

Moorlands Schools Federation

Space to Grow for any Tomorrow



22 May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

In the blink of an eye, it appears we have reached the end of Term 5 and what a busy one it has been here at Moorlands. I would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy and restful half term break. With warmer temperatures and plenty of sunshine forecast, I hope everyone has the opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy some time outdoors with family and friends.

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising the wonderful picnic yesterday, which was such a lovely way for our school community to come together. I would also like to thank Mr Cainen and the school choir for their stunning performance. Their joyful songs were sung with such passion, enthusiasm and joy, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. I would also like to thank Little Dancers and our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils, for reprising their recent Dance Umbrella performances so brilliantly. Your hard work, energy and talent have helped make the end of term truly special.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final part of the school year with so much still to look forward to.

Kind regards

Louisa Sellars

Executive Headteacher

| May | |
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| 22 | End of Term 5– Last day of School |
| Jun | |
| 1 | Term 6 starts-Children back to School |
| 1-24 | Y5&6 Bikeability |
| 2 | EYFS Trip to Bristol Temple Meads |
| 3 | Moorlands vs OPJS Football league match |
| 5 | Moorlands PTA Campout |
| 8 | Moorlands Y6 vs Widcombe Y6 Football match |
| 10 | WASPS vs Moorlands Football match |
| 15 | Moorlands vs Combe Down Football match |
| 17 | Sports Day |
| 18 | Moorlands Y5 vs Widcombe Y5 Football match |
| 26 | Moorlands Y6 vs Salford Y6 Friendly Football match |
| 29-1.7 | Y6 Residential Trip to Charterhouse |
| 30 | Y5 Owl Trip to Pizza Express |
| Jul | |
| 2 | Moving Up Morning EYFS-Y5 Y6 visits to secondary schools |
| 3 | Y6 Mill on the Brue Trip |
| 7 | Y5 Kestrel Trip to Pizza Express |



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Absence and Punctuality

Please report absence by phone using the office absence line **ONLY**: 01225 421912, Option 1. Please **DO NOT** use Class Dojo to communicate absence.

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. You may drop off between 8:35am and 8:45am.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DfE guidance states that pupils are identified as persistently absent if they miss 10% or more of their possible sessions. Our persistent absence levels are shown here against the national average:

| | INFANTS | JUNIORS | NATIONAL AVERAGE |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Attendance Percentage | 96.8% | 96% | 94.89% |
| Absence Percentage Authorised | 2.7% | 3.5% | 3.73% |
| Absence Percentage Unauthorised | 0.5% | 0.6% | 1.38% |
| Persistent Absence Percentage | 5.6% | 6.2% | 13.45% |

There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Year 1

This term, Year 1 have been busy exploring plants, bees and the world around us through our learning across the curriculum.

In geography, the children developed their locational knowledge by using maps to find their way around the school. We used these skills to follow a map around Westonbirt Arboretum. We also learnt about environmental surveys and used this to help us fill out an environmental survey for Westonbirt.

A highlight of the term was our fantastic trip to Westonbirt Arboretum, where the children consolidated their learning by discussing what plants need to survive, identifying different types of trees and exploring habitats. The children were polite, safe and sensible throughout the day, and we were incredibly proud of how they represented Moorlands.

A huge thank you to the adults who supported us on the trip and to all families for helping to make this wonderful learning opportunity possible.

In Art and Design, we've begun learning different skills such as plaiting, weaving, threading and tying knots. We will use these skills next term when we begin to make our own bee bag for the bee party!

Our bee party will be a celebration of all the children's learning throughout their time in Year 1. We welcome you to join our us in our classrooms and hopefully outside area (weather dependant) for a performance and bee party celebration! Further details of timings to follow in Term 6.



Miss Robberts, Miss Kennard and the Year 1 Team

Year 3

Parade Gardens Fieldwork Adventure!

This term, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting fieldwork trip to Parade Gardens to look at the River Avon! Before the trip, we practised lots of important fieldwork skills at school so that we were ready to use them in real life.

