

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, we have welcomed parents and carers into school to discuss their child's progress since September. It's important to have this time early on in the school year to communicate and discuss progress and how best we can work together to support and the needs and requirements of all of our children.

Thank you to all those parents who took the opportunity to attend our Parent Consultation Meetings and for completing the questionnaire; it's always good to have parent's views. It is important that we are aware of both the school's strengths and development points, as we are always looking to improve and ensure all children in our care secure the best outcomes possible.

I have included a summary of the responses below:

My Child Enjoys Attending Moorfield Primary School	98% of parents agree
My Child Is Making Good Progress And Achieving Their Potential	96% of parents agree
I Feel That My Child Is Safe And Well Cared For	97% of parents agree
Behaviour In School Is Good And Challenging Behaviour is Dealt With Appropriately	94% of parents agree
My Child Is Encouraged To Be Fit And Healthy	99% of parents agree
The School Takes Account Of Children's Views	94% of parents agree
There Is A Good Range Of Activities Including Trips And Visits	96% of parents agree
The School Seeks The Views Of Parents And Carers And listens To Their Suggestions And Concerns	94% of parents agree
The School Promotes Equality Of Opportunity And Eliminates Discrimination	97% of parents agree
The School Encourages Children To Participate In A Range of Enrichment Activities	99% of parents agree
The School Keeps Parents And Carers Well Informed Through letters, Newsletters, Social Media, Parent Forum & Teacher Meetings	96% of parents agree
The Homework Your Child Has Received Appropriate For Their age And Ability?	94% of parents agree

If you were not available or did not manage to make an appointment to attend parent consultation, then please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a catch up.

As well as ensuring all of our children reach their full academic potential, we also strive to include as many experiences and opportunities each half term to develop our children's love of learning and open their minds to the wider world. We hope you enjoy looking at some of the enrichments your children have experienced this half term.

Enjoy the half term break.

Miss Heyes



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Whole school attendance is 97.24%

Class Attendance in Half Term 1:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage Attendance</u>
Reception Mrs Barrow	96.88%
Year 1 Miss Malvern	97.88%
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Whitfield & Miss Bridge	97.09%
Year 2 Miss Hayes	97.71%
Year 3 Mrs Edwards	98.38%
Year 3 / 4 Miss Scott	97.80%
Year 4 Mrs Lloyd	98.38%
Year 5 Mrs Williamson / Miss Welsh	97.17%
Year 5 Mrs Atar	97.42%
Year 6 Mrs Hunt and Mrs Rowlands	94.71%

As you will be aware, our school is working very hard to improve school attendance. As a school, we recognise and celebrate all groups of children and work very hard to ensure our children attend school regularly. All children should have attendance of at least 96% to be in line with DFE targets which does allow for genuine illness.

Throughout the school year there are a variety of ways in which we celebrate children's attendance, giving everyone the opportunity to achieve an attendance reward at some point during the year

We celebrate children's attendance with rewards such as a half termly treat for best class attendance, half termly reward stickers, termly attendance certificates, termly own clothes days and an end of year reward trip for children with 100% attendance. We also send out ParentApp messages for classes who have had 100% attendance each week and excellent punctuality.

Well done to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance for half term 1. All children have received a reward sticker.

Well done to Year 3 Mrs Edwards' class and Year 4 Mrs Lloyd's class. Both classes achieved the best attendance in half term 1 and all children will receive a treat.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children maintain excellent attendance.



Golden Ticket Winners

It was lovely to hold our Golden Tea party on Friday 27th October.

The Golden ticket prize winners very much deserved their place at Miss Heyes' Golden Tea party. A good time was had by all!

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners!



Praise Card Winners

Congratulations to our Praise Card winners from last term:

Year 1 Miss Malvern	Eva and Jude
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Whitfield & Miss Bridge	April and Coen
Year 2 Miss Hayes	Faye and Jack
Year 3 Mrs Edwards	Daniel and Sophia
Year 3 / 4 Miss Scott	Alex and Tommy
Year 4 Mrs Lloyd	Benjamin and Freya
Year 5 Mrs Williamson & Miss Welsh	Courtney and Emily
Year 5 Mrs Atar	Isabella and Charlie
Year 6 Mrs Hunt / Mrs Rowlands	Cohen and Zachary

Well done and thank you to all those children who received a praise card this term. We are very proud of all your achievements and efforts.



