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Nurturing values and communication

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Being in a school at Christmas is one of the most joyous places to be, as we get to see the excitement of your children on the run up to Christmas. The discussions about what their elf has done at home and what they hope to have for Christmas are topics of conversations at break times.

The Staff and Governors would like to wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 5th January 2026.

Welcome to Moorlands

We welcome to our school office, Miss Agu, our new school business manager. In the Spring term, we will also have a new school administrator to replace Mrs Bishop as we are currently in the recruitment processes.

Christmas Events:

Over the last two weeks it has been a joy to see the excitement and passion on your children's faces as they have performed for audiences.

Years 5 and 6 showcased a range of songs to start the Christmas festivities.

Years 3 and 4 showed their developing talent with the brass instruments and singing. The solo performances added a little a bit of sparkle and shine.

Reception sang and performed confidently, performing the Christmas Story.

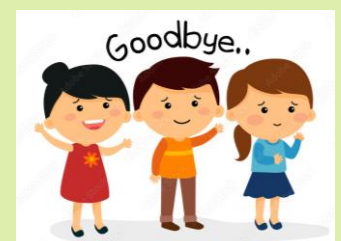
Finally, performances were completed by Years 1 and 2 – who sang, acted and narrated their own version of what happened at Christmas told from the point of view of Hump the camel.



Fond Farewells

We say goodbye to Mrs Bishop, who works in the school office. She has secured a promotion at another primary school. Although, she has only been with us a short time, she will be missed by staff and pupils. We wish you success in your new role.

We also say good bye to Mr Griffiths who leaves us at the end of term. We wish him well for the future and know Year 6 appreciate the time he has dedicated to supporting them.



Team points: Gaming Bus

The winning team for the Autumn Team Points is Earth. Congratulations to the team. Earth is being rewarded with access to a Gaming Bus. The Gaming Bus was booked for the last day of term, unfortunately, it was broken into and the consoles stolen. Children are aware of this and that it will come into school when the consoles are replaced for their reward. Spring Term – prize for the winning team points to be announced in 2026



Handwriting pens:

Well done to Mya who has acquired a handwriting pen this half term. Handwriting is a school priority as, if pupils are able to write fluently this aids their writing so that they can concentrate on developing their writer's voice and use of vocabulary. Who will be next?



Friends of Moorlands

Thank you to Friends of Moorlands for all their work this term. Breakfast with Santa was a magical experience.

Elfridges shop gave the children the opportunity to shop for those festive treats. Over the last half term, you have raised approximately £1,000 which will go towards the next project at Moorlands.

If you are able to support this group of parents, our next meeting is Friday 9th January at 9.00 am.

School Value:

For the Spring term the school values that school will be focused on in assemblies and in lessons will be respect and responsibility.

School Visits:

Year 1 have visited Dudley Zoo and got to see a range of animals. The penguins were a definite favourite.

Year 4 had a visit from the Fire Service to discuss about fire safety.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 visited St James Church for a Christingle service.

2026 Visits:

Year 6 will be going to Warner Brothers Studios in January as part of their English work on Harry Potter, the children and staff are very excited about this.

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting a Gurdwara.

Year 1 will visit a Mosque.

Year 3 will be visiting Cadbury's World.

Reception will be visiting Wonderland.



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.



Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school regularly helps to build confidence and develop vital life skills

School is the key to future success!

Missing 2 days of school each month = Missing nearly 3 weeks during a school year

15 minutes late every day = two weeks of learning lost each school year

Data shows pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve better GCSE results! At least one grade higher!

Even 90% attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year

ATTEND! AIM HIGH! ACHIEVE!

Attendance:

A whole school focus this year is to increase our attendance so that we are closer to the National Average. Initiatives in school have been Extra Play Monday – if 100% of the class have been in. Pupils have enjoyed the extra physical exercise opportunity. Golden Ticket on a Friday, the pupils love the anticipation of whether their chair will have the golden ticket underneath and are respectful and happy for the winning pupil in their class. Pupils have also had the opportunity of winning the £100 voucher if your child's attendance is between 97-100%. In the second draw, a Year 5 pupil won, 110 pupils were in this draw. **To be in with a chance to win, all you have to do is attend school every day.**

Autumn attendance up to 12.12.25 is: 93.78%



Each winning class of the week also receives £5.00 so that in the summer term, pupils can decide what they would like to do with the money as a class.

Current standings are:

- Reception - £5.00
- Year 1 - £5.00
- Year 2 - £5.00
- Year 3 - £5.00
- Year 4 - £25.00
- Year 5 - £20.00
- Year 6 - £10.00

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

All day. Every day.

EVERY tardy
EVERY early check-out
EVERY absence

It adds up...

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS towards reading on grade level

ONE DAY → ONE WEEK → ONE MONTH → ONE YEAR

15 MINUTES → 1.25 HOURS → DAYS 1 → DAYS 8

ONE DAY → ONE WEEK → ONE MONTH → ONE YEAR

30 MINUTES → 2.5 HOURS → DAYS 2 → DAYS 16

Every minute counts!

Over the next half term, pupil's whose attendance is below 95% will receive letters to inform you of their current attendance, missed learning opportunities and identify ways that we can support you as a school to promote consistent attendance and punctuality.

Superstars:

Well done to William and Chae from Year 5, who have continued to develop their football skills with the team they play in out of school. Both play in defence, with Chae focusing on developing his goal keeping skills. This season their team was top of the league winning 4-1 in the final. Well done to all.

Also well done to Simran from Year 6 – we have seen her musical talents and love of singing shining in videos of performances she has done.



Dates for the Diary:

Monday 5th January 8.40 am Pupils return to school

Wednesday 7th January Year 6 visit to Warners Bros Studios

Wednesday 14th January Year 3 visit to the Park – Eco-watching

Wednesday 11th February 3.30-6.00 pm Parents Evening

Thursday 12th February 3.30-6.00 pm Parents Evening

Wednesday 11th February Year 1 Mosque visit

Friday 13th February – Break up for half term 3.10 pm

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February Half term

Monday 23rd February 8.40 am Pupils return to school

Tuesday 10th March Year 1 Messy Church

Thursday 12th March Reception Afternoon tea with mothers / carers

Friday 13th March Years 1 and 2 2.30 pm Mothering Assembly

Friday 20th March Reception visit to Wonderland

Thursday 26th March 9.15 am Easter Bonnet parade – Little Learners, Reception, Year 1 and 2

Friday 27th March Easter Scenes and bonnets for Key Stage 2

Friday 27th March 1.30 pm pupils break up for Easter

