Moorlands Schools Federation Fed Times

23 October 2026

Dear Moorlands Families,

As we come to the end of a wonderfully successful first term together, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for making it such a positive and rewarding start to the year.

What an incredibly busy term it has been! Our children have embraced a wealth of learning opportunities and worked hard to establish the routines, expectations and positive habits that help them to thrive. It has been lovely to see them settling into new classes, building friendships, developing confidence and making such a fantastic start to the academic year.

It was also wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent Home-School Partnership Meetings. We know that when home and school work together, children achieve their very best, and we are grateful for the time you take to support your child's learning journey. Your partnership, encouragement and feedback make a real difference.

At the end of this half-term, you will receive a letter and attendance report for your child. We will be sharing these at the end of every half-term to help families better understand attendance and the impact it can have on children's learning, progress and sense of belonging at school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness and trust. A special thank you goes to our fabulous children, who bring energy, enthusiasm and joy to our school every day, and to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to make a difference to children's lives.

I wish all of our families a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break when it arrives. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning.

With warmest wishes,

Kathryn Pearson | Executive Headteacher

Oct	
23	INSET DAY- School Closed to Children
Nov	
2	INSET DAY - School closed to children
3	Term 2 starts- children back to school
3	Year 5 Aztec Workshop
4	Y4 WJS vs Moorlands Football match
4	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
6	Bath and District Girls Football Tournament
6,12 ,24	EYFS September 2027 School Tours
11	Y3 WJS vs Moorlands Football match
12	Moorlands vs WASPS Football match
13	Year 6 Lifeskills Trip
20	PTA Quiz Night
30	Y5: WEMA Christmas Celebration

Absence and Punctuality

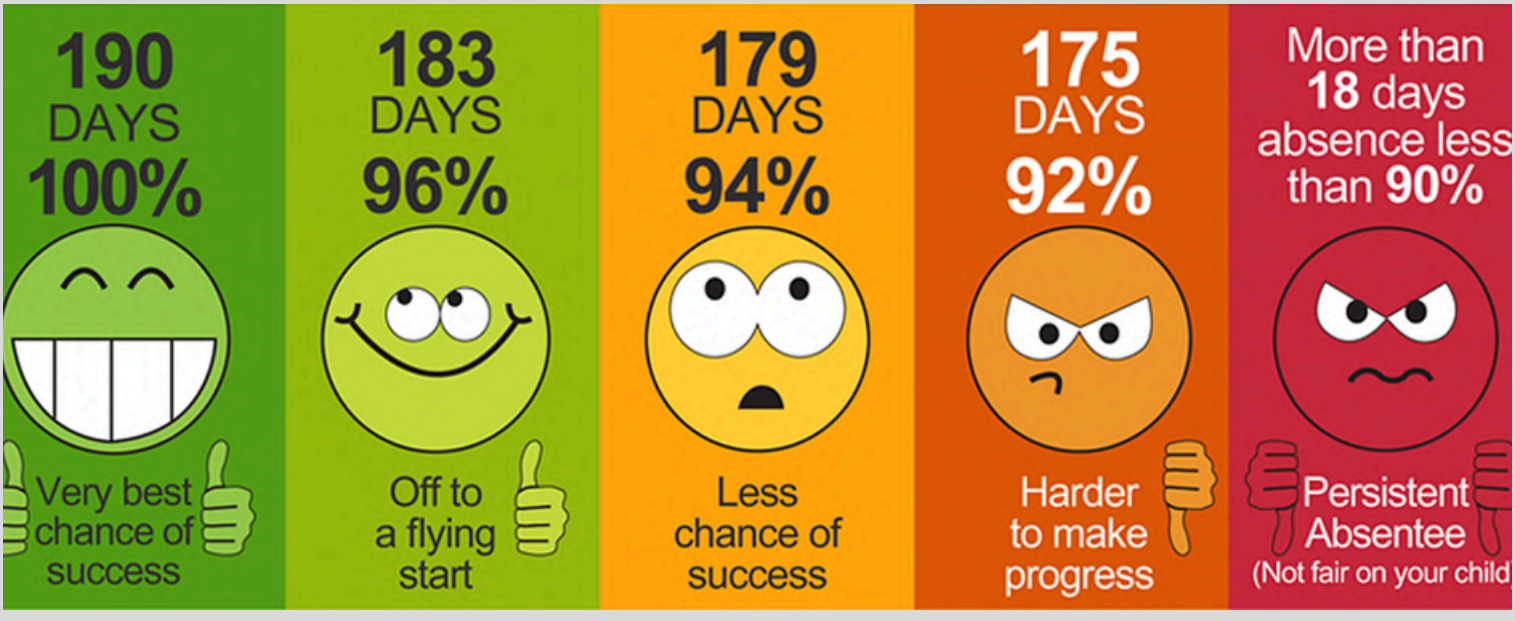
Please report absence by phone using the office absence line ONLY: 01225 421912, Option 1. Please DO NOT use Class Dojo to communicate absence.

