

# NEWSLETTER

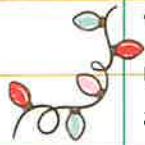
**WHAT'S NEW?**  
**Headteacher's News**



**YEAR 6 GETTING IN CHARACTER IN THEIR ENGLISH LESSON**



**YEAR 4 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP**



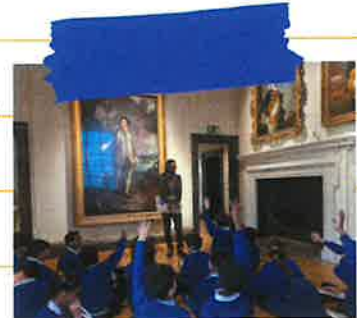
Welcome to this month's newsletter. We are gearing up for all the Christmas activities. please have a look at the "events coming up" section to keep on top of everything that is going on. If you would be willing to help with the Christmas Fair please let the PTA know as "many hands make light work"!



In the spirit of Christmas I would like to think about how a little bit of kindness and goodwill can go a long way. Small acts of kindness make a big difference because they create a positive ripple effect, improve mental and physical health, strengthen social bonds, and foster a sense of community and purpose. These simple gestures, from holding a door to offering a genuine compliment, have a significant impact on the well-being of both the recipient and the giver. The holiday season can be a difficult time for many people and it would be lovely as a school community if we could show some extra kindness and concern for each other. Be curious- ask someone how they are - reach out to each other.



**AMAZING SCIENCE SHOW**



**YEAR 5 AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM**

Last week we had our annual Take One Picture Exhibition. We were very pleased with the standard of the work produced by the children again this year. We really have a creative school community. A big thank you goes to Hannah for all the hard work planning and arranging the project. It was lovely to see children's creative learning across the arts with photography, art, dance, music, design and technology and poetry on show.



### Respectful behaviour.:

A reminder on the importance of everyone in our school community behaving respectfully to each other. We work hard to teach the children the importance of respect and it is vital that all adults are also modelling this in their interactions with each other.

Please remember our Code of Conduct for Parents/ Carers and Visitors. This sets the expectation that parents and carers are :

- supporting the respectful ethos of Moreland Primary School and Children's Centre by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of their school community;
- working together with teachers and support staff for the benefit of children. This includes approaching the school to resolve any issues of concern and to discuss and clarify specific events to bring about a positive solution.

Everyone at Moreland deserves to feel safe and respected and I know that we all value this in our school. Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have a concern and follow up with the Phase leader if the situation is not resolved.

## EVENTS

### Coming Up:



*Nativity Play - Tuesday 9th December 2.30pm*



*Christmas Fair - Friday 12th December after school*



*Christmas Donkey Parade to St Clements Church - Tuesday 16th December  
1.45 pm from school/ 2.00pm at St Clements*



*Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch - Wednesday December 17th*

*Festive Sing-a-long - Thursday December 18th 9.10 am Year 1 and 2,  
9.45 EYFS*



As we come to the end of the year I would like to celebrate our achievements at Moreland. Everyone at Moreland strives every day to give children the best start in life and in their learning. We are committed to providing the best for every child whatever their needs and delivering support and care for all our community.

In July we had a very successful OFSTED inspection that recognised many of our strengths. After the death of Headteacher Ruth Perry OFSTED changed their reports so that with Section 8 inspections of good and outstanding schools, like the one we had, they do not grade the school. Our report stated that the school "has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection". This means we continue to be a good school.

These are some of the comments from the Local Authority following our inspection.

**Jon Abbey - Islington Director of Young People and Learning**

"Just a quick note of congratulations on the recent Ofsted outcome... The report reflects the achievements of the school, and I really like the opening paragraph which captures and epitomises the ethos and ambition of the school, 'Pupils at Moreland Primary School come into school ready to learn. They are happy and they feel safe knowing that adults will help them if they have any worries. Staff work closely with families and the local community to support pupils' well-being. The school's inclusive and welcoming environment helps pupils to feel that they belong here'.

Well done and please pass on my thanks and congratulations to the staff, governors, pupils, and community."

**Ben Dunne - Assistant Director School Improvement**

"Well done to you and staff Catherine. I'm sure you're super proud! You lead an inspirational school."



HERE ARE SOME OF THE AWARDS THAT OUR SCHOOL HAS ACHIEVED.



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



WE ARE OFTEN ASKED TO SHARE OUR CURRICULUM AND TEACHING APPROACHES WITH OTHER SCHOOLS IN ISLINGTON AND BEYOND

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR LEARNING FOR LIFE VISION AND CONTINUALLY SEEK TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH AN INNOVATIVE AND OUTSTANDING CURRICULUM OFFER.



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# 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.

