



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an incredible week it has been, celebrating all things books! Our shared areas have been filled with stunning "Book in a Box" creations, and classroom doors have been transformed into vibrant book characters and scenes. Today, the children had the exciting opportunity to tour the school and admire all the amazing displays.

Throughout the week, we've enjoyed swapping books, reading stories together, and sharing our love of reading. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and brought their creativity to life! Stay tuned, as we will be announcing the winners of the "Book in a Box" competition very soon!

Huddersfield Giants Visit Year 5 for World Book Week!

On Tuesday, Matty English and Thomas Deakin from Huddersfield Giants came to visit Year 5. They spoke to the children about how they found their love of reading, especially after not particularly enjoying it at school. They inspired the children to find their own genre and experiment with books until they find something that they enjoy. The children then had the chance to show off their own reading skills and read aloud to the players from our current book, Skellig. Finally, there was the opportunity for some questions during which the players told us about their favourite books, the importance of reading and how they use their reading skills every day in their job.



📖 Usborne Book Fair ****TOMORROW*****

Due to the success of our last book fair, we have invited **Lorna from Usborne Books** back to host another book fair on **Friday 7th March**.

📌 Last time, over **£400** was raised towards new books for our school!

- Lorna will visit classrooms in the afternoon to share brilliant stories from Usborne Books.
- The book fair will be set up in **the hall from 3:25pm**, where you can purchase wonderful books.
- Children can use their World Book Day vouchers towards a new book.

Book in a Box Competition and Book Doors!

Here are some of the amazing 'book in a box' entries and book doors. More pictures can be found on our website of on this link: <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/5ZwJbF8lmAXRK>



Godley Play

Year 1 took part in a Godley Play Session learning about the Parable of The Good Shepherd led by Suzanne and Rev. Burton. The children enjoyed recreating different parts of the story through drawings, collages, props and construction materials. Thank you to Suzanne and Rev. Burton for a lovely day.



PTA Summer Fair – Get Involved!

After the fantastic success of last year's event, our PTA is excited to host their second Summer Fair—but they need your help!

Would you like to have a stall, volunteer on the day, or help with Match Funding? Any support would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to have a stall, please complete the following application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/utsj9DWTX3>

Get in touch: moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com

Let's make this year's fair even bigger and better!



Shout Outs



Emily in 4S swam at the Yorkshire Swimming Association gala last weekend and came 10th out of about fifty teams. She swam back crawl and got through to the final. Well done Emily.

Well done to Sienna won her first dancing trophy at the weekend in her competition against other talented dancers.



A great big WELL DONE to Ebony in 4W who has taken part in the 'Rockwood Harriers Pony Club' Showjumping competition over the weekend.

She came an amazing 3rd place in one of her classes, with only one refusal and no faults. We are all very proud of her.

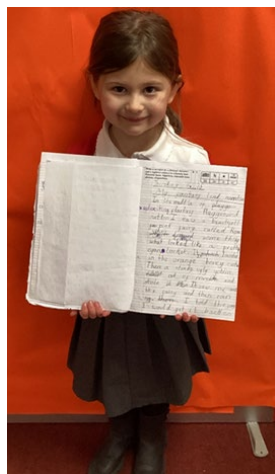


Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards

Each week, two special certificates are awarded in every class: Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week. These awards are given to students who consistently demonstrate excellent behaviour and a fantastic attitude towards learning, always doing their best. We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this week's awards. As a reward, they will enjoy a non-uniform day on Friday.

Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner	
	Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week
DD	Tyler	Lewis	2S	Samuel	Le'Shante	4H	Ethan	Victoria
HH	Charlie	Louie	2M	Daisy	Mohammad	5W	Nzube	Chloe
SS	Lylah	Eben	3M	Luca	Zoya	5B	Olivia D	George
1P	Archie T	Emma	3CM	Luca	Alice	5S	Aiza	Ian
1K	Luna	Mila	3S	Henry	Owen W	6T	Roya	Thea
1SO	Khaleel	Jemima	4S	Charlie	Sulaiman	6C	Aisha	Emily
2J	Louis	Toby	4W	Ebony	Faris	6F	Finley	Reggie

Moorlands Star Writer of the Week



This week's Star Writer is Ella V 2M, Ella has been recognised for her unwavering dedication to her writing. Her creativity and original ideas shine through in every piece she creates, making her work a true pleasure to read. Not only does she consistently produce exceptional content, but her innovative thinking also serves as a source of inspiration for her peers. Well done Ella!

Work chosen for Moorlands Star Writer of the Week will be shared on our school website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Be sure to check regularly to celebrate the incredible writing happening across our school!

Who will be the next Moorlands Star Writer? Keep an eye on our newsletter and website to find out!

Spare Girls' Underwear Needed:

If anyone has any spare knickers, we are in need in the following sizes: 3-4 yrs, 4-5 yrs, 5-6 yrs and 6 - 7 yrs.

Ramadan

We would like to remind parents and carers to let us know if their children will be fasting during Ramadan either by email or telephone call to the school office.

