

Moorlands Schools Federation

Space to Grow for any Tomorrow



19 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic time of year at Moorlands! As we head into the final four weeks before the end of the school year, the calendar is still packed with excitement. While the ever-changing weather may have forced us to postpone Sports Day, it certainly hasn't dampened spirits. We have continued to celebrate a wealth of sporting success, with pupils demonstrating determination, teamwork and resilience in abundance. Find out more in our Sports updates.

There is also plenty of creativity and talent on display across the school, and I was delighted to be part of the judging panel for the highly anticipated **Moorlands Got Talent Show**. With outstanding performances, exciting events and special celebrations still ahead, there is a real buzz around school. We have so much to look forward to as we make the most of these final weeks and prepare for a wonderful end to another successful year at Moorlands.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend whatever your plans and may the sun keep shining on us.

Jun	
26	Moorlands Y6 vs Salford 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	EYFS September Teddy Bears picnic
3	Y6 Mill on the Brue Trip
7	Y5 Kestrel Trip to Pizza Express
13	Moorlands Girls vs Saltford Girls Football match
10	Rocksteady concert- parents invited
14	Y6 Production
15	Y6 St Luke's Services
15	Y1 Bee Party
16	PTA Super Pirates Day
16	Y6 Leavers Party

Kind regards

Louisa Sellars

Executive Headteacher



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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%	95.9%	94.89%
Absence Percentage Authorised	2.6%	3.4%	3.69%
Absence Percentage Unauthorised	0.6%	0.7%	1.41%
Persistent Absence Percentage	6.4%	8.3%	13.18%

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



EYFS

This term, our learning has been inspired by the book *Yucky Worms* by Vivian French. Although it's a fictional story, it is full of interesting facts about worms. We have learnt about what worms eat, how they help to keep soil healthy, and the important role they play in supporting wildlife. To help us learn more, we have our own wormery in the classroom. The children have enjoyed observing the worms as they dig tunnels and move through the soil.

As part of our growing theme, we have planted beans and pumpkins in the allotment. The children have loved watching them grow from tiny seeds and are beginning to understand what plants need to survive and thrive.

One of the highlights of the term was our trip to Bristol Temple Meads with Platform Rail. We walked to Oldfield Park Station and travelled by train, putting into practice everything we had learnt during our railway safety workshop last term. Sophie from Platform Rail visited us in school to teach us how to stay safe when travelling by train, and the children remembered lots of important safety rules. They stayed behind the yellow line, kept away from the tracks and remembered to mind the step when getting on and off the train. The children loved having their tickets stamped and were excited to receive a story book to take home at the end of the day.

In Art and Design, we have been learning about the artist *Georgia O'Keeffe*. We looked closely at her flower paintings and used watercolours to create our own flower artwork inspired by her style.

In RE, we have started learning about Islam and have been comparing it with some of the other religions we have studied this year. The children have enjoyed spotting similarities and differences and asking thoughtful questions about different beliefs and traditions.



Mrs Flynn, Miss Yoxon and the Year EYFS Team

Year 2

Diving deeper into our *Explorers* topic, Year 2 have been busy learning about lots of different expeditions across history. Inspired by the story-teller Oliver Jeffers, in art Year 2 have been transforming shoe and cereal boxes into wonderful mini adventure scenes! Working in teams to bring to life the explorations of Steve Backshall, Marianne North, Amelia Earhart and more; Hedgehogs and Squirrels have been playing with depth in order to make their shadow box look just like a snapshot of real life.

In writing, their wonderful art pieces have been the source of inspiration for our next work – explanations. Thinking about how galleries display art, Year 2 have been preparing to write an explanation of their artistic process to go alongside their finished piece. This week they began with some fantastic introductions showcasing our achieve your best value with their careful handwriting joins and editing skills.

Considering our LEARN values, Year 2 have also proven their resilience by never giving up in our new Maths topic – time. They have shown real enthusiasm and persistence in learning O'clock, half past and the new times of quarter past and quarter to.

We've also been enjoying getting outside for our science topic – plants. Exploring the school grounds, Year 2 were using their detective skills to identify local tree species and match them to leaves found on the ground.

Finally, the countdown is on to the Year 2 Explorers assembly! Hedgehogs and Squirrels have been filled with the sounds of song and narration as we get ready to showcase all their wonderful learning for you all. The children are all showing such great excitement for the performance ahead!



