



# NEWSLETTER



ECO TEAM AT  
BOROUGH MARKET



OUR FLUTE PLAYERS  
PERFORMING AT THE  
SPRING CONCERT

Welcome to this month's newsletter .

We are at the end of the Spring term already . Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone celebrating over this period Eid Mubarak and Happy Easter.



WORLD BOOK DAY FUN

In this newsletter I would like to celebrate some of the amazing musical opportunities children have at Moreland. At Moreland Primary School, there is a vibrant and growing range of creative musical opportunities for all children to enjoy. From music clubs and Rock Steady sessions to keyboard lessons and innovative music technology lessons with Mr Smart in Year 6, pupils are encouraged to explore music in a variety of exciting ways.

Children also benefit from regular opportunities to experience live music, both through in-school workshops with professional musicians and by attending and participating in concerts. This term alone, pupils have attended Singlinton, enjoyed concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra, experienced a piano recital at St Mary's Church, and taken part in an engaging wind quintet workshop here at school.



MATHS STAY AND PLAY  
MORNING IN THE EYFS





Our recent Spring Concert was a wonderful celebration of the children's hard work and musical talents, bringing the whole school community together to enjoy and appreciate music. We are incredibly fortunate to have our dedicated music teacher, Mercedes, whose passion and commitment ensure that every child can develop their musicality. Music continues to go from strength to strength at Moreland, and we are proud to have been awarded the Music Mark in recognition of our commitment to inclusive music education.

Looking ahead, there is even more to be excited about: Year 3 will take part in a six-week composition project with musicians from the Musician's Company, while Year 4 will participate in Harmonise London, working with professional musicians to compose their own song and perform it at the Barbican in June.

Sadly, we must say goodbye to two members of staff this term. Rachel Year 4 teacher and Lauren W our music lead and Phase leader are moving on to pastures new. I would like to wish them the best of luck on behalf of everyone at Moreland and thank them for everything they have done for the children.

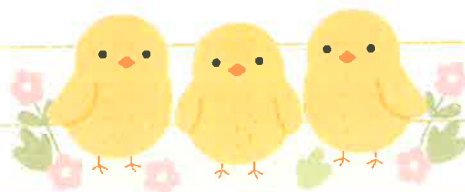
A reminder to please check your child's vaccinations are up to date. There is a big rise in measles cases in London currently. Measles spreads very easily and can make children and adults very unwell. The best protection against measles is the MMR vaccine. Children need two doses to be fully protected. Having only one dose is not enough to prevent infection. Please check with your GP if you think your child needs vaccinating.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday.

### EASTER BONNETS GALORE!



### OUR NEWEST MORELANDERS





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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.

## 27th March 2026

# 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. Please see the letter attached regarding term time leave.

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



## FEBRUARY 2026

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	93%	16
Rec -Beech	89%	12
Year 1-Maple	90%	5
Year 1-Olive	94%	21
Year 2-Cherry	97%	13
Year 2- Pine	91%	22
Year 3 - Ash	94%	31
Year 3 - Palm	96%	2
Year 4 - Fir	90%	12
Year 4 - Birch	94%	25
Year 5 - Rowan	88%	30
Year 5 - Sycamore	95%	13
Year 6 - Cedar	92%	3
Year 6 - Oak	94%	14



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/free2](http://www.islington.gov.uk/free2)

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.



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.

### 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.

### NURSERY PLACES

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT IS 3 YEARS OLD OR WILL BE 3 YEARS OLD SOON, PLEASE PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FOR A NURSERY PLACE. YOU CAN PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM FROM DANIELLE OR LISA. WE ARE NOW LOOKING AT PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER SO COLLECT A FORM TODAY!

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

<b>MARCH 2026</b>	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Easter Hoidays 1.45pm finish. There will be no Playcentre today
<b>APRIL 2026</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery parents will receive an email after 5pm with a reception offer
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Acceptance deadline for reception class offers
<b>MAY 2026</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
<b>JUNE 2026</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day - school closed to children

## 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.  
Please go online and check today if you need help speak to Danielle

### PLEASE NOTE

We have been informed by Islington Council Food vouchers in the holidays will no longer be given to parents after the  
May half term.