## 5th December 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



### NOVEMBER 2025

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	95%	18
Rec - Beech	88%	17
Year 1-Maple	94%	5
Year 1-Olive	92%	17
Year 2-Cherry	90%	15
Year 2- Pine	94%	19
Year 3 - Ash	90%	40
Year 3 - Palm	97%	2
Year 4 - Fir	90%	30
Year 4 - Birch	95%	32
Year 5 - Rowan	91%	30
Year 5 - Sycamore	94%	23
Year 6 - Cedar	95%	10
Year 6 - Oak	95%	16




**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.**

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.





### 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

### 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/free?](http://www.islington.gov.uk/free?)

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!

### BOOK BAGS – WHOLE SCHOOL

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

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

### 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.

### NURSERY PLACES

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT IS 3 YEARS OLD OR WILL BE 3 SOON, PLEASE PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FOR A NURSERY PLACE

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

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



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



To register contact the school office for more details





# 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

DECEMBER	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	This is the last week of after school clubs
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Play 2.30pm - Year 3 Year 3 parents are invited
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair after school 3.30-5pm If you have any donations unwanted gifts, good condition books, toys or teddys, chocolates or biscuits, please drop them off to the teacher.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Donkey Parade to St Clements Church leaving school at 1.45pm to arrive at 2pm EYFS Year1 and some Year 3 children
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch for the whole school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas singalong Children Centre, Nursery and Reception classes 9.40am. Parents of these classes welcome. Singalong for Year 1 and Year 2 9.10am. Parents of these classes welcome. Christmas class parties in the afternoon Please see the teachers about the party food
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term school closes at 1.45pm No playcentre
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas holidays 5 <sup>th</sup> January school shut for Inset Day Children return on the 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

## 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.





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

Early Years Willow Lilac Pear Beech	This term, we are continuing to explore our theme 'Into the Woods'. We explored some traditional tales like 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'Goldilocks'. We had an exciting trip to Highgate Woods where Goldilocks set us some challenges like building a den for baby bear. In addition, this term, children have particularly enjoyed imaginative play. They loved playing in our very own Sweet Shop and were busy creating their own sweets in our creative room. In addition, they have loved playing in Goldilocks' Cafe, serving yummy treats to their customers. In Reception, children have been working super hard with their reading. We are so proud of the progress they have all made! Children are now confidently recognising sounds and are able to apply their knowledge when it comes to reading books.
Year 1 Maple / Olive	This half term in Year 1, the children have loved learning about London and its famous landmarks, including Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. They have created some wonderful drawings of these landmarks, showing great care and detail. We have also enjoyed many exciting trips- Tower Bridge and the Transport museum, which helped bring our learning to life. The children have shown excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout, and we are very proud of them.
Year 2 Cherry / Pine	We are learning about shapes in Maths at the moment. We are learning to identify the vertices, faces and edges of 3D shapes, ask us about this at home! In English, we are about to start our big write which is a diary entry from the perspective of someone during the Great Fire of London.
Year 3 Palm / Ash	Year 3 have been learning all about rivers! We have been fully immersed in our learning facilitated by some lovely trips to the museum of the Docklands and mud larking by the river Thames where we found, pottery, bones, sheep teeth and more! In English, we have started our setting descriptions, also based on rivers and have been creating some wonderfully developed sentences. We have been hard at work practising for our nativity next week and can't wait to show you!
Year 4 Fir/ Birch	In Year 4, we have been studying migration and exploring the different groups that have come to the UK throughout history. We have learned about the Bangladeshi community and the movement of people during World War II. In Maths, we have been having fun with our times tables, keeping our upcoming times table test in mind for the summer. In English, we have enjoyed reading a book titled Journey, which has inspired us to write a diary from the perspective of a refugee.
Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore	In Sycamore Class we have been learning about Roman London and have started planning a historical adventure story in English. Children have started using knowledge from history and geography to give their story a historical context. In maths we have started learning about fractions, children have started converting mixed numbers and improper fractions and looked at equivalent fractions. In Rowan Class We have been working really hard in Year 5 this term. We have been reading our book: Time Travel Diaries, by Caroline Lawrence. From this, we explore the features of historical adventure stories with a focus on developing rich characters, historical settings, and compelling plot structures. We have then applied these to write our own original adventure set in Roman London. We have consolidated and extended our learning about Roman Britain in our History lessons, as well as visiting the London Mithraeum this term. In Maths, we have been working on multiplication, division and fractions this term. In science we are studying 'properties and changes of materials' and have enjoyed experimenting with different substances to see if they are soluble or insoluble in water. In addition, we have looked at what type of reactions are reversible or irreversible, and if they are reversible, how we do this.
Year 6 Cedar / Oak	In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply fractions and then simplify our answers. We have also been practising how to convert improper fractions into mixed numbers, helping us to present our answers clearly and accurately. In English, we have been exploring A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, delving into the characters, themes, and the Victorian setting. Our visit to Dickens' house helped us imagine his world and deepen our understanding of the story. We also enjoyed an exciting trip to the Royal Courts of Justice, where we took part in a mock trial and discovered more about the legal system and what life was like in Victorian times. It was a memorable and educational experience for everyone!

## 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.

