



# NEWSLETTER



NURSERY EXPLORING  
CLASSICAL MUSIC  
AT LSO ST LUKES



EYFS CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES COOKING  
AT ST LUKES CENTRE

Welcome to this month's newsletter.

As we reach the end of the first half term of the summer term I want to say how proud I am of Year 6 and all the work they put in for their SATS. They went in with a positive growth mindset attitude and worked hard and did their best. Thank you to the Year 6 staff team and everyone else who helped prepare children for their SATS including delivering booster sessions and Easter School. It was a great team effort.

Year 6 can now enjoy all the exciting events and activities that their last few months in Primary School has to offer. These include Kayaking, the Chessington trip, the Year 6 show and the Prom.

We have an action packed summer term ahead with many events planned. Please make sure you check Class Dojo and the newsletter for information. The PTA are working hard planning the Summer Fair so please do get involved if you can. All help is welcomed!



ECO TEAM LED AN  
ASSEMBLY ON  
RECYCLING FOR  
WORLD EARTH DAY

Y4 FOREST  
SCHOOL FUN



## EVENTS

Coming up in June

Sports Day-EYFS - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day Y's 1 -3 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Y's 4-6 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June @school

INSET DAY - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

See Class Dojo for more information



Thank you to all the families who completed our annual parent and carer survey. The results for this were really positive and we had over 200 responses which is excellent and give us a real reflection on what families feel about their child's experience at Moreland.

These are the results for the % of parents/carers who strongly agree or agree with the following:

My child enjoys school	97%	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	93%
The school keeps my child safe	99%	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	94%
The school informs me about my child's progress	96%	The school is led and managed effectively	96%
My child is making enough progress at school	94%	Overall I am happy with my child's experience at this school	97%
The teaching is good at this school	98%	The school building, facilities and playground are of high standard	95%
The school helps me support my child's learning	97%	The school provides learning that matches my child's abilities	97%
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	96%	The school provides a good range of extra- curricular activities and services	95%
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future	95%	The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum that is interesting and challenging	97%
The school meets my child's particular needs	95%	I know how I can help my child with their learning at home	97%
I know how I can get involved more with the school	97%	My child's SEND needs are well supported at Moreland	95%
I am kept up to date with my child's progress with regards to their SEND	95%	I know how I can approach the school if I have questions about SEND.	94%

We always welcome feedback and suggestions from parents and carers. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information on your child's development and learning or suggestions for how you can support them with their learning. Strong collaboration between home and school will support your child to achieve their very best.

If you would like advice on SEND please reach out to our SENCO Hannah or Assistant Head Inclusion Dani. Please contact them via the school office or via email [admin@moreland.uislington.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moreland.uislington.sch.uk)



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.

## 21st May 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.

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. A copy of the 2026-2027 holiday dates are attached.

Holiday dates are on our website



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



### APRIL 2026

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
Rec - Pear	91%	6
Rec - Beech	91%	6
Year 1-Maple	93%	3
Year 1-Olive	91%	6
Year 2-Cherry	98%	5
Year 2- Pine	96%	5
Year 3 - Ash	92%	13
Year 3 - Palm	96%	4
Year 4 - Fir	94%	6
Year 4 - Birch	95%	8
Year 5 - Rowan	92%	10
Year 5 - Sycamore	93%	7
Year 6 - Cedar	93%	6
Year 6 - Oak	95%	7



### 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!

### HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HALF TERM!

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>MAY 2026</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term school closed
<b>JUNE 2026</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day - school closed to children
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day Children Centre - Times to be confirmed
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day Early Years - Times to be confirmed
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day Years 1, 2 and 3 - Times to be confirmed
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day Years 4, 5 and 6 - Times to be confirmed
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School photos - class only no individuals
<b>JULY 2026</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Picnic - whole school 2.00-3.30pm more details to follow
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher - children will meet their new teacher for September
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 show for year 6 parents only 4.30-5.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 show for year 6 parents only 4.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to parents -Drop in to speak to the teacher 4-5pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Prom 6-8pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers assembly -9.30-10.30am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school all children finish at 1.45pm NO PLAYCENTRE
<b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school Years 1-6 Nursery and Reception classes will have individual return dates





