



*Reception 2025-2026*



*Mrs Denney  
Headteacher*



*Mrs Freeman  
Deputy Headteacher*



# Reception Teaching Staff



**Mrs Watson**

*DD class teacher  
EYFS lead*



**Miss Todd**

*SS class teacher*



**Mrs Casson and Mrs Sutcliffe**

*HH class teachers*

**Miss Flint**  
*PPA teacher  
SENDCO*



**Mrs Jordan**  
*PPA teacher*

# *Educational Teaching Assistants*



*Mrs Marten*



*Mrs Bottom*



*Miss Grocott*



*Mrs Ryan*



*Miss Watson*



*Mrs Ogden*

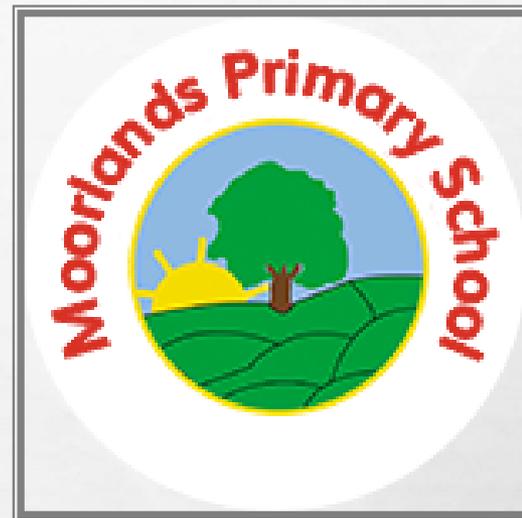


*Mrs Pearson*

*These grown ups also assist in the hall at lunch time and outside, so the children always have a familiar face.*

*All ETAs are first aid trained.*

*Moorlands is a three-form entry school with 3 classes per year group.*



*There are 90 new starters for September – 30 children per class*



# Uniform



White polo shirts  
White blouses or shirts  
Long or short sleeves



Red v-neck or round neck jumpers or cardigans.  
Knitted or jersey.  
With or without logo



Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores.  
Gingham dresses, skirts or shorts in summer term only.



Fleeces are for outside only.



Hoodies are not permitted unless for P.E.



Leggings may be worn under skirts or dresses only.

# Uniform



Acceptable shoes and boots. Patent or leather are both acceptable.



Plain grey, white or black ankle or knee socks are acceptable. Grey, black or red plain tights are acceptable.



Any patterned socks or tights are not acceptable.



Any shoes with sports logos are not permitted or any 'trainer' style/mesh style footwear.

Glitter, patterned or embellished boots are not acceptable.



Open-toed sandals are not allowed due to safety.



What will my child need to bring to school?

Please clearly **name** all items of clothing, shoes and water bottles.



White top  
Black shorts  
PE pumps

# Milk and Snack



*Children have milk and snack throughout the day provided by school.*

*Milk is free for children under the age of 5.*

*You need to register your child for FREE school milk and then when they turn 5 you also pay for milk online. More information can be found on [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)*

## **Important Information**

*We have children in school with severe nut allergies. We are a nut free school. Please check that any food sent in does not contain nuts and that no food containing nuts is eaten on the playground before and after school – thank you!*





# School Dinners



- Your child can either have a school dinner or can bring a packed lunch. All children nationally are entitled to a free school dinner in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This is known as a universal dinner. If you think you might be entitled to free school meals after Year 2 you must tell us now.
- Please ensure that all contact and medical information has been returned to the school office. You must advise us of any change in contact details, family circumstances or medical information immediately.
- If your child is having packed lunches, please limit the sugary snacks the children bring and remember we are a NUT FREE school.