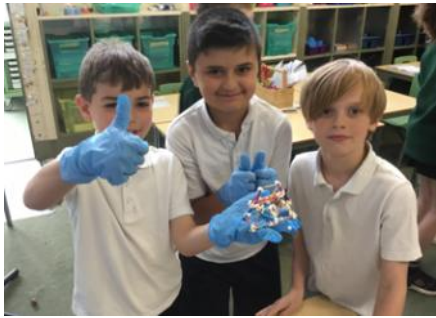
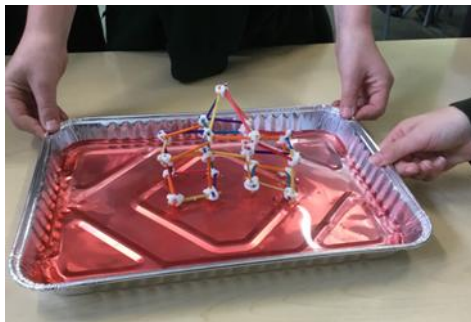
Mrs Cook, Mrs Waterhouse, Miss Brown and the Year 2 Team

Year 4

Our geography learning got off to an explosive start with a Wow afternoon exploring earthquakes and volcanoes! We created our very own mini volcanoes and watched them erupt with food colouring, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar—much to everyone's excitement!



We then built earthquake-resistant structures from sticks and marshmallows, putting them to the test on a tray of jelly to simulate different magnitudes from the Richter scale. We even practised our own earthquake drill using the 'Drop, Cover and Hold On' procedure!



To help us learn about how volcanoes are formed, we used Oreos to demonstrate the 3 different movements of tectonic plates. We really enjoyed using food to make this learning more memorable.



Miss Mandziuk, Mr Carr-Jones and the Year 4 Team

Year 6

This term, Osprey and Merlin classes have made a fantastic start to rehearsing our school production, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. The children have been learning their lines, practising songs, and developing their confidence on stage. It's been a great opportunity to practise all the Oracy skills we've learnt throughout the year! Through rehearsals, they have worked together as a team, explored their characters, and have begun bringing the story to life with enthusiasm and creativity. We can't wait to show it off at the end of term.

In English, we have used the story 'The Golden Cage' as inspiration for a range of fiction and non-fiction writing. The children have explored characters, settings, and key events from the story to create their own pieces. This has allowed the pupils to continue to strengthen their writing skills while deepening their understanding of the themes and events within the story.

As they move through their final term of primary school, the children have been making the most of every opportunity to create lasting memories with their peers. There has been a real sense of excitement as they look ahead to their next adventure in Year 7, while also enjoying their final weeks together as primary school pupils. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, resilience and enthusiasm they have shown, and we look forward to seeing them continue to flourish as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.



Year 6



Miss Bone, Mrs Ponsford and the Year 6 Team

Sports Update

What a Year for Sport at Moorlands!

What a year it has been for sport at Moorlands! Looking back on everything our children have achieved, it's hard not to feel incredibly proud. Across football, rugby and many other sporting events, the children have shown determination, resilience, teamwork and a real passion for representing the school.

Our boys' football team has had an outstanding season and fully deserved to be crowned **league champions!** They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, producing some fantastic performances and showing great character whenever they've pulled on a Moorlands shirt. Their season isn't over yet either, as they have also reached the final of the B&NES Cup. Whatever happens in the final, they have already given us so many memorable moments and should be hugely proud of what they have achieved.

The girls' football team has continued to raise the bar and has once again enjoyed a brilliant season. With only a couple of games left to play, they currently sit at the top of the league and are in a fantastic position. They have also reached the semi-final of their cup competition, showing just how consistent they have been throughout the year.

These successes build on what has already been an incredible journey for girls' football at Moorlands. This year, the girls became the best team in Somerset after winning the Somerset County Trophy. To even get to that stage, they first had to win the B&NES Tournament, overcoming the strongest schools in the area. It was a huge achievement and one that cemented their place in Moorlands sporting history.

The girls also continued making history this year at the regional competition. Not only were they the first girls' team from Moorlands to qualify for the regionals, but they also became the first Moorlands girls' team to win a match at that level. To compete against some of the strongest schools in the region was a fantastic achievement in itself, but to come away with a victory showed the quality and belief within the team. They represented the school brilliantly and continue to inspire the younger children coming through.

Another team that deserves a huge mention is our Year 3/4 football team. They had a fantastic B&NES Tournament and were excellent from start to finish. After progressing through the competition, they saved their best performance for the final, producing an outstanding display to win 4-0. The way they played, supported each other and represented the school was brilliant, and it was fantastic to see them bring another trophy back to Moorlands. It's exciting to see such talented young players coming through the school and shows that the future of football at Moorlands is in very safe hands.

Success wasn't limited to football either. Our tag rugby team took part in their first ever tournament this year and achieved something really special by reaching the quarter-finals. What makes this even more impressive is that our team was made up entirely of Year 4 and Year 5 children, competing against schools whose teams were mostly Year 6 pupils. They showed tremendous courage, teamwork and determination throughout the day and proved that Moorlands has a bright future in rugby too.

