

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will see, in this term's newsletter, we have had a very busy term and a fantastic week of Christmas festivities. It has been lovely to see so many of you enjoy our Christmas performances.

As this our last newsletter for 2025, we sincerely hope that you all enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas time with your friends and family. As always this has been a busy year at Moorfield, filled with excitement, wonder and opportunity for all of our children.

All that remains for me to do is to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

From all the staff at Moorfield we wish you a wonderful Christmas, filled with peace, joy and happiness.

Merry Christmas

Miss Heyes



**Fundraising Events**

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our fund raisers this half term.

Our Christmas Fun night, Santa Dash and Christmas Raffle have raised a magnificent £2251.78. This money will be put to good use securing much needed resources to support school curriculum.

Well done to all the children listed below who all won prizes in our Christmas raffle:

Reception	Indie
Year 1	Stacey, Alana, Aurora, Oscar, Jacob & Lottie
Year 2	Eloise, Thomas, Hallie & Denis
Year 3	Faye, Emilee & Jack
Year 4	Blake
Year 5	Emily & Joshua
Year 6	Bobby & Emily



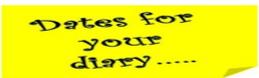
Reception class raised the most money for our Santa Dash and all received a prize.

A special congratulations to Alana, Eloise, Emily, Francis, Harper, Indie, Ivy, Maya and Thomas who each raised fantastic individual amounts for the Santa Dash.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support!

**Dates for your Diary**

Monday 5th January	School re-opens
Tuesday 6th January	Year 4 start Forest School Sessions
Friday 9th January	Year 3 and Year 5 start swimming sessions
Wednesday 14th January	Year 5 Robinwood Parents Information Meeting 3.15pm
Wednesday 14th January	Year 5 Escape to Safety—Cheshire Fire Service
Monday 19th January	Year 5 Robinwood Residential
Friday 13th February	Praise Assembly 8.50am
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens



**PE Days**

Please note PE days for the Spring term:

Reception Mrs Barrow	Thursday and Friday
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Whitfield	Thursday and Friday
Year 2 Miss Hayes	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3 Miss Scott	Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 Mrs Lloyd	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4 Mrs Edwards	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5 Mrs Atar	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6 Mrs Hunt & Mrs Rowlands	Monday and Wednesday
Year 6 Miss Welsh & Miss Riley	Monday and Wednesday





Whole school attendance is 96.35%

Class Attendance in Half Term 2:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage Attendance</u>
Reception Mrs Barrow	91.81%
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Whitfield	92.93%
Year 2 Miss Hayes	95.44%
Year 3 Miss Scott	94.44%
Year 4 Mrs Edwards	93.75%
Year 4 Mrs Lloyd	94.25%
Year 5 Mrs Atar	93.43%
Year 6 Miss Welsh & Miss Riley	92.20%
Year 6 Mrs Hunt & Mrs Rowlands	96.35%

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 with 100% attendance and for excellent punctuality each week.

Well done to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance for half term 2. All children have received a reward sticker.

Well done to Mrs Hunt and Mrs Rowlands' Year 6 class, who achieved the best attendance in half term 2. All children received a treat.

Well done to all children who have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn term. Children have received a certificate and were able to wear own clothes to school on the last day of term.

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



Golden Ticket Winners

It was lovely to hold our Golden Tea party this half term.

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 this term:

Reception Mrs Barrow:	Alivia and Indie
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Whitfield	Alana and Willow
Year 2 Miss Hayes	Niall and Thomas
Year 3 Miss Scott	Bella and Harvey
Year 4 Mrs Edwards	Jasmine and Xanthe
Year 4 Mrs Lloyd	Niamh and Penelope
Year 5 Mrs Atar	Emelia and Isla
Year 6 Miss Welsh and Miss Riley	Ava and Charlie
Year 6 Mrs Hunt & Mrs Rowlands	Felicity and Katelyn

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.



Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all the children and families who gave up their time to join us at Victoria Park on Sunday 9th November, to remember our fallen heroes.

The children took part in the Royal British Legion parade and laid wreaths as a mark of respect. It was a lovely morning, and the children represented our school with pride and honour.

We also welcomed Mr Burgess in school to deliver an assembly.

Miss Welsh



Harvest Festival

Thank you for Moorfield Primary School's Harvest donation to Widnes Foodbank.

As donations have dropped considerably in the current financial climate, we are very grateful for the School's contribution. It is only due to the goodwill of people like you that Foodbank is able to work as well as it does.