Roast Of The Day



Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce



Ham Panini



Cheese & Tomato Panini

W E E K  1	 <b>Meal Options</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Quorn Dippers and Tomato Ketchup served with Jacket Wedges and Garden Peas	Homemade Sausage Roll served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans	Roast Chicken served with Traditional Accompaniments, Oven Roast and Creamed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Minced Beef Pie and Gravy served with Crispy Sliced Potatoes and Carrot Batons	
			Jacket Potato served with Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese and Tomato Panini served with Seasonal Salad		Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish served with Oven Baked Chips and Mushy Peas
		Cheese and Garlic Panini served with Seasonal Salad		Penne Pasta served with Tomato and Basil Sauce and Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato served with Crunchy Coleslaw	Pasta Twists served with Italian Tomato Sauce and Garlic Bread
		Pizza Panini served with Seasonal Salad	Jacket Potato served with Cheese	Ham Panini served with Seasonal Salad	Jacket Potato served with Cheese	
		Vegetarian Lasagne served with Jacket Wedges and Seasonal Salad	Quorn Sausage Roll served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans		Homemade Loaded Vegetable Pizza served with Crispy Sliced Potatoes and Crunchy Coleslaw	Quorn Balti served with Wholegrain Rice
<b>Puddings</b>	A daily selection of Hot and/or Cold Home Baking, Fruit and Yoghurts					

# Medicines



- *Must be named and prescribed from a doctor.*
- *All medicines must be brought in through the office and collected from the office at the end of the day (if needed at home).*
- *Children with asthma need to complete an asthma card and form with an inhaler that needs to stay in school.*
- *Any children with dietary requirements such as nut allergy need to have a care plan from the doctors – we will need this as soon as possible prior to the children starting in September.*

## **8.45am** School Starts

*\*Please try and encourage your child to come into the cloakroom independently – they will be okay!\**

**9am** Literacy lesson

**9.30am** Busy time (indoors and outdoors)

**11am** Maths lesson

**11.30am** wash hands/prepare for lunch

**11.45am** Lunchtime

**12.45pm** Phonics lesson

**1.15pm** Busy Time (indoors and outdoors)

**2.15pm** Topic lesson

**2.45pm** Story

**3.20pm** Home Time

*\*Please let class teacher or the office know if there is anyone different collecting your child at home time.*



# Learning in Reception



- Children's learning in Reception is tracked and assessed against the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, just as they were at nursery or pre-school.
- Children make progress at different rates.
- The Early Years curriculum is founded on a play-based approach to support a child's holistic development.
- We spend time playing alongside the children, finding out what their interests are so we can engage them with the learning.
- **How we learn in Reception – Information Evening – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**



# Outdoor Learning and Forest School

- Children will experience the outdoor learning environment in all weathers.
- During 'busy time' half of the class will access the outdoor classroom for 1 hour – appropriate clothing is important!
- Please make sure your child has wellies that can be left in school.
- School provide the children with a waterproof all in one.
- There are so many benefits of learning in the outdoors; children can complete activities on a larger scale, practise gross motor skills and explore the natural world around them.







*More details to follow in the Autumn term*

# Home Visits

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July

- We have booked all children in for a home visit. You should have received an email confirming the date and time. **Please speak to us today if you have any queries.**
- We have allocated 10 minutes for each home visit for you and your child to meet the new class teacher and an ETA who will be working in Reception.
- This is an opportunity for you to ask any questions, share information with us about your child and for us to meet them in a comfortable setting.

# Stay and Play

4 – 4.45pm

*You are invited to bring your child for to visit their new classroom.*

*This is an opportunity for you to look round the reception classroom and outside areas and for your child to familiarise themselves with their new classroom.*

*Parents are asked to stay with their child for the duration of the visits.*

*Reception staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.*

*Dazzling Diamonds – Monday 7th July*

*Sparkling Stars – Tuesday 8th July*

*Happy Hearts – Wednesday 9th July*

# Looking forward to September – half day



- Children have been allocated either the **morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup> September** to come for a half day (this information is on the letter than has been sent to you).
- Please bring your child to their **Reception classroom doors for 8.45am** Children will have the morning in class followed by lunch (you will need to inform us of your child's chosen lunch)
- Parents / carers to return to collect child at 12.30pm from the **main office**.
- Children need any labelled medication they may require with clear instructions e.g. inhalers, epi pens.