SEND Support Group

Thank you to everyone who completed the consultation questionnaire to start a new group at the Salvation Army. We are pleased to announce that the SEND Support Group has been given the go ahead and the first get together will be March 24th. Please see the attached poster and note that children are welcome, but they don't have to come. Refreshments will be available too.

Young Voices

Last week our Young Voices choir sang at the Co-op Live Arena in Manchester. Our photos from the event can be found on our website. Here is a link to the photographs from the special day

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/QtR8wZXuog76e>

Red Nose Day – 21st March 2025



We are having a non-uniform day on Friday, 21st March to raise money for the Red Nose Day charity. Suggested donations are £1 and can be made through the ParentPay link shown below or in cash on the day. By using this link, you can also contribute Gift Aid if you wish to do so.

Dates for Your Diary

6 th March	World Book Day
7 th March	Usborne Book Fair
21 st March	Red Nose Day
27 th March	Year 5 Eid Assembly for parents/carers - 9.10am
1 st April	PTA Easter Egg Bingo
4 th April	Year 1 Easter Assembly for parents/carers - 9.10 am.
4 th April	School closes for the Easter holidays.

Keep up to date with all the latest news, events, and celebrations by following us on Instagram [@MoorlandsHudds](https://www.instagram.com/MoorlandsHudds) and visiting our school website: www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk.

We regularly share:

- 📢 Important school announcements
- 📷 Photos and highlights from school events
- 🎉 Student achievements and celebrations
- 📅 Key dates and reminders for parents & carers

As always, we have an **open-door policy**—if there's anything you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out. We value our school community and are always here to support you!



Easter Camps



WEEK 1

Multi-sports & Bushcraft
Monday 7th April - Friday 11th April
Armitage Bridge Cricket Club, Dean Brook Rd,
Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield
HDL 7PB

Multi-sports and Bushcraft including foot ball, dodgeball, archery, shelter building and many more!
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Ages Reception - Year 7

WEEK 2

Multi-sports & Nerf
Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April
Neiley Pavilion, Honley Multi-Sports & Nerf Camp
Neiley Pavilion, New Mill Road, Honley
HD9 6QE

Multi-sports including football, dodgeball, archery, nerf and many more!
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

FUN FRIDAY £20

£22 MON - THURS

To book visit www.projectsport.org.uk/booking
To contact please message 07562 124175



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

TUESDAY 18TH & WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

PADDOCK CRICKET CLUB

10AM - 3PM

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-13

£25 PER DAY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT STEPINTOFOOTBALL@GMAIL.COM

OR

07794588090



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You're invited to our

Book Fair

When is the fair?

Friday 7th March 2025

Where will it be held?

School Hall

When does it start?

3.20pm

Our Usborne Partner is,

Lorna Wray

Come to our book fair and earn free books for our school!



Huddersfield Star Wheelers Juniors



Do you want your child to enjoy riding their bike, learn new fun cycling skills, all at a safe, car free cycle circuit? Then come along and join our junior Go-Ride sessions.

Who – Any child aged 5 and above who can already ride a bike

What – Our sessions provide a fun, safe and traffic free way to introduce young riders to the world of cycle sport and improved bike handling skills

Where – Brooksbank Cycle Track, Hammerstone Leach Ln, Elland HX5 0TA

When – Saturdays at 2.45pm for a bike check Session runs 3pm-4.30pm

More information - £6 per session

British cycling qualified, DBS screened coaches

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HSWJuniors>



FREE PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID TRAINING

Emergency First Aid and CPR for children and babies*

30th April 2025

9.30am - 11am

Brian Jackson House, central Huddersfield

What you'll learn

- ✚ How to recognise the signs of cardiac arrest
- ✚ How and when to perform CPR
- ✚ How to use a defibrillator for babies and children
- ✚ What to do with a baby or child choking, and how to avoid choking hazards

Free to attend and suitable for parents and carers to build confidence delivering emergency first aid to their children.

Places extremely limited.

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- 4 WEEK COURSE DELIVERED 3 DAYS PER WEEK

Our course units prepare you for working in Early Years and include:

- Understanding the key principles of safeguarding and child protection.
- Recognising the value of play in Early Years and its impact on learning.
- Understanding the Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework.
- Encouraging personal, social and emotional development in young children.
- Developing children's early maths & literacy skills.
- Supporting speech, language and communication in young children.
- Meeting the needs of all children, including those with SEND.
- Paediatric First Aid training.

APPLY NOW



SCAN THE QR CODE OR USE THE LINK TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION

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MARCH 2025

success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk 01484 234153

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/ZB06T04PUW](https://forms.office.com/E/ZB06T04PUW)

To be eligible to apply for a Skills Bootcamp, you need to:

- be aged 19 or over
- have the right to work in the UK
- live in England.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST READING SKILLS

The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy. While traditional books remain invaluable, digital tools can enhance reading skills by making text more accessible, interactive and engaging.