Your donation of 178.8 kg of food equates to 426 meals, which is a great help.

Many thanks

Widnes Foodbank Office



**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	Alivia, Tine, Abbas, Dylan, Lois, Jesse & Olivia
Year 1 / 2 Mrs Whitfield	Isla, Jacob, Lucas, Samantha, Lucas, Ted & Amber
Year 2 Miss Hayes	Denis, Arthur, Maggie, Heidi, Emily & Stella
Year 3 Miss Scott	Lillie-Mae, Harvey, Faye, Bernardo, Robyn & Alex
Year 4 Mrs Edwards	Vani, Nikhil, Xanthe, Adam, Eva & Tommy
Year 4 Mrs Lloyd	Penelope, George, Nelly, Ellis, Cole & Bella
Year 5 Mrs Atar	Emilee, Matthew, Emelia, Elliot & Zoe
Year 6 Miss Welsh & Miss Riley	Thea, Jacob, Lincoln & Emily
Year 6 Mrs Hunt & Mrs Rowlands	Sadie, Batathan, Liam, Oliver & Jasper

**Whole School Events**

Last week we welcomed both Reverend Linda and Reverend Peter into school, who spoke with the children about the meaning of Christmas. The visit helped them understand why we celebrate this special season and encouraged thoughtful discussion about its traditions and values.

Mrs Smither also delivered a whole school assembly on the Christmas story, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and found inspiring.

Mrs L Edwards  
RE lead





**Anti-Bullying Week 2025**

We celebrated Anti-Bullying Week with the theme "Power for Good."

Throughout the week, children completed activities to increase their understanding and awareness by spreading the important Anti-Bullying message. We also held an Odd Sock Day which was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate difference and individuality.

As part of the week, we learned the Power for Good song, which the children really enjoyed.

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment, and as suggested by the children, the school has acquired anti-bullying benches. These benches will provide a visible, welcoming space where children can sit if they are feeling lonely, worried, or in need of a friend. The idea is simple but powerful: it encourages kindness, empathy, and peer support, helping pupils to look out for one another and ensuring that no child feels left out during playtimes.

Mrs Lloyd  
Anti-Bullying Lead



School Newsletter December 2025

EYFS Mrs Barrow

"It's the most wonderful time of the year"

What an action packed half term we have had, Reception you have done it all and more! The month of December truly heralded the start of the Christmas magic here at Moorfield. The children enjoyed decorating our Christmas tree, making Rudolph decorations, writing lots of cards, letters and lists to Santa, we even posted them in our class post box. Mrs Smither visited from St Lukes Church in Farnworth and shared the story of 'The Grumpy Owl and the Joy of Christmas'. The children were mesmerised by this beautiful story. If that wasn't enough, we took part in our annual Santa dash, visited the Brindley Theatre to see Cinderella and sang our hearts out in our infant nativity. Wow!



We sang our class song "There's no room for you!"



Well done Reception, you have definitely earned your place on Santa's good list.



Year 1 and 2 Mrs Whitfield, Miss Hayes and Miss Riley

It has been a fantastic half term for KS1!

We have loved our Forest School sessions with Miss Lythgoe, had a visit from the dentist and had a brilliant time at the Brindley watching Cinderella.

We managed to pick up some tips for our own Christmas Nativity, "A Bundle of Joy!".

Year 1/2W had a fantastic time on the Santa Train at Llangollen Railway where the children met Father Christmas / Siôn Corn at received some extra-special gifts. We had such a magical time and it filled us all with Christmas cheer!



Year 3 Miss Scott

Year 3 have had another very busy half-term!

We have loved our weekly cricket sessions with Sam from Cheshire Cricket Board this term and the progress the children have made with their cricket skills since the first session has been amazing. We have also loved our weekly music sessions and learning some festive songs with Mrs O'Neil.

We were delighted to welcome a volcanologist from the University of Liverpool, into school this term. Her visit gave the children a unique opportunity to hear directly from an expert, bringing their geography unit on volcanoes to life in an exciting and memorable way. The session not only deepened their understanding of how volcanoes form and erupt, but also allowed them to ask questions and connect classroom learning with real-world science. The children were thoroughly engaged throughout and the visit was a great success in sparking curiosity, reinforcing key knowledge, and inspiring future interest in the natural world.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Liverpool Empire to watch Matilda and it was lovely to see the children having so much fun taking part in the Santa Dash.



Year 4 Mrs Lloyd

4L have absolutely loved our cricket topic! We have learned how to throw, catch and swing a cricket bat. We have put all our new skills into action by playing a range of fun and exciting games and everyone has had a fantastic time!



