

HALF TERM... AND HALF WAY THROUGH!

As we reach the end of first half term, which marks the half-way mark in the year, we want to take a moment to celebrate what has been a wonderfully busy and rewarding few weeks in school.

The children have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a real sense of teamwork.

Across the curriculum, pupils have enjoyed a wide range of activities – from hands-on projects and creative challenges to problem-solving tasks and outdoor learning. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they explore new ideas and build on their skills.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this half term. Their hard work, resilience, and positive attitudes have made it a joy to watch them learn and flourish.

As we head into the break, we hope you all enjoy a restful and refreshing half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back, ready for another exciting term of learning and discovery.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK OFF AND WE
LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK
AT 8.30AM ON MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY.**

Our RESPECT Values:

Resilience...

Self awareness...

Passion...

Empathy...

Communication...

Teamwork



HELLO and GOODBYE



A couple of staff changes at Moorland this half term...

This week, we said



to Mrs Curtis, our office administrator.

Mrs Curtis is moving roles to work in a new school. We hope you will join us in wishing her all the best.

However, we do have a new office administrator starting shortly, and we know you will make her feel very welcome at Moorland.

Speaking of new staff...



You may have already met Miss Strevens and Miss Woolston, who started with us recently.

Miss Strevens is working across Early Years, Key stage 1 and lower Key Stage 2 focusing on supporting children's reading.

Miss Woolston is based in Early Years and is supporting pupils in nursery.

In the words of our brilliant school council ... YOU ARE WELCOME!

A message from Mrs Curtis...

I will miss both the staff and the students, but I know the great work happening here will continue. I'm grateful to have had the chance to be part of Moorland School, even for a short time. I wish you and your children all the very best for the future.

Warmest wishes, Mrs. Curtis

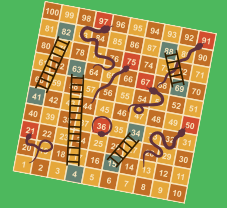
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SPRING 2

Tuesdays, 3-4pm

Miss Strevens Board Games Club

Years 1, 2 & 3 (free)

you are welcome to bring your own board games but please make sure these are named.



Tuesday, 3-4pm

Miss Trofa Sculpture Club

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (£2)



Tuesdays, 3-4pm

Premier Sports Football Club

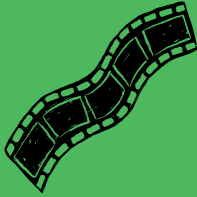
Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 (£2)



Wednesdays, 3-4pm

Mrs Wontner Photography Club

Years 5 & 6 (£2) Only 8 spaces



Wednesdays, 3-4pm

Miss Strevens Board Games Club

Years 4, 5 & 6 (free)



Wednesdays 3-4pm

Coach Steve Football club

Year 5 (£2) (16 spaces)



Thursdays 3-4pm

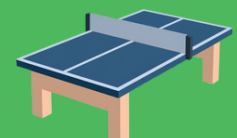
Coach Steve Football Club

Year 6 (£2) (16 spaces)

Thursdays 3-4pm

Mrs Maxwell Table Tennis Club

Years 2, 3 & 4 (£2)





We also have our daily Breakfast club from 7:45-8:30am
the cost of this club is £2 per child
Our Wraparound club is on daily from 3-4pm
the cost for this is £3 per child

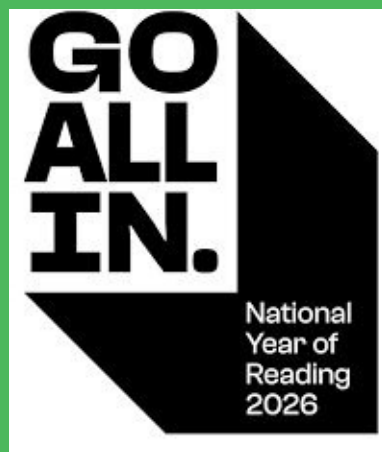


All clubs must be booked and paid for in advance using the
ParentMail App.

Please make sure you walk your child to the door.
Please do not drop them off at the gate.



We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March.
The theme this year is 'go all in' - if you're interested in it, read about it!



To celebrate the National Year of Reading we would like you to 'go all in' and dress as something that interests you. It could be a hobby or something you just love doing. You might dress up as a footballer, a ballerina, an artist or as a birdwatcher, a chef or a gymnast!

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Which one is the odd one out?



Why do you think that?

How do you know?

Have you thought about ...



Moorland's Question of the Week!

