



*Marvellous Moorlands*  
*75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*Special Edition*  
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Welcome from Louisa Sellars,  
Executive Headteacher of Moorlands Schools Federation.

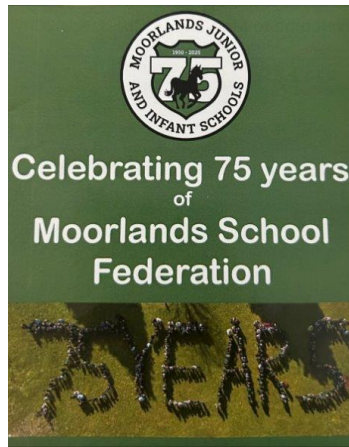
Welcome to our special edition of our Marvellous  
Moorlands 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fed Times!

We are delighted to share with you this  
commemorative edition so you can look again and  
again, and re-live the wonderful memories of our  
School's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Enjoy and we hope you can all celebrate with us for  
our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and beyond!

*Miss Louisa Sellars*





As you may already know, Moorlands Schools turned 75 years old at the end of May 2025. The infant and junior buildings were built within what used to be the grounds of Moorlands, a 19<sup>th</sup> century property with a six-storey tower that still stands today. Moorlands was once the home of Anna Sewell, author of *Black Beauty*, and it was said that her writing was greatly inspired by the views. We do have particularly spectacular views over the city.

To commemorate our birthday, we have had a term of learning about our history and then a week of celebrations in June. This included a Tea Party for 75 special guests from different points in the school's history and a Street Party for the children and families.

These events were centred around an exhibition which showcased work created by the children as well as artefacts and images from the school's past. Each year group had a focus decade from the 1950s to 2020s to learn about in the run up to the anniversary.

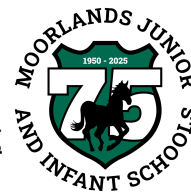
Year groups created a performance and non-performance piece for the exhibition either inspired by their decade or the school. In Year 4, for example, the children created a 80s inspired music video shot around the school to commemorate the launch of music videos in the 1980s.

These performances were shared with parents and then again in assembly to the whole school. The children were incredibly excited and there is still a really jubilant atmosphere around school.

As one happy child said  
"I have made memories of a lifetime!"



Marvellous Moorlands  
75th Anniversary  
Exhibition of our Learning



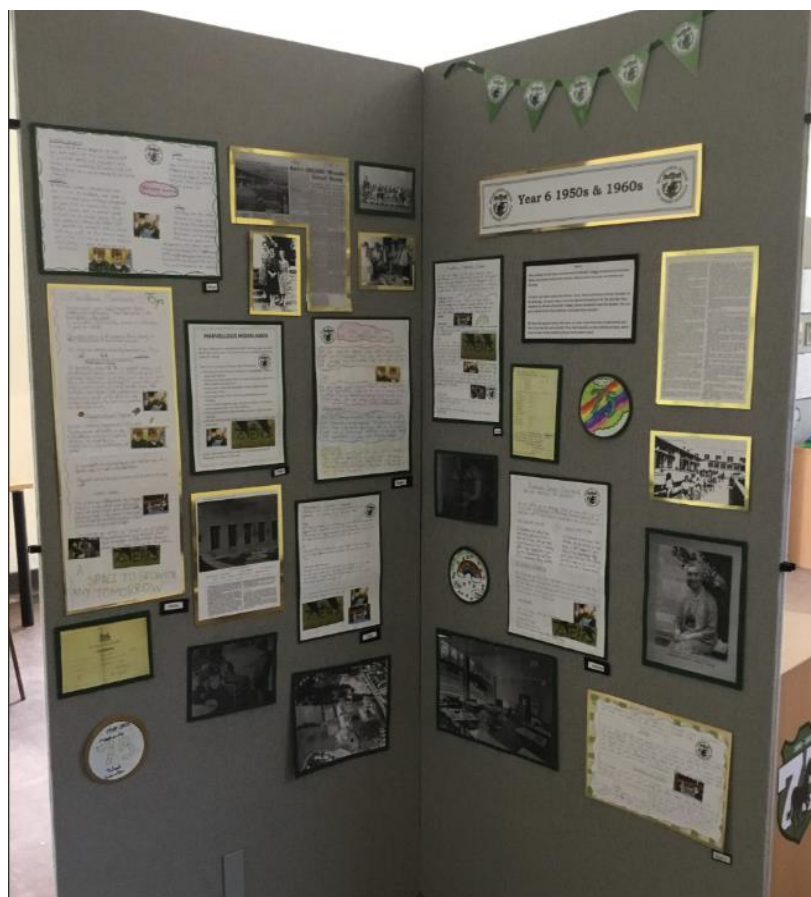
Our Marvellous Moorlands exhibition celebrated children's historical learning from 1950 to 2025 about Moorlands, using primary and secondary sources, along with memorabilia from the school archives or generously donated.

The learning is an example of a high-quality history education that has helped pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of the school's past and that of the wider world.

It has inspired children's curiosity to know more about the past.

Teaching has equipped pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.

History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.





An inclusive and diverse showcase of learning for the exhibition from across the school.

# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Exhibition

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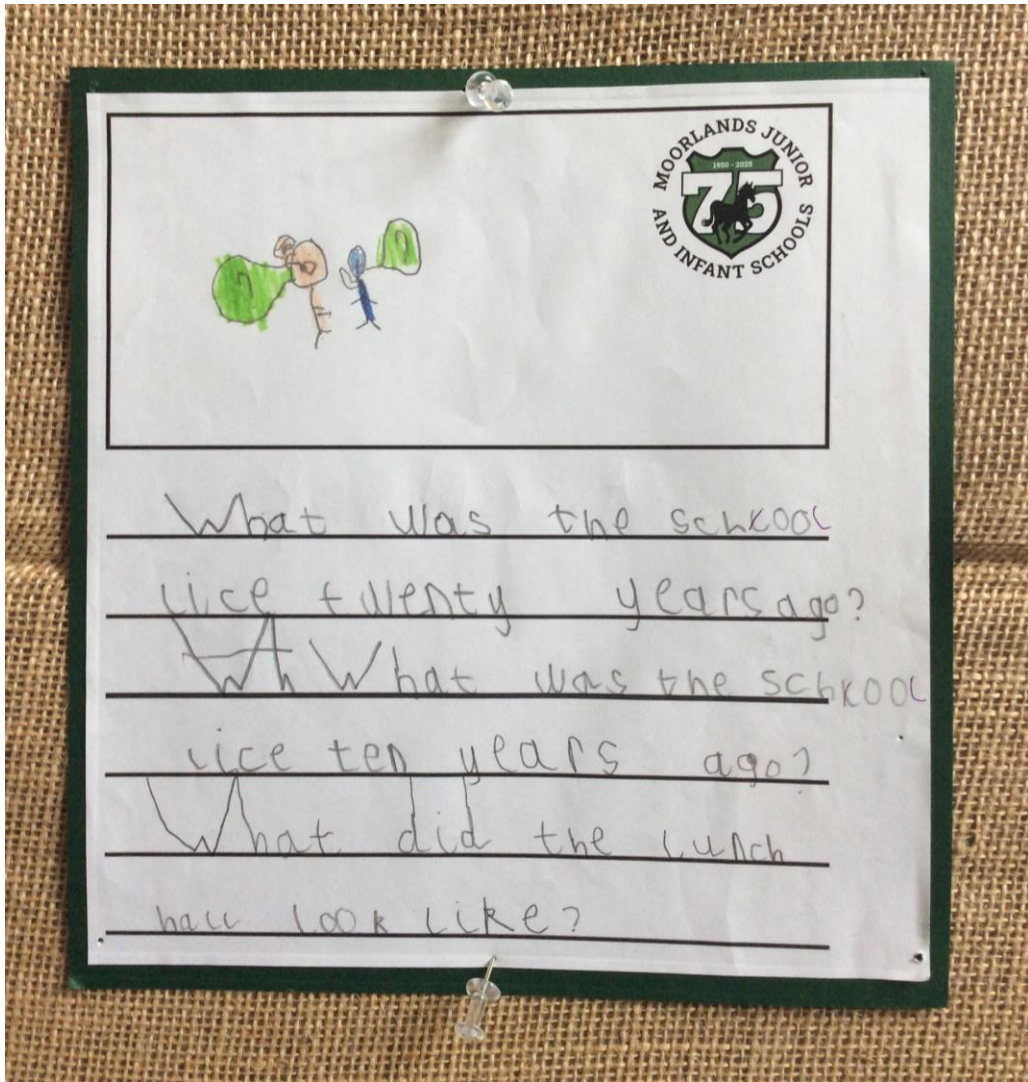