# Looking forward to September –full day



- All children will all start school at 8.45am on Thursday 4th September for their first full day.
- Please drop the children off at 8.45am and collect the children from their classroom door at 3.20pm.
- Children will need to bring their book bag and water bottle.
- Please try to leave the children at the classroom door – they will be okay!

# Open Door Policy

- Parent communication board
- Class email
- Stay and play sessions
- Reading mornings
- Half termly newsletters about what we are learning



# Developing Independence

**Am I ready for school?**

**Tips for parents**

When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should ideally have mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

**Self-care**

- I know when to wash my hands
- I can wipe my nose
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well

**Speaking & literacy**

- I am interested in reading stories & looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs & feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down

**Getting dressed & undressed on my own**

- I can button & unbutton my clothes
- I can put my own shoes & socks on
- I can put my coat on & use a zip

**Interest in the world & new activities**

- I enjoy learning about the world around me
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments
- I like asking questions

**Eating**

- I can use a knife & fork
- I can open my packed lunch on my own
- I am confident at opening wrappers & packaging

**Writing skills**

- I like tracing patterns & colouring in
- I enjoy experimenting with different shaped scribbles
- I am practising holding a pencil

**Going to the toilet**

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly & flush
- I can wash & dry my hands without any help

**Independence**

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or my main carer
- I am happy to tidy my belongings & look after my things
- I am feeling confident about starting school

**Listening & understanding**

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

**Sharing & turn taking**

- I can share toys & take turns
- I can play games with others
- I can interact with other children

**Counting skills**

- I enjoy practising counting objects
- I like saying number rhymes & playing counting games
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down

**Routines**

- I have practised putting on my uniform & getting ready to leave on time
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school
- I'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days





[www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk](http://www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk)

Dazzling Diamonds – Mrs Watson – [dd@moorlandsprimary.org.uk](mailto:dd@moorlandsprimary.org.uk)

Sparking Stars – Miss Todd – [ss@moorlandsprimary.org.uk](mailto:ss@moorlandsprimary.org.uk)

Happy Hearts – Mrs Casson and Mrs Sutcliffe –  
[hh@moorlandsprimary.org.uk](mailto:hh@moorlandsprimary.org.uk)

Please note that these emails may not be accessed every day, so please contact the school office with urgent matters

“ Play is the most natural way children learn. ”  
Fred Donaldson

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# The Nothing Poem



When children come home  
At the end of the day,  
There's a question they're asked  
As they scurry to play.

*"Tell me, what did you do in school today?"  
"Nothing. I did nothing today!"*

Perhaps nothing means that I played with blocks.  
Tied my own shoes, or found beautiful rocks.  
Maybe the monarchs hatched today.  
Or maybe I found a new friend to play.

Maybe today was the very first time  
My scissors followed a very straight line.  
Perhaps I learned a new song,  
and sang all the words,  
Or I touched a feather from the strangest of birds.

When you're in preschool and your heart has wings,  
"Nothing" can mean some wonderful things!

- Author Unknown



CHILDREN LEARN  
AS THEY PLAY.  
*most importantly*  
IN PLAY, CHILDREN  
**LEARN** HOW  
TO **LEARN**

FRED DONALDSON

FREE PRINTABLE PLAY QUOTES INCLUDED IN THE ARTICLE

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Any Questions?



Check home visits

Transition form (SEND)

Try School Dinners!

Uniform Exchange

**Reception Transition Information Form for Children with SEND**

Please complete this form to help us make your child's move to reception as smooth and supportive as possible. The information you provide will be shared with the school's SENDCo and reception team to plan appropriate support.

**SECTION 1 – CHILD DETAILS**

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current nursery/early years setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Days/hours attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Key person at nursery: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2 – CONTACT DETAILS**

Name of the person completing the form: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 3 – SEND OVERVIEW**