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I think people drop litter because they are not near a bin



Matas

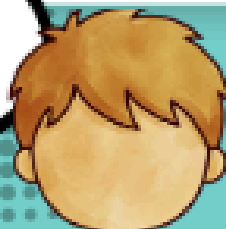


Aiza

Maybe they drop litter because they don't care about the environment

Why do you think people drop litter

I think they drop litter because they can't be bothered to put it in the bin



Elliot-James



Marcell

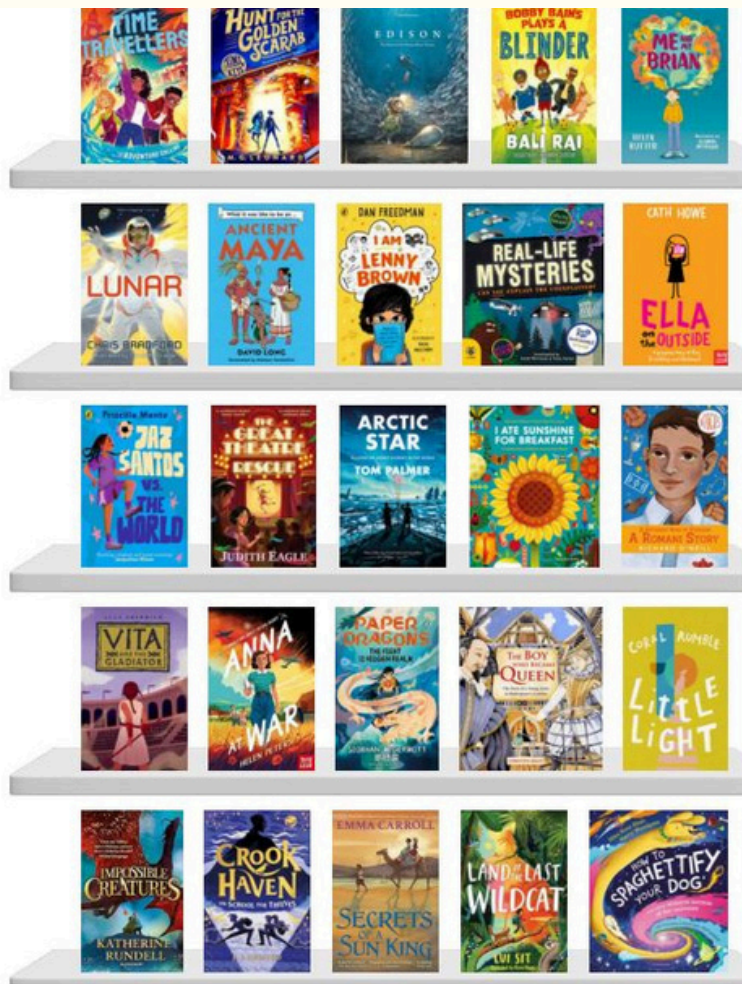
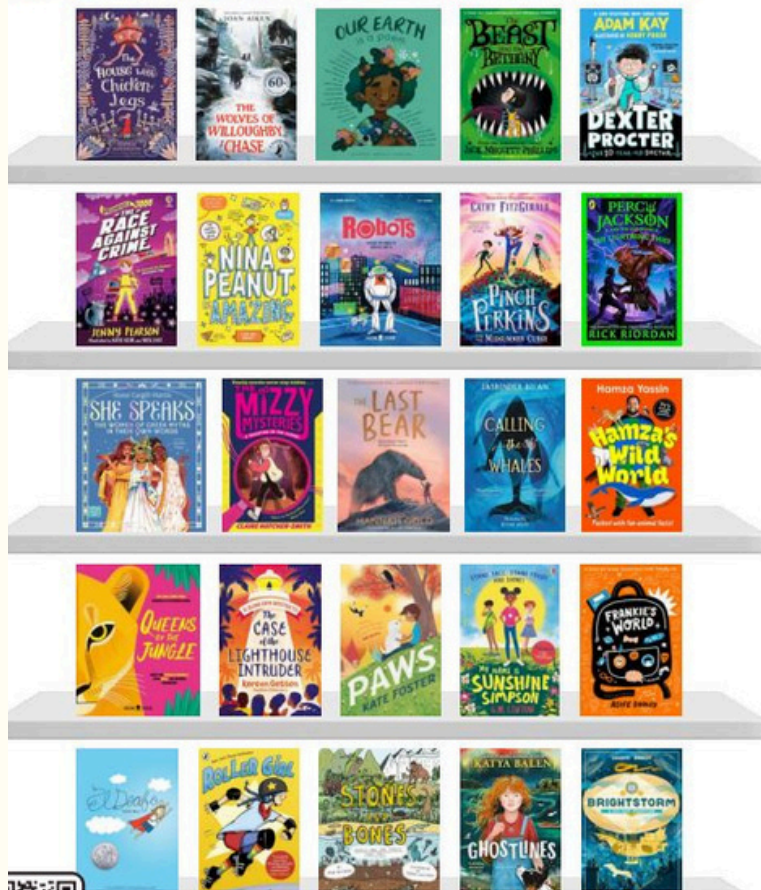
I think they litter because it is quicker than putting it in the bin



