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1st October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy and exciting week it has been at Moorlands! Our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Royal Armouries, we welcomed lots of parents and carers into school for our OPAL Play Event, and our WOW Ambassadors have been busy helping us make the journey to and from school safer. As we look ahead, there is plenty more to look forward to, with Harvest celebrations, a special author visit, the PTA disco and lots of other exciting opportunities coming up. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Moorlands community.

Autumn Weather and Outdoor Play

As the weather turns more autumnal, with cooler and wetter days, please remember that we aim to play outside in all weathers!

If possible, please send your child to school with a pair of wellies so they can continue to access all of our outdoor play zones throughout the autumn and winter months. Waterproof clothing is also highly recommended.

Please make sure that wellies, waterproofs, shoes and other belongings are clearly named. Lots of children are changing from their school shoes into wellies at playtimes and are then struggling to recognise which shoes belong to them!

Thank you for helping us keep everyone warm, dry and ready to enjoy outdoor play, whatever the weather!   

Year 6 Royal Armouries visit

Year 6 had a fantastic day last Friday at the Royal Armouries in Leeds! The children explored fascinating primary sources throughout the museum and took part in two brilliant workshops — stepping into the shoes of Home Guards and ARP wardens. They were even lucky enough to watch a live demonstration of a sword fight from the middle ages being re-enacted. A truly memorable day of hands-on learning and history brought to life!



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☀️ OPAL Play Event

It was wonderful to see so many **parents, carers and grown-ups** joining us for our **OPAL Play Event on Wednesday morning**. Thank you for coming along and getting stuck into play with the children!

We hope the morning gave you a little more insight into **what OPAL is all about**, why play is such an important part of the school day, and, most importantly, that you had lots of fun playing alongside the children.



We'd love your feedback

We would really value your thoughts about the event. **Please take a moment to complete our short questionnaire by scanning the QR code below.** Your feedback will help us plan future events and continue to develop OPAL at Moorlands.

OPAL Parent event



Can you help us develop our playtimes?

Just a little reminder that we are **always looking for donations of items that can help make our playtimes even bigger, better and more creative!**



Before throwing something away, please consider whether our children could use it creatively in their play! Every donation helps us provide richer and more imaginative play opportunities for our children.

Thank you for continuing to support our **OPAL journey.** 

Helping to Keep Our School Entrance Safe

Our **Year 6 WOW Ambassadors** took delivery of three new **'No Parking' bollards** today. The bollards have been designed to remind drivers **not to park or stop outside the school**, helping to keep the area safer for our children and families at busy drop-off and pick-up times.

The bollards were purchased using money **kindly donated by our Lindley Ward Councillors**. A huge thank you to them for supporting our efforts to make the journey to and from school safer for everyone.



Harvest Assemblies – Parents & Carers Invited

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to join us for our upcoming **Harvest Assemblies** in the school hall:

Year 2 Harvest Assembly

 Friday 16th October

 9.15–9.45am

Year 4 Harvest Assembly

 Wednesday 21st October

 9.15–10.00am

Parents and carers attending should **please sign in at the school hall after morning drop-off**.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating Harvest together!

Harvest Donations for The Welcome Centre

During the week beginning Monday 12th October, we will be thinking about Harvest in school and how we can help others in our local community.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will once again be collecting donations for The Welcome Centre Food Bank in Huddersfield. The Welcome Centre supports local individuals and families who are facing financial crisis, providing food and other essential items alongside advice and support. In the last 12 months, they have provided the equivalent of 349,206 meals to people across Huddersfield and the surrounding area.

♥ This year, The Welcome Centre has current shortages of:



They do not require specific brands and accept all varieties, not just the exact items listed.

Donations can be brought into school during the week beginning 12th October until Friday 16th October. Please ensure that any food donated is unopened and in date.

We know times are difficult for many families, so there is absolutely no expectation to donate. However, if you are able to send in an item, every donation will help us support people in our local community.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity

Lost Property: Please Label Everything!

Please can we remind all parents and carers to **clearly label all clothing and belongings** that children bring into school, including **coats, jumpers, cardigans, PE kit, water bottles and lunch boxes**.

We currently have an **enormous amount of lost property** in the school entrance, and unfortunately, the vast majority of it is **unnamed**.