Asher



# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Exhibition

Y1

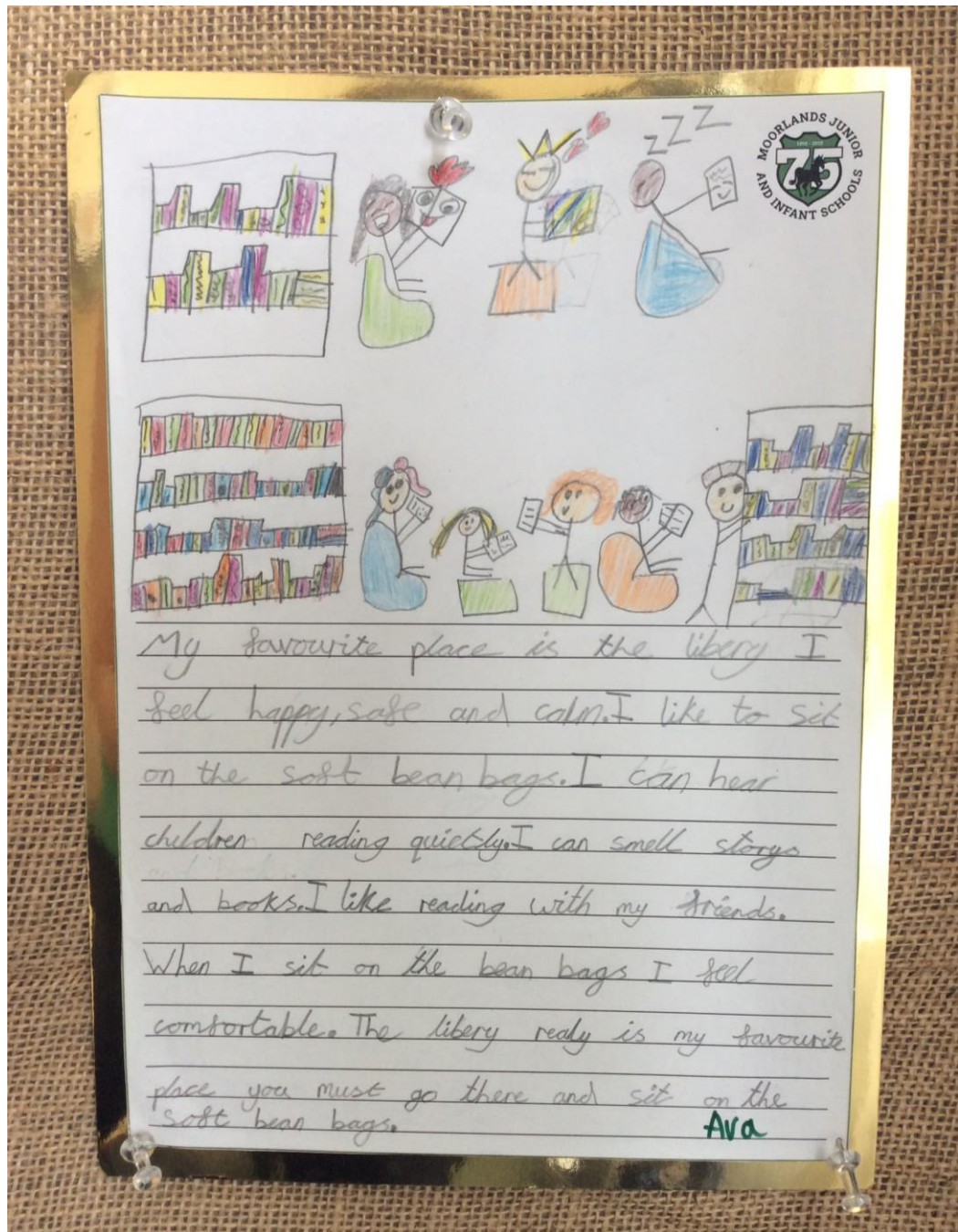


Alexander



# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Exhibition

Y2

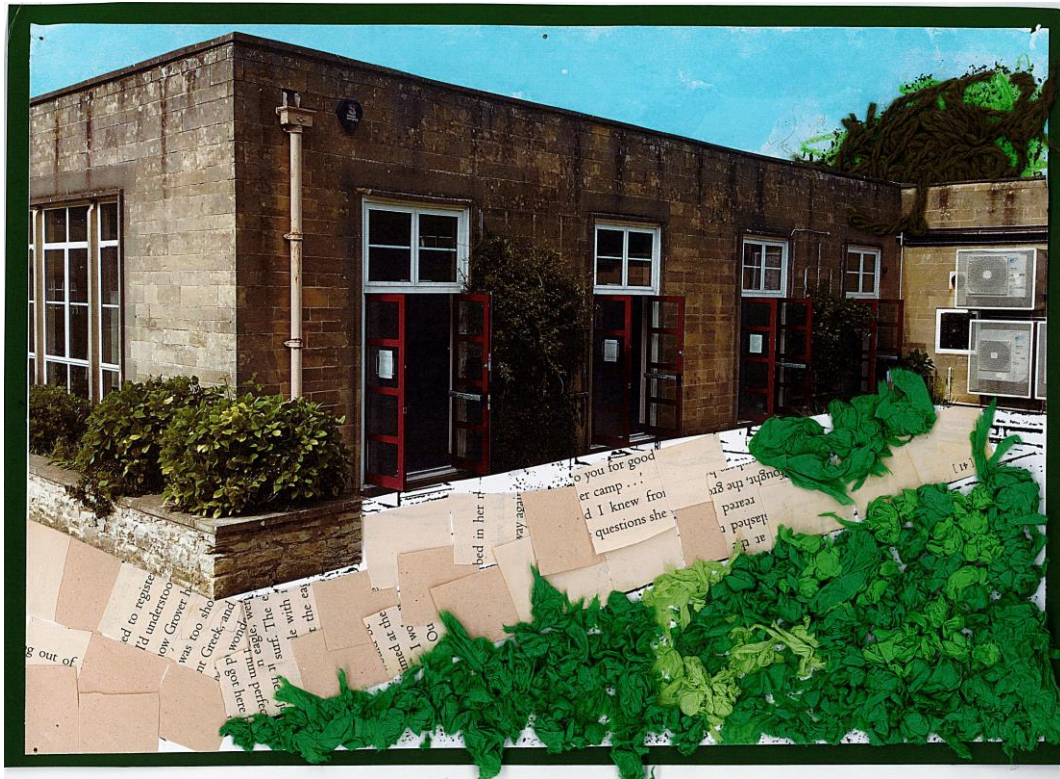


Ava



# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Exhibition

Y3



Oakley



# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Exhibition

Y4

## Miss Sellars, I shrank the kids

Outside the office, I spotted a massive, oversized computer on top of a whopping, huge table as tall as Mount Everest. Next to me, I spied a colourful, enormous display as wide as a swimming pool. In front of me, I saw a gigantic, large door as tall as a skyscraper.

On my way to the library, I walked along the extended corridor then I noticed a humungous, huge room next to the year 3 and 5 toilets. In the library, I glimpsed a colourful, large beanbag as big as the moon. Near the windows, I travelled through the yellow, colourful rug it was as big as the Sahara desert.

In the hall, I saw a huge climbing frame next to the display boards and it was as tall as the Eiffel tower. Near the windows, I peered through the sports cupboard and I saw a massive, large tennis ball as big as the universe. Above me, I made out a green, lengthy blind as long as the walls.

