

# NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S  
NEW?

Headteacher's  
News



YEAR 5 AND 6  
AT DEBATE IT  
TRAINING AT HOGAN  
LOVELLS LAW FIRM

I can't believe we have been back at school a month already. It has been fantastic to see all of the children returning with such energy and positivity. The children have settled into their new classes and routines well and there is some great learning happening around the school. I have particularly noticed how all the work we have been doing on oracy is resulting in very articulate children! I hope everyone had a chance to read our latest OFSTED report which can be found here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50286821>

Over the next couple of weeks senior leaders will be meeting all the class teachers to find out how the children are settling in and getting on with their learning and having a look at their books. We have these pupil progress meetings every term and they are an opportunity for us to really think about what every child needs to help them progress.

There are many exciting activities planned for the Autumn term so please keep an eye on on Class Dojo for what is coming up for you child's class and for whole school events.

If you would like to get more involved in school life or have ideas and skills to share we really welcome parent/ carer involvement. Come along to the next PTA meeting to find out how to get more involved.



YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE  
DOCKLANDS MUSEUM



YEAR 6 VISIT TO  
TATE MODERN



### Attendance and Punctuality:

A reminder on the importance of good attendance and punctuality. We are working very hard to improve attendance at Moreland. It is vital children are in school and on time every day. There are very clear links between poor attendance and low attainment. Children who come to school every day are more settled and do better in their learning. Thank you to everyone who is getting their children in for 9.00 am everyday.



If you are struggling with getting your children to school we have a team of people who can help. Please speak to your class teacher or Dom or Tracey for help.

In line with the government rules on attendance we will not authorise term time leave or holidays except in exceptional circumstances such as a bereavement. School's are now being instructed to issues fines for unauthorised absence. We have sent a letter on parent mail with more information about this.



YEAR 2 HAD A VISIT FROM A SUFFRAGETTE AS PART OF THEIR INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN TOPIC



### Coming Up:

**International evening** will be held on **Thursday 16th October**.

Please speak to Sophie or Dani if you would like to help out or have any ideas on how we can make this highlight of the school year even better. Families are always so generous in bringing delicious food to share so please do say if you would like to run your own community food stall. We also have our **Harvest Assembly on Monday 13th October**. We will be collecting food for a local foodbank so please donate what you can spare (non perishable goods only please).



### Keeping Safe Online:

I would like to remind parents and carers at the beginning of the year about the importance of monitoring children's use of phones and other devices. It is vital that you know what your child is looking at online and who they are talking to. Children under 13 should not have access to social media apps as they are not mature enough to use them in a safe way.



If you are thinking of buying a mobile phone for your child I would urge you to wait until they are older. Children in primary school do not need a mobile phone and they are a big distraction from learning and from reading for pleasure. We have seen a real decline in children's reading since more children have had access to devices at home.

If they do have a phone take it off them in the evening so they can focus on homework, conversation with family members, helping you at home and enjoying a book or playing. Never let children have a mobile phone or tablet in their bedroom where you can not see what they are doing.



## Trips and Visits:

I had a parent ask me why we take the children on so many trips at Moreland and doesn't this mean they are missing out on learning. School trips are a vital part of children's education, especially for disadvantaged pupils, because they bring the curriculum to life and give learning real-world meaning. Every trip is carefully linked to the topics children are studying, helping them to deepen understanding through first-hand experiences that can't always be recreated in the classroom. Beyond subject knowledge, these opportunities provide an expansive curriculum that broadens horizons, giving children access to cultural, historical, and scientific experiences that they may not otherwise encounter. For many, this exposure can spark new interests, build confidence, and raise aspirations for the future. Far from being a break from learning, trips are an extension of it — enriching academic progress while nurturing ambition and a sense of possibility.