✅ **If an item is named, we can return it to your child.**

? If it isn't named, it is very difficult for us to find its owner.

Please take a few minutes to check that your child's belongings are named, particularly **coats and other outerwear**, which can easily get mixed up.

Thank you for helping us reunite lost items with their owners! 😊

Spelling Shed

We would like to let parents and carers know that we are no longer subscribing to Spelling Shed.

Children will continue to bring their weekly spellings home as usual, but they will no longer be able to access Spelling Shed to practise them online.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding and continued support with practising spellings at home.

PTA Christmas Fundraiser 2026

We are excited to let you know that the children will once again be creating their wonderful Christmas card fundraiser artwork in school this year.

In addition, we are offering parents the chance to get creative at home with their child or with siblings. A limited number of blank templates will be available to collect from a green tray in the school entrance, on top of the lost property cupboard, from Friday 25th September on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note, all completed templates must be handed back to your child's class teacher by **WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER**. Unfortunately, any artwork received after this date **cannot be accepted**. Please make sure you complete the child's name and class on the sheet. **Ensure your designs are portrait so they are printed correctly.**

⚠ Important: Please do not photocopy the templates, as each individual template has its own unique code.

Artwork Guidelines

- Get creative using felt tips or paint
- No glitter or collage materials are allowed

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful designs the children create!

Author Visit: Rachel Morrisroe Year 4-6

On Monday 12th October, we are delighted to be welcoming Rachel Morrisroe, author of the Felix and the Future Agency series, to Moorlands to meet children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Rachel will be talking about her books and her work as an author, helping to inspire our children's love of reading and writing.

Copies of her books will be available for £7.99 each or £15 for both.

Children who purchase a book before the event will be able to meet Rachel and have their copy personally signed.

If you would like your child to buy a book, please send the correct money in a named envelope into school. We can't wait to welcome Rachel to Moorlands! 📖



Moorlands Primary PTA Disco

The PTA is once again running its **very popular school disco**, and we hope the children are looking forward to a fantastic evening!

Thursday 15th October

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3: 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Tickets

Tickets cost **£3 each** and are available to book now on Arbor.

The deadline for purchasing tickets is **Monday 12th October 2026 at 4.00pm**. Please book early to avoid disappointment! There are still tickets available for both discos. We have been informed that some parents are experiencing some issues purchasing tickets, if you are unable to purchase tickets, please log out of the app, give it 10-15 minutes and try again, potentially on a new device. If you have persisting issues please contact the school office.

After this deadline, tickets cannot be purchased or transferred to another child. This allows us to make sure we have the correct medical and dietary information and that the PTA can buy the right amount of refreshments.

Your child will bring their ticket home on **Tuesday 13th October**. Please make sure they bring it with them on the night.

You Said, We Listened!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed our recent feedback form. Your comments were really helpful, and as a result we are making a couple of changes:

- **Children attending both discos:** If you have children attending both sessions, your child attending the second disco may be dropped off at **6.00pm**, when you collect your child from the first disco. A DVD will be shown while they wait for the second disco to begin at 6.30pm.
- **Collection:** At the end of each disco, children will be seated in year groups and parents and carers will be invited into the hall. You will then be called to collect your child and leave through the hall doors. School staff will ensure that no child leaves without an adult. We hope this makes collection smoother and easier for everyone.

A Few Important Reminders

- All children must be collected by an adult. Children cannot walk home on their own.
- Please send any medication your child may need, for example an inhaler.
- Children must not bring mobile phones.
- When dropping your child off, please take their coat home and bring it back at collection time, as we do not have enough space to store all the coats.

Refreshments

There will be no hot food available on the night. Stalls will be selling **sweets, crisps, biscuits, drinks and small toys**.

Children will not need more than **£5**, and we'd be very grateful if you could send change where possible.

Water will be available free of charge.

Could You Help Us Make the Discos a Success?

School discos rely on the support of volunteers, and we would love to hear from any parents or carers who are available to help on the night.

Whether you can help for the whole evening or just one of the discos, your support would be very much appreciated. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the PTA directly at:

 **moorlands.primary.pta@outlook.com**

We hope the children have a brilliant time! If you have any questions about the disco, please contact the PTA using the email address above.