During the visit, we carried out surveys, observed human and physical features and explored the river environment carefully. We even used some of the same techniques that real geographers use!

We also impressed all the adults with our amazing walking and behaviour. It was a very long walk, but Year 3 kept going with smiles on their faces and brilliant determination. Luckily, we made it back just before the rain arrived!

We enjoyed learning about the park and its local surroundings. Did you know that Pulteney Bridge is one of the only bridges in the world with shops built all the way along both sides?

Back in class, we have continued our river learning by writing newspaper reports about beavers being released into rivers to help stop flooding. We have discovered that beaver dams can slow down water and create habitats for wildlife too.

In maths, we have been learning all about capacity. We have been using scales, jugs and measuring equipment to compare and measure different amounts of liquid.

Year 3 have also been filling the classrooms with music! We have loved singing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" complete with actions and lots of enthusiasm.

What a busy and exciting term it has been for Year 3!



Miss Murphy, Miss Grace and the Year 3 Team

Year 5

We've packed a lot into this term in Year 5!

The highlight was undoubtedly the trip to Rainbow Wood. After practising their fieldwork skills in school, the children carried out a number of activities to find out more about the woodland environment. It was lovely to visit the play area after lunch, too, for a different kind of learning! Sincere thanks to the adults who volunteered to come along and help us on the day—it made the whole trip run smoothly.

We also enjoyed learning the ukulele with Miss Nelson from WEMA—thank you to everyone who came along to our performance. We're looking forward to developing our skills on the ukulele further in Term 6.

Thank you for all your support this term—it's been short and busy. After a rest during half term, we'll be raring to go for our final term of Year 5!



Mr Cainen, Miss Eden, Miss Harry and the Year 5 Team

School Councillors and Eco Warriors

School Councillors and Eco Warriors Making a Difference

There has been lots happening recently with both our School Councillors and Eco Warriors, who have been working hard to make our school an even better place for everyone.

School Councillors

The School Councillors have been getting very excited about the upcoming Talent Show, which will be held on Friday 19th June. They have been busy writing letters to invite this year's judging panel and discussing the prizes they would like to award to the talented performers taking part.

Kindness Certificates are now being awarded in all classes. The councillors are encouraging children to make kind choices and celebrate acts of kindness across the school. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils supporting one another and spreading positivity.

School Councillors are also speaking regularly with their classes each week to gather feedback and ideas from pupils. Lots of suggestions have been shared, particularly about lunchtimes, and these ideas will be passed on to help make Moorlands even more marvellous!

Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors have also been incredibly busy this term. During Term 4, they supported the "Big Walk and Wheel" initiative, encouraging their classmates to walk, scoot, or cycle to school each day for two weeks. The Eco Warriors carefully collected data from each class and entered it onto the Walk and Wheel website as part of the competition.

The Eco Warriors have also helped organise the "Big Seed Sow" project, which was made possible thanks to our fantastic Eco Parent Team. The team generously provided seeds and compost for every class. Thanks to their enthusiasm and support, all classes have planted and grown a variety of fruits and vegetables, including pumpkins and beans. These plants are now beginning to be transferred to the allotment, where the Eco Warriors are working hard to keep them watered and healthy.

In addition, the Eco Warriors delivered assemblies to all classes about our developing Forest School. They explained the exciting activities children may be able to enjoy during Forest School sessions and helped everyone learn more about outdoor learning opportunities.

A huge well done to all of our School Councillors and Eco Warriors for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and dedication to improving our school community!

Moorlands School Federation

Sports Update

It has been a fantastic year for sport across Moorland Schools Federation, with pupils achieving impressive success in both rugby and football competitions.

The schools tag rugby team enjoyed an outstanding tournament run, reaching the quarter-finals against strong opposition made up mainly of Year 6 pupils. In comparison, the Moorland team consisted largely of Year 4 and Year 5 children, making their achievement even more remarkable. Throughout the competition, the pupils showed excellent teamwork, determination and resilience, competing brilliantly against older and more experienced teams.