1 CHOOSING THE RIGHT TYPE OF TEXT

Before integrating technology, consider the types of text that a child engages with. If they need help on occasion, digital reading tools can assist by accessing and reading words or sentences. These tools are especially useful for students with reading difficulties, and can even be used to ensure it's the part of their routine learning process. Proper training and practice are required, but they can be a great help when tackling printed text.

2 READING ON SCREEN

Many devices now allow users to customise text for better readability. Adjusting font type, size and background colour can significantly enhance comprehension. For many readers, while text on a black background is the easiest to see, whereas other styles – such as dyslexia-friendly fonts – are designed to help those who are struggling. Technology allows how to personalise text settings on their devices empowers them to read more comfortably and with greater confidence.

3 ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS

Most modern devices include built-in tools designed to support readers. These features can be found in Settings under Accessibility and may include text-to-speech, speech-to-text and screen magnification functions. Enabling these tools can make digital reading more user-friendly, especially for children with learning difficulties or visual impairments, who might have an easier time with spoken language than the written word, or who might simply require a closer look at the text.

4 INTERACTIVE READING PROGRAMMES

Many digital reading devices, such as Kindle and other e-readers, offer features like word highlighting, adjustable text speed and built-in dictionaries. These tools help learners to track down complex words and phrases while maintaining an appropriate reading pace. Some programmes even allow users to track their progress, making reading a more structured and motivating experience.

5 VIDEO GAMES AND READING SKILLS

Many video games require players to read instructions, character dialogues and mission objectives, making them an unexpected but effective literacy tool. Games that involve story-telling, puzzle or problem-solving often include large amounts of text – encouraging children to read these texts aloud or discuss them can improve their comprehension and vocabulary in a fun, engaging way.

6 SUBTITLES AND CLOSED CAPTIONS

Watching videos with subtitles or closed captions is an effective way to enhance reading skills. As children watch their favourite shows or online videos, they can follow along with the text, gaining a better understanding of how written words sound when spoken aloud. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers, as it exposes them to words in a familiar, engaging context. Regularly watching content with subtitles reinforces word recognition and comprehension.

7 USING AUDIOBOOKS

Audiobooks are an excellent way to develop listening and reading skills simultaneously. Children can follow along with the text while listening to a narrator, reinforcing word recognition and fluency. For struggling readers, listening to an audiobook before attempting to read the text independently can boost their confidence and comprehension.

9 TEXT-TO-VOICE TECHNOLOGY

Text-to-voice software reads digital text aloud, making it easier for learners to follow along. Most smartphones, tablets and computers come with this function built in. When enabled, users can highlight a passage or sentence and press play to hear it read aloud. This tool is particularly helpful for auditory learners and those who struggle with decoding written words.

8 VOICE-TO-TEXT FOR WRITING AND READING

Voice-to-text tools allow users to dictate words, which are then transcribed into text. This feature helps children see the connection between spoken and written language. By using text-to-voice to have their dictated words read back to them, learners can identify mistakes and improve their reading and writing skills simultaneously.

10 SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media provides opportunities for reading, most platforms have age restrictions of 13-16 years old, making parental guidance essential. Many social media videos include captions and comments that can encourage reading. However, it's important to use the platform's parental controls (such as time limits and content filters) to ensure a safe and educational online environment for children. Encouraging responsible social media use can ensure a balanced and productive approach to digital literacy.

Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lovell is a qualified special needs teacher and experienced SENDCO. She recently launched her own site, [Neuroteachers](http://Neuroteachers.com), which offers a library of short, bite-size and explanation videos for educators. Catrina also writes and delivers online training and events for multi-academy trusts, businesses, schools and training organisations.



New

SEND parent support group

Are you a parent of a child/children with SEND needs?
Would you like to share the challenges, frustrations and joys of that with others?

It's a great chance to

Chat about the high's and lows-share your stories and hear from others

Have a laugh-swap tales and share our wins together

Meet others-connect with people who get it!

New monthly group starting

Monday 24th March
6pm-8pm
Salvation Army, New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4BU

We will be joined by Richard from Local Offer and Lorraine from PCAN.

Join us for a casual get together, refreshments provided.
While we connect and share experiences children can enjoy some activities.

Future dates will be: 28th April, 19th May, 23rd June, 28th July, 18th August

For more information contact:
Keeley Loney - Community Hub Coordinator
07816937331/keeley.loney@kirklees.gov.uk

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School Holiday Dates

2025/2026

School opens – Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Half Term Close Friday 24th October 2025

Reopen Tuesday 4th November 2025

Christmas Holiday

School Closes Friday 19th December 2025

Reopen Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term Close Thursday 12th February 2026

Reopen Monday 23rd February 2026

Easter Holiday

School Closes Friday March 27th 2026

Reopen Monday 13th April 2026

School Closed for May Day – Monday 4th May 2026

Half Term Closes Friday 22nd May 2026

Reopen Tuesday 2nd June 2026

School Closes for Summer Holidays – Friday 17th July 2026