GIRLS  
FOORBALL



DID YOU KNOW? : ONE OF  
EQUALITY TARGETS IS FOR MORE  
GIRLS TO ACCESS SPORTS CLUBS.  
MISS WALKER IS NOW LEADING ON  
GIRLS SPORT.

MULTI SPORTS



A SELECTION OF  
THE AFTER SCHOOL  
CLUBS WE HAVE  
RUNNING. OTHERS  
INCLUDE BOOK  
CLUC, KUNG FU,  
MINI MOVERS,  
COOKING, NETBALL  
AND MORE....



CROCHET CLUB



## Other News

Welcome to Tracey our new Child and Family Support Worker. Tracey works at Moreland on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and is here to support families and work with Dom and the pastoral team around wellbeing, attendance and family support.



Contact us: Tel - 0207 253 8144

Email - [admin@moreland.islington.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moreland.islington.sch.uk) Website - [www.moreland-islington.co.uk](http://www.moreland-islington.co.uk)



# Moreland Primary School

Reaching higher than I dreamed, becoming the person that I want to be,  
doing the best I can for the world and for me.

## 30th September 2025 Attendance & Punctuality

Dear parents/carers,

Please make sure your child attends school every day and on time. See below the attendance figures we ask parents to aim for, if you have any problems regarding attendance or punctuality please talk to Dom. Remember the school does not authorise any leave in term time, all holidays should be taken in the school holidays only.

If your child is sick you can either ring the school and let us know or leave a message on parent mail. If we do not have a reason for an absence Dom or Danielle will call you.

Holiday dates are on our website

The attendance figures below are Government guidelines that we have to follow



### SEPTEMBER 2025

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	94%	1.9%
Rec - Beech	87%	2%
Year 1-Maple	93%	0.9%
Year 1-Olive	88%	2.1%
Year 2-Cherry	92%	2.6%
Year 2- Pine	97%	2.2%
Year 3 - Ash	95%	4.1%
Year 3 - Palm	91%	0.4%
Year 4 - Fir	94%	3.1%
Year 4 - Birch	95%	3.3%
Year 5 - Rowan	93%	2.9%
Year 5 - Sycamore	91%	2.3%
Year 6 - Cedar	92%	1.1%
Year 6 - Oak	96%	2%





### TWITTER

Moreland Primary School now has a twitter account. Why not have a look and follow us.  
[@morelandprimary](https://twitter.com/morelandprimary)

**Disclaimer - Any advertisements that are on this newsletter are independent of the school and therefore we do not accept responsibility for any description, services or goods.**





**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**

[www.moreland-islington.co.uk](http://www.moreland-islington.co.uk) For more information on what is happening in our school or to view other newsletters.

We are now on Instagram as well please have a look and follow us!

Please be aware that all bikes and scooters left in the playground are at your own risk we do not take responsibility for any that are lost or stolen. We would advise you to put your child's name on them and buy a small lock for security. We also ask if you could check you have the right scooter as they are all very similar and can get mixed up quite easily. Thank you

You can order school uniform on parent mail and pay by card. If you are having problems registering on Parent Mail, please see Danielle. We do not take cash in the office everything is paid through Parent Mail.



It's an easy, convenient way to receive school messages



To register contact the school office for more details

**BOOK BAGS – WHOLE SCHOOL**

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school everyday.

They will need it for homework, letters and to take a book home to read.

If you would like to buy a book bag come to the office we sell them for £6.50

**FREE TWO YEAR OLD PLACES**

If you think you are entitled to a free two-year-old place, please apply now. To check go on the following website: [www.islington.gov.uk/free3](http://www.islington.gov.uk/free3)


You will be given a code that you need to bring to the school or children centre and then complete an application form. We only have a limited amount of free two-year-old places so please check now!

**BIRTHDAY CAKES**

Please note we are a Healthy School and do not allow parents to bring in birthday cakes for the children.


**Change of Contact numbers / Address / Email**

If you have changed your contact numbers, home address or email please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our system.