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

<p>Early Years Willow Lilac Pear Beech</p>	<p>In EYFS our children have been learning about the topic "In the Garden" through a range of hands-on and engaging activities. They have explored how plants grow by planting seeds and caring for them, learning what plants need such as water, sunlight, and soil. The children have enjoyed digging, planting, and watering, which has helped to develop their physical skills as well as their understanding of the natural world. They have also been observing changes over time, noticing how their plants begin to grow and develop. Alongside this, children have been building their vocabulary by learning new words related to gardening and nature, and have been encouraged to talk about their experiences. This topic has also supported their personal and social development, as they have taken responsibility for caring for living things and worked together in the garden. Reception children are now beginning to write simple sentences independently, applying their phonics knowledge, while Nursery children are engaging in a range of blending activities to support their early reading skills and prepare them for Reception.</p>
<p>Year 1 Maple / Olive</p>	<p>This term, Year 1 have been learning about our school through the ages. The children explored Victorian schools, schools from the 1970s-1990s, and compared them with school life today. They enjoyed experiencing a Victorian classroom for the morning and practised writing on chalk boards just like children would have done in the past. In Science, the children have been learning about the five senses and how they help us understand the world around us. They enjoyed taking part in practical activities exploring sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell while developing their observation and scientific skills.</p>
<p>Year 2 Cherry / Pine</p>	<p>In English we have been working towards writing a personal narrative. Linking with our topic 'Land Ahoy!' writing a letter home from on board a pirate ship. In science we have learnt about plants - about how seeds germinate? How Bulbs grow? What plants need to thrive and be healthy? We have done some comparative experiments to make scientific observations. In History and Geography - Our topic was 'Land Ahoy' and we learnt g about life on board a pirate ship and looked at some famous pirates. Throughout our topic we also have learnt about the continents, oceans and compass points. Math's - We have finished Measurement: Length and Height Measurement: Mass, Capacity and Temperature. We are now working on the Fractions Unit. Art/Design and Technology: we made pouches, learnt about how to sew a running stitch, and used a design to make a bag and decorated our bags. Textiles: - Learning about Cloth, Thread and Paint.</p>
<p>Year 3 Palm / Ash</p>	<p>In English we have planned, written, and published our adventure stories, making sure to include all the key features of an adventure story. In maths the children have been learning about units of measurement. They have practised measuring in centimetres, metres, and millimetres. We have been learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age in history, comparing what life was like during each period.</p>
<p>Year 4 Fir/ Birch</p>	<p>Year 4 have had a busy and exciting month of learning. In Forest School, the children have enjoyed developing their teamwork, confidence and outdoor skills. In English and topic lessons, we have started learning about Ancient Greece, exploring its history, myths and culture. The children have also taken part in music workshops as part of their preparation for a performance at the Barbican, showing great enthusiasm and commitment. Alongside this, we have been learning about global warming and discussing how we can all help to care for our planet. Well done, Year 4!</p>
<p>Year 5 Rowan / Sycamore</p>	<p>In year 5 we have been learning about Antarctica. Children have learnt about early polar explorers and looked at the significance of these journeys. In English we have been reading Shackleton's journey and will be writing a diary recount. In maths we have finished our unit on decimals and have started a unit on area and perimeter. In science children have been learning about animals and humans and have studied the human lifecycle.</p>
<p>Year 6 Cedar / Oak</p>	<p>Year 6 have been working hard on fractions percentages and decimals in preparation for their sats exams. We are learning about the history of the Benin Kingdom and in art we will be creating our own Benin Bronzes after visiting the British Museum to sketch them.</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.  
Please go online and check today if you need help speak to Danielle

### PLEASE NOTE

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



# 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)



**MORELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PLEASE KEEP THIS DOCUMENT FOR**  
**FUTURE REFERENCE**  
**DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

<b>INCLUSIVE TERM DATES</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026 <b>Inset Day-Wednesday 2nd September 2026</b> <b>Inset Day-Thursday 3rd September 2026</b> <b>Inset Day Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>	Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026	Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Monday 4th January 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027	Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027 <b>* Good Friday - 26th March 2027</b> <b>* Easter Monday-29th March 2027</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>
Monday 12th April 2027 to Thursday 22nd July 2027 <b>May Day – Monday 3rd May 2027</b>	Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027 <b>Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 31st May 2027</b>	Thursday 22nd July 2027
<b>*BANK HOLIDAYS:</b>		
Friday 26th March 2027 – Good Friday		
Monday 29th March 2027 – Easter Monday		
Monday 3rd May 2027 – May Day		
Monday 31st May 2027 – Spring Bank Holiday		
<i>INSET DAYS i.e. when pupils are on holiday but staff are in school training</i>		
<i>Wednesday 2nd September 2026</i>		
<i>Thursday 3rd September 2026</i>		
<i>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026</i>		
<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2027</i>		

## 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

