Moorlands Schools Federation Fed Times

20 November 2026

As we continue through the term, we have been focusing on our value of E – Engage and Enjoy, alongside pride in our school through a theme of loving where you live. We are incredibly proud of our wonderful community of pupils, families and staff, who all help make our school such a happy and welcoming place.

We have recently welcomed a number of prospective families for school tours, including some wonderfully full and busy tours for our September 2027 Reception intake! These visits have given our team plenty of opportunities to reflect on how proud we are of many aspects of our school.

We have also been delighted to see our new pupil leadership groups elected. Our School Council have already got straight to work, leading an assembly for Anti-Bullying Week as their first project. We look forward to seeing what all our pupil leaders achieve this year.

In other election news, you will have received a letter today about our Parent Governor ballot. We're extremely grateful to all three members of the school community who have put themselves forward to support in this way.

We are looking forward to the opportunities to bring families together that December will bring, and before that, we are looking forward to the PTA quiz tonight! A heartfelt thank you to our families for the continued support you give to our school, particularly through the fantastic fundraising efforts of our dedicated PTA and wider family community. Your generosity makes such a difference, helping us to provide even more opportunities and experiences for our children.

Nov	
19	Disability History Month starts
20	PTA Quiz Night
23	Moorlands vs St Philip's Football game
24	EYFS (September 2027) School Tour
30	Moorlands vs St John's Football game
30	WEMA Christmas Celebration - Y5
Dec	
1	St Luke's Christingle
3&4	Christmas Jumper giveaway
7&8	EYFS Christmas Performances
9& 10	Year 1 Christmas Performances
11	Christmas Jumper Day
11	Y3 Light and Dark Museum
14	Y2 Great Fire of London exhibition

Kathryn Pearson
Executive Headteacher

Absence and Punctuality

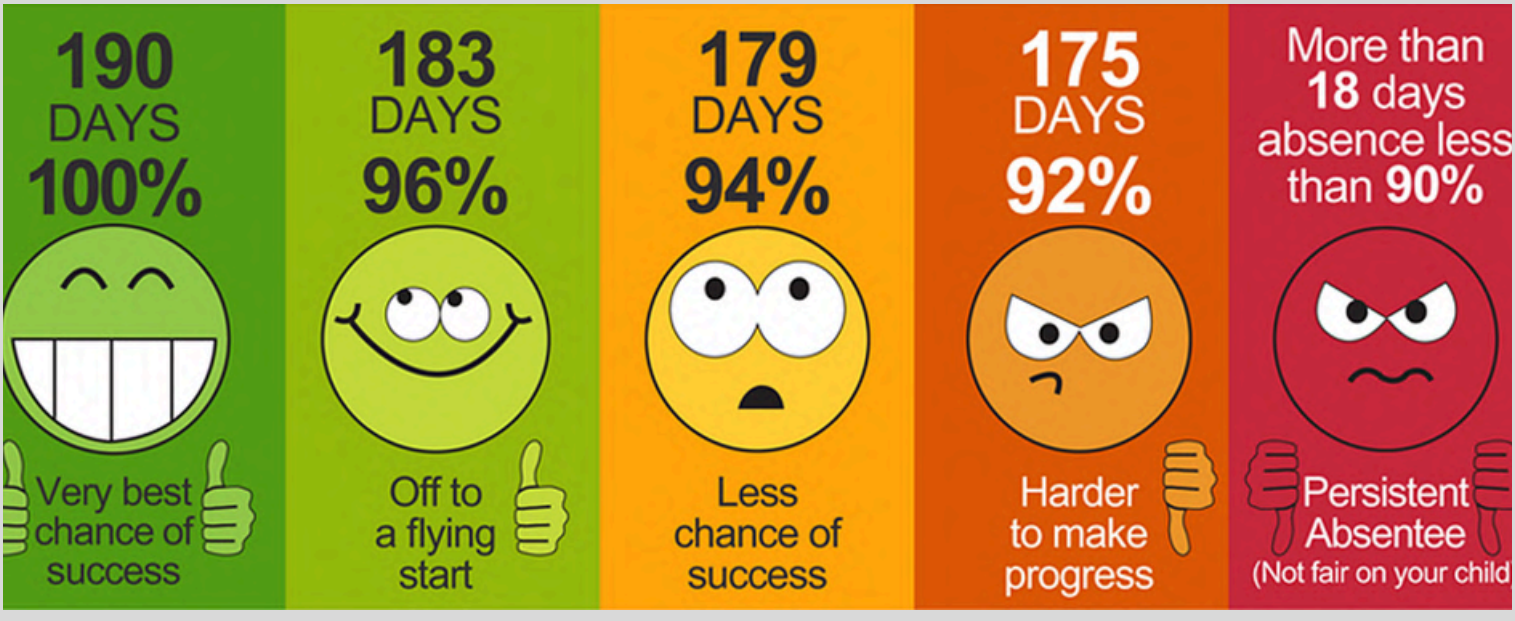
Please report absence by phone using the office absence line ONLY: 01225 421912, Option 1. Please DO NOT use Class Dojo to communicate absence.

