



# MOORLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together We Can



4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

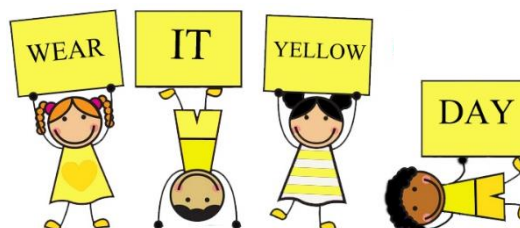
### Hello Yellow in support of World Mental Health Day Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Come to school dressed in non uniform and something yellow (please don't buy anything especially as it could be as simple as a pair of yellow socks or hair bobble). A suggested donation of £1 can be made to this worthwhile charity.

As part of this event, Year 6 are planning a cake bake sale after school. So please come along and support this very worthwhile charity. **The School gate will be opened at 2:45pm.** Parents can collect their child and come into the hall where we will have some stalls set up. There will be:

- A yellow themed bake sale
- Gold glitter tattoos
- Yellow face painting
- Tombola
- Yellow loom bands made and sold by Y6.

The event will finish at 3.45pm and we are asking parents to bring some money to support the event. All proceeds will go to Young Minds UK (a fantastic charity that supports children's mental health and wellbeing. We would love you to join us.













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

Unfortunately, our attendance dipped this week with the season of winter bugs upon us. We hope that everyone begins to feel better over the weekend, ready for our next exciting week of learning. Well done Hedgehogs and Foxes for keeping their attendance up. We hope that next week all the attendance figures will soar back into green.

### Attendance for Week Beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

 Ladybirds ~ <b>93.8%</b>	 Owls ~ <b>88.1%</b>
 Hedgehogs ~ <b>95.0%</b> 	 Squirrels ~ <b>94.2%</b>
 Foxes ~ <b>95.4%</b>	 Badgers ~ <b>94.5%</b>
 Falcons ~ <b>93.7%</b>	 Skylarks ~ <b>93.8%</b>
 Whole School ~ <b>93.9%</b>	



## Breakfast Club

If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, **you must book their place and pay through Parent Pay at least 48 hours in advance.** The cost is £1. Provided you have a booked a place, you can drop off your child at 8am. **We are sorry but we cannot cater for non-booked arrivals on the day because of staff pupil ratios.**



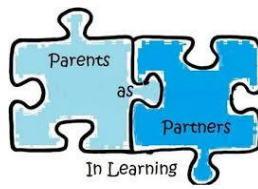
## After School Clubs

Information about next half term's After School Club activities will be sent out by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. This will come via email (so it's really important to know if you are not receiving text and emails – please see the parent consultation note below).

**Remembrance Poppies** are now on sale at the school reception desk.



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## Parent and Teacher meetings- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> and Tues 8<sup>th</sup> October

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our teacher meetings on Monday or Tuesday next week. Working together in partnership is key to your child's success and we really do value you coming along.

When you arrive at school and sign in, we shall be asking you to reconfirm your **permission for your child's photograph** to be taken in school and also asking you to confirm whether or not **you have been receiving text messages** and **emails**. These are an essential means of communicating with parents both with news and highlights and also in case of emergency. Please help us to help you and make sure you are not missing out.

We are also asking you to spend a few minutes completing our **annual parent survey** which will be available at your consultation appointment and also on the website. The information you gave us last year as part of this survey really helped us understand your priorities and concerns, but it was also useful for OFSTED as part of their inspection.



We have also invited the **Scholastic Book Fair** into school for the Parent Consultations so you can browse the books, perhaps buy a gift and really support your child's love of reading. Our Governors have kindly offered to run this for us, so why not come and meet them.



## School dinners

Here is a reminder of 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 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov

Don't forget the school is closed for half term from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Children return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



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## Starting School for the First Time in September 2025

Children who are in nursery and were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 must apply for a school place now, ready for September 2025.

Although the deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January**, don't delay – apply on line by the end of November, then you can relax and forget about it.

In England, every parent must apply for a place for their child even if it's linked to the child's current nursery. Maximise your chance of getting your preferred school place by doing the following:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Apply on Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (starting school for the first time)</li> <li>• Any applications received after this date will be processed after the National Offer day</li> <li>• A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences</li> <li>• Notification of places offered will be made on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (unless your application is late).</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Apply On-line</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can only apply on-line at <a href="http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a> before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</li> <li>• You will be able to view, update, submit and check the status of your application through the Citizen Portal</li> <li>• Notification of the place will be quicker and your application will be secure</li> <li>• You will be able to log in on 16<sup>th</sup> April to view the School that has been allocated</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Choose Wisely</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the School's allocation and oversubscription criteria. This is how all the applications will be ranked.</li> <li>• Don't assume that you will be allocated a place at your catchment school, if you don't state it as one of your preferences</li> <li>• Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a nursery class attached to your preferred school.</li> <li>• Consider how easy it is for you to get your child to and from school on time.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Use all four preferences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You could disadvantage yourself if you do not use your opportunity to express a preference for four schools</li> <li>• Each preference is considered in its own right, so give yourself four separate chances, the schools do not know the order of your preferences.</li> <li>• <b>If more than one school is able to offer your child a place, the order of preference is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order you want them to be considered.</b></li> </ul>





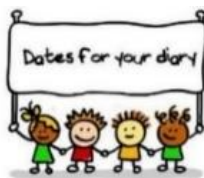
## Year 6 – Starting Secondary School in September 2025

Here is [Milton Keynes Council's Parent Guide to Starting Secondary School](#).