Please feel free to go and visit the chicken and guinea pigs in the playground.

We just ask that children are reminded to be quiet and gentle with them and wash their hands if they touch them. Please do not feed them.



**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT IS THREE YEARS OLD OR WILL BE THREE SOON, PLEASE PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FOR A NURSERY PLACE**

**YOU CAN PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FROM DANIELLE OR LISA.**





# Head of School Notice Board – Important Dates



PLEASE TAKE A  
LOOK AT OUR  
WEBSITE

Remember to check this board as we may add or cancel certain events.  
You can also check our website for up to date information

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Thursday 16th	International Evening 3.30-5pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31st	Half Term
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Friday 14th	Children in Need Day
Friday 21st	Individual school photos
Thursday 27th	Parents evening 2-6pm please book a slot nearer the time
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas holidays 5 <sup>th</sup> January school shut for Inset Day

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX IF YOUR CHILD HAS LOST ANY OF THEIR BELONGINGS

THE BOX IS OUTSIDE IN THE PLAYGROUND.

REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING!

We will dispose of any items that are not collected





## Some lovely things that have been happening in our class recently.....

<p>Early Years Willow Lilac Pear Beech</p>	<p>In Nursery and Reception, we have been focussing on settling children as for some of our little ones, this is their first experience of school. We have introduced the children to the Mood Metre and have been learning about different types of emotions and how we feel about starting school. We have designed our Class Charters, introduced our 3 school rules 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' and have talked about how we behave at school. Children have been becoming familiar with our school routine and have been busy making new friends. We have started our Autumn theme 'Into the Woods' and have been exploring the book 'Owl Babies'. In addition, in Reception, children have started their phonics lessons as well as learning how to recognise and write their names. In addition, our weekly library trips have also commenced. We have had a fantastic start to the year so far!</p>
<p>Year 1 Maple / Olive</p>	<p>This term, Year 1 have been busy exploring lots of exciting topics! In English, we have been using colourful semantics to create sentences about Tiddalik the Frog, helping us build our storytelling skills. In DT, we have started planning and making our very own puppets based on the story, bringing the characters to life. In Geography, we have been learning the names of the seven continents and discovering where they are on the world map. In Art, we have enjoyed designing and creating vibrant African masks, experimenting with patterns and bold colours.</p>
<p>Year 2 Cherry / Pine</p>	<p>Year 2 have been looking at inspirational women in history, focusing on Rosa Parks and the Suffragette movement. We had a workshop with a 'real life' suffragette last week, see the school Instagram and twitter to see pictures! In Maths: we are using White Rose's maths scheme and working on place value. Science: in science our topic this term is Healthy me, part of the Animals including Humans topic. We will be looking at healthy eating, keeping fit and unhealthy snacks. In PSHE- we have been looking at Rules and created our class rules, we have also looked at online safety.</p>
<p>Year 3 Palm / Ash</p>	<p>In year 3, we have been immersed in our Nelson Mandela topic. We have learned about the apartheid and explored fairness and equality. This has also included some persuasive debates and hot seating which we have really enjoyed! In maths, we have been focusing on place value with numbers to 1000. In English, we have been learning about historical events related to Apartheid in South Africa. The children have been exploring its impact and discussing how it shaped people's lives. In Science, we have been learning about the human body. The children enjoyed exploring how our muscles work and how they help us move.</p>
<p>Year 4 Fir/ Birch</p>	<p>In Year 4 we have been working really hard. We have been reading our book: Coming to England by Dame Floella Benjamin. From this we have been developing our writing. In Maths, we have been working away at place value - focusing on numbers up to 10,000. We have begun our topic on the Windrush generation, looking at aspects such as the Caribbean Islands and learning about some of the men and women who fought for and supported the allies in the Second World War.</p>
<p>Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore</p>	<p>We have been working really hard in Year 5 this term. We have been reading our book: Freedom, by Katherine Johnson. From this, we have been developing our writing techniques and learning how to write a formal Persuasive Speech. We also visited the London Museum Docklands to support our learning about the Atlantic Slave Trade. In Maths, we have been working on being able to read, write and round numbers all the way to 1 million. In science we are studying 'living things and their habitats' and we are enjoying learning about the different life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and the impact that Maria Merion had on this topic.</p>
<p>Year 6 Cedar / Oak</p>	<p>This term we've been busy explorers—taking our learning outdoors in Forest School, tackling place value up to one million in Maths, and discovering the inspiring stories of the Hidden Figures who changed history!</p>

