



Moorlands Primary School

High Expectations, High Achievements, Challenge and Enjoyment for All

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It's been wonderful to see all our children return to school this week. We hope you had a fantastic holiday and found time to relax and recharge, ready for an exciting 2026!

We've certainly had a chilly start to the term, so thank you for sending the children wrapped up warmly—they've been able to enjoy playing outside despite the cold.

We're looking forward to a fantastic Spring term here at Moorlands, filled with learning, creativity, and fun! Thank you for your understanding regarding the late opening on Wednesday. The ice on Moorlands Road and the school grounds made it unsafe to open at the usual time. Despite gritting, the rain was falling and refreezing straight away.

Emergency Closure Procedures

We aim to make decisions regarding any emergency closures as early as possible so families can be notified promptly. These decisions are never taken lightly, as we understand the significant impact they have on both families and staff.

How we will communicate closures:

- Messages will be sent to families via **ParentPay**, and later this term, through **Arbor**.
- Updates will also be posted on:
 - The **Moorlands website**
 - The **Kirklees website**
 - Our **Instagram page**

In the event of a closure, please note that staff will be working hard to communicate with various agencies or resolve issues such as a broken boiler. **We kindly ask that you do not call the school**, as this allows us to focus on resolving the situation quickly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Christmas Productions – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and refreshments at our Christmas productions. Together you helped raise an incredible **£1,900!**



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Huddersfield
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In addition, the **Community Committee**, supported by our fantastic **Behaviour Ambassadors**, raised a further **£662.41**.

All of this money will go directly towards projects in school to **enhance learning and play opportunities for our children**.

Year 1 & Year 2 Reading Morning Update

We would like to inform parents and carers that our Reading Morning for Year 1 and Year 2 will be moving to Thursdays starting from 8th January.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday mornings to share in the joy of reading with your child.

Road Safety Notice

Due to ill health, there will be **no crossing patrol on Moorlands Road for the remainder of the Spring term**. Please take extra care when crossing the road and remind children to be vigilant.

Transition to Arbor Parent Portal

As some of you may know, we've made some changes to the systems we use in school. To make full use of these systems we are introducing the use of Arbor's Parent Portal.

You should receive an email today containing login instructions. If you are already familiar with Arbor please feel free to login via the website or app. If you would like extra guidance before attempting to login, we are putting together a guide that will be sent out early next week but in the meantime Arbor guidance can be found here: [Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App – Arbor Help Centre](#)

Starting next week, the weekly newsletter will be sent via both ParentPay and Arbor. The newsletter due on **Thursday 29th January will only be sent via Arbor**. To ensure you don't miss any information, all other communication will continue to be sent via ParentPay for the time being.

We will keep you updated on this transition and notify you of any actions you should take. If you have any issues or questions, please contact the school office via email (office@moorlandsprimary.org.uk).

Spring After School Clubs

Our spring after school clubs started this week and we would like to remind parents that children taking part in an outdoor club (American Dodgeball, Bushcraft, Football or Grow Wild) should have weather appropriate clothing with them. In extreme weather cases we will have the children complete alternative activities indoors but as this decision is made by the club leader, it is best to assume the club will be continuing as planned.

Additional Lego Session

Calderbrick who run our Tuesday Lego Club have kindly offered us the option of running a secondary session in response to the demand this term. This session would be on a **Friday** and would run from the **end of January until the end of the spring term**.

If you would be interested in this session, we have added this session to our waiting list form so please register interest using this link: [Spring After School Club Waiting List – Fill in form](#).

Please note, this is subject to change and does not guarantee your child a space in the club, we are simply looking to gauge interest to determine if an additional session could be added.

Shout Outs

During the Christmas break Mabel in 1K and her mum noticed that there was a build-up of litter on the estate where they live, so they went out with grabbers and a bin bag. Mabel was so excited to collect all the litter to protect the environment. Mabel filled a whole bin bag of litter. Well done Mabel (and mum)!

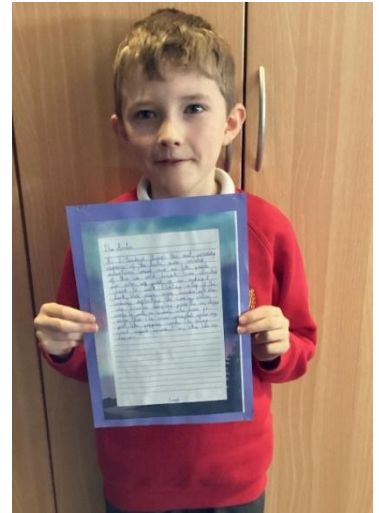


Moorlands Star Writer of the Week

This week's Star Writer is Joseph from 5G. Joseph has written a setting description of the Arctic with some beautiful imagery! He has used fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and similes to paint a really clear picture of a journey through the Arctic which was a pleasure to read. Well done, Joseph!

All work chosen for Moorlands Star Writer of the Week will be shared on the school website and can be found under the 'Curriculum' tab on the website's main page.

Be sure to keep checking our newsletter and website to see who will be the next Moorlands Star Writer!