Sports Update

While trophies and finals are fantastic achievements, what has stood out most this year has been the attitude of the children. Whether winning, losing or drawing, they have consistently shown excellent sportsmanship, supported one another and represented the school in a way that should make everyone proud. They have been outstanding examples for Moorlands and are a credit to themselves and the school.

The success we've enjoyed this year has been remarkable. Across all of our sports teams, Moorlands has already won **four trophies this year**, which is a fantastic achievement. Even more exciting is the fact that we could finish the year with as many as seven trophies, with league titles and cup competitions still to be decided. That would be an incredible return and a reflection of the hard work, commitment and talent shown by our children throughout the year. Whatever happens between now and the end of the season, this has already been one of the most successful sporting years in Moorlands' history.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mark Gunning. Since I started in the PE Admin role in January, Mark has been incredibly supportive and has helped me enormously. The amount of time, energy and commitment he gives to school sport is remarkable. So many of the opportunities our children enjoy are possible because of the hard work he puts in behind the scenes. His passion for giving every child the chance to take part, compete and succeed has had a massive impact on the children and on me personally since starting in the role.

We couldn't be prouder of them all.



More football success news

Wade came home from a football tour to Holland with the first place gold winners trophy. He and his team battled through days of tournaments against teams from Holland, Spain, France, Belgium, Africa & Germany. The competition was hard and his team (mid- Somerset gp) won every game in all stages for England. We are extremely proud of him and his team for representing home!



Mr Druce—PE Admin

Moorlands PTA

Hello from PTA!

Here is an update on what has happened since term 6 started:

Campout

The 12th edition of Campout was a tremendous success. Despite forecasts of unsettled weather, the rain held off until the very end of the evening, allowing everyone to enjoy the event. The food, drinks and entertainment were all excellent, and early accounts show that we raised an impressive profit of more than £5,000, comparable to the record-breaking fundraising achievements of last year.

A huge thank you goes to the organising team for their heroic efforts, to the school staff who helped make the event possible, and to all the volunteers who generously gave their time both on the day and the following morning. Special thanks to Faz and James Martin for providing the evening's entertainment, and to Ed Baker for supplying and setting up the sound equipment free of charge, saving us hundreds of pounds. We would also like to thank Mrs Cainen for her support in helping our younger singers put on a fantastic talent show, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks also go to Christine and Sabina for cooking a delicious curry in support of the event, and to Cas for generously providing the graphic design for Campout. A special mention must go to Mark Batterham, who supplied the real ale despite nursing a broken ankle—a truly heroic effort—and to Marcus, who successfully organised and ran the bar for the first time.

We would also like to thank the many local businesses that donated prizes for the raffle. Their generosity helped us raise almost £1,500 towards the overall total.

The bake sale, resin key rings and book marks in support of the in support of the Year 6 Leavers' Fund was another great success, raising £306 to help fund the pupils' leaving party.



Pond project

We are almost there with the amazing pond! The stone edging is now complete – see Phil Wyatt's great drone pic. We are pleased to hear that wildlife has already found its way to the pond – the team have spotted baby newts, dragonflies and water boatmen. We are looking forward to the kids getting to explore the pond for themselves soon!

Classroom libraries

We are pleased to say that the infant classrooms will all soon be upgraded to create top quality reading/library areas for the children, which will help to nurture a love of reading – which itself is so important for educational attainment. These improvements will be rolled out over the summer break. We intend to fund similar improvements for the junior classrooms early in the next academic year. Photos to follow!

Moorlands PTA

Sponsored bike ride – Sunday 12 July

Our final PTA event of the school year is a sponsored bike ride for the children at the amazing Odd Down Cycle Track on Sunday 12 July, from 10am to 1pm.

We encourage any and all children who can ride to join us and, if they can, to do a bit of fundraising – every little counts! There is no minimum distance, or minimum fundraising they need to do, and entry is free. Just sign your child/ren up at www.pta-events.co.uk/msf. There are also posters at the school gates with the essential info.

We hope this will be a really fun way for children to get active, have fun, and raise a bit of money for the PTA. And if your child doesn't cycle, they can always scoot – we have a special slot for scooters!

Until next time



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

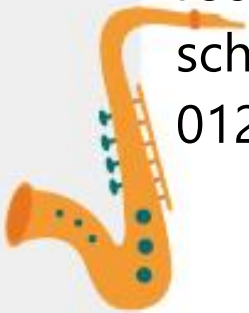
If you play woodwind, brass or strings, come and play in our orchestra on Tuesday morning (come to class at normal time). No need to sign up.

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
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

Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026

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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New Year's Day – 01 January 2027
Good Friday – 26 March 2027
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May Day – 03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday – 31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday 30 August 2027