As part of our Christmas RE unit, the children had the wonderful opportunity to visit a live nativity. They were captivated by the experience, seeing the story brought to life in such an engaging way.

The visit helped deepen their understanding of the Christmas story, and they learned a great deal while enjoying the sights and sounds of this special tradition.



There was plenty of excitement as Year 4 raised money during our Santa Dash.

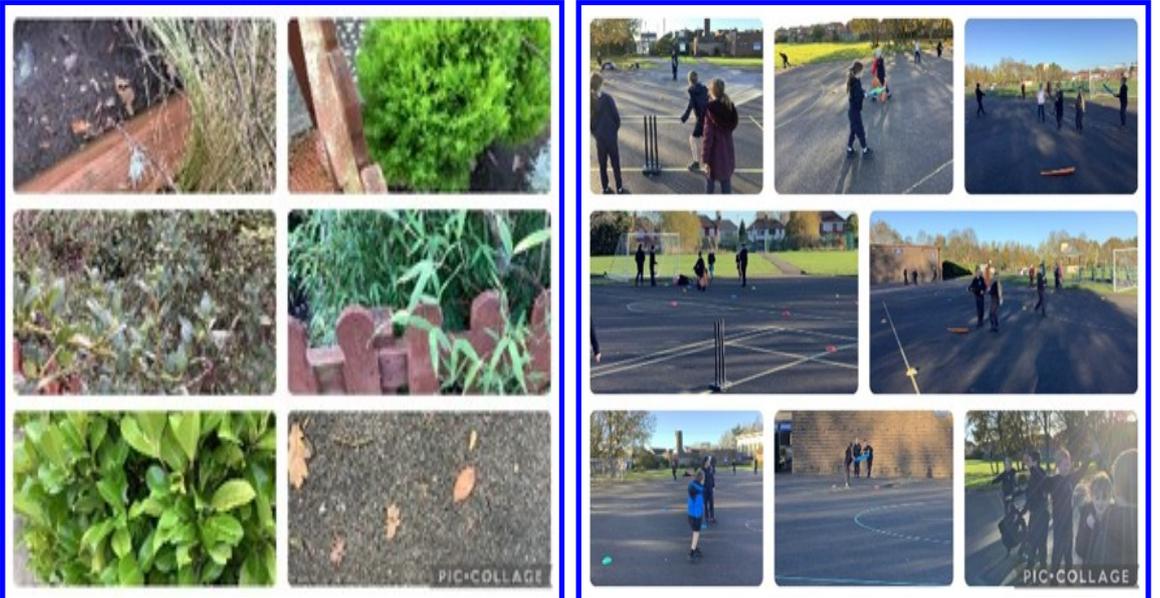


Year 4 Mrs Edwards

What a busy term for 4E!

A highlight of the term was going to the 'Live Nativity' in Liverpool. It was a magical experience. We especially loved stroking the donkey, seeing the sheep, kneading bread at the bakers and having a sing along to a live band! It made us think of why people celebrate Christmas.

The Santa dash was enjoyed by all! We liked dressing up!



Merry Christmas from Mrs Edwards and 4E.



### Year 5 Mrs Atar

Year 5 have really enjoyed their cricket sessions this half term with Sam from the Cheshire Cricket Board. It's been a fantastic opportunity for everyone to build confidence and improve their cricket skills!

On Monday 8th December, Year 5 took part in their festive Santa Dash!

The children had a brilliant time completing laps of the playground while listening to their favourite Christmas songs. Whether they were running, walking, or even dancing along the way, everyone got into the festive spirit and enjoyed a fun, active start to the week.



Year 6 Mrs Rowlands, Mrs Hunt, Miss Welsh and Miss Riley

What a fantastic half term we have had in year six! It has been packed full of events, including several trips to Liverpool, Christmas activities and of course, a lot of hard work!

Year six were lucky enough to be invited to visit Liverpool John Moores University to discuss the world of work, pathways to different jobs and their own career aspirations. We have a range of ambitions in class including: teachers, footballers, chefs, engineers, content creators and musicians.



We also combined a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, which involved a self-led tour. It was fascinating to compare this modern building to our visit to the ancient York Minster earlier this term.

In the run up to Christmas we have thoroughly enjoyed our visit to watch Matilda the Musical at Liverpool Empire.

Taking part in the Santa Dash, Christmas jumper day and working on our Christmas Nativity have ensured we are firmly in the mood. We have even had a visit from a few cheeky elves!