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

<p>Early Years Willow Lilac Pear Beech</p>	<p>In EYFS we have been working with the topic "All About Me." The children have really enjoyed learning about themselves. They have talked about themselves and their families, creating drawings of the people who are special to them.</p> <p>The children have been developing their communication skills by talking and listening to others, as well as building friendships, sharing, and taking turns. We also explored similarities and differences, helping the children to understand that everyone is unique and special. They showed great interest in learning about each other and celebrating what makes them different.</p> <p>It has been lovely to see their confidence grow throughout this topic.</p>
<p>Year 1 Maple / Olive</p>	<p>Year 1 has had a very busy and exciting half term, taking part in a variety of trips, including visits to Highgate Woods, Gillespie Park and the Wetland Centre in Barnes, where they explored nature and developed their learning outside the classroom. We have also been participating in Forest School sessions in King's Square, where we have continued to develop our love of nature and being outdoors. Our Science Day was particularly exciting, as we carried out experiments with trains we made in DT on different surfaces and discussed which surfaces had the greatest impact on their movement</p> <p>In English, the children have been creating their own fairy stories and working hard on publishing their writing.</p>
<p>Year 2 Cherry / Pine</p>	<p>In English we will be looking at information texts and facts about the United Kingdom. Exploring the features of each country of the United Kingdom in detail and using their knowledge to write a non-chronological report about one of the countries. In Art/Design and Technology the children will be looking at 3D Structures and design their own Packaging for their final cooking product /packaging. Topic (Geography and History) We will be finding out about the geography of the 4 countries of the UK. Finding out about daily weather patterns in the UK, upland and lowlands and holding a Great British Bake off to showcase recipes from all 4 countries. In maths we completed Multiplication and Division, measurements; Length and Height, mass, Capacity and Temperature.</p>
<p>Year 3 Palm / Ash</p>	<p>'80 Days Around the World'. This term we have been following the journey of Phileas Fogg which has led us to writing a travel blog, exploring time zones, ocean currents and more! We have particularly enjoyed creating a book sleeve in DT, practising our sewing skills and learning about different fastenings. We loved participating in the science fair and investigating cause and effect with our chain reactions. Eid Mubarak to those celebrating!</p>
<p>Year 4 Fir/ Birch</p>	<p>In Year 4 this month, we have been finishing off our Egyptian topic. We visited the British Museum and learned about the hierarchy of Egyptian society and their beliefs about the afterlife. We also visited John Wesley Chapel to learn about what Christians believe, supporting our R.E. studies. Furthermore, we have been actively participating in cricket sessions, where we are learning the rules and techniques of the sport, enhancing our teamwork and physical fitness.</p>
<p>Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore</p>	<p>In year 5 we have been reading <i>Macbeth</i> in English and learning how to write a two sided argument. In maths we have started a new unit on decimals and percentages. Children have been using knowledge of fractions to make links to current learning. In topic we have been studying the geography of the U.K, learning key physical features and how they vary across the region.</p>
<p>Year 6 Cedar / Oak</p>	<p>This term, Year 6 have been exploring the novel <i>Holes</i>, developing their reading comprehension and discussion skills. Alongside this, they have been writing engaging narrative stories and learning about the human and physical features of the USA, building their geographical understanding.</p>



## Letter to all Parents about Term Time Leave

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re: Family Holidays and Special Leave in Term Time

I am writing to remind you of Moreland Primary School's policy about holidays during term time. The law requires parents to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and normally we would not expect you to take your child out of school for a holiday. There is no automatic right to a holiday in term time.

When considering the timing of your family holiday, please remember the following:

- A two week term time holiday will mean that your child misses out on 10 literacy lessons and 10 numeracy lessons.
- Research shows that children often do not catch up from work missed – this could have serious consequences for their learning and progress.
- Your child's term time holiday could affect other pupils - the time teachers have to help all the children in a class is reduced if they spend time helping your child catch up after a holiday.
- There are 175 non-school days in each year for holidays, cultural experiences and family time.

If after these considerations you feel it is absolutely unavoidable to take your child on a holiday or special leave of absence in term time, you must make an application in advance. Forms are available from the school office and we request that you apply 4 weeks in advance of any proposed holiday or special leave.

The local education authority and the national government strongly discourage schools from allowing term time holidays. While you can be assured that each request will be considered on its individual merits, our practice is to only authorise holidays and leave in exceptional circumstances.

If we do agree to a holiday or leave in term time, it is very important that your child comes back to school on the date agreed. Failure to return could result in your child being deleted from the school roll or legal action being taken against you for the absence. Our school has a duty to keep children safe and this includes knowing where they are.

If you withdraw your child for a holiday during term time and we have not agreed to it, this absence will be unauthorised and could result in a penalty notice (a £60-£120 fine) or a summons to court.

Our aim is to ensure our pupils receive the most from their education and I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,  
Catherine Lawrence  
Headteacher

# 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](https://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons)

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



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