and for older children in receipt of Pupil Premium**. But if you are not in receipt of Pupil Premium, perhaps you could ask your child if they would like a school dinner occasionally.

Here are the deadlines for ordering school dinners for February. **If you miss these deadlines, your child must bring a packed lunch from home. Meals are prepared to order and there is no guarantee that there will be anything spare if you forget your child's packed lunch.** The office will phone you if your child has no lunch which is an inconvenience for you.

Deadline to place order	For meals the week beginning:
Sun 23 rd Feb	Monday 3 rd March
Sun 2 nd Mar	Monday 10 th March
Sun 9 th Mar	Monday 17 th March
Sun 16 th Mar	Monday 24 th March

Half Term activities

There are lots of great activities to enjoy this half term. 360 play days and a cinema event kindly arranged by the Park Rangers, lots of outdoor fun with the Parks Trust and don't forget our fabulous Family Centre's at Hedgerows (Netherfield) and Moorlands. Take a look at the end of this weeks newsletter to find out more.



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

Well done Squirrels for your attendance staying green this week!

Well done to everyone who achieved 100% attendance this half term, even if the overall class attendance fell short of that you are doing great! At the half way point of the year, we are so proud of the **27 children** who have achieved 100% attendance since the start of the school year. Well done.

If you have managed to achieve **100% attendance so far in the Spring term**, there are just 29 school days to the Easter holidays so keep going strong. We really want everyone to be a **Moorland Attendance HERO – Here, Every day, Ready to learn, On time**. So please help us achieve the success your child deserves.

Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 10th February 2025

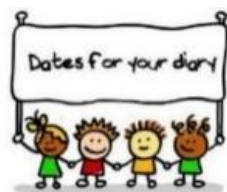
 Ladybirds ~ 88.9%	 Owls ~ 78.9%
 Hedgehogs ~ 91.6%	 Squirrels ~ 95.7% 
 Foxes ~ 92.7%	 Badgers ~ 90.5%
 Falcons ~ 92.1%	 Skylarks ~ 85.9%
 Whole School ~ 91.2%	



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



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Date	Event
Fri 14 th Feb 3.00pm	Term Ends
Half Term Holidays	
Mon 24 th Feb 8.30am	Children return to school
Mon 24 th Feb School hours	Al Sylvester – Polar Explorer Visiting Year 5 and 6
Wed 26 th Feb 9.00am Nursery and Reception parents	Coffee Morning. The School nursing team are visiting to offer advice and information about dealing with headlice – Forewarned is Forearmed! Always better to get the advice and information before you need it
Thurs 27 th Feb 2.15-3pm	Y5 & Y6 Bikeability Assembly (Permission letters will be given on 24.2.25)
Mon 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	Y5 & Y6 Learn to ride sessions (New bike riders)
Mon 3 rd March	Nursery and Reception - Book Start story session with Moorlands Family Centre
Tues 4 th Mar 3.00pm – 3.30pm	Reading Drop in Clinic for parents and children – Reading Garden
Wed 5 th March	Nursery parents Stay and Play 8.30-10.30
Friday 7 th March NB change of date	World Book Day – Dress up as a Word or a book character
Mon 10 th and Tue 11 th March	Parent teacher meetings 3:15pm – 5:30pm (bookings will open soon.)
Wed 12 th March Year 1 to Year 6 parents	Coffee Morning. The School nursing team are visiting to offer advice and information about dealing with headlice – Forewarned is Forearmed. Always better to get the advice and information before you need it.
Fri 14 th , Mon 17 th & Tues 18 th March	Y5& Y6 Bikeability lessons (Details will be given to parents beforehand)
Tues 18 th March	Reception families Story Café – Chicken Licken Come along and cuddle our newly hatched chicks
Wed 2 nd April	Moorland Community Day in partnership with MK College and Woughton Parish Council – more details to follow
Wed 2 nd April 1pm-2pm	Nursery open afternoon for prospective nursery parents and their child
Thurs 3 rd April 3pm	Term Ends
Easter Holidays	
Tues 22 nd April 8.30am	Children return to school
Mon 28 th April	Class Photos and Year 6 Individual photos

Parks Trust Events: The Parks Trust organise some fantastic events over half term. Have a look at their website for some ideas to keep your children busy, entertained and having fun. <https://www.theparkstrust.com/whats-on-in-your-parks/>



£4.00 discounted entry p/p

Exclusive hire for Woughton Families

360 FAMILY FUN

Activities:

- Exclusive use of Soft Play venue.
- Full access to all slides.
- Outdoor rides.
- Cafe open.
- Play for all ages
- Secure private booking
- Youth workers on site throughout.
- Full 360 staff
- Secure parking.

Date: Monday 17th February 6.30-8.30pm

Address: 27 Roebuck Way, Knowthill, MK5 8HL

Age: Children & young people aged 4-16yrs
Grown ups can join in too!

Cost: £4.00 per person.
Maximum of £20.00 per family

Register now at: <https://forms.office.com/e/hA07hXgGBr>

Contact: 01908 395681 / 07983 599279
gemma.simmons@woughtoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk







WOUGHTON COMMUNITY CINEMA



PRESENTS:

**DOORS OPEN
10.00AM
FILM STARTS
10.15AM
FREE FOR
WOUGHTON
RESIDENTS
AND MKA
FAMILIES**



**AT MILTON
KEYNES
ACADEMY
LEADENHALL,
MILTON KEYNES
MK6 5LA**

Leadenhall Residents Association



THUR 20 FEB 10.00 - 11.45AM

**BOOK
HERE!**

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/3XMZNUK



Holiday Activity (HAF) Vouchers

The Holiday Activity vouchers for Easter holidays will be issued automatically to eligible families and will be sent to parents on Sunday 9th March. Please click on the link to the [Parents Guide](#) to find out what is available for the spring holidays.



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