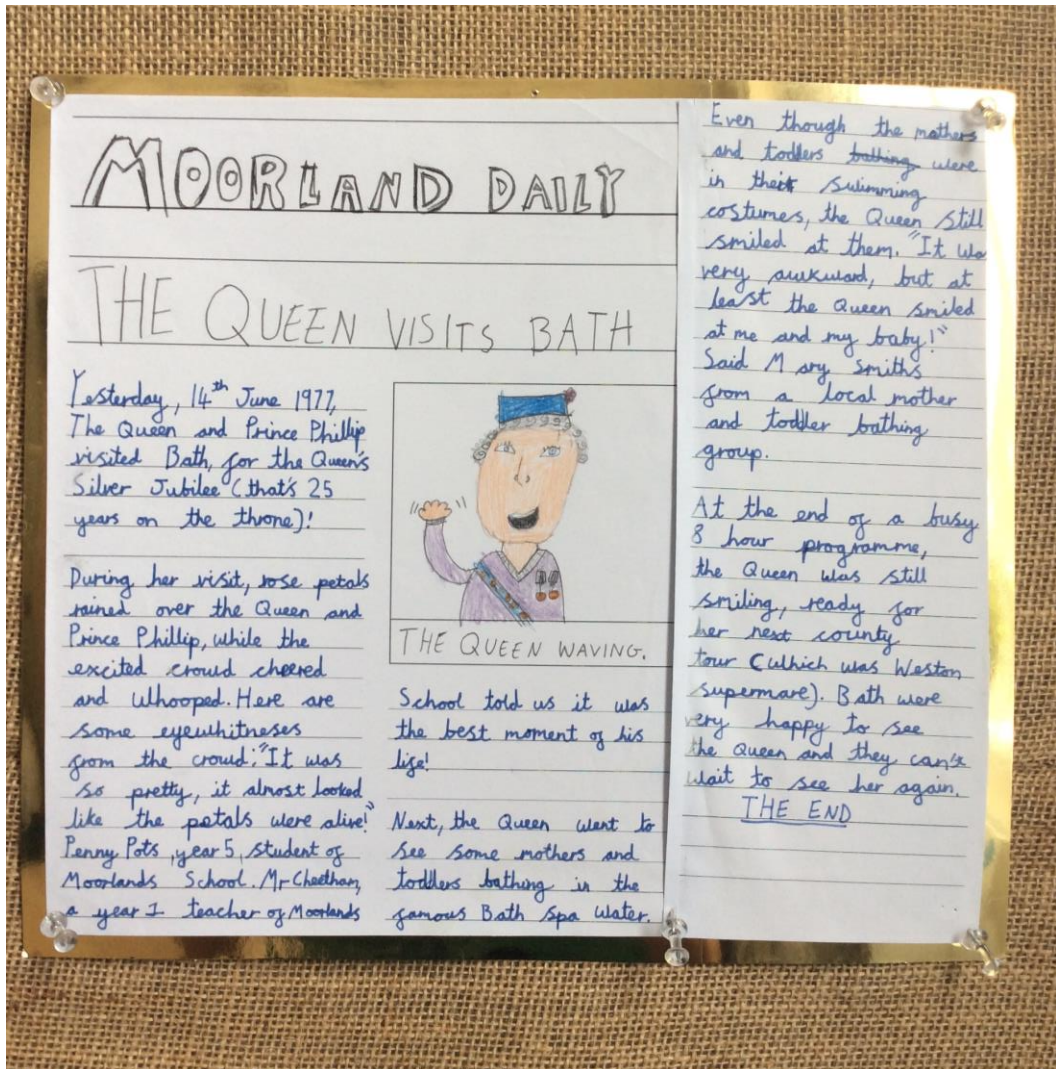
In the playground, I caught sight of a gigantic, crumpled leaf beside the rocky stairs.

On my way to the classroom, I heard a booming sound that was far away. Beside me, I saw a large, huge scooter and a bicycle in front of the Burrow.

Krishn

# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Exhibition

Y5



Jake




# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Exhibition

Y6

Marvellous Moorlands


Moorlands is amazing! Don't you want to learn about it? Moorlands, which is 75 years old, is set in Bath with lovely views all around. Moorlands is the best school in Bath, it has a wide variety of learning, is very caring and is in a beautiful place. Your child will thrive here!





Space, Space and more Space

Moorlands is very spacious. We have a lot of space. 2 huge fields, 4 big playgrounds and a small forest. Altogether, that adds up to 10 acres of space.

Food



Here are some quotes from some pupils. Stelly (age 5) said "Moorlands is so good", Lola (age 11) exclaimed "The staff are so nice and we have so much space". Harry (age 8) said "I love school". Break times are from 10:00 to 10:30 and lunch is from 11:30-12:30 in reception. Our school menu is lush, with options ranging from lasagna to curry. If you don't like the main thing you can always ask for something else.




Learning

Our curriculum is as good as Oxford Colleges. We do

a wide range of lessons:

- Maths
- English
- French
- History
- Geography
- Art
- P.E.
- P.S.H.E.
- D.T
- Computing
- S.P.A.G.
- Outdoor Learning



We teach french yr 3 to yr 6 and every other subject we teach from yr R to yr 6. We accommodate all of our childrens needs and support them throughout their learning.

In conclusion, Moorlands is the best! Doesn't it sound amazing? Go to [www.moorlandsschool.org](http://www.moorlandsschool.org) to find out more.

Milly



# MM 75<sup>th</sup> VIP Party

75 special VIPs were invited including ex pupils, ex staff and the new Mayor of Bath.

**Moorlands Schools Federation**  
75th Birthday Celebration with 75 Special Guests

Wednesday 11 June, 12:45pm for 1:00pm start



**Marvellous Moorlands 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VIP Party Itinerary**

- 75 VIP Guests arrive at 12.45pm for a 1pm start
- ★
- Welcome from The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Bath  
– Councillor Professor Bharat Pankhania
- ★
- School Performance
- ★
- Speech from current Executive Headteacher  
– Miss Louisa Sellars
- ★
- School Performance
- ★
- Speech from current Chair of Governors  
– Mrs Joanna Reeves
- ★
- School Performance
- ★
- Tea and Cake and Tour of Exhibition Halls

**Marvellous Moorlands Birthday Cakes**  
Baked by Moorlands School Community



Winning design/s judged by Heidi Chedzey of Heidi's Cakes, with Louisa Sellars and Jacky Elley



2nd place runner up - Robin (Y4)

3rd place runner up - Izzy (Y6)

2nd place runner up - Nola (Y1)

3rd place runner up - Asher (YR)

**MM75 exhibition would not be possible without the brilliant children and staff of Moorlands Schools Federation.**

- Particular mention and gratitude must also go to:*
- StreetDance After-School Club; Y3 for their poetry and our wonderful Moorlands Choir
  - Visitors who came to talk to the children, and all donations of photos and memorabilia, and everyone who has contributed in any way
  - Moorlands PTA for all support including Mark Batterham; Mathias D'andrea Modena and Gav Wainwright
  - Martina Plivova (VIP Admin Coordinator)
  - Caroline Robberts and Suzanne Mandziuk (Curriculum Content and Exhibition Coordinators)
  - Laura Pearce Jones and Kerri Merrett (Photocopying and Display Team)
  - Michael Cainen (Technical Director of Music, Film and Sound)
  - Katy Pearson (MM75 Project Manager and Creative Director)

**Celebrating 75 years of Moorlands School Federation**

**Marvellous Moorlands VIP Party**  
Wednesday 11th June 2025

Marvellous Moorlands Logo Winner—Abigail (Y3)





# MM 75<sup>th</sup> Street Party

We were delighted to hold our MM 75<sup>th</sup> Street Party with families and parents – dressed for the decades with wonderful weather and particularly perfect performances from Dance Umbrella and whole school singing followed by a picnic.