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Islington Council offers free school meals to all Nursery and primary age pupils in local schools.

For your child to receive free school meals you must register just go to: [www.islington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.islington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Please Register even if you think you are not entitled to any extra help.

The school receives extra funding for all entitled children.

You may also be entitled to food vouchers in the holidays - £15 per week per child

Please go online and check today, if you need any help to register come to the reception desk.

The next holiday is October half term





## Applying for Reception Class - Information for Nursery parents

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022

Please go to the following website as soon as possible for more details:

[www.islington.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.islington.gov.uk/admissions)

### Dates and deadlines:

You can apply from 1 September 2025, but you must apply by the deadline, 15 January 2026.

We recommend you apply by 9th January 2026, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

15 January 2026: this is the deadline to submit your application

16 April 2026: you'll get an offer by email after 5pm.

30 April 2026: this is your deadline to accept (or turn down) your school place

If you need help completing the application you can Phone Islington Council on: 020 7527 5515 or call the school office.

## Applying for secondary schools - Information for Year 6 parents

Please go to the following website as soon as possible for more details:

[www.islington.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.islington.gov.uk/admissions)

### Dates and deadlines

You can apply from 1st September 2025, and you must apply by the deadline, 31st October 2025.

We recommend you apply by 24th October 2025, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

31st October 2025: this is your deadline to submit a social medical application

2nd March 2026: you will receive an offer by email in the evening

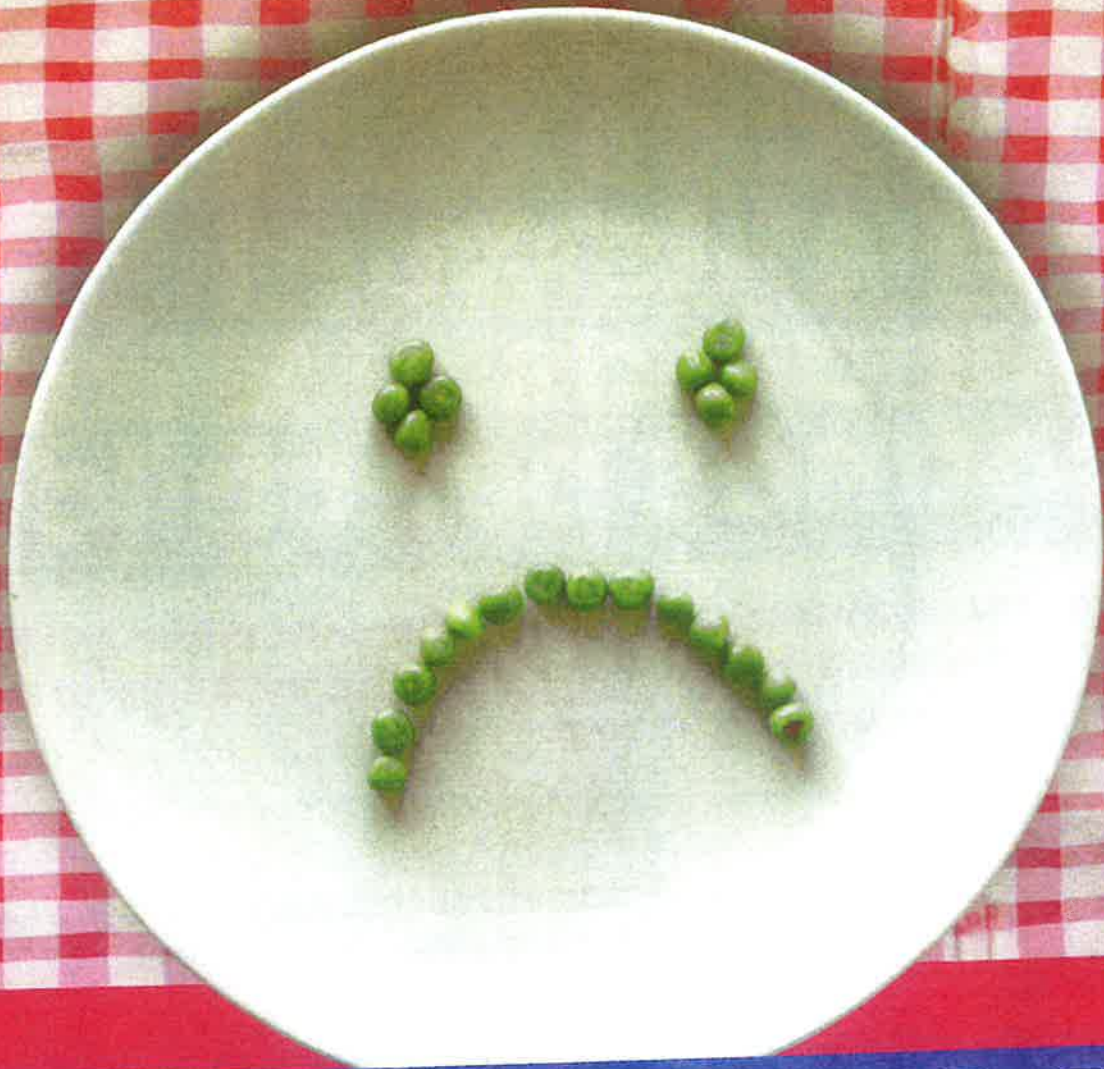
16th March 2026: this is your deadline to accept (or turn down) your school place

