

MAY 2026 | NEWSLETTER

MORVEN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

We're all unique, together as one



As we approach the end of another busy half-term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the hard work demonstrated across our school. Our pupils have shown genuine commitment and dedication, and it has been a privilege to witness their efforts.

I am delighted to share that our Year 6 pupils have completed their SATs assessments with admirable resilience and composure. Their preparation and positive approach have been exemplary.

On a brighter note, we are thrilled to welcome back Miss Burgin, who returns to us following her travels around the world. We look forward to hearing about her adventures.

Finally, we pause to remember Julie Mason, a much loved former member of our teaching staff who passed away recently. Julie taught throughout the 1990s at Morven Park and her contribution to School will be fondly remembered by ex-pupils and colleagues alike. We send our condolences to her husband Paul and their family.

Mr Watson
Head Teacher

EARLY YEARS

F1

We have loved exploring the wonders of the great outdoors this term. The children have been busy learning all about weather, habitats, gardening, ponds, picnics, and even space! With the warmer weather, we've made the most of our outdoor environment, enjoying fresh air, hands-on activities, and plenty of opportunities to discover and play.



We have really enjoyed learning and retelling our Talk for Writing story, The Squeaky Story. The children had great fun joining in as they discovered that it was far too noisy to sleep at Grandma's house! Each animal made louder and louder sounds, making the story exciting and full of laughter. The children loved joining in with the repeated phrases and bringing the story to life with their voices and actions.



We have really made the most of the warmer, drier days by spending lots of time learning and playing outdoors. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. A special well done to those children who have learned to ride a bike – what an amazing achievement!



EARLY YEARS

F2

We have thoroughly enjoyed our Talk for Writing story, Jack and the Beanstalk! The children loved bringing the story to life by pretending to be the giant, exploring his enormous shoes, and planting their own beans. There was lots of creativity as we made up our own songs inspired by the story, and even created our own imaginative versions – turning the giant into a goblin was a fantastic idea! We have been inspired to write our own stories and create story maps, helping us to organise our ideas and retell stories in creative and imaginative ways. The children have shown great enthusiasm and pride in their writing and storytelling!



We have also begun practising our dance for Morven Park Day and are very excited to share it with you soon.



After half term we will begin our new theme 'Our World.'

YEAR 1

We have had an exciting half term in year 1. As scientists we learned all about plants and trees, we discovered that dandelions grow everywhere and we can name the different parts of plants and trees.

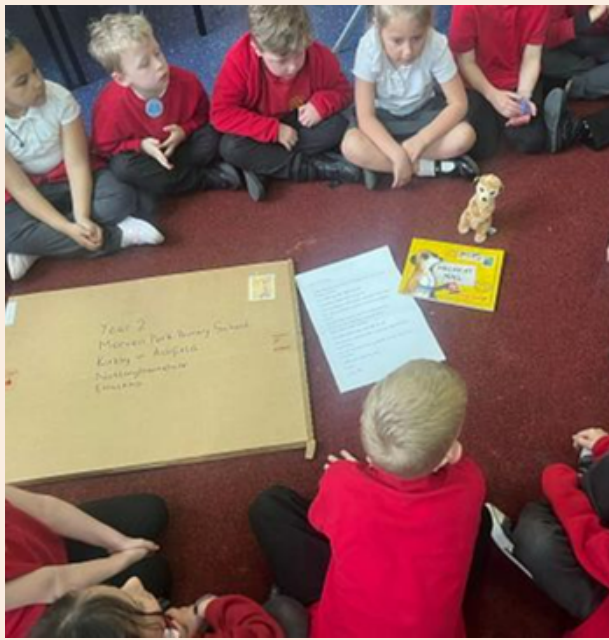
As historians we learned about some of the British Monarchs, we compared Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth 2nd. We learned about the changes that both monarchs saw. As artists we learned about the work of Bridget Riley and Paul Klee. We were inspired to create self portraits using shape and colour. In PE we have been learning to bowl and catch like cricketers!



YEAR 2

We've had a fantastic term in Year 2! We began with an exciting English Creative Hook Day, where the children received a HUGE surprise—a letter all the way from the Kalahari Desert! It was from Sunny the Meerkat. We explored what needs to be included on an envelope and worked out how we knew the letter was for us. Inside, we discovered Sunny's letter, a new book (Meerkat Mail), and a collection of postcards. The big question was... where has Sunny been? Our writing unit has been a real highlight, with pupils creating imaginative stories about their own meerkat—believing that the grass is greener, leaving home, exploring new places, and eventually returning. Their creativity has truly shone! The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring seaside holidays from the past and showed great enthusiasm while learning about plants in science. The children have also loved learning chair drumming and have produced some fabulous mixed media artwork inspired by the seaside.

We're all very excited about visiting the meerkats at Yorkshire Wildlife Park next term.



YEAR 3

Year 3 kicked off the half term with a trip to Magna. We excitedly explored the four elements; Air, Fire, Water and Earth after an interactive Volcanoes workshop where we learned how the layers of rock form after eruptions. In art, we have developed skills to create 3D sculptures inspired by playground equipment.