## MARVELLOUS MOORLANDS 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY STREET PARTY



### 'Dress for the Decades'

As part of our Street Party celebrations, we invite all **staff, children, and grown-ups** to join in the fun by dressing up to represent a decade from the past 75 years!

Over the term, the children have learnt about **Moorlands through the decades**, discovering how the school and the world around it has changed since it was built in 1950. With all this knowledge, we're sure they'll be excited to bring the decades to life!



Friday 13 June



Dress in a style from **any decade** between the 1950s and today

To keep things **inclusive and accessible**, children can also choose to wear their **current school uniform** or **comfy home clothes** from today.

*We're looking forward to a wonderful celebration of Moorlands' history!*





# Fabulous Fundraising all year round by PTA

Huge thanks to our superb PTA (volunteers!) who have raised record-breaking funds for school again this year – we could not do it without you and we are so grateful.

Here are some highlights:





# MM75th whole school logo competition

Here's how it started...

## Marvellous Moorlands 75th Anniversary Art Challenge



In celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are asking all children to design a Marvellous Moorlands logo. All designs will be used to create a display for our celebration, but the top designs will be printed onto merchandise for the school!

All children will receive four circular templates. Two of these can be taken home over the February holiday to complete, while two will be completed in class.



- **Must** include '75' and 'Moorlands School Federation'
- **Must** be within the circle and fill the whole circle
- **Must** be bold and bright to ensure it can be reprinted
- **Must** use paint, pencil crayons or felt tips
- ✗ **No** glitter or stickers to be used

Competition entries will close Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February



# Here's how it's going...

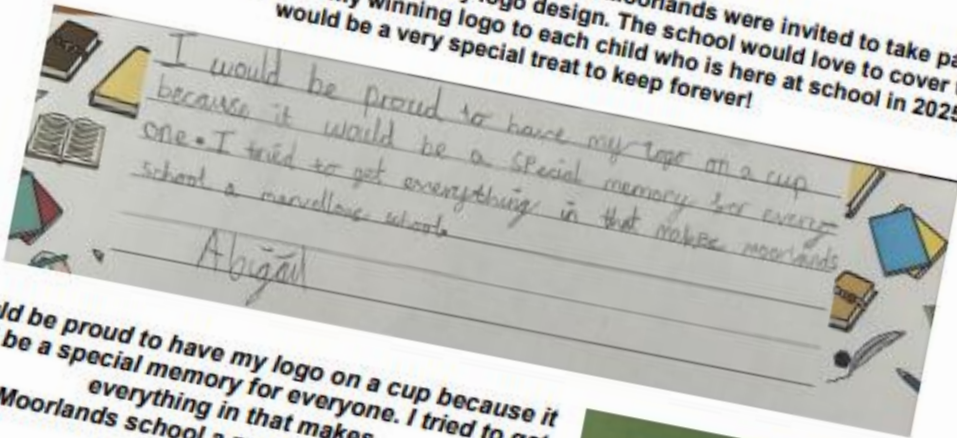


Dear our local community, families and friends,

My name is Abigail and I am 8 years old.  
I go to Moorlands Schools Federation and it is really marvellous!  
Did you know my school is 75 years old this year?

We are contacting local businesses and the wider community to support us and help us to celebrate our big birthday.

Amongst our many celebrations, all of the children at Moorlands were invited to take part in a birthday logo competition, and I won with my logo design. The school would love to cover the costs of providing a small cup with my winning logo to each child who is here at school in 2025 - this would be a very special treat to keep forever!



"I would be proud to have my logo on a cup because it would be a special memory for everyone. I tried to get everything in that makes Moorlands school a marvellous school"

Here is my winning logo design:

Ms Pearson has let you know how you can donate and help us below.

Thank you for helping us!

Yours sincerely,

Abigail and the 411 children at Moorlands Infant and Junior Schools.



Marvellous Moorlands Logo Winner—Abigail

The technical stuff from Ms Pearson:  
Thank you, Abigail! If any friends or family would like to kindly donate to support us to provide a small cup for each child at Moorlands - please do give a little or a lot through our official PTA 'Just Giving' page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/moorlandsschoolsfoundationpta>

All donations will be spent on school projects, and agreed in liaison with PTA committee and Executive Headteacher. Our PTA is a charity and helps the school enormously.

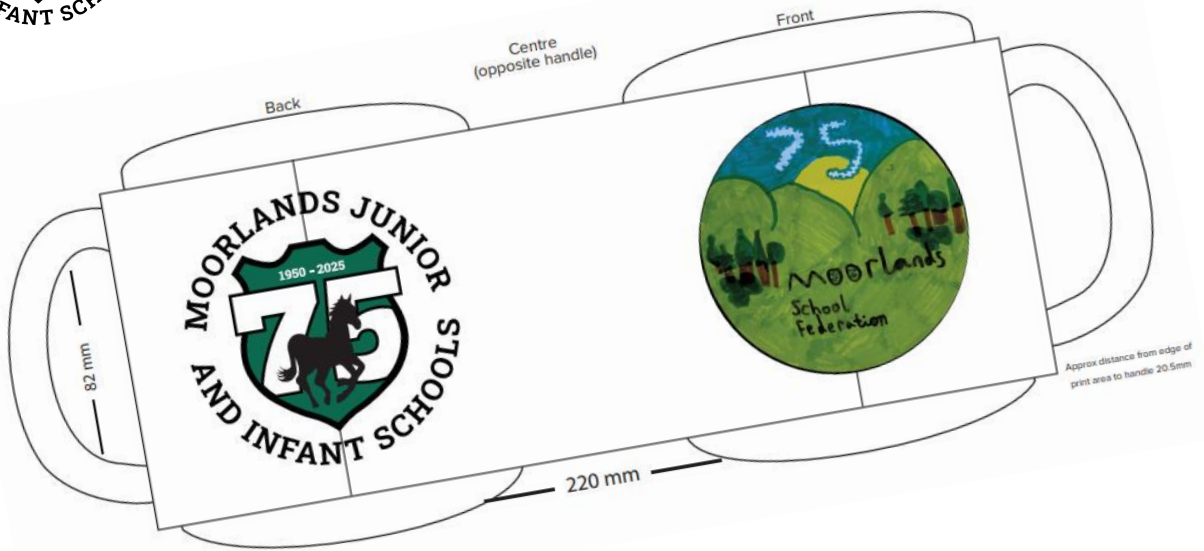
We know families have already given a lot to the Big Bike Ride, Camp Out etc but if you would like to donate further or share the Just Giving link with families and friends who have a business or who are able to donate a little or a lot please do so.