It will help you understand what you need to do to make the right choices for your child. Take time to visit the Secondary School Open Evenings this half term and help your child prepare for the next exciting stage in their education.

Once you have considered the options and made your decision, go to [MKCC's website](#) and submit your application. **The deadline is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Don't miss this deadline. If you do, it will affect your child's chances of getting a place in their preferred school.

Gordan Farquhar, the Principal of Milton Keynes Academy and his Assistant head Kristal Watkins would love to meet year 5&6 parents during our coffee morning on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please come along to find out more and arrange a visit to MKA with your child.



Date	Event
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening and Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Special coffee morning – guest attendance from Gordan Farquhar, Principal of MK Academy for parents of children in Years 5 and 6. Other year group parents are of course very welcome to come along to the coffee morning.
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Hello Yellow in support of World Mental Health Day</b>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	M&M theatre show – Snow White (free for all year groups)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Last day of term
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for their child's secondary school place
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual pupil photos

Best Wishes

*Angela Garner*

Mrs. Angela Garner

Headteacher



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## Moorlands Family Centre - Under-fives Calendar

Fun for all our 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Pop in &amp; Play (0-5 years)</b> 8:45 – 9:30 Let the little ones learn and explore in our lovely family room.</p> <p><b>Sensory Room</b> 9:00 – 3:30 Sensory room experience</p> <p><b>Little Baby Disco (0-5 years)</b> 9:30 – 11:00 Fun interactive music and dance session for under 5's and their parents/carers Café Baby Bean for snacks.</p> <p><b>LGBTQ+ Family Session</b> 1:30 – 3:00 Providing opportunities for parents and carers and their children to take part in a range of activities in an inclusive, safe space.</p>	<p><b>Pop in &amp; Play (0-5 years)</b> 8:45 – 9:30 Let the little ones learn and explore in our lovely family room.</p> <p><b>Messy Play</b> 9:30 – 10:45 A fun sensory session to promote imagination, language, and development.</p> <p><b>Parent and Toddler Group</b> 10:00 - 11:30 @ MK Christian Centre Oldbrook</p>	<p><b>Pop in &amp; Play (0-5 years)</b> 8:45 – 9:30 Let the little ones learn and explore in our lovely family room.</p> <p><b>Well-Being Wednesday</b> 8:45 -10:00 @ Moorlands Primary School</p> <p><b>Baby Group (Bumps to Babies)</b> 9:30 – 11:00 A welcoming group to meet other new parents, with early play opportunities for your baby including sensory play, song and rhymes.</p> <p><b>Stay and Play</b> 1:30 – 3:00 A play session for the under-fives, with indoor and outdoor play. Including a healthy snack, songs, rhymes and a story</p>	<p><b>Pop in &amp; Play (0-5 years)</b> 8:45 – 9:30 Let the little ones learn and explore in our lovely family room.</p> <p><b>Sensory Room</b> 9:00 – 3:30 Sensory room experience</p> <p><b>Soft Play, Songs &amp; Rhyme</b> 9:30 – 11:00 Encourages children to explore and play independently and build confidence.</p> <p><b>Story Café</b> 1:00-2:30 Come and enjoy reading stories to your children.</p>	<p><b>Sensory Room</b> 9:00 – 3:30 Sensory room experience</p> <p><b>Music and Movement</b> 9:30 – 10:30 @ Coffee Hall Community Centre A fun music and movement session for the under-fives.</p> <p><b>Socotots</b> 2:00 – 2:45 Fun football session for children walking to age five</p>

We welcome families from Ashland, Beanhill, Coffee Hall, Leadenhall, Simpson and South Oldbrook



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<p><b>Out of hours</b> Brownies (H) 6:00 – 7:30pm (starts 16<sup>th</sup> September) Guides (H) 7:15 - 9:15pm</p>	<p><b>Out of hours</b> Newark Disability Social Club (H) 6:30 - 8:00pm</p>	<p><b>Out of hours</b> Carers MK Youth Group (H) 5:00 – 6:30pm Once a month 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 04/12</p>	<p><b>Out of hours</b> All Girls Cooking Group (H) 5:00 - 6:00pm Every 3 weeks 5/9, 3/10</p>	<p><b>Out of hours</b> Community Events by <b>MoorEdends</b> Pop into the centre to find out what is on and when</p>

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