Local History – Can You Help?

We are keen to enrich our children's learning by exploring the history of our local area and would love the support of our school community. If you have anything such as old photographs or similar resources linked to the area around the school, we would be delighted to hear from you. Even small contributions can help bring our local history to life for the children.

We are also very interested in making connections with local organisations or individuals who have knowledge of the area's past, or who may be willing to give a little time to share their experiences or expertise with our pupils.

If you think you could help in any way, please email history@moorlandsprimary.org.uk. Thank you for helping us uncover and celebrate our local history.

OPAL Update: Thank You for Your Incredible Support

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey so far. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and donations have already made a remarkable difference to play at Moorlands — and we're only at the beginning of this exciting transformation.

Over the past term, we've introduced a range of "small wins" play opportunities including small worlds, construction, drawing, mud painting, skipping, dressing up, music, games, dolls, and a variety of ball and hoop activities. These additions have brought so much joy and creativity to playtimes.

Before Christmas, we put out an appeal for larger items, and we were overwhelmed by the fantastic donations we received. Thank you for responding so generously.

We are now looking for a few more items to help us continue developing our OPAL spaces:

- Tonne bags

- Rope
- Large sheets for den building
- Large plastic bread-style or tough storage crates (for building with)
- Old tractor tyres (worth an ask!)

We are also planning to install a wooden gate for the top playground shelter, where our new sandpit will be located. This will help keep our friendly neighbourhood foxes and cats from turning it into their own play area. If anyone has contacts who may be able to help with sourcing a gate, we would be incredibly grateful.

Looking ahead, our next projects include developing a dedicated den-building area and creating a large sandpit. Your donations so far have been truly amazing, and we are so thankful for everything the community has offered.



Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week Awards

Each week, two special certificates are awarded in every class: Behaving the Moorlands Way and Learner of the Week. These awards are given to students who consistently demonstrate excellent behaviour and a fantastic attitude towards learning, always doing their best. We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this week's awards.

Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner		Class	Award winner	
	Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week		Behaving the Moorlands Way	Learner of the week
DD	Zak	Indie	2S	Elliot	Aisha	4H	Narayan	Theo K
HH	Grace	Jovan	2M	Florence	Peyton	5W	Jed	Luke H
SS	Aayat	Lottie	3M	Joshua B	Elsie	5G	Remy	Zaifa
1P	Logan	Lilia	3HS	Arabella	Joseph	5F	Ella R	Aiden W
1K	Mabel	Laike	3S	Dexter	Zara	6T	Eleanor B	Ryder
1SO	Nephelie	Leo	4CM	Ashton	Alexander	6C	Georgia	Parker
2J	Nyla	Dexter	4W	Thea	Seamie	6S	Aiden	Kai H

2026 Lindley Junior Run

Registration is now open for the 2026 Lindley Junior Run, which will take place on Sunday, 28th June 2026 at 9am, just before the Lindley 10k sets off at 9:30am.

It's a great opportunity for young runners to enjoy the excitement of the morning and be part of a brilliant community day.

The Junior Run will be held on Lidget Street, Lindley, HD3 3JP, with an entry fee of £10 per participant. Children of all abilities are welcome, and families are encouraged to sign up early to secure a place.

Enter online here: <https://bit.ly/LJR2026>

Lost Glasses





We have some pink-framed prescription glasses that were found in lost property. If your child is missing their glasses, please contact the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 13 th January	KS2 School Parliament trip to meet the mayor at the town hall
Thursday 5 th February	Young Voices Choir singing at Manchester Co-op Arena
Thursday 12 th February	Close for half term
Thursday 12 th February	PTA Disco
Friday 13 th February	Teacher training day- school closed for pupils.
Monday 23 rd February	School reopens
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
10 th -11 th March	Parliament London trip
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 5 parent assembly
Tuesday 24 th March	PTA Easter Egg Bingo
Wednesday 25 th March	Reception Parent assembly ***note change of date***
Friday 27 th March	Yr.1 Parent assembly
Friday 27 th March	Break up for the Easter Holidays.

Keep up to date with all the latest news, events, and celebrations by following us on Instagram [@MoorlandsHudds](https://www.instagram.com/MoorlandsHudds) and visiting our school website: www.moorlandsprimary.org.uk.

We regularly share:

-  Important school announcements
-  Photos and highlights from school events
-  Student achievements and celebrations
-  Key dates and reminders for parents & carers.

As always, we have an **open-door policy** – if there's anything you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out. We value our school community and are always here to support you!

Previous attachment

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN GIRLS RUGBY RECRUITMENT!