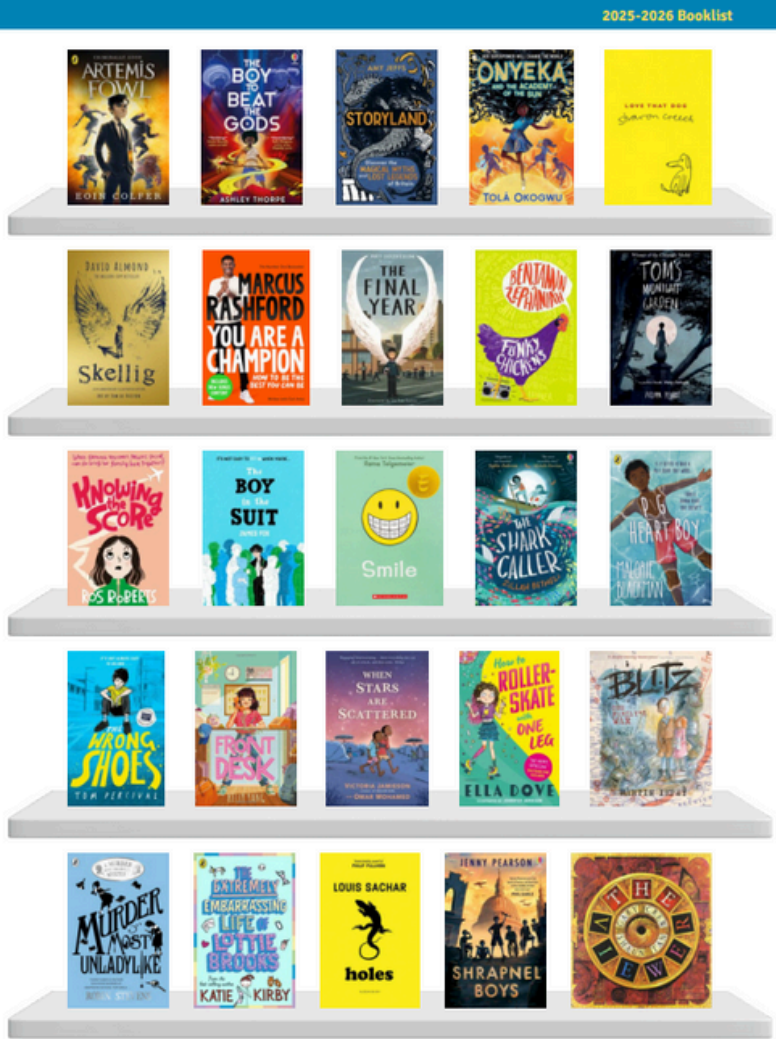
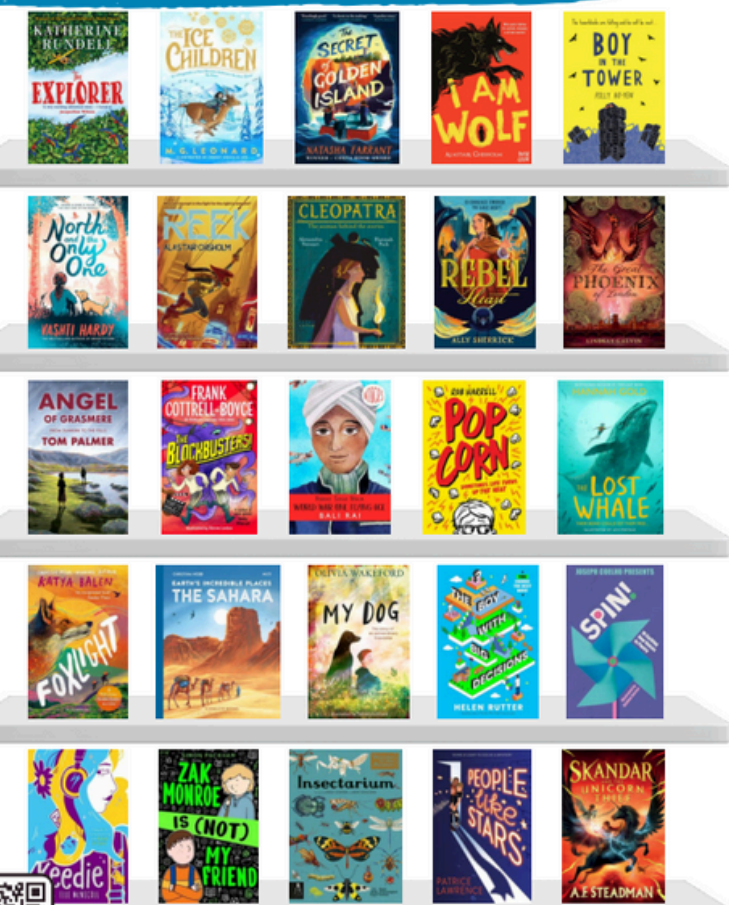
Bookshelf