Shout Outs



We are so proud of Piper in 2S for achieving her 200m swimming certificate and badge. Congratulations Piper keep up the great swimming!

Well done to Freddie from 3HS, who played a football match for his team, Golcar, and scored his first hat trick. He got man of the match and was so happy!



Sporting News

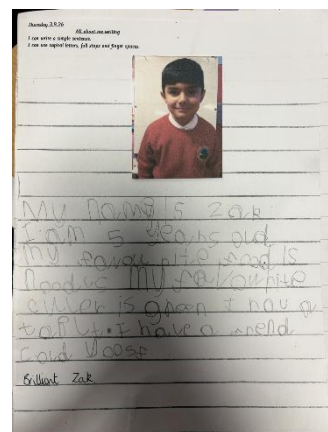
Last week, a group of our KS1 students took part in the PSP Fun Run at Salendine Nook. They were a fantastic representation of Moorlands, displaying incredible attitudes and dedication throughout the event. A big well done to everyone who took part.



On Tuesday, 15 of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a PSP Football Tournament. All three teams played brilliantly, showing off their teamwork, determination and excellent sportsmanship. The children represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating resilience and respect in every match. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they supported one another throughout the tournament. Well done to all involved!

Moorlands Star Writer of the Week

This week's star writer is Zak from 1O who worked incredibly hard to write sentences describing himself. He confidently used a range of digraphs and remembered to leave excellent finger spaces between his words. Great writing, Zak. Well done, and keep up the fantastic work! All work chosen for Moorlands Star Writer of the Week will be shared on the school website and can be found under the 'Curriculum' tab on the website's main page. Be sure to keep checking our newsletter and website to see who will be the next Moorlands Star Writer!



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.

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	Pippa	Florence	2S	Eben	Mustafa	4H	Albie	Alistair
HH	Charlie	Millie	2M	Tyler	Amaya	5W	Caitlyn	Ella
SS	Halle	Jacob	3M	Sofia	Florence	5S	Isla	Rupert
1P	Riya	Lukas	3HS	Bobby	Mila	5F	Sanuthi	Blake
1S	Philomena	Tauriel	3G	Archie	Evie	6T	Hareem	Joe
1O	Billy	Yayha	4CM	Marlee	Harry	6C	Zalfa	Jacob
2J	Eleanor	Bruce	4W	Mahi	Zikra	6S	Izzy	Holly

WOW Travel Tracker Update

A huge thank you to everyone who actively travelled to school this month! An amazing 90% of all journeys recorded were active, including walking, cycling and scooting. What a fantastic achievement for our school community! 🌟

🏆 Congratulations to 5W, our overall winners this month! They recorded an incredible 97% of their 551 possible journeys, with 95% of those journeys being active. Brilliant work, 5W!

Our efforts have also placed Moorlands 6th in Kirklees and 154th in the country! 🙌

Can we climb even higher in October? Let's all work together to travel actively whenever we can and see how far up the league tables, we can go next month! 🚶🚲🛴❤️



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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 2 nd October	Reception- People who help us morning
Monday 5 th October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 8 th October	Active First Aid year 6
Thursday 8 th October	Year 3- Stone Age visitor
Monday 12 th October	Author visit for year 4-6 (more information to follow)
Thursday 15 th October	PTA Disco
12 th -16 th October	Harvest Donations being collected for the Welcome Centre.
Friday 16 th October	Year 2 Harvest assembly for families 9.10am
Thursday and Friday 22/23 rd October	Teacher training day- school closed.
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th	Half term holiday
Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens for the Autumn B half term
Wednesday 11 th and 18 th November	Parents' Evening
Monday 14 th December	9.15am Year 3 and 4 Christmas production
Monday 14 th December	2.30pm (TBC) Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15 th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15 th December	2.30pm (TBC) Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16 th December	9.15am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16 th December	2.30pm (TBC) Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 17 th December	9.15am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

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!

Message from University of Huddersfield Valli Opticians

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Regular eye examinations are extremely important for children, as many vision problems develop without obvious symptoms. Early testing helps ensure that any issues are detected and managed as soon as possible, supporting children's learning, development, and overall wellbeing.

If parents or carers would like further information or wish to book an appointment, they can contact the **University of Huddersfield Valli Opticians** directly on **01484 471520**.



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