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%	96.70%	94.74%
Absence Percentage Authorised	2.30%	2.50%	3.74%
Absence Percentage Unauthorised	0.50%	0.80%	1.52%
Persistent Absence Percentage	7.40%	6.80%	13.79%



Getting your child to school on time ***really matters.***

Even a few minutes of lateness each day can accumulate into significant lost learning over a year.



Did you know... ***over a school year?***

If your child is late by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

WORKING TOGETHER

We understand that children will sometimes be unwell and that families can face challenges. Our aim is to work in partnership with families so that every child can:

- ☑ Attend regularly
- ☑ Arrive on time
- ☑ Feel happy and supported
- ☑ Make the most of every opportunity school offers

Every day brings new learning.
Every lesson builds confidence.
Every minute helps children thrive.

Thank you for working with us to give your child the very best start.

EYFS

Ladybirds and Bumblebees have had a very busy start to Term 2, learning about different celebrations from around the world. We learnt about Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes and created our own firework patterns. We did an amazing job remembering all the soldiers during our two-minute silence, and then made our own poppies using different materials.

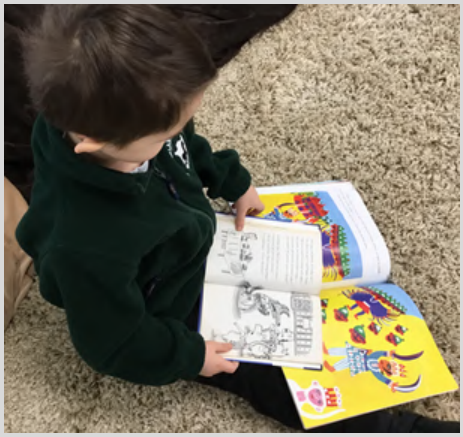
We also discovered how Hindus celebrate Diwali by making diva lamps and creating colourful Rangoli patterns in their homes. The children enjoyed designing their own Rangoli patterns using small parts. Later this term, we will be learning about Christmas and the Nativity story in our Understanding the World lessons. We are also working hard practising our Christmas songs, ready for our grown-ups to enjoy.

We have been enjoying our group time rotating through going to the library, music and movement, circle time and handwriting. We love going to forest school each week and exploring how it is changing with the seasons.









