Morley Primary School Newsletter – April 2026

Uniform Reminders

As we move into the summer term, we would like to remind families of a few key uniform expectations:

- Earrings: Children may wear one small plain stud in each ear only.
- Smart Watches: Following last week's message, smart watches are not permitted in school. This is due to safeguarding concerns, as many devices have the capability to take photos, send and receive messages, and record audio.
- Summer Uniform: As the weather improves, tailored shorts may be worn by both boys and girls. Please note that:
    - Sports/PE shorts are not part of school uniform
    - Leggings or tight-fitting shorts are not appropriate for school wear – *children can wear leggings for PE.*

We appreciate your support in maintaining high standards and consistency across the school.

Mini London Marathon

This morning, we enjoyed a truly fantastic Mini London Marathon together in glorious sunshine. It was wonderful to see the field full of energy, colour and smiles, with children (and staff) making a brilliant effort to embrace the 1980s exercise-wear theme — the atmosphere was simply superb.

The event was a real celebration of participation, determination and togetherness, with every child taking part and supporting one another so positively. It was a joy to see.

A huge thank you to all our families for your support — whether through helping with costumes or coming along to cheer from the field. It made a real difference and added to the special Morley Feeling of the morning.

And, of course, a well-deserved ice cream at the end was the perfect way to celebrate such a brilliant event.

Upcoming Trips

We have some exciting trips coming up:

- Class 1: Bolsover Castle and Broomfield Plant Centre
- Class 2: Visits to Broomfield, Rolls Royce and Hardwick Hall
- Class 3: Mountains and Valleys Trip – 10th June

These experiences are such an important part of our wider curriculum and personal development offer—we know the children will gain a huge amount from them.

Year 6 SATs Week

SATs week begins on Monday 11th May.

We want to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 children. They have worked with determination, maturity, and resilience throughout the year. SATs are simply one moment in time, and what matters most is the effort, attitude, and growth they have shown.

We know they will approach the week with confidence and give their very best—just as they always do.

Looking Ahead – Summer Term Dates

Please see a preview of some key upcoming dates

- Sports Day: *Monday 20th July*
- Summer Show (Class 2 & 3 at Morley Hayes): *Monday 13th July*

Further details will follow, but we wanted to give families early notice for diaries.

Safeguarding Reminder

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we would like to gently remind families that arrangements made outside of school, such as playdates or visits to other homes, remain a parental responsibility.

We encourage all parents to feel confident in asking questions about supervision, who will be present, and the arrangements in place, so that they can make informed decisions that feel right for their family.

As a school, we are always here to support and advise where we can, and we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care.

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance currently stands at **97.8%** which is a fantastic achievement. I am sure this will continue to climb even higher during the summer.

Broomfield	Rolls Royce	Tissington	Morley Hayes
98%	97.6%	98.9%	96.6%

Start of the Day

Opening the school door from 08:30 has had a positive impact upon the start of the day which is calm and focused. Please can I encourage all families to ensure their child is dropped off at school for **08:45 at the very latest**. When children arrive at school, they take part in morning maths and English activities which are vital – children miss out on these learning opportunities if they arrive late.

Community Safeguarding

Our community safeguarding report tool is available through the QR code and on the school safeguarding page of the website. This initiative ensures that everyone can play a role in keeping our children safe, creating a stronger, more vigilant community. Thank you for your support in making Morley a safe and nurturing environment for all.

https://www.morley.derbyshire.sch.uk/can-i-talk-to-you-safeguarding-concerns/

PE

Please note that **all earrings must be removed for PE lessons** for safety reasons, and we are unable to make exceptions. Earrings can be taped up if children are in the healing period after having their ears pierced. Earrings should be small studs only and no other jewellery is allowed in school.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a clear, reusable water bottle in school everyday.

Contact Details – Keep Us Updated

Please remember to inform Mrs Taylor if your contact details change – particularly phone numbers and emergency contacts. It's essential that we have up-to-date information in case of emergencies.

Access to devices

The world is more digital than ever, and we share most of our updates through ClassDojo. If you don't have access to a device or would prefer paper copies sent home, please let us know, we're more than happy to help in school.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,
Mr Taylor

Key Dates

5th May 2026	Class 2 visit to Rolls-Royce
11th May 2026	Year 6 SATS Week Begins
22nd May 2026	Break up
1st June 2026	INSET Day
3rd June 2026	Class 1 visit to Bolsover Castle
8th June 2026	Class 1 Broomfield Plant Centre
10th June 2026	Class 3 Trip – Mountains & Valleys
25th June 2026	Class 2 visit to Hardwick Hall
30th June 2026	Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photo
1st July 2026	New Class Move Up Morning
13th July 2026	Class 2 and 3 Summer Show at Morley Hayes
20th July 2026	Sports Day
Thursday 23rd July 2026	Last Day of the School Year