



Moorlands Primary School

October 2026

Anything
is Possible!

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents that attended parents evening last week, I hope it gave you the opportunity to see how your child has settled into their new class.

Thank you also for all the parents and carers who attended the Harvest assemblies, they were well attended and the children's faces lit up when they sang their songs.

Over the next half term, I know that classes will be busy preparing for Christmas events, for parents and children to enjoy.



Remembrance Day



In school, individual classes take part in Remembrance themed lessons and the whole school comes together at 11am on November 11th in remembrance of those who have lost their lives through war.

This year, we would like to **create a remembrance picture or image** that highlights the importance of **Peace**. These will be displayed in school.



Personal Development and Well-being activities

Be Safe

Be Healthy

Be Kind

Be Respectful



Years 1 to 6 over the last week have had an assembly from DECCA (Drugs Education) to discuss the importance and awareness of medications, safety in the home etc. This is the start of a range of safety workshops that different year groups will have over the next term.

- **Year 4** will be having a visit from the Fire Service to discuss safety in the home and how to reduce the risk of fires.
- **Year 5** will be having a Road Safety workshop to discuss the importance of being alert when they are by roads.
- **Year 6** will be having a Safeguarding Day this will include visits from DECCA and the Police.

Other Road Safety workshops are planned for other year groups in the following terms.



Year 6 will have a **Royal Navy STEM workshop** – children will participate in Science activities designed to develop their engineering, design, teamwork and problem solving skills.



Coming Soon – Spring Term 2027



Parent and Child Fitness classes – working alongside Sandwell's Choices, they will put on sessions in school.

Look out for the booking information next term, if you are interested.



Safeguarding helplines and advice



Black Country's Women Aid
9-5pm Monday to Friday 0121 553 0090
24-hour helpline 0121 552 6448



Childline
0800 1111



Support concerning food
0121 569 2266.



Confidential advice around benefits or budgeting 0121 569 3158.



Website: welfarerights_team@sandwell.gov.uk

Help
is always
available



Working together for our children



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pumpkin Celebration, they looked amazing outside the school office. It really displayed the children's artistic talent.



Autumn Disco

Monday 2nd November

Years 1 – 3: 3.10 – 4.05 pm

Years 4 – 6: 4.10 – 5.10 pm

£2.50 per child

Sweets will be provided at the end of the disco.

Years 1 – 3

School uniform to be worn on this day. Please send in clothes to change into.

Christmas Fair

Thursday 26th November

Come and join the fun!



Attendance

Every day counts!

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.

Whole school attendance up until 16th October:

Class	Attendance
Whole school	95.52%
Reception	91.73%
Year 1	96.61%
Year 2	97.24%
Year 3	96.50%
Year 4	95.89%
Year 5	96.35%
Year 6	93.69%



If your child's attendance is below 90%, you will have received a letter to inform you that their attendance is being monitored.

Thank you for your continued support!



Is your child's attendance below?

Below 96% If your child's attendance is below 96% you will receive a letter letting you know that this is being monitored and you will have your child's attendance profile attached so that you are informed of when these absences are.
If you have had a Leave of Absence, we are aware of the unauthorised absence but it is important that you understand the impact this could have on your child's overall absence for the term / year.

Below 95% If your child's attendance is below 95% you will receive a letter letting you know that this is a concern and you will be asked to attend a meeting so that we can work together to support attendance and identify reasons for the absence.

Below 93% If your child's attendance is below 93% you will receive a letter letting you know that this is a concern and you will be asked to attend a meeting to complete an Attendance Support Plan so that we can work together to support attendance.

Below 90% If your child's attendance is below 90% you will receive a letter letting you know that your child has now reached the persistent absence threshold, you will be asked to attend a meeting and complete an Attendance Contract which will need reviewing every 2 weeks.

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ATTENDANCE

Arrival Time 8:40 – 9:00 am
Present Mark

9:00 – 9:30 am
Late Mark

9:30 onwards
Unauthorised Mark

Please notify School if your child is off School for any reason

Friends of Moorlands

Friends of Moorlands are a small group of parents that help organise different events in school that benefit the children.

Events such as:

- Discos
- Summer fairs
- Christmas fairs
- Colour Run
- World Book Celebrations
- Pumpkin celebrations

Any help from any parent / carer is appreciated whether you can spare a couple of hours to help set up an event, provide us with prizes for raffles or becoming more involved.

If you are interested let the School Office know.

All fundraising goes back into the school to benefit the children.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner day is on **Wednesday 9th December.**
You are able to pre-book for this day after half term.

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Dates for the Diary

2nd November	School disco	
3rd November	Royal Navy Stem workshop Year 6	
4th November	Road Safety Year 5	
5th November	Safeguarding Day Year 6	
12th November	Spark Fire Service workshop Year 4	
16th November	Year 6 Warner Bros Studios visit	
17th November	Year 3 Edmond Hall visit – Stone Age	
26th November	Christmas Fair	
27th November	Training Day – school closed to pupils	
8th December	Year 4 and 5 West Midlands Police visit	
10th December	Christingle Years 3-6	
11th December	2.30 pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas songs	
11th December	Year 1 Dudley Zoo visit	
14th December	2.15 pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas songs	
15th December	Theatre production in school for pupils – Years 1-6	
15th December	Reception Christmas performance – time to be confirmed	
16th December	2.00 pm Key Stage 1 Christmas performance	
17th December	9.30 am Key Stage 1 Christmas performance	
17th December	Christmas parties	
18th December	School closes at 1.30 pm	
21st December – 1st January	Christmas break	
4th January	Pupils return to school at 8.40 am. Breakfast club as normal	



Together we make
great things happen!