### Late applications

If you send your application after 31st October 2025 then your application will be marked as late. This means that it will not be considered until they have allocated school places for all applications received on time. This could reduce your chances of getting a place at the school you want.

If you need help completing the application you can Phone Islington Council on: 020 7527 5515 or call the school office.





# **DON'T MISS OUT**

**Register for benefits-related free school meals to unlock other support worth hundreds of pounds.**

**Turn over for details**

# Unlock extra benefits worth hundreds of pounds per child

If you receive certain benefits, your child could be eligible for so much more than free school meals! Register before the summer break to unlock:



A £15 supermarket voucher per child, per week – worth £90 per child over the summer break!



Access to the free Holiday Activities with Food programme. Book a place for your child at dozens of activities – there's something for everyone. Every activity includes a free healthy meal.



A £150 school uniform voucher for every child moving up from primary to secondary school.

If you receive benefits and are not yet registered for free school meals, visit [islington.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals](https://www.islington.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals) as soon as possible for the best chance of unlocking all the extra support before the holidays.

# FESTIVAL — OF — THE GIRL 2025

Sat 18 / Sun 19  
OCTOBER

Business Design Centre,  
London

For 7-11 year old girls and their families



**Activities and workshops range from:**

Engineering to gaming,  
Sports to aviation,  
Experiments to activism,  
Production to sustainability,  
Politics to friendships,  
Banking to farming and much more.

Although aimed at girls everyone is welcome!

Tickets via our QR code or website  
[www.festivalofthegirl.com](http://www.festivalofthegirl.com)

Pay-what-you-can and SEND options available



# FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's \*Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together \*Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at [better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons](http://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons)

You can email for more information at [summer.lessons@gll.org](mailto:summer.lessons@gll.org)