There has also been huge success on the football pitch this season. Both the boys' and girls' football teams have reached the semi-finals of their respective cup competitions and currently sit top of their leagues. The girls' team have already brought home silverware after winning the county football trophy. A fantastic achievement and a proud moment for the school.

With league titles and cup competitions still to play for, there is now the exciting possibility of four trophies being won between the boys' and girls' teams this season.

These achievements are a reflection of the pupils' hard work, commitment and sportsmanship, as well as the dedication of staff and supporters who continue to encourage sporting excellence across the school. Everyone at Moorland Schools Federation is incredibly proud of what the children have accomplished so far and looks forward to the remainder of an exciting sporting season.



Mr Druce - PE Admin

SPORTS DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

SPORTS DAY – WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 2026

We are delighted to invite you to Moorlands' Sports Day on **Wednesday 17th June!**

Below is an outline of the day:

- Blue sections are for children and staff only.
- Green sections are when parents and carers are welcome on site.

| Time | Event | Additional Information |
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| 9.00am - 11.00am | Carousel of Sports | Children and Staff only |
| 11.15am | Parents/carers welcomed on to site – entrance via Main Reception on the Juniors site | |
| 11.30am - 12.15pm | Sprints | Parents/carers to stand at the top of the field (nearest Englishcombe Lane) |
| 12.30pm - 1.15pm | Parents/carers and children to enjoy a picnic together on the middle field (by the tipi) | More information below! |
| 1.15pm | Parents/carers leave the school site via Main Junior Reception Gate only | |
| 1.15pm | Children return to class for registration. | |
| 2.30pm | Whole school celebration assembly to announce results | |

Picnic Lunches on the Middle Field

Children can order a school lunch via the **SwiftKitchen app** (**deadline: Wednesday 3rd June**).

Menu Options:

- Beef Burger, Potato Wedges & Vegetable Relay Batons with a vanilla cookie
 - Quorn Hot Dog, Potato Wedges & Vegetable Relay Batons with a vanilla cookie
- For children with a registered allergen or dietary requirement on the Swift Kitchen app, the appropriate allergen menu will be available to view there.

For EYFS and KS1 children, this meal will be free of charge as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme, but **choices must still be made and checked out on the app**. KS2 children will also **need to place their order and checkout via the app**. Meals will be charged, unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals. If your child would prefer a packed lunch, you are very welcome to do so. In this case, there's no need to complete anything on the app. Parents and carers should also bring their own picnic lunch to enjoy on the day (no glass, nuts, or alcohol please).

We look forward to seeing you there for a fun and active day!

Moorlands Schools Federation

Moorlands School Library



We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have helped transform our Junior Library into such a fantastic and welcoming space for our children.

Over the past few terms, our volunteers have worked incredibly hard labelling books, organising shelves and helping to create a library that is far more accessible and inviting for all children. Their time, care, and dedication have already made such a positive difference.

Thanks to their efforts, children are now able to find books more easily that match both their reading ability and their interests. This is such an important step in encouraging a lifelong love of reading and supporting even our more reluctant readers in discovering books they can enjoy and feel confident reading.

We truly could not have achieved all of this without the support and generosity of our amazing volunteer community. Your extra hands and enthusiasm have been invaluable and we are so grateful for everything you have done.

We would also like to give a very special thank you to our amazing librarians, whose passion, dedication, and enthusiasm have helped bring our library vision to life. Their knowledge, organisation, and love of books have been at the heart of creating such a warm and inspiring space for our children. We are so grateful for everything they do to encourage a love of reading throughout our school community.

If you would like to become part of this wonderful volunteer group, please contact the school office. We would love to hear from you.



Miss Robberts - Reading Lead

Dance Success

Moorlands Pupils Shine at Theatre Royal Auditions

Moorlands School is delighted to celebrate the fantastic success of three pupils who have been offered places in the children's cast of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* at the Theatre Royal Bath this September.

Miles and Eloise from Year 6, along with Felicity from Year 4, were successful at recent auditions. The competition was extremely tough, with 140 children auditioning and only 24 being offered places.

