



Moorlands Schools Federation

Fed Times

25 September 2026

What a privilege it is to write my first welcome to the Fed Times as Executive Headteacher of Moorlands. I would like to thank the community for all your kind words of encouragement and positivity at I have begun in this new role. The start to the school year has been really smooth and I am very proud of the children for settling into their new classes and approaching their learning with such super engagement! I would like to thank the teaching teams and all the adults in school for all their hard work in supporting the children to feel welcome, valued and happy from the very first day. The busyness of the year has already started, with our free school lunch day and PTA Disco next Thursday. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the volunteer team organising the disco, led by Lynne Kennard, and also to remind families to order a free school lunch on Swift Kitchen – this will really help our school. I'm looking forward to seeing the children bloom and grow this term and this year as they learn, play and have fun together.

Kathryn Pearson
Executive Headteacher

Oct	
1-31	Black History Month
1	PTA School Disco
7	School Photographer- Individual and Siblings School Photos
8	EYFS September 2027 School Tour
9	World Mental Health Day
13	St Luke's Harvest Festival
14	EYFS September 2027 School Tour
16	Show Racism the Red Card
15	Flu Immunisation Programme
19	Moorlands vs St. Philip's Football match
20	EYFS September 2027 School Tour
20, 22	Home School Partnership Meetings
23	Inset day-School closed to children

Absence and Punctuality

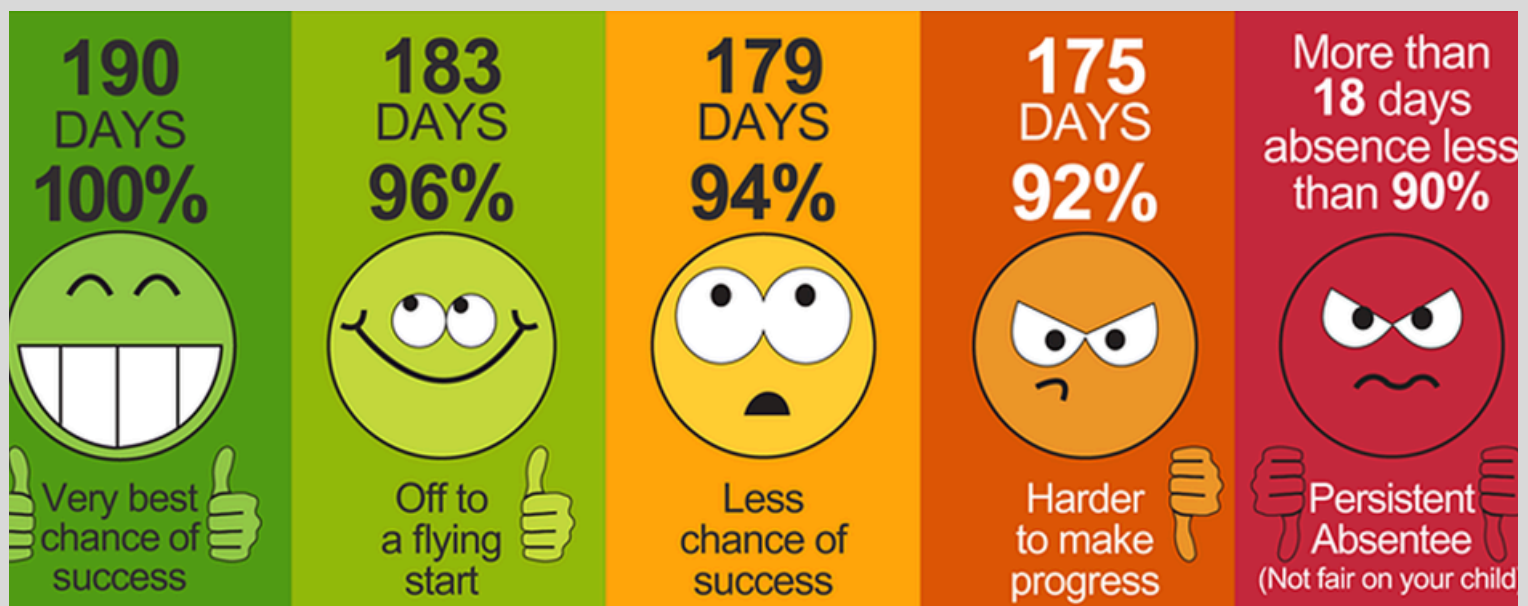
Please report absence by phone using the office absence line ONLY: 01225 421912, Option 1. Please DO NOT use Class Dojo to communicate absence.