We thank you in advance for your generosity, and please do let us know that you have donated by writing on the 'Just Giving' page or by sending an email to [office@moorlands-school.com](mailto:office@moorlands-school.com) so we can thank you.

Please donate by midday on Friday 11 July so we can hopefully order these to arrive before the end of term 😊



# Here's how it's gone.....



After some excellent fundraising from our fabulous PTA, plus donations from wider community and a bake sale by Florence and Lilia, Abigail's wish has come true!

**A memento cup will be gifted to every child at Moorlands in 2025!**

Huge thanks to everyone for all of your support with this!



Florence (Y4 Baker) Abigail (Y3 winning logo designer) and Lilia (Y4 Baker)



# Marvellous Moorlands Birthday Cake Bake-Off

We are delighted to share with you our Marvellous Moorlands Birthday Cakes.

The VIPs said they were as delicious as they looked!

Winners and all entries were celebrated in a special assembly too.

With huge thanks to Heidi Chedzey from Heidi's Cakes, Louisa Sellars and Jacky Elley who were our judging panel, and all of our marvellous bakers.

## BIRTHDAY CAKE BAKE OFF



As part of our 75th birthday celebrations, the Moorlands Birthday Cake Bake Off was a sweet success! We were thrilled to see so many staff and children get involved, showcasing their baking talents with a wonderful variety of delicious and creatively decorated cakes.

Our panel of judges were thoroughly impressed not only by the flavours and presentation, but also by the thoughtfulness behind many of the inclusive, allergy-friendly entries. The cakes were proudly shared and enjoyed by our 75 special guests at the VIP celebration event last Wednesday.

It was certainly a tough decision for our judges, but we're excited to announce the winners of the Bake Off are:



Emily - Woodpecker



Adelaide - Fox



Ester - Owl

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and a very special thank you to Heidi Chedzey from Heidi's cakes for her expert help with the judging. You made this a truly memorable moment in our Marvellous Moorlands 75th celebration!





# Neurodiversity Art Celebration

At Moorlands, we celebrate everyone's differences, and as part of this commitment, the children learned about the rainbow infinity symbol—the widely recognised emblem of neurodiversity.

One child was so inspired by this learning that she shared it with her parents, who then approached the school with the idea of creating a collaborative mural. This would be a lasting piece of artwork that the children could reflect on, representing the values we uphold as a school.

The infinity symbol represents the infinite variations in how our brains work, reminding us that there is no single "normal" way of thinking.

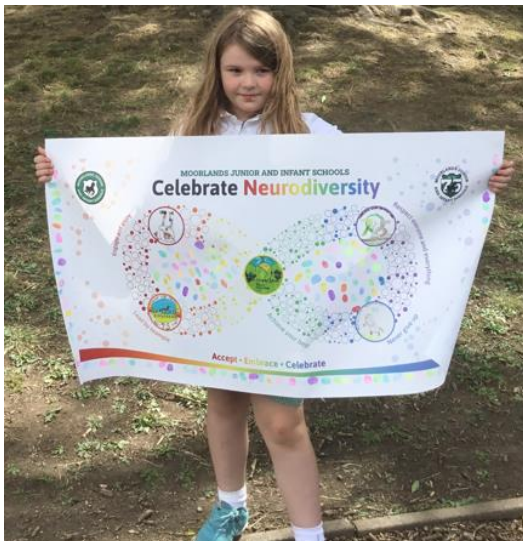
Neurodiversity is a natural and valuable part of human experience.

The rainbow colours reflect the diversity within the neurodivergent community—not only in terms of conditions like autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and Tourette's, but also in the richness of identities, experiences, and expressions. The rainbow conveys a message of inclusivity, pride, and acceptance in all identities.

The mural's theme—celebrating neurodiversity—closely aligns with our LEARN values, which have also been thoughtfully incorporated into the artwork.

Some of the children were involved in bringing the design to life by adding colour and detail, including their fingerprints as a symbolic and personal touch—emphasising that every individual contributes uniquely to our community.

We're also proud to have timed this project with our 75th anniversary celebrations, and the mural includes the children's winning designs for the Moorlands 75 logo—adding another layer of meaning and school-wide participation.

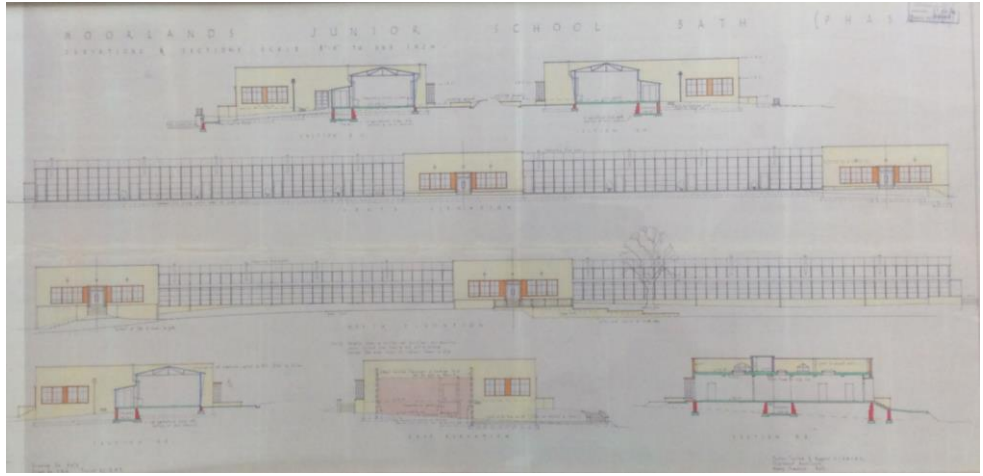


***With huge thanks to  
Gavin Wainwright from  
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And to Lee-Anne Brown,  
Rainbow Club and the  
children at Moorlands  
who contributed to this  
inclusive art.***