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	97.30%	96.50%	94.74%
Absence Percentage Authorised	2.30%	2.60%	3.74%
Absence Percentage Unauthorised	0.50%	1.00%	1.52%
Persistent Absence Percentage	7.40%	7.20%	13.79%



Year 1

A Fairy Tale Start for Year 1!

Dragonflies and Butterflies have settled tremendously well into Year 1 and what a wonderful start to the year we've had!

This term, we have been exploring the magical world of fairy tales and the children have absolutely loved bringing these familiar stories to life. One of our highlights was our fantastic Fairy Tale WOW Day when everyone came to school dressed as their favourite fairy tale characters!

We've been busy decorating gingerbread, creating beanstalks, building houses for the Three Little Pigs and even measuring the giant's enormous footsteps! The children have thrown themselves into every activity with such enthusiasm and imagination.

We have also been incredibly impressed with the children's writing. They have worked so hard to write some wonderful sentences inspired by the stories we've shared.

We've also had a real focus on sharing responsibility for looking after our learning environment. The children have taken great pride in caring for our outdoor space and particularly enjoy weeding and tidying our mud kitchen! We've included a few photos of them hard at work.

We are so proud of how well everyone has settled in and can't wait for more exciting adventures in Year 1!













Year 1



















Miss Robberts, Miss Murphy and the Year 1 Team

Year 2

WOW! It has been a busy start to term in Year 2 as the children have settled into their new classes and proven themselves shining examples of our engage and enjoy values - immersing themselves in our new topic Guy Fawkes with great enthusiasm.

Unpacking our science focus, Everyday Materials, we have been thinking about the suitability of materials for different purposes. Stepping into the role of naval engineers, the Hedgehogs and Squirrels had a splashing time testing the absorbency and floatation of different objects. This week they will be putting all their learning into practice creating their own floating tin foil boats!

In Maths, the children have been showing us all that they have remembered from Year 1 as we revisit our important number facts. The teachers have all been so impressed with the way everyone has settled into more independent learning across Year 2 and we have had lots of fun finding innovative ways to practice our mathematical skills.

In Writing, the children have produced some wonderful Wanted posters. Accurate and full of descriptive adjectives, we are sure Guy Fawkes would have been found even quicker with these to help!

Another highlight has been our D&T project, exploring children's understanding of levers and linkages to create some fantastic and functional moving monsters! Considering their brief, the children thought carefully to create designs, collect peer feedback and assemble their monsters to produce their very own system of linkages.

It's been so wonderful to see how the Hedgehogs and Squirrels have approached all our learning with such excitement and engagement so far – we can't wait to see them get stuck into everything that is yet to come!










Miss Brown, Mr Carr-Jones and the Year 2 Team

Year 5

So far this term, Year 5 have enjoyed lots of exciting learning across all of our different subjects. In science, we started off the year by turning cream into butter by shaking it until the fat particles stuck together. We then were lucky enough to make and try our own ice cream! We were able to notice how the ice cooled the milk enough that it started freezing. These experiments helped us to understand the changes in states of matter.

We have also been reading the book 'Wonder', about a boy named Auggie who has a rare facial difference. We have been talking about how Auggie might feel at various points in the story, as well as writing a letter to persuade him to come to our school.

Our learning during Jigsaw has been focusing on the wider school focus of belonging. We have been thinking about the rights we have and how we have the responsibility to ensure our actions allow everyone to access the rights we have. We have continued to find our sense of belonging within the classroom through a range of team building games – developing our skills to work collaboratively, build friendships and support one another. We have had a great start to Year 5 and are looking forward to exploring the Aztecs in Term 2!











Miss Eden, Mrs Allonby and the Year 5 Team

Girls Football match reports

Moorlands Girls' Football Teams Off to a Winning Start!

Our Moorlands girls' football teams have made a fantastic start to the season, with both the A Team and B Team winning their first Cup matches and progressing to the next round.

A Team Victory

The A Team travelled to St Martin's Garden Primary School and secured an exciting 3-2 win. Jade scored a superb hat-trick, while the whole team showed great determination in a closely fought match. Special congratulations go to Edie, who was named Player of the Match for her outstanding performance, contributing two assists and working tirelessly throughout the game.