We have worked hard with our music teacher, Mr Oakton, in improving our rhythm and timing during chair drumming. As scientists we dissected plants to learn about their different parts and functions. A huge well done to everyone for their passion and determination in reading and times tables. We have seen so many children progress to the next book band and times table target. Keep up the great work!



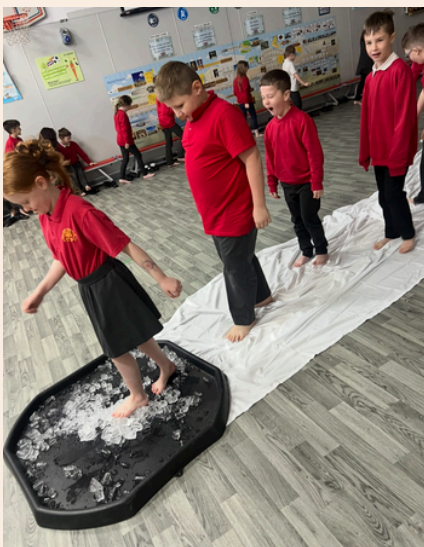
YEAR 4

What a fantastic start to the summer term! We've all been working incredibly hard and have enjoyed a wide range of activities across the curriculum.

In English, we began with a sensory walk, gathering clues to help us uncover our new text. An exciting and engaging way to spark our curiosity! We discovered we were going to be reading *The Night Fairy* and created our very own narrative. In D&T, we have been busy adapting a basic biscuit recipe. We carried out market research by tasting different biscuits, made our own basic versions and then worked within a budget to develop unique recipes with added ingredients. In Geography, we've been developing our map skills while learning all about Europe, which we've thoroughly enjoyed. In Computing, we've been getting to grips with Microsoft Teams, learning how to collaborate effectively on shared documents.

Woodpeckers also celebrated winning the attendance award last half term, earning a fun morning of bowling!

It's been a brilliant half term and we're all looking forward to seeing what the final half term in Year 4 will bring.



YEAR 5

In year 5 this half-term, we have enjoyed reading *This Morning I Met a Whale*. This inspired us to write a story about the environmental impacts of climate change on animals. In maths we have been working hard in perimeter and area, statistics, and shape. This term's science has focused on properties of materials and carried out many experiments. In History, we have learnt about ancient Greece, and we have had some very meaningful conversations. We really enjoyed this half-term's design technology topic – we designed a recipe and have made spaghetti bolognese. In R.E. we have been learning about the Muslim and Hindu faith. In computing we have made stop motion animation. We are all looking forward to our final term together.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have spent much of this half term preparing for and completing their SATs in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Mathematics. We are very proud of all of them as they have tried exceptionally hard to be the best that they can be.

In R.E. we have looked at how people live out their beliefs in life. Spanish has involved learning about tapas and how to order a drink and tapas in a café in Spain. In Art we have been interested in learning about Banksy and designing our own large wall art. We made and shared a 'Crab Stick Cocktail' and an 'Eton Mess' in our 'Come Dine With Me' project. It proved to be a great success.

In computing we have been looking at Bletchley Park and the History of Computers. Swimming has continued for some children and others have chosen to take study time. Our class sessions at the Fire Station taking part in the Ashfield Safety Event enabled all of us to understand the importance of staying safe. A group of us met a NASA Technologist at Nottingham University and enjoyed listening to stories about space exploration.

We now look forward to a number of other events including our trip to Alton Towers and our Year 6 Prom.



Climate Change Tip

At school, we have been making a big effort to turn off lights and electronics when they are not being used to help save energy and care for our planet.

Staff are also helping by using reusable water bottles throughout the school day.

If you would like to support us in our efforts to reduce our carbon emissions, we would like families to focus on one simple tip at home: try using reusable water bottles instead of single-use plastic bottles whenever possible.

“Every small action makes a difference.”



WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT TERM

SPORTS DAY

Thursday 2nd July 2026 - F1 / F2

FS2 / KS1 - 9:30am - 11:30am

FS1 AM- 11:30am

FS1 PM - 2:30pm

Friday 3rd July 2026 - KS2

Key stage 2 - 9:30am - 11:30am

SUMMER FAIR

Wednesday 8th July 2026

YEAR 6 PROM

Thursday 9th July 2026

PARENTS OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 15th July 2026

MORVEN PARK DAY

Thursday 16th July 2026



REMINDERS

Wrap around care is a pre-paid booking service only. Please do not arrive without a pre booked place. Accounts should not be in arrears.

Swimming will start on again
Wednesday 3rd June
for Year 3 / Year 5

WRAPAROUND CARE

- Pre-paid, booking-only service
- Please book and pay in advance to secure your place
- Unfortunately, we can't accept children without a booking
- Accounts should be kept up to date

SCHOOL MEALS

- Delicious meals available for just £1.50
- Helping keep meals affordable for all families
- Please keep your Arbor account topped up
- Ensure balances are not in arrears

We look forward to welcoming all children back in school on Monday 1st June 2026.