Mrs Cook, Miss Yoxon and the EYFS Team

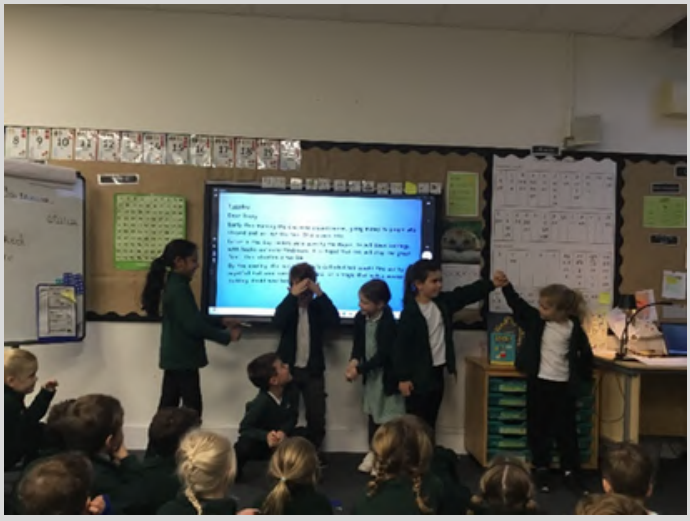
Year 2

A spark of curiosity has spread across Year 2 as we have begun to delve in to our new topic – The Great Fire of London. To really transport us all back in time a WOW day visitor gave the children a fantastic fiery workshop. Acting as the characters of Thomas Farriner, Samuel Pepys and King Charles II, Year 2 were led on an exciting historical journey through the key sites of the fire (St Pauls Cathedral, the River Thames and Pudding Lane) all within the walls of our own Infant hall.

The drama continues in our writing lessons as the children prepare to step into the shoes of the villagers to create their own diary entry about the events of 1666. Having familiarised ourselves with London through our history comparisons, London in 1600 and London today, Year 2 have been investigating the structures of the Pudding Lane houses to recreate mini models. Working together the foundations have been laid for a mini Pudding Lane lined with houses that look as though they have been pulled right out of 1666!

With strong enthusiasm and an eagerness to share their learning - all of our children are working hard towards creating some fantastic projects across art, writing and music all to be shared with the adults in our upcoming exhibition. We cannot wait for the grown-ups to see what they have in store for you all!











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

Year 4

Year 4 have fully immersed themselves in their learning all about Ancient Greece. We started the term with a WOW day, dressing up as Ancient Greeks and taking part in different activities to learn all about the things that they are famous for. A highlight of the day for the children was sampling some Greek food. The pitta breads, honey and yoghurt were the most popular and lots of children also enjoyed trying feta cheese, olives, humous and cucumber.

We went outside and had our own Olympic Games, with javelins, discus and shot puts. The children impressed us with their perseverance and determination as they took on one of the oldest geometric puzzles.

We enjoyed researching mythological creatures and used these as inspiration for our own theatre masks in the afternoon.

The WOW day has definitely sparked lots of enthusiasm for our new topic and the children have become experts on Alexander the Great, the Ancient Greek ruler and King of Macedonia. We are currently working hard to record everything that we know about him to write our own biographies of his life which we are looking forward to sharing.

In maths, the children have practised the skill of rounding to the nearest 100 and 1,000 and they continue to speed up their times table facts every day. In art we have learnt about tint and shade and have been experimenting with paint to create 3D effects. We are looking forward to putting everything we have learnt into practice to create our own masterpieces!















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

Year 6

Were the Victorians Vile or Victorious?
During our immersive WOW day, where the children experienced a taste of 'Victorian school', they stepped back in time to discover what life was like for pupils in the 1800s. The children took part in rote learning of times tables, practising them repeatedly, just as Victorian children would have done. They quickly realised how different learning was without modern technology!
The children also experienced the importance Victorians placed on presentation and discipline. They practised careful handwriting (using chalk!), focusing on neat letter formation and precision, and were expected to sit quietly in rows while they worked. Throughout the day, they learned about the strict rules that Victorian pupils followed, including regular hand hygiene checks and standing up whenever an adult entered the room.
To deepen their understanding of Victorian childhood, the children explored some of the toys that were popular during the era. They created their own thaumotropes and traditional cup and ball toys: they thoroughly enjoyed playing with these!
We really enjoyed our trip to the Life Skills Centre in Bristol on Friday, where we learnt what to do in real-life emergency situations.










Miss Bone, Mrs Ponsford and the Year 6 Team

Sport update

It has been a fantastic start to the football season, with both our boys' and girls' teams performing brilliantly and currently sitting top of their respective leagues. It has been great to see the commitment, teamwork and determination shown by all our children and we look forward to seeing how the rest of the season unfolds.

We also have some exciting news from cross country, with five of our children qualifying for the Avon County Cross Country Championships. This is a fantastic achievement and, even more excitingly, the first time this has ever happened at our school. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Away from our competitive fixtures, ten of our children recently took part in a Multi-Skills afternoon. All ten children had an amazing time, enjoying the opportunity to develop their skills, try different activities and, most importantly, have fun.

Our girls' football team have also been in action, competing in the BANES & District Football Tournament. They put in some excellent performances throughout the competition, finishing an impressive second place after narrowly losing the final 1–0. A brilliant achievement and something they should all be very proud of.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mark Gunning for all his amazing help and support so far this year. I would also like to thank Miss Eden for her continued support and for helping to ensure everything runs smoothly for PE in our amazing school. Both contributions are greatly appreciated.

It has certainly been a busy but brilliant start to the year, and we look forward to building on these successes over the coming months. Well done to all our children who continue to represent the school so positively through sport.











Bobby Druce - PE Admin

Moorlands PTA

Hello from the PTA!

We are looking forward to the brilliant PTA Quiz, taking place tonight at St Luke's. Thanks go to Ais Corbett for co-organising; Dave Houghton and Callum Stoodley for quizmaster duties; Maddy Jessop for making delicious sausage rolls; Tom and Roz Kingham for providing craft cider; and to all those who have volunteered their time on the night.

Christmas will soon be upon us, and many of you will have taken the opportunity to purchase items featuring your child/ren's festive design(s). Thanks to you, we have already raised £920! The online shop will re-open today for anyone who missed out last time. Many thanks again to Mags Wood for organising this. And talking of Christmas, we are pleased to say that we will again be supplying eco-friendly crackers for the Christmas lunch, and that the Christmas jumper swap will be back in early December!

Lastly, a quick pre-loved uniform update. We hope you managed to peruse the stock and pick up a few items at the home-school partnership events recently. Keep an eye out for future opportunities to do likewise! By way of reminder, we do not charge for items – the key thing is sustainability – but if you would like to make a donation to the PTA, just look out for the QR code which is displayed prominently whenever we get the uniform out. Please also note that we are not taking additional donations at the moment: the stock room is at capacity, so we would have nowhere to store more clothing.

Wishing you a happy and healthy few weeks before the festive period begins in earnest.

Kit Brown - PTA Chair

School Councillors and Eco Warrious

Leadership Opportunities for Pupils and Democracy in Action

We are delighted to celebrate the children who have taken on leadership roles across the school this year. The quality of applications and campaigns was exceptional, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who put themselves forward.

Our School Council and Eco Warrior elections were particularly exciting, with several positions decided by very small margins. Using official ballot boxes and real-life voting screens kindly loaned by Bath Guildhall, pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 experienced democracy in action and saw first-hand how every vote counts, bringing to life one of our key British Values.

Our newly elected School Councillors, led by Ms Pearson, are already planning ways to make our school even better. Their first major project is launching Anti-Bullying Week, including leading a whole-school assembly on Odd Socks Day to celebrate kindness, inclusion and respect.

The School Council have worked closely with Mrs Brown, our Nurture Teacher in Rainbow Class and PSHRE (Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education) Subject Leader to launch this assembly. A huge thank you to Mrs Brown for her passion and dedication in leading this important work and helping to ensure all children feel happy, safe and healthy in school.

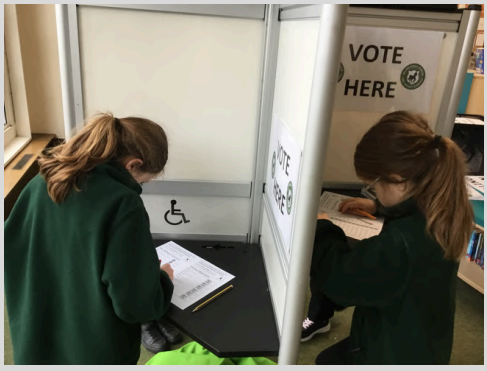
Our Eco Warriors, led by Mrs Waterhouse and Mr Carr-Jones, are excited to begin projects that will help make our school even more environmentally sustainable, and they are already busy recycling and turning lights and screens off.