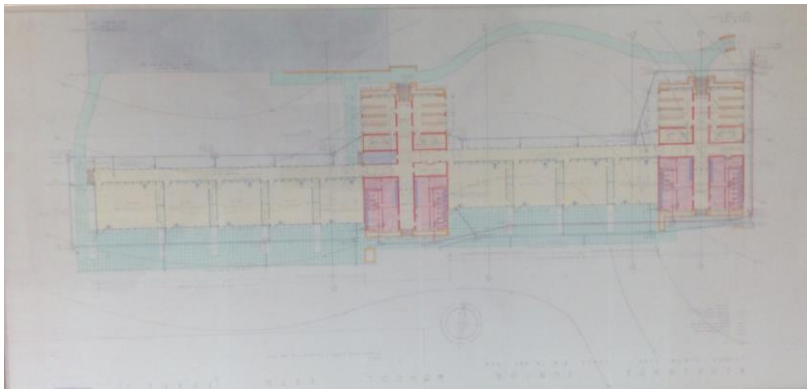


# Corridor Celebration Displays

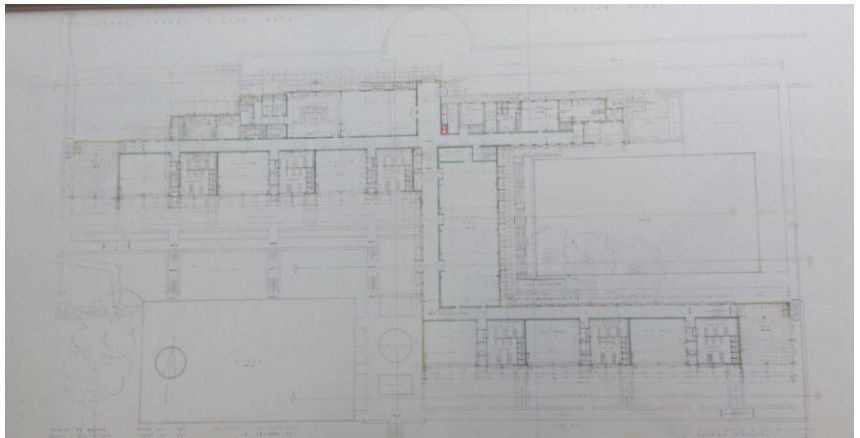




# Original architectural drawings of Moorlands Infant and Junior School.



Kindly donated by Mark Batterham and Mathias D'andrea Modena, with the support of the Moorlands PTA



Celebrating learning of MM75th Anniversary displayed in both schools.



## Miss Sellars' Speech at MM75th VIP Party

We wanted to share with the whole school community, the sentiments and thoughts from the speech Miss Sellars made at the MM75th VIP party.

**“Thank-you to The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Bath** for his warm and thoughtful opening and welcome again, everyone, to our *Marvellous Moorlands 75th Anniversary VIP Party*.

For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, I am Miss Louisa Sellars, the very proud Executive Headteacher of Moorlands Schools Federation. Our Federation brings together Moorlands Infant and Moorlands Junior Schools into one very special community.

What a joy it is to stand before you today amongst so many generations of Moorlands history — including previous Headteachers, many former staff, pupils, parents, volunteers, governors, and even three generations of the same families. And yes — one very special guest who appears to have left his sleigh behind... our very own Moorlands Father Christmas himself!

**Since 1950**, our school has witnessed a world transformed. We've gone from post-war rationing to space travel, from blackboards to broadband, and even seen people walk on the moon. The invention of the internet, mobile phones, and a few global events too big to name — and through it all, Moorlands has stood strong as a place of learning, belonging, and growth.

In our 75 years, we have even had our fair share of *notable visitors*, today being no exception — from the Father of the NHS, Nye Bevan, to Emperor Haile Selassie; from Darth Vader himself (yes, really), to a Channel 4 film crew — and even some members of the Royal Family. What a journey this school has been on!

You may have recognised the theme tune that welcomed me to the stage and wondered why! Our school logo, as many of you know, is a black horse — a nod to the remarkable fact that our school stands on the site of Anna Sewell's early home, the author of *Black Beauty*. That sense of story, compassion, and strength runs deep through the DNA of our school.

Moorlands was built on a **revolutionary housing estate** after World War II, and in many ways, our schools were revolutionary too. The Infant School caught national attention and was featured in *The Architect's Journal*, no less — a bold and innovative design for its time. The original article can be found with the architectural drawings in the Orchestra Hall.

Meanwhile, the Junior School... well, the story goes that it was built with second-hand windows and planned in a way that could double as a hospital. I am reliably informed that you can drive a Land Rover down the corridor should you wish to do so. Practical, if not glamorous!

In 2017, our Infant and Junior Schools federated — and since then, while still technically two schools, we have operated as one loving, supportive, and unified family. Of course, as Executive Headteacher I enjoy the pleasures of overseeing two budgets (one for each school) and even better two Ofsted inspections!



At the heart of Moorlands sit our **LEARN values**:

**L** for *Lead by Example* - **E** for *Engage and Enjoy* - **A** for *Achieve Your Best* - **R** for *Respect Everyone and Everything* - **N** for *Never Give Up*

These aren't just our school values — they're life values. We believe in them deeply, and we live and breathe them every day, in every classroom, corridor, playground and beyond.