Star of the week winners



Congratulations to all of the children who received a star of the week certificate this half term:

Reception Mrs Barrow	Onzie, Roman, Symphanie, Lily, George, Lottie & Benny
Year 1 Miss Malvern	Lucas, Eva, Stella, Jaxon & Albie
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Whitfield & Miss Bridge	Thomas, Cody, Heidi, Hinaya & Ellowyn
Year 2 Miss Hayes	Adelyn, Zack, Alex, Bella, Tiffany & Lona
Year 3 Mrs Edwards	Lyla, George, Emily, Ellis, Charlie & Blake
Year 3 / 4 Miss Scott	Nikhil, Bella, Alfie, Edward & Jasmine
Year 4 Mrs Lloyd	Isla, Isaac, Olivia, Freya, Lucy & Elliot
Year 5 Mrs Williamson & Miss Welsh	Emily, Ava, Rohan, Jack, Jasper & Evie
Year 5 Mrs Atar	Charlie, Jacob, Maria, Eleya, Vinny & Ivy
Year 6 Mrs Hunt / Mrs Rowlands	Imogen, Erin, Emmie, Katie & Niamh

Uniform

We understand how frustrating it is when uniform and PE kits are lost in school. We have lots of left over uniform that we are unable to return to children, as we do not know who it belongs to. Please help us return any mislaid items of clothing to children by ensuring that all uniform, PE kits and coats are labelled with your child's name.

We have a supply of pre-owned uniform that we would like to share with our school community. We have tried several ways of promoting this to our parents and carers, such as stalls at the summer fair and after school drop in sessions.

Going forward, We will create a form on ParentApps so that you can request pre-owned uniform items. If we have the items you require - we ask for a small donation of £1.00 per item to go towards the school fund.

If you have any other suggestions as to how we can circulate our spare uniform to those who need it, please get in touch.

Year Group Charities

This year we have talked to the children about giving back to others and how we can all make a contribution to society as responsible, respectful and active citizens.

Each year group has chosen a charity that has, in some way, touched our school community and that they would like to learn more about:

- EYFS Help the Aged
- Year 1 & 2 Halton Children's Charity
- Year 3 & 4 Whizz Kids
- Year 5 & 6 Alzheimer's Society

Throughout the year, children will engage in activities to help support their charity.



Coffee Morning

On Thursday 26th September, we held a Charity Coffee Morning to raise funds for Halton Haven Hospice and to support those who have been affected by cancer.

This event was extremely successful and we raised £961.40 which will go a long way to help support the hospice in the wonderful work they do.

Children from each class served tea, coffee and cakes to guests and enjoyed welcoming their families in school.

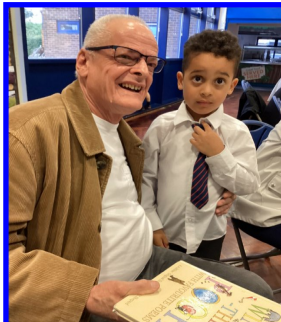
Thank you to everyone who supported this event by sending in wonderful cake donations and for supporting us on the day.



Grandparents Day

On Monday 30th September and Tuesday 1st October we celebrated Grandparents day in school.

It was lovely to welcome so many Grandparents in school who shared favourite toys from the past, photographs of themselves growing up as a child, favourite stories from when they were little and memories of their school days. In turn the children shared their favourite stories with their Grandparents.



Year 3 Space Camp

Year 3 took part in an overnight camp at school on Friday 4th October as part of STEM science.

The camp allowed children to experience and develop new skills as well as building confidence and self-esteem. During the camp, children took part in a variety of activities including team-building activities, planet art, star gazing and designing, making and launching their own space rockets.

Miss Scott and Mrs Edwards

Year 3 Teachers



Year 6 — York Residential

A fantastic time was had by all on our annual trip to York with our lovely Year 6 children.

With a very busy itinerary, we certainly put in our steps, averaging around twenty thousand per day! We attended a Shakespeare workshop based on Hamlet at the York Theatre, an experience of Viking-age York at the Jorvik Centre and a tour of the magnificent York Minster. As well as this, we managed a gruesome trip to the Dungeons and a late night walk around the Roman Walls, finished off with a ghost walk through the infamous 'snickelways' of the city.

We certainly packed a lot in to our short stay and had amazing weather from start to finish, which gave us lots of time to explore the historic streets of the city (as well as an ice cream or too).

We also included a shopping trip down the famous 'Shambles' and a visit to the best chippy in town for our supper.

All in all, we had a wonderful time making special memories to last a lifetime. The children never stopped smiling.

Staff were blown away by the amount of compliments we received from other tourists and staff in the venues we visited.

A massive well done Year 6—you were amazing and you made us all very proud!

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Rowlands



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Year 6 — York Residential



Year 6—Spanish Lesson at Saints Peter and Paul High School

On Tuesday 24th September, Year 6 were invited to take part in a Spanish lesson at Saints Peter and Paul High School, taught by Mrs Edwards.