B Team Triumph

The B Team faced Newbridge Primary School in a thrilling encounter. After a hard-fought 2-2 draw, the match went to penalties, where Moorlands held their nerve to win 2-0. Goals from Piper and team captain Addy helped keep the team in the game, while excellent goalkeeping from Hazel during the shootout secured the victory. Addy was deservedly awarded Player of the Match for her leadership, effort and positive attitude.

Both teams displayed excellent teamwork, determination and school spirit. We are incredibly proud of all the girls and wish them the very best for the rest of the football season. ⚽🏆





Natasha Chiverton - Football Coach

Black History Month



At Moorlands, we proudly celebrate the contributions, achievements and stories of Black people throughout British history and within our communities today. While October gives us a special opportunity to shine a spotlight on Black history, our commitment to diversity, inclusion and equality is something we aim to embed in our curriculum and classrooms all year round.

This year, our school theme is 'We Belong, We Matter', linking with the national Black History Month theme, 'Honouring Our Communities'. Each year group will explore the theme in an age-appropriate way, building from celebrating who we are and knowing that we belong, to recognising the people who support our communities, standing up against unfairness and considering how we can use our own voices to make a difference. Across the school, our learning will be brought together through lovely stories and picture books.

Throughout the month, the children's learning will come together in a whole-school display, celebrating one shared message:

WE BELONG. WE MATTER.

We also took part in Wear Red Day on Friday 16 October, supporting Show Racism the Red Card and reinforcing the importance of standing together against racism.

Miss Robberts
EYFS & KS1 Phase Leader
Inclusion and Behaviour Team

Moorlands PTA

Autumnal greetings from the PTA!

The year has got off to a flying start. First up was a very well-attended after-school picnic for YR children and parents, at which new connections were made, lollies consumed and 2nd hand uniform snapped up. Thanks to Mags Wood for organising.

We then held the infant and junior discos, which were a bit hit with the kids! Huge thanks to Lynne Kennard, Jenny Read and Alex Pearce for organising them so well, to all the parent volunteers for helping out, and to the school staff for all their work. The discos raised more than £1500 for the PTA!

You may have recently ordered some Christmas cards or other festive merchandise featuring your child/ren's artwork – if so, thank you! The PTA stands to receive 25% of the value of all orders. Thanks to Mags for organising this nice and early, maximising the PTA's 'cut'. If you missed out, or want to order more stuff, there will be another purchasing window (albeit with a slightly smaller commission rate for the PTA) as we move towards the end of the year: details will be shared via the usual channels.

After half-term, it will almost be time for the annual PTA quiz, at St Luke's Church Hall. It will take place on Friday 20th November and, with the hugely inventive Dave Houghton and Callum Stoodley on quizmaster duties, promises to be as much fun as in previous years. Tickets will go on sale very soon. In the meantime, please 'save the date' and think about forming a team...

Uniform store update: thanks to the efforts of Andreea, Rose, Michelle, Cate and Alice, the second-hand uniform store is now back under control! Hopefully you will have been able to pick up some pieces at the home-school partnership meetings.

If you are new to the school (and even if you aren't), you might be wondering: what does PTA fundraising get spent on? The answer is: lots of things! Some of them are 'regular' items: for example, the teachers in each year group are allocated £200 to spend on materials that will enhance the teaching experience. Others are one-off (and sometimes long-running) projects, such as the fantastic pond space, which is almost complete and ready for outdoor learning. And, most recently, you will have seen that some of the PTA's funds have gone towards providing lovely new reading areas for the infant classrooms. Planning is already underway on improvements to the junior classroom reading spaces, which the PTA will also be supporting. Watch this space.

The common thread linking all these spending decisions, and others besides, is that they support the children's learning and wider experiences at school. Thank you for supporting PTA events and initiatives: without your participation, none of this would be possible.

Wishing you a relaxing half-term, and hope to see lots of you at the quiz!

Kit Brown - PTA Chair

Thank you from Moorlands

We would like to thank the amazing PTA for investing in the infant sites book corners. Every classroom now has a wonderful new reading space filled with comfy rugs, bean bags, sofas and purposeful book storage. The book corners are spacious, calm and inclusive and will support our children to maintain their love for reading!







📚 **Young Entrepreneurs Support Our School!** 🌟

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic efforts of two of our pupils, Millie and Johnny, who showed great enterprise and generosity over the summer holidays.