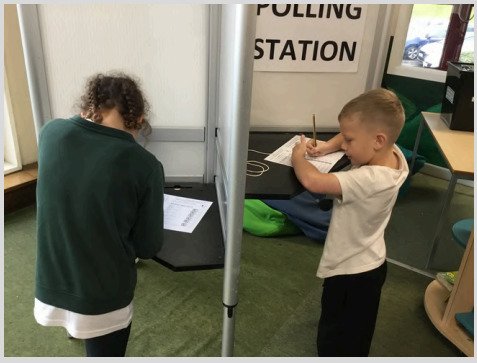
We are also pleased to share and celebrate our Year 5 and Year 6 Play Leaders, led by Miss Eden through her PE and Play Zones leadership roles. They will help organise and lead play activities and support positive, active lunchtimes for all children.

Finally, Miss Robberts was overwhelmed by the outstanding quality of applications for our Junior Librarian roles. The standard was so high that every Year 5 and Year 6 child who applied was offered a place on the librarian team.

We look forward to seeing the positive difference all of these pupil leaders make across our school this year! 🌟







Disability History Month

Disability History Month 2026

See me. Hear me. Value me.

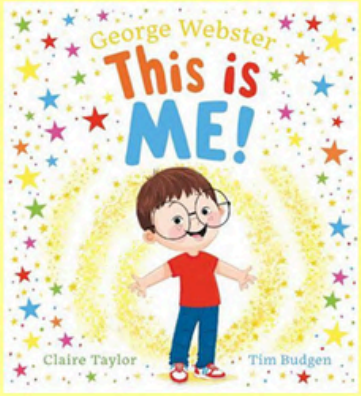
As a school, we celebrate Disability History Month every November and December. Building on last year's theme, Different Journeys, Same World, this year we want children to recognise that disability is part of a person's identity, but never tells their whole story.

As teachers, we have a responsibility to promote acceptance, understanding and equality of opportunity. Through thoughtful, ambitious lessons, we can challenge assumptions about disability, explore barriers to inclusion and empower children to make a difference. This links closely to our golden threads, particularly diversity and inclusion and our inclusion promises, as well as sustainability by making our world better for everyone in the future.

By the end of the month, we want children to understand that everyone deserves to be seen, heard and valued. We want them to recognise that people do not need to change who they are to belong, sometimes it is the attitudes, environments and systems around them that need to change.

Whole-School Texts

EYFS and KS1

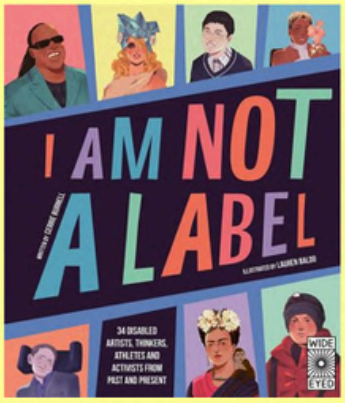


This Is Me!

George Webster and Claire Taylor, illustrated by Tim Budgen

This autobiographical picture book celebrates the experiences, interests and relationships that make George who he is. It provides an accessible introduction to Down syndrome and the importance of seeing the whole person. George's real-life experiences offer a powerful opportunity to explore representation, belonging and high expectations.

KS2



I Am Not a Label

Cerrie Burnell, illustrated by Lauren Baldo

Through the stories of 34 disabled people from the past and present, this illustrated non-fiction text challenges stereotypes and explores the diversity of disabled experiences. It allows children to investigate disability history, the barriers people have faced and the changes needed to create a more equitable society.

Miss Robberts- EYFS & KS1 Phase Leader

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