Issue 6 Spring 1: February 13th

Year 5 (ages 9-10)



50 Recommended Reads for... Year 6 (ages 10-11)



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Our Attendance Heroes this week are...



91.4%

Ladybirds



97.6%

Owls



93.7%

Hedgehogs



86.2%

Squirrels



95.8%

Foxes



94.6%

Badgers



90%

Falcons



91.2%

Skylarks



92.4%

Whole school

Our Moorland Marvels this week are...

Owls - Tryphena

Hedgehogs - Chase

Squirrels - Wissam

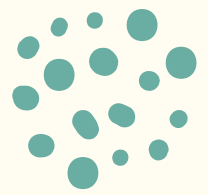
Foxes - Anmol

Badgers - Matthew

Falcons - David

Skylarks - Ridhwan

Skylarks - Matilda



Which **RESPECT** value did you demonstrate?



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DIARY DATES



| | |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 13th February | End of Term |
| Monday 23rd February | Children return to school |
| Friday 6th March | Moorland Book Day |
| Monday 9th March | Science Week |
| Tuesday 17th March | Owls Story cafe in the hall, 8.45am |
| Wednesday 18th March | Easter Crafts session 3pm - 4pm |
| Wednesday 25th March | Moorland Community Day with MK college |
| Wednesday 25th March | Easter Movie Night |
| Friday 27th March | West Ashland Fire Station Visit to school Year 5 |

Keep up to date on the website...



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FOR FUTURE REFERENCE HERE ARE THE LUNCH DEADLINE DATES...

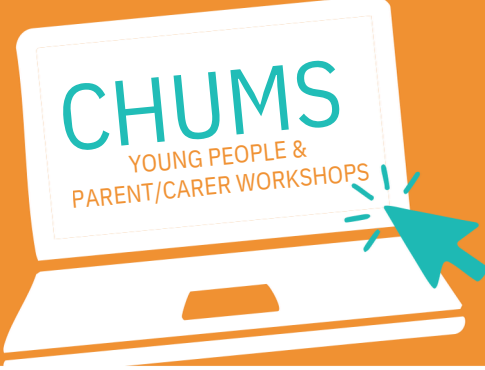


**CHARTWELLS
DATES**

| DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER | FOR WEEK COMMENCING |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| SUNDAY 18th January 2026 | MONDAY 26th January 2026 |
| SUNDAY 25th January 2026 | MONDAY 2nd February 2026 |
| SUNDAY 1st February 2026 | MONDAY 9th February 2026 |
| SUNDAY 8th February 2026 | MONDAY 16th February 2026 |
| SUNDAY 15th February 2026 | MONDAY 23rd February 2026 |
| SUNDAY 22nd February 2026 | MONDAY 2nd March 2026 |
| SUNDAY 1st March 2026 | MONDAY 9th March 2026 |
| SUNDAY 8th March 2026 | MONDAY 16th March 2026 |
| SUNDAY 15th March 2026 | MONDAY 23rd March 2026 |

REMEMBER: IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE, YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH.





Our online workshops are designed as a starting point for families with children who have low level difficulties. These are one-off 2-hour sessions conducted virtually via Microsoft teams. Please note these workshops do not support moderate/severe difficulties and will not address risky behaviours (self-harm, suicidal ideations).