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	99.00%	97.10%	94.74%
Absence Percentage Authorised	0.90%	1.80%	3.74%
Absence Percentage Unauthorised	0.10%	1.10%	1.52%
Persistent Absence Percentage	2.50%	6.80%	13.79%



EYFS

Wow, what an amazing start to the year! The children have settled in beautifully and are thoroughly enjoying our theme this term, Marvellous Me!

Over the past few weeks, we have shared family photos and talked about the special people in our lives. Using our 'Mini Me' figures, we have created towns and villages for them to live in, discussed what our homes look like, and even tried to recreate them. It has been wonderful to see the children using their imaginations and expressing their creativity in so many different ways.

We have also been enjoying a range of books about different people, families and homes. Alongside this, we have begun learning our sounds and are making a fantastic start to our phonics journey. Before long, the children will be reading words all by themselves!

In maths, we have been singing lots of number rhymes and exploring numbers 1 to 3, looking at different ways they can be represented. We have also started learning about repeating patterns and have been using colours and shapes to identify and complete them.

We have begun our music and movement sessions, which help to develop our gross motor skills, and we love moving our bodies to the music! We have also been working hard to strengthen our fine motor skills through activities such as threading, using tweezers, and taking part in 'Dough Disco' every day. It is so much fun!



Miss Yoxon, Mrs Cook and the EYFS Team

Year 3

What a fantastic start to the year it has been for Year 3! Moving up from the Infants is a big change, but the children have settled in so well and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Our focus on the Stone Age has captured everyone's imagination. We've been busy building Stone Age shelters, trying our hand at hunter-gathering, creating tools and even enjoying a campfire inside our classroom "cave." The children also produced some incredible cave paintings and it really feels like we've stepped back in time!

In English, we've been exploring the story of Stone Age Boy, which is all about a boy who accidentally falls back in time to the Stone Age, and learns how to survive with his new friend Om. The children have loved using this book to inspire their writing.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. We can't wait to see where the rest of the term takes us!



Miss Grace, Miss Kennard and the Year 3 Team

Year4

It has been a great start to Year 4 in Otter and Fox class! We all enjoyed a fantastic Wow Day finding out about solids, liquids and gasses in lots of practical activities. Our favourite challenge was trying to make a chocolate rice krispie cake using just a zip lock bag, some rice krispies, chocolate and a cake case. It was a messy one but the children had some great ideas for melting the chocolate themselves! The children enjoyed lots of other team challenges, exploring different ways to insulate ice and also to melt it as quickly as possible. We also made some saltwater which looked fascinating when the water evaporated, leaving colourful crystals behind.



Our class novel, Pugs of the Frozen North is a big hit and the adults were all blown away by the children's pug portraits! We have also enjoyed finding out about pugs and are working towards publishing some very detailed reports, full of fascinating pug facts. The children are already impressing us with their enthusiasm for learning and we are really excited to be spending the rest of the year with them!



*Miss Mandziuk, Mrs Waterhouse, Mrs Chapman
and the Year 4 Team*

Year 6

So far in Year 6 this term, we have enjoyed lots of exciting learning across different subjects. In Science, we created a fold-out to show the stages of how a fossil is formed over time. This helped us understand the fascinating process of fossilisation and how fossils can tell us about creatures that lived millions of years ago. We also explored evolution by reading 'Moth' by Isabel Thomas and then taking part in a game that demonstrated how peppered and charcoal moths have adapted and evolved over time in response to changes in their environment.

We have also spent time developing our sense of belonging within our class community. Through a variety of team-building games, we have strengthened our friendships, learned how to work collaboratively, and thought about the importance of supporting one another. These activities have helped us feel more connected and confident as members of Year 6. Team work makes the dream work!

Another key focus this term has been oracy. During our Reading Workshops, we have worked hard on discussing and sharing our ideas clearly and thoughtfully. We have explored texts by the same author (Bethan Woollvin), comparing her writing styles and considering the effect they have on the reader. Through these discussions, we have developed our speaking and listening skills while deepening our understanding of how authors use language to engage their audience.

We've had an incredible start to the year and are looking forward to a wonderful year with Year 6!



Miss Bone, Mrs Ponsford and the Year 6 Team

Moorlands PTA

A big welcome (back) to Moorlands! We hope your child/ren have had a great start to the new school year.

For those who are new to the school, we have an active PTA run by a good number of parents. We put on several events during the school year, raising vital funds for the school, and also run a second-hand uniform store. We will be offering pre-loved uniform very soon – details will be circulated via WhatsApp groups – but for now, here are details of 3 events coming up soon:

For Reception parents and carers, there will be a picnic after school today - 25 September. It is a nice way to get to know other people with children who have just started, and we traditionally offer the kids a free ice lolly! Just head to the grass between the infant and junior schools and look for the coolbox!

The PTA DISCO will take place after school on Thursday 1st October. Details have been circulated by WhatsApp groups. Please head to www.pta-events.co.uk/msf for more info and to buy tickets.

The evening of Friday 20th November is the date for the famous PTA Quiz at St Luke's Church Hall. More details in due course, but for now just save the date!

The PTA committee meets once a month, usually on a weekday evening via video call but occasionally in person. You are all very welcome to attend and give us your ideas and feedback – we will circulate the link (or meeting place) via each year's organic WhatsApp groups in advance, so you can join us if you would like.

Finally, if at any time you would like to get in touch, please just drop us an email and we will get back to you. We are at moorlandsschoolpta@gmail.com. You are also very welcome to grab me or another committee member in the playground – you will often see me at pick-up/drop-off outside the Y2 classrooms, and Mags Wood (our Secretary) will usually be found outside Y1!

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>





Benefit Related Free School Meals All School Years

Is your household earned income/take home pay below £616.67 per month?

Is your child missing out on Benefit Related Free School Meals?

If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (which is equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends a Bath & North East Somerset academy or maintained school then you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals?

Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, **not** your actual Universal Credit payment. If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year two and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, **you can still apply for the Benefit Related Free School Meals. Please do not reapply if your child is already in receipt of Benefit Related FreeSchool Meals.**

Ways to apply:

Online via the following link: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or You can make a telephone application by calling 01225 477277.

For more details, please visit our website at:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> Qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods) Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



Universal Infant Free School Meals

Is your child receiving Free School Meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below you can also register for a benefit related free school meal. Your registration could attract Pupil Premium for your school of £1,550

Please contact the team at:

freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Apply online at <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Or call 01225 477277

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Term Dates
2026 – 2027 Academic Year



Term	Start date	End date	INSET
1	Thursday 03 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026	Thursday and Friday 03 September 2026 04 September 2026 Friday 23 October 2026
2	Monday 02 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 02 November 2026
3	Monday 04 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027	
4	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027	
5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027	
6	Monday 07 June 2027	Friday 23 July 2027	Thursday and Friday 22 July 2027 23 July 2027

Bank and Public Holidays 2026/2027

Christmas Day – 25 December 2026

Boxing Day – 26 December 2026

New Year's Day – 01 January 2027

Good Friday – 26 March 2027

Easter Monday – 29 March 2027

May Day – 03 May 2027

Spring Bank Holiday – 31 May 2027

Summer Bank Holiday 30 August 2027