Year 6 Mrs Rowlands, Mrs Hunt, Miss Welsh and Miss Riley

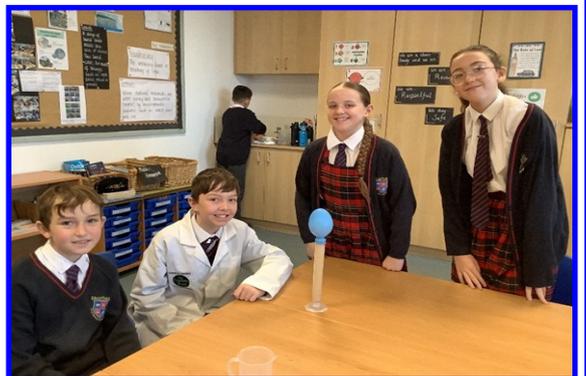
Academically we have been working hard. The children have learnt about different modes of communication and collaborative working in computing lessons, creating our own example of a network to pass information along.



In geography we have introduced the topic 'Our changing world' and it has been fascinating to look at our school environment to see how it has been changed by erosion and weathering.



In science, the children have been enjoying their chemistry topic 'Changing State'. They have been creating solutions, chemical reactions and separating mixtures.





# Virtual School Coffee Morning

Are you a Special Guardian, Family Carer, Adopter, or involved in Kinship care?

Join us for an informal coffee and chat with others in similar roles. Share your views on the educational support you'd value and suggest professionals you'd like to see at future sessions.



## Join us at Brookvale & Warrington Road Family Hubs

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 11am-12pm (BV)
- Monday 2nd March 2026 11am-12pm (Warr)
- Monday 23rd March 2026 11am-12pm (BV)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 11am-12pm (Warr)

Meetings will be scheduled monthly and will alternate between Brookvale Family Hub (Runcorn) and Warrington Road Family Hub (Widnes)

Email [david.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk](mailto:david.bradshaw@halton.gov.uk) or text 07917 133429 to confirm attendance.

David Bradshaw from Halton Virtual School will explain his role and how the school can offer advice and guidance. These free, informal one-hour sessions focus on education but also allow questions on SGO, adoption, child arrangement orders, and kinship care. Attend any or all sessions.

<https://www.myvirtualschool.org/page/previously-looked-after-children-p-lac/103352>





**CULTURE**

**Winter DeLight**

LIGHTING UP THE DARKEST DAY : CULTURE 26; MADE IN HALTON LAUNCH

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025 | 2-5PM  
VICTORIA PARK, WIDNES

- ❁ FREE Festive Gathering
- ❁ H'Arts & Voices Choir
- ❁ Splinters Christmas Band
- ❁ Anabella Rose
- ❁ Lantern Parade
- ❁ Thingumajig Theatre Ghost Caribou!

Special event treat deal from Esposito's!  
Bring your own lanterns (no naked flames) and wear your antlers!










## Term Dates 2025–2026

### Spring Term

School Opens: Monday 5th January 2026  
School Closes: Friday 13th February 2026  
School Opens: Monday 23rd February 2026  
School Closes: Friday 27th March 2026 12pm

### Summer Term

School Opens: Monday 13th April 2026  
**BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 4th May 2026**  
School Closes: Friday 22nd May 2026  
**INSET DAY: Friday 5th June 2026**  
School Opens: Monday 8th June 2026  
School Closes: Friday 24th July 2026 12pm

## Term Dates 2026–2027

### Autumn Term

School Opens: Tuesday 1st September 2026  
School Closes: Friday 16th October 2026  
**INSET DAY: Monday 19th October 2026**  
**INSET DAY: Tuesday 20th October 2026**  
School Opens: Monday 2nd November 2026  
**INSET DAY: Friday 27th November**  
School Closes: Friday 18th December 2026 12pm

### Spring Term

School Opens: Monday 4th January 2027  
School Closes: Friday 12th February 2027  
School Opens: Monday 22nd February 2027  
School Closes: Thursday 25th March 2027

### Summer Term

School Opens: Monday 12th April 2027  
**BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 3rd May 2027**  
School Closes: Friday 28th May 2027  
**INSET DAY: Thursday 10th June 2027**  
**INSET DAY: Friday 11th June 2027**  
School Opens: Monday 14th June 2027  
School Closes: Friday 30th July 2027 12pm

## 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 'Content' then select 'Change to 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

## Parent / Carer 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](mailto:admin@moorfield.halton.sch.uk)