The children learnt lots of new vocabulary to describe their feelings and had the chance to practice their skills in a fun, engaging and fast paced lesson. by the end of the session we were all feeling 'fenomenal'!

Mrs Hunt and Mrs Rowlands



Dogs Trust Visit

We had a visit from the Dogs Trust earlier on this term. Matthew brought his dog Harry with him and was accompanied by Linda, a representative from the Trust. They talked to the children about the good works the dogs trust do. We were able to present them with a cheque for £200, raised by last year's 6 class during their summer Charity Day event. Harry said 'Thank you' by wagging his tail!!



Archaeology visitors from the University of Liverpool

On Wednesday 2nd October, children in Year 3 and 4 were visited by Professor Larry Barham, Doctor Peter Hommel and students from the Archaeology Department at The University of Liverpool to learn more about the Stone Age.

Session 1: Cave Painting — We had the opportunity to make our own cave painting out on the school playground.

Session 2: Skulls — We had the opportunity to explore some replica skulls from different eras of the Stone Age. We managed to order them from oldest to newest.

Miss Scott—Year 3 / 4 Class Teacher



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the donations that came into school for our Harvest Festival. We were blown away by your generosity. Vicky from Widnes Food Bank kindly came to collect the donations and spoke to the children about how they support families in our community.



Year 6—Leadership Conference

A group of Young leaders from across the school participated in a Young Leaders Conference attended by schools from within Halton. The children discussed leadership roles within their schools and how they could play a role in contributing to the vision, ideas, and development of their schools and in doing so shaping and making a significant impact to life in school and beyond. We have a wide range of young leader operating in school; please do visit the school website where you can find out more, follow the link to our website: <https://moorfieldprimary.co.uk/young-leaders/>



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'Vibrant, Loving, Proud'

Junior Road Safety Officers

The Junior safety officers introduced themselves to the school in an assembly this half term and launched their first competition of the year.

Congratulations to our winners. Well done!



Widnes Library Service Visit

Widnes Library Service visited the school this week. The children were informed of the benefits of joining the library with some of the children being quite surprised that they can take books home for free. If your child doesn't have a library membership already, please consider taking up the opportunity.



Wellbeing Leads

This half term, our Wellbeing leaders have met with Maria McNulty from the Halton Health Improvement team. They discussed the importance of wellbeing and how they, as leaders, could promote the Five ways to Wellbeing across the school. The children decided to create an autumnal wellbeing challenge, focussing on the five elements of wellbeing, which they hope as many of you as possible will work on over the Autumn break and through into November.

Mrs Atar
Wellbeing Lead



Year 1 / 2 BW Class Assembly

This half term, Year 1/2BW class assembly was all about families and relationships. In PSHE, the children have been learning about how families are different such as having two mums, or single parent families. The children have also learned about different relationships and friendships such as with their friends, family, doctors, dentists, teachers and many more.

Mrs Whitfield and Miss Bridge



Year 5A Class Assembly

Year 5 enjoyed their class assembly on building strong and healthy relationships. We discussed what a healthy and unhealthy relationship looked like why we have boundaries in place.

Mrs Atar



Music - Autumn Term 1

This half term classes 1/2BW, 2H, EYFS, 3E and 3/4S have had curriculum singing lessons with music specialist, Mrs O'Neil. The children have copied and imitated rhythmic and melodic patterns to explore their voices and have also used percussion instruments to enhance songs and show awareness of timing, keeping the beat and rhythm.

Classes 5A and 6H/R have received guitar tuition with music specialist, Mr Hulme. The children have been introduced to the different parts of a guitar and the appropriate posture and hand position for open strings and the first two frets. They have also been taught how to play three or four simple melodic pieces fluently in time to a backing track using varying dynamics.

Next half term, classes 1M, EYFS, and 4L will have curriculum singing lessons. Classes 2H and 3/4S will have recorder tuition. Classes 5W and 5A will have guitar tuition.

Miss Bridge—Music Co-ordinator



Able Writers Day

A group of children with a love for writing, ventured over to Victoria Road School in Runcorn to take part in a writing day led by the author, Damian Harvey.

The children participated in writing workshops with other children from across the borough, and gained an insight into how an author works on a story for a book.

The children received sign copies of Damian's latest book and came back full of ideas to share with their class mates and teachers.



Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline for Secondary 2024 school applications is **31st October 2024**.

Parents should apply online using the link below.

If you are having difficulties applying online, please contact the school office who can provide a paper copy of the application form (although it is always preferred if a parent/carers applies online).

<https://cyp.halton.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>



After School Clubs

This half term there have been lots of after school clubs available for children to attend including: drama, football, rugby, lego, cookery, choir and art.

Letters have been sent on ParentApps with details of after school clubs for this half term. Please book on in the normal way on SchoolComms.