The pupils will now begin rehearsing twice a week as they prepare for the exciting production later this year.

This achievement is particularly special for Eloise, who only began dancing through Dance Umbrella and was competing against many highly trained dancers. Her success highlights the dedication, confidence and determination shown by all three pupils.

The choreographer praised the children's talent and enthusiasm and is excited to see them flourish with this wonderful opportunity.

Everyone at Moorlands is incredibly proud of Miles, Eloise and Felicity, and we look forward to cheering them on when *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* arrives in Bath this September.



PTA News

Hello again from the PTA!

We hope you enjoyed the PTA picnic. Many thanks to Dance Umbrella and to Mr Cainen with the school choir for performing!

Just as a reminder, the final PTA events of the school year are:

1. Friday 5 June - **PTA Camp Out**

If you are on the waiting list for Camp Out tickets, please keep an eye on your emails. We have already had some of tickets returned, which will be reallocated this week, and there is a good chance that more may become available.

Raffle tickets have also gone home in children's bags. We have a great selection of prizes this year, including some exciting new additions. If you would like to purchase tickets, please return the completed stubs to the school office along with the cash. If you do not wish to buy them, we would be very grateful if you could return the unsold tickets so they can be offered to other families.

Thank you to all of those who have helped with the donation of raffle prizes, and a special thank you to **Bath Stone**, our Lead Sponsor for this year's event, who have generously offered to pay for the printing of the raffle tickets and donated one of our top prizes, a Garmin watch. Your support is hugely appreciated.

2. Sunday 12 July (am) – **sponsored cycle ride** at the Odd Down cycle track. Children are invited to raise money for the PTA by cycling round the track at Odd Down, which we have reserved for our exclusive use. More details will be circulated shortly after camp out!

Finally, we are pleased to say that we have recently agreed to fund improvements to the classrooms such that each of them will have refreshed, dedicated reading areas, making them a really inviting space to nurture a love of reading. We expect these improvements to be rolled out gradually over the coming months. Watch out for more news, and pictures, early in the new school year!

We hope you have a good half-term and hope to see you at one of these events.



Kit Brown PTA-Chair

Music at Moorlands

Instrumental Lessons

Lessons are available at Moorlands in violin, flute, clarinet, recorder, cornet, guitar, ukulele, piano, drums, singing and more!

There is 50% discount available for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. Contact the school office to find out more and to sign up. 01225 421912 | office@moorlands-school.com

Moorlands Orchestra

If you play woodwind, brass or strings, come and play in our orchestra on Tuesday morning (come to class at normal time). No need to sign up.

Junior Choir Club

Come and sing with Mr Cainen after school on Thursdays until 4:15pm! Sign up here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bBBexAdmsU>





Term Dates



2025 – 2026 Academic Year

| Term | Start date | End date | INSET |
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| 1 | Monday 01 September 2025 | Friday 24 October 2025 | Monday and Tuesday 01 September 2025 02 September 2025 Friday 24 October 2025 |
| 2 | Monday 03 November 2025 | Friday 19 December 2025 | |
| 3 | Monday 05 January 2026 | Friday 13 February 2026 | Monday 05 January 2026 |
| 4 | Monday 23 February 2026 | Thursday 02 April 2026 | |
| 5 | Monday 20 April 2026 | Friday 22 May 2026 | |
| 6 | Monday 01 June 2026 | Tuesday 21 July 2026 | Monday and Tuesday 20 July 2026 21 July 2026 |

Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026

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| Christmas Day – 25 December 2025 |
| Boxing Day – 26 December 2025 |
| New Year's Day – 01 January 2026 |
| Good Friday – 03 April 2026 |
| Easter Monday – 06 April 2026 |
| May Day – 04 May 2026 |
| Spring Bank Holiday – 25 May 2026 |
| Summer Bank Holiday 31 August 2026 |



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| 4 | Monday 22 February 2027 | Thursday 25 March 2027 | |
| 5 | Monday 12 April 2027 | Friday 28 May 2027 | |
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