Wanting to make good use of their unwanted books, Millie and Johnny organised a book sale at the top of their driveway. They invited neighbours to come along, browse the books, and take home a new read. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and community spirit made the sale a great success.

What makes this story even more special is that Millie kindly chose to donate some of the money raised to our school. We are incredibly grateful for this thoughtful gesture and for her desire to give back to our school community.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Millie and Johnny for their hard work and generosity. They have shown what can be achieved with a great idea, determination, and a kind heart. They should be very proud of themselves, and we are certainly proud of them too!

Well done, Millie and Johnny, and thank you for making a positive difference to our school community. 🌟



Celebration at Moorlands

We are delighted to share that Moorlands has been awarded the Autism Inclusion Award by the National Autistic Society. This prestigious recognition provides independent and national validation of our commitment to creating an environment where autistic children and young people can thrive.

We are incredibly proud of the inclusive culture we have built at Moorlands, the high-quality teaching we provide, and our unwavering commitment to meeting the needs of every child. Our whole-school approach to inclusion ensures that all children benefit from a nurturing, understanding and supportive environment, enabling them to feel happy, healthy and safe.

You may have noticed the exciting development of our new play area, known as the Inclusive Space, in the lower playground outside the Infant Hall.

We are especially proud to be the first school outside the South East of England to receive a significant grant from the National Autistic Society, generously donated by The Medlock Charitable Trust, to design and create this unique space. The project reflects our belief that every child should feel valued, included and able to access play and social opportunities in ways that meet their individual needs.

The design has been shaped by the voices of our Moorlands children, who told us that they would like more calm, quiet places to play, spend time with friends and take a break from the busyness of the playground when needed. In response, the Inclusive Space provides opportunities for play, connection and creativity, alongside carefully designed areas where children can regulate, recharge and find calm. This ensures that all children have access to spaces that support their wellbeing and help them feel ready to learn.

We were recommended for this opportunity by the Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) in Bath and North East Somerset, who recognised Moorlands as a beacon of inclusive practice and high-quality provision for children and families.

National Autistic Society | Autism Inclusion Award 2026

Autism Accreditation

This is to certify that

Moorlands Infant and Junior School

has achieved National Autistic Society Autism Accreditation



Caroline Stevens
Chief Executive, National Autistic Society

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New Chair of Governors

I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Local Governing Committee (LGC) for Moorlands Schools Federation. For those who I have not met before, I am a parent of three with two children still at Moorlands and I have been on the committee for nearly 4 years. Additionally, I would like to welcome Matthew Perrett, who steps into the role of Vice-Chair.

I would like to pay tribute to the outgoing Chair, Jo Reeves, who has done a marvellous job of leading the LGC and supporting the school's Senior Leadership Team on its continual improvement journey. We're delighted that Jo is remaining on the committee for a little while longer, but we must say goodbye and thank you to Tom Bentley who, after four years on the committee as a parent governor, has decided to step down. We are very much looking forward to opening the recruitment process for a new parent governor from across our wonderful community. Please watch out for a letter inviting you to apply.

For those who are new to the school or have not heard of the LGC, we are a small elected group of parent and community governors who take a deep interest in the school. Our role is not to dictate budgets or formally set the direction of the school, but instead we're in place to support Ms Pearson and the whole Senior Leadership Team, as well as the Partnership Trust, to deliver on the school improvement plan, and help with the assurance of school policies.

We have four LGC committee meetings a year and two governor engagement days, where we do our best to witness every aspect of the school, speak to as many staff and pupils as possible and bring encouragement and friendly challenge as appropriate.

New Chair of Governors

We really welcome engagement from all parts of school – the staff and parent surveys that you are asked to fill in are really used to advance the ambitions for everyone at Moorlands. We are delighted with the trajectory of the school as children thrive in a safe and welcoming space, as we see everyone get the most out of our diverse 10 acre site and as all children are encouraged to achieve their best across academics, sport, art, music and more!

It has been a pleasure to see over the past few years notable improvement in several key attainment outcomes for the children, including in the statutory Phonics Screening Check, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, and this year in the percentage of Year 6 children achieving the expected standard across reading, writing and maths, which was above the national average. The school has developed systems to ensure strong attendance, which supports learning across the school, and it is clear to us as an LGC how hard the staff team are working to support the children achieve their best.

If you'd like to know more about the LGC and, indeed, have any questions about what it's like to be a governor, please do not hesitate to email me at dweilgov@moorlands-school.com.



Mr Daniel Weil
Chair of Governors



Mr Matt Perrett
Vice Chair of Governors

Daniel Weil - Chair of Governors

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