Our curriculum is woven with our carefully chosen golden threads — **inclusion, diversity, and sustainability** — all taught through high-quality texts and meaningful learning opportunities. Our children are growing up in a changing world, and we are determined to prepare them not just to navigate it, but to shape it with confidence, curiosity, and kindness.

To our **former staff** here today — thank you. Your service in this deeply rewarding but undeniably tough profession helped shape what Moorlands is today.

To our **current staff** — you are a dedicated, passionate, and nurturing team. Together we work hard, and we laugh hard. Our collective wellbeing is strong because we look after one another. We are driven by our collective desire to be the best that we can be for our pupils and our community.

To our **families** — A big thank you for all your support! Whether it's helping with home learning, showing up for school events, or just being there for your child—we really appreciate everything you do. It makes a huge difference to have such a caring and involved community. We're lucky to have you as partners in your child's learning.

To our **volunteers** - your time, care, and commitment make our schools stronger. We are grateful for everything you do!

**To our PTA** - a huge thank you for everything you've done this year and in years gone by! From organising events (discos, quizzes, Bake Offs, 75-mile bike rides and the legendary camp out to name but a few) to fundraising and just being there when we needed an extra hand—your support means the world. You help make our school a better place for pupils, staff, and families, and we're so lucky to have such a dedicated group of people working behind the scenes. We really appreciate all your time, energy, and enthusiasm—thank you!

To our **Governors** — your leadership, time, and dedication help shape the future of our school. We truly appreciate your commitment to excellence in education.

To **The Partnership Trust** whose mission, to achieve excellence through collaboration and partnership, emphasises that true excellence is not achieved in isolation but through **shared effort and mutual support**.



And now, saving the most important people until last — our **brilliant children**, past, present, and future. As our mission statement says:

**“Space to Grow for Any Tomorrow”** and with ten acres of land — and hearts even bigger — we offer just that: the space for every child to thrive, to learn, and to be themselves.

Our pupils work hard, show kindness and make our school a fun and happy place. We're proud of them all — they are amazing!

At Moorlands we love to smile in fact everyone knows that it is my favourite thing to do. Our smiles help us to connect with others and always ensure that we make everyone feel welcome. We love that smiles are contagious—they spread happiness everywhere!

On that note, I would like to thank all of you for being here today to make this moment extra special. Here's to the past 75 years — and to the next 75 and beyond, whatever they may bring.

**Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to Marvellous Moorlands — keep smiling and thank you.**



**Miss Louisa Sellars – Executive Headteacher – 11 June 2025**



# PERMANENT ART INSTALLATION

“Space to Grow for Any Tomorrow”

To commemorate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations we will be creating two Tree Art Installations – one in each school. All children have created a leaf which will adorn our tree.

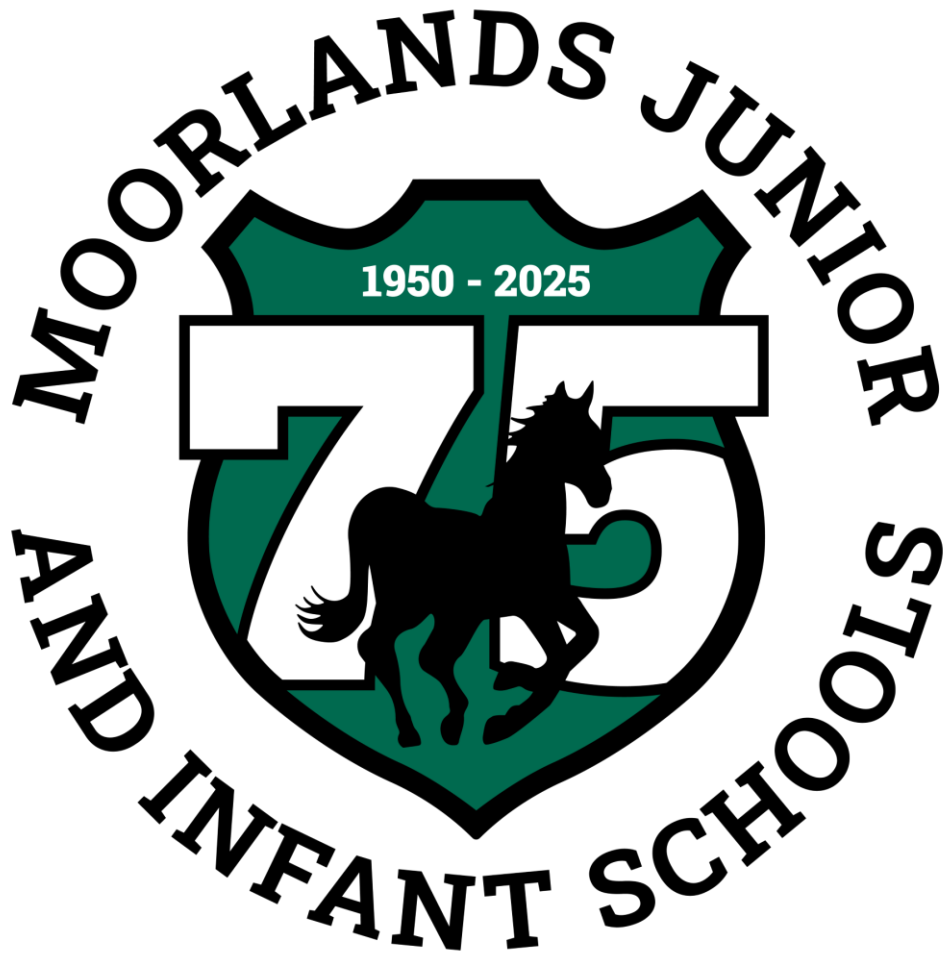
Something **green** is growing...  
get ready for a leafastic tree-t.

More will be revealed very soon.... 😊



Thank you for all the memories – here’s to many more marvellous years!

Thank You.



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