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Nurturing values and communication

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Moorlands Family Farewells

This half term we have said goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Griffiths, in the school office, has retired, she has worked at Moorlands for 13 years welcoming visitors, pupils and parents. We wish her well and hope she has many travels planned. We also say a farewell to Miss Roper, Year 4 class teacher, she had been at Moorlands for 6 years and is moving to another school. Both members of staff will be missed. Miss Minhas, who works with Year 4 will become their class teacher for the rest of the academic year. In the summer term, we welcome Mrs Bishop to Moorlands she will be joining Mrs Cramp in the school office.

Parents Evening:

Thank you for taking the time to attend our recent parents' evening. Your engagement is invaluable to us and plays a crucial role in fostering a strong partnership between home and school. We appreciate your commitment to your child's education and well-being. It was wonderful to discuss their progress and achievements with you, as well as to share our vision for their continued growth. Your feedback and support are vital as we work together to ensure that every pupil at Moorlands Primary School thrives academically and emotionally.

School Values:

The summer term value is equality. As a school we have children who learn in many different ways and need support through teacher input, small group, sentence stems and writing frames to visuals, small steps and orally. We celebrate that we are all different and that we all want to arrive at the same end point, we just may take a different path.

Advance notice

Year 6 Events – July 2025

Year Six's Leavers Disco - Friday 11th July 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm.

Leaver's afternoon tea celebration - Friday 18th July - 1.45 pm. This will be a time for us to celebrate Year Six's achievements and a chance for parents and pupils to say a farewell to the Leavers of 2025.

Year 6 Leavers performance - Wednesday 16th July and Thursday 17th July.
Both performances will be in the afternoon.

Holiday Activities free for
Free School Meal pupils.
Look out for your HAF
code and book at:
<https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>



"Every individual matters.
Every individual has a role to
play. Every individual makes a
difference"

- Jane Goodall, Primatologist /
Anthropologist
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Friends of Moorlands

Coffee morning and Summer fair planning, Monday 28th April 9.00 -10.00 am. If you are able to help, come and join our friendly group of volunteers.



Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Scenes

The spirit of creativity was on full display during our Easter bonnet parade. Pupils showcased their imaginative designs 'egg'cellently! What an enjoyable way to start the Easter holidays. Thank you to all those who spent time working with the children to help create their designs – it was lovely to see the children so proud of the display.

Netball Tournament:

Children in Year 6 attended a Wednesbury school mixed netball tournament on the 9th April. They have been practising their skills for weeks at dinner time and break time. The children who attended represented Moorlands well, displaying our school values. In the end they came joint fourth.

Baggie Bird Penalty shoot out

All children had the chance to take penalties against Baggie Bird, the children cheered each other on and lots of penalties were scored. Thank you for supporting with this event. Any prizes from the Albion will be delivered into school in the summer term.

Visits:

Year 2 visited Cannock Chase searching for the Julia Donaldson's characters, they had such a busy day. By the end of it all children and staff were tired and arrived back at school with a Stickman each.

Year 4 visited Frank Chapman to complete a study of a River based on their geography unit and have the opportunity to develop their mapping skills through orienteering. They had a great time and were able to apply the knowledge that they had learnt practically.



Summer First half term

We return to school on Monday 28th April. This is an unusual half term as it is incredibly short – 4 weeks. During this half term we have Year 5 and 6 going to the Gurdwara on the 28th April, Year 1 to the Mosque on 6th May and Years 5 and 6 going to Safeside, which is part of our curriculum on 'Keeping yourself safe'.

We also have SATs week – this starts on Monday 12th May; we wish our Year Six's all the success with this and will support them to ensure they are all prepared and ready. On the 16th May, the school has a theatre production in school 'Secret Garden'.

Parking in Winchester road and surrounding streets

Please be considerate of others and residents when parking by the school. This half term, we have had numerous complaints from residents about their drives being blocked or that they are unable to reverse off their drive. Thank you.



Road Safety

This week all classes have had a road safety workshop. This provided pupils with awareness of the safest way to cross a road and the importance of wearing a seat belt when in a car.

School Meals:

From Monday 28th April the price of school meals will increase to £2.60.

A Moorlands Thank You:

As we reflect on these achievements, visits and events of this term, we would like to say thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our enthusiastic pupils. Together, we make Moorlands Primary School a vibrant and nurturing learning environment. We look forward to continuing this positive journey in the coming term.

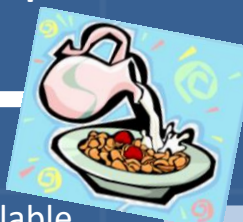
Dates for the diary:

14th April – 25th April	Easter Break
28th April	Pupils return to school 8.40 am Year 5 and 6 Gurdwara
5th May	May Day – school is closed
7th May	Year 1 Mosque
12th May – 15th May	Year 6 – SATs week
20th May	Year 5 and 6 Safeside
23rd May	Half term, school ends at 3.10 pm
26th May – 30th May	Half term
2nd June	Pupils return to school 8.40 am
2nd June- 6th June	Book fair in the hall after school
3 rd June	Class – group photos Year 5 and 6 boys football tournament Year 5 and 6 girls football tournament
4 th June	Year 3 visit to the Black Country museum
11 th June	Key Stage 2 Book Quiz
13 th June	First Aid workshops Years 4, 5 and 6
23 rd June	Wow Active fitness
23 rd and 25 th June	Sports Day
30 th June	Music Share Lichfield
1 st July	
4 th July	Training Day – school closed to pupils



Reminder

Reminder: School gates open at 8.35 am, doors at 8.40 – 8.50 am:
There are still a number of children that are arriving late. This means that your child may be embarrassed when entering the classroom particularly if the lesson has already begun and also means they have missed vital learning time. It is important that children arrive at school on time as it helps set the expectations for their later life and that punctuality is key to success.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available daily from 7.45-8.45 am; this is run by Mrs Smith and Mrs Lunn. The children are provided with cereal, toast and a drink followed by activities. **This costs £3.70 per day. Please remember to book in advance.**

ELSA:

Mrs Wells' role is to support pupils and families with any concerns that you may have with your child regarding anxiety, anger, their social developments etc. Mrs Wells is usually outside in a morning on the Key Stage 1 gate.

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day 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

The school's Attendance Officer has completed home visits this last half term. The aim of this is to support families to ensure that their children are in school and are punctual. If your child/ren are absent please contact the school office on 0121 556 0352 by 9.30 am on the day, with the reason for their absence. It is your responsibility to inform the school office regarding the absence, if we have not had contact with parents then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and we may send the Attendance Officer round to complete a well-being check.

Moorlands' Superstars! Congratulations to Breah in Year 6 who achieved 5 International Dance Awards – a Rock 'n' Roll, two Dance Exercise and two Freestyle certificates.

Gymnastic competition

Pupils across the school had the opportunity to take part in a gymnastic competition with other schools across Sandwell. The children performed as a team and as individuals in the different age categories. The children did incredibly well: Year 1/2 came 2nd place in the KS1 competition, Georgia came 3rd place in the YR 5/6 competition. Overall Moorlands Primary School came in 2nd place and were only 1.9 points from being in 1st place.