Packed Lunches

Please see below for a reminder of our packed lunch policy and ideas for packed lunches.

Children's packed lunches should be based on the 'Eatwell Guide' model which shows items the 5 main food groups; (Food Standards Agency).

Bread, Rice, Potatoes, Pasta These starchy foods are a healthy source of energy. Packed lunches should include 2 or more portions.

Fruit and Vegetables These foods provide vitamins, minerals and fibre. Lunches should include at least 1 portion of fruit and 1 portion of vegetables / salad, or more.

Milk and Dairy foods These foods provide calcium for healthy bones and teeth. Include 1 portion at lunch Meat, Fish, Eggs, Beans These foods provide protein for growth. Packed lunches should include 1 portion of these foods

Foods and drinks high in fat and / or sugar It is important not to fill up on too many foods that are high in fat and / or sugar at the expense of other more nutritious foods. Limiting high fat and sugar foods will help protect young people from becoming overweight as well as helping prevent tooth decay, heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. This is why sweets, chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, fruit bars, toffee/salted popcorn, squash and fizzy drinks are not available in schools. Please support your school by not including these items in a packed lunch.

Drinks - any drinks provided in lunch boxes should only include either plain water, milk, unsweetened fresh fruit juice, diluted fresh fruit juice, fruit or dairy based smoothies.

To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches should not contain the following:

Fizzy / sugary drinks

Bottles or cans

Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionery

Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn

Children can bring a treat on Fridays i.e. one of the following e.g. packet of crisps, small cake or biscuit

Our hot meal menu also follows the same policy with deserts being altered to Include e.g. a piece of fruit, raisins, fruit cocktail yogurt, rice pudding, fruit crumble and on Fridays a small cake or brownie.

Alternative suggestions to cakes and crisps that could be included in a packed lunch - pretzels, bread sticks, plain popcorn, Soreen, yogurt, rice pudding, fruit scone.

Several pupils in school have allergies to nuts please, please ensure that any type of nut and peanut butter are not included in a lunch box. Your child may sit next to a child allergic to nuts and this contact could trigger an anaphylactic shock.



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Dates for your Diary

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Monday 4th November	School re-opens
Tuesday 5th November	Year 5 Fit4Life Session
Thursday 7th November	Individual Photographs—Braiswick Photography
Thursday 7th November	Royal British Legion Assembly
Thursday 7th November	Book Fair arrives in school
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 13th November	Key Stage 2—Elf The Musical (PM)
Thursday 14th November	Year 6 Tobacco Education Session
Thursday 21st November	School Health Influenza Vaccination Whole School
Thursday 28th November	Year 6 Alcohol Awareness Session
Thursday 28th November	Year 2 Miss Hayes Class Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 3rd December	School Health Influenza Vaccination Catch Up Session
Thursday 5th December	After School Christmas games / movie night
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13th December	Key Stage 1—Stick Man (AM)
Monday 16th December	Infant Nativity (PM)
Tuesday 17th December	Infant Nativity (AM)
Wednesday 8th December	Traveling by Tuba Event
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Event at St. Ambrose Church
Friday 20th December	School Closes for Christmas break at 12.00pm
Monday 6th January	School re-opens



Term Dates 2024–2025

Autumn Term

INSET DAY: Monday 2nd September 2024
INSET DAY: Tuesday 2nd September 2024
School opens: Wednesday 4th September 2024
School closes: Friday 25th October 2024
School opens: Monday 4th November 2024
School closes: Friday 20th December 2024 12pm

Spring Term

School Opens: Monday 6th January 2025
School Closes: Friday 14th February 2025
School Opens: Monday 24th February 2025
School Closes: Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term

BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 21st April 2025
School Opens: Tuesday 22nd April 2025
BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 5th May 2025
School Closes: Friday 23rd May 2025
INSET DAY: Thursday 5th June 2025
INSET DAY: Friday 6th June 2025
School Opens: Monday 9th June 2025
School Closes: Friday 25th July 2025 12pm

**** Please note—There is still one further Inset Day to be added to the calendar ****

Change of Details

It is important that you update the school office if any of your contact information has changed, so that we can update your child's records. This includes emergency telephone numbers, home address or email addresses. Please complete the form on ParentApps to update school with this information (go to 'More' then select 'Change of contact details').

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please provide a copy of medical evidence from your GP for our records.

If your child is a carer, please let the school office know.

If home circumstances have changed and you find yourself in a private fostering arrangement, please can you notify school.

Thank you

Parents' / Carers' Comments Slip

I wish to make the following comments:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print name: _____

Parent / Carer of: _____

You can print and return this form to school,

You can email your comments to

admin@moorfield.halton.sch.uk