Girls aged 4-16!
 Want to learn new skills, make new friends & have fun in a family friendly atmosphere?
 Come and give rugby a TRY at Laund Hill!
 No previous experience necessary!
 All coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked
 We have teams for girls aged 4-16

CONTACT | Andy 07709347853 | DoR@HLHRUFC.co.uk

TERRIER 7s

SPECIAL LIMITED OFFER FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 2 AT SCHOOL!
born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019

Terrier 7s offers the perfect opportunity to introduce young supporters to Huddersfield Town

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- Your very own 2025/26 replica home shirt
- Tickets to a home EFL League One game
- Pitch side meet and greet with Terry the Terrier

JUST £35

NEXT STEPS

If your child is 7 years old this academic year:

- Simply visit htafc.com
- Search 'Terrier 7s' or scan the QR Code
- Purchase your package for just £35

For more info visit htafc.com/tickets/7s

NETTY STARS

BRAND NEW SESSION!

NETBALL COACHING

For children in school years 3, 4 & 5 as of September 2025

Fridays
Huddersfield New College
HD3 4GL
5-6pm

Run by experienced, qualified Netball coaches

Learn new skills
Build confidence
Teamwork
Have fun
Play games

TRIAL SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Email to enquire
nettystars@outlook.com

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STARTS MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

FREE ENTRY

THE FAMILY ZONE

Free weekly advice & support session

TERM-TIME MONDAYS AT **THE ZONE** 1PM - 3PM

Every Monday during term time Home-Start Kirklees will be at The Zone to answer all your parenting questions whilst the children (under 5s only) play

Free, friendly, confidential advice on:
 Housing & Benefits | Mental Health
 Parenting Worries | Returning to work | Education

Or, if you just need a chat and some direction, we're here to listen and support.

Open to ALL parents / carers. Children under 5 only

HELPING FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN **GIANTS COMMUNITY TRUST**

The Zone | St Andrew's Rd
 Huddersfield HD1 6PT



Ever Thought About Fostering?

New to fostering or thinking about transferring from another agency or local authority? We make it clear, supportive, and refreshingly simple. Let's talk.

What You'll Receive

- £450–£900 per week, depending on the type of placement
- Full training which is practical, supportive, and tailored to you
- 24/7 support, 365 days a year because life doesn't stick to office hours
- A £3,000 skills recognition payment for experienced foster carers transferring to us
- A £500 annual thank-you gift to show our appreciation for everything you do

What You'll Need

- A spare bedroom
 - Experience of caring for or raising children
 - A willingness to learn, grow, and make a difference
- We're not corporate. We're not complicated. We're just a team of real people who care deeply about children, families, and the foster carers who make it all possible.



Let's talk, get in touch today for a no pressure chat

Tel & WhatsApp: 07349 729994
Email: info@impactfostercare.co.uk

Together, we can create a brighter future -
one child, one family at a time.



WALK & TALK

STAY ACTIVE

LOCAL STROLLS FOR WELLBEING AND CONNECTION

Take a break, get some fresh air and enjoy a relaxed walk in good company. Our Walk & Talk sessions are friendly, informal walks for adults in the local area. Whether you're looking to meet new people, stay active or simply clear your mind; our Walk & Talk sessions are a great way to connect with others whilst exploring your local surroundings.



FRIENDS

LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

THURSDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Meeting point - Moorlands School Outdoor Library
PLEASE WEAR COMFY SHOES/TRAINERS

JOIN NOW

07528629850 projectcommunities@outlook.com



No dogs please




HAWKS' JUNIOR BASKETBALL SESSIONS

At Hawks, we're all about fun first. Whether it's their first bounce of a basketball or dreams of the NBA, every child is encouraged to enjoy the game, stay active, and grow as part of a team.

Our sessions at the University of Huddersfield are built around play, positivity, and progress—helping young players develop not only basketball skills, but also healthy habits, confidence, and resilience that last a lifetime.

This is where the Journey begins. Where young Hawks learn to fly.



SCHOOL YEARS 5 OR 6
Saturday 11:45 to 12:40
Both Boys and Girls



SCHOOL YEARS 7,8 OR 9
Saturday 12:45 to 13:40
Boys only



SCHOOL YEARS 7,8 OR 9
Saturday 13:45 to 14:40
Girls only

Secure your spot by scanning the QR code or visiting:
www.west-yorkshire-hawks.classforkids.co.uk

Want to know more?
Head to www.west-yorkshire-hawks.com/juniors for full details.






LINDLEY SWIFTS U8s

(CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 3)

NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

FREE SKILLS SESSIONS EVERY SUNDAY
@ BIRCHENCLIFFE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



JOIN IN THE FUN!
ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

EMAIL:
LINDLEYSWIFTSJUNIORS@GMAIL.COM
or MESSAGE DAVE 07816955117

SCHOOL TRENDS

GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Happy New Year from School Trends! We hope you had a lovely festive break.

To kick off 2026, your parents can **enjoy 20% off** their next order in January, perfect for replenishing lost items or refreshing P.E. kits.

Please **share this offer** with your parents.

Let's start the year with less stress and smarter shopping!

**Use code:
NEWYEAR20**

Huddersfield Football



Development

At North Huddersfield Trust (Sports Hall)
Woodhouse Hall Rd, Huddersfield, HD2 1DJ
Starting on Wednesday 28th January 2026

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Wednesday at North Huddersfield Trust School**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Kelvin

0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534

www.firstkick.co.uk



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked