



Moorlands Primary School

Newsletter

July 2026



Staff and governors, hope that everyone has good summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 3rd September at 8.40 am.



Musical events

Year 3 and 4 performed to parents and carers this half term, showcasing their singing and playing their brass instrument. There were so many opportunities for the pupils to perform solos and duets. Well done to the two pupils in Year 5 who performed a duet and solo playing the trumpet, it was a joy to listen to. This whole class instrumental will be offered again to pupils in Year 3 and 4. We look forward to their Christmas performance.

Pupils in Key Stage 2, had the chance to perform with other pupils from the local primary schools at Lichfield Cathedral. Once again, this is truly one of the most enjoyable evenings in the academic year. They sang and danced with so much passion and had the opportunity to experience a wealth of musical talent including the Lichfield Cathedral choir.



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Eco- Schools Green Flag

The school has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag award, this is an internationally recognised award for excellence in sustainable education and demonstrates the school's commitment to environmental action and learning. Thank you to the pupils in the Eco-team with Mrs Capella for driving these changes.



Attendance

Attendance and lateness has been a school priority this year as we are below National (94.8%). The end of 2024/2025, our attendance was 91.71% with persistent absence at 29.02% (attendance below 90%). As of the 10th July, our whole school attendance is 93.69% with persistent absence at 19.3% (attendance below 90%). This is still 1% below National and will continue to be a focus next academic year. It is important that your children are in school every day as, if they are not in school, they are missing out on their learning and social time that could impact on their progress.

If you do take a Leave of Absence (holiday), this does still contribute to your child's absence. 20 school days missed in a year = below 90% and classified as being persistently absent.



Attendance up until 13th July 2026

Reception - 93.52%	Year 4 - 95.2%
Year 1 - 93.52%	Year 5 - 92.59%
Year 2 - 93.41%	Year 6 - 92.95%
Year 3 - 94.56%	



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Arbor Communication:

From September, school will no longer use the Teacher2Parents as our communication tool for texts. Arbor will be the system that we will use, please ensure that you download the Arbor App and switch on notifications. If you need support with us, please let the school office know.



Breakfast:

From September, 7.45-8.10 am this session costs £2.00 per session and can be paid through the Arbor App. Free Breakfast starts at 8.10 am. To be able to attend this, pupils must be in the hall by 8.20 am. If it is after this time, due to the guidelines, pupils will not be able to participate in this session on this day. Before attending breakfast club, parents must complete an allergy and emergency contact form.



Dates for the diary:

1 st September	Training Day	22 nd October	Pupils break up for half term
2 nd September	Training Day		
3 rd September	Pupils return to school at 8.40 am	23 rd October	Training Day
4 th September	Year 3 and 5 History workshops	27 th November	Training Day



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Friends of Moorlands

Thank you to all the parent and carer volunteers who meet and organise fundraising events and experiences for the community and pupils. The Summer Fair was once again a success - it was a little warm, but had a community feel to it. Thank you also to staff that volunteered to help on the stalls. This raised approximately £600 - thank you to everyone who attended.



Colour Run on Monday - what a vision of colours.

The pupils and parents that took part really embraced the experience of being showered in powders. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the academic year. This raised approximately £250.

Friends of Moorlands is available for any parent / carer that is available to give up time to help / support different events throughout the year. If you are unable to attend the meetings but are able to help at the events, please let the school office know. The next event will be the Halloween Disco and Pumpkin / Scarecrow celebration.



OPAL



OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning

Our OPAL offer at dinner time is developing; the sandpit on Key Stage 2 will be ready for September. Pupils have been excited about this zone and thank you to Year 6 that have helped develop this area. Over the summer, if you have any cardboard boxes, please save them as this will be our next area of development.

Educational Visits

Pupils this term have visited a range of different places. Year 3 went to the Black Country Museum, Reception and Year 2 went to Sycamore Adventure and Year 5 and 6 went to Frank Chapman in Bewdley. Pupils enjoyed these experiences which they will remember for years to come.



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Fond Farewells

Moorlands is saying a farewell to two long standing members of staff. Thank you for your commitment and dedication at making a difference to the pupils at Moorlands.



Mrs Capella who has worked at the school for over 26 years, is taking early retirement. She will be greatly missed by governors, staff and pupils. Mrs Capella has been instrumental in school and has a passion for promoting Art and Science in school. She has helped the school enjoy science weeks, art projects and has led the Eco Council. She has positively impacted so many children's lives over 26 years and will be warmly missed. Enjoy the next stage of your journey, we wish you well.



Mr Smith, who has worked at the school for over 5 years, has been successful in getting a promotion and will be taking up the role of Science Lead. Thank you for fostering the love of Harry Potter and The Hobbit with so many children, along with supporting maths development for the whole school. He is a future leader and we wish him well.

Year 6 - Class of 2026

We wish Year 6 well as they move to their new secondary schools in September. They have had a busy couple of weeks with the Leavers Disco and performances.



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School Holiday dates: 2026-2027

3.9.26 - 22.3.26	Autumn 1
2.11.26 - 18.12.26	Autumn 2
4.1.27 - 12.2.27	Spring 1
22.2.27 - 25.3.27	Spring 2
12.4.27 - 28.5.27	Summer 1
7.6.27 - 21.7.27	Summer 2

★ One training day date to confirm.



Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful and safe summer break!

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