PARENT ANXIETY WORKSHOP

17/2/26@9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parentsofyoungpeopleaged5 - 11years old)

One-off workshop exploring emotional development in children, emotional regulation, psychoeducation around anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

PARENT SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP

21/1/26@9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parentsofyoungpeopleaged 5-12 years old)

One off workshop which equips parents with an understanding of self-esteem and ways to promote high self-esteem through parenting style and collaborative activities to try at home with their young person.

11+ ANXIETY WORKSHOP

17/2/26@4PM - 6PM

(Foryoung peopleaged11+, parents also welcome to attend)

This single psychoeducation session explores emotional development in children, emotional regulation, and focuses on anxiety and anxiety management strategies.

PARENTAL SEPARATION WORKSHOP

3/2/26@9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parentsofyoung peopleaged 5-11years old)

One-off Workshop that explores the following topics: Common child responses to separation, emotional regulation, potential disruptive behaviour problems + techniques to manage them and identifying worries in young people and how to work through these.

BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS

9/2/26@9:30AM - 11:30AM

25/2/26 @ 1PM - 3PM

(For parentsofyoungpeople aged 5-11years old)

A one-off workshop that covers the following topics: Emotional development in children, emotional regulation, common behaviour difficulties and strategies to promote positive behaviours.

MENTAL HEALTH AND STIGMA WORKSHOP

12/2/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(Foryoung peopleaged12+, parents also welcome to attend)

One off workshop for young people focusing on mental health awareness and stigma. Follows a range of topics including puberty, male mental health, LGBTQ+, ethnicity and social media.

RESILIENCY WORKSHOPS

0-5 YEARS

2/3/26 @ 9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parentsofchildrenaged0-5yearsold)

This single psychoeducation session explores the importance of relationships, healthy attachments, emotional regulation and anxiety. You will learn evidence based behavioural strategies to help your child thrive.

PRIMARY

16/3/26 @ 1PM - 3PM

(For parents ofchildrenaged 5-11years old)

This single session explores relevant child development including and provides psychoeducation on mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, anxiety and low mood. You will leave with a greater understanding of your child's needs and armed with strategies to build their resilience.

SECONDARY

30/3/26 @ 5PM - 7PM

(Foryoung peopleaged 12 - 16years, parents also welcome to attend)

One-off Workshop that Explores the following topics: mental health vs mental health problems, emotional regulation, psychoeducation on anxiety and low mood, strategies for relaxation with strategies to build their resilience.

PARENT SLEEP WORKSHOP

25/3/26@9:30AM - 11:30AM

(For parentsofyoungpeopleaged4-12 years old)

One-off workshop exploring why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, sleep hygiene tips, and strategies for managing worries at night.

EXAM STRESS WORKSHOPS

14/4/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

29/4/26 @ 4PM - 6PM

(For youngpeopleaged12+ andparents)

One off workshop which equips teenagers with an understanding of exam stress, strategies for managing exam stress, revision tips and self-care. The workshop also offers parentaltips for supporting their adolescent's exam stress.

To register for any of our workshops, please fill in the standard referral form in the 'Any other relevant information' section, state that the referral is for a workshop and include the workshop date.

<https://chums.uk/emotional-wellbeing-service/#workshops>





Autism In Early Years Parent Programme.

For parents and carers who have an autistic child aged 2-5 or a child with social communication needs – no diagnosis needed.

| Session | Date | Time | Location/ Delivered By | Title |
|---------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | 25.02.25 | 1pm – 2pm | TEAMS/ Psychologist | Autism in the Early Years: What does it look like? |
| | | 1pm – 2pm | TEAMS/ Psychologist | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The three areas of difference |
| 2 | 04.03.25 | | Psychologist | Autism in the Early Years: Play and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brain Development Nurturing Play |
| 3 | 11.03.25 | 1pm – 2pm | TEAMS/ Psychologist | Autism in the Early Years: Considering Behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of difference Techniques to try |
| 4 | 18.03.25 | 1pm – 2pm | TEAMS/ Speech Therapist | Autism in the Early Years: Supporting Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding Communication Support Strategies |
| 5 | 25.03.25 | 1pm – 2pm | Hummingbird Children Centre | In Person Get Together: Parent Support |

Four of the sessions will be on Microsoft Teams (cameras on) and one will be in person. For further information please click on the link: [Parent and carer programmes | Milton Keynes City Council](#)

To book a place please email us on SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk stating you would like to attend the Autism In Early Years Parent Programme and which sessions you want to attend.

