Morley Primary School Newsletter – February 2026

Class 2 & 3 PE at Springwood Leisure Centre

Class 2 and Class 3 have been enjoying their recent PE sessions at Springwood Leisure Centre, where children have been developing their tennis skills alongside other important foundational PE skills. We were delighted to receive a lovely email from the Leisure Centre manager complimenting our children on their excellent manners and behaviour, and saying they would be very welcome to return next year. It was wonderful to hear how much of a pleasure the children were to host, and we are very proud of how they all carried the Morley Feeling.

Ofsted Thank You

Once again, I would like to thank all staff and children for their incredible hard work and positivity during our recent Ofsted inspection. We are very proud of how the whole school community came together. We will, of course, share the report with families once it is officially published, which we expect to be around Easter.

Careers Programme in School

Our careers programme has got off to a fantastic start this term, with a range of visitors already inspiring the children. So far, we have welcomed a dentist, nurses, doctors, events managers, PCSOs and even an MP, with many more visitors planned. Children are creating their own careers journals to record and reflect on these exciting opportunities and begin thinking about future possibilities. We have achieved our Bronze Primary Futures award and working towards Silver:

Class 3 Visit to RAF Cosford

Class 3 enjoyed a fascinating and educational visit to RAF Cosford as part of their learning about World War II and the Battle of Britain. Staff at the museum commented on how impressed they were with the children's knowledge and understanding, which was wonderful to hear. The visit really helped bring their classroom learning to life.

Penguin Play Easter Event

Penguin Play will be hosting two events next half term. An Easter Movie night on Tuesday 17th March and an Easter disco and Easter egg hunt on 24th March. All families are welcome to attend and we hope many of you will be able to join the fun.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will begin after February half-term for children in **Years 3 and 4**, who will take part in 45-minute sessions each week for eight weeks. This will then be followed by swimming sessions for Years 5 and 6 starting on 8th May, running for seven weeks.

Year 6 SATs Preparation

Our Year 6 children continue to work incredibly hard as they prepare for their upcoming SATs assessments, which begin on Monday 11th May. We are very proud of their effort and determination, and we encourage them to keep up their focus and positive attitude in the weeks ahead.

Road Safety Session for Class 2

Class 2 took part in an important road safety session yesterday delivered by Derbyshire County Council. The focus was on the dangers of distractions near roads and how to stay safe, sharing key messages to help keep children safe in our community.

Inset Day Reminder

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 23rd February for an INSET day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 24th February.

Parent Safeguarding Bulletins

Thank you to all parents who read our weekly safeguarding bulletins. These short updates are designed to keep everyone informed about key safeguarding themes in school and online. They can always be found on our website under the Safeguarding tab, and we hope they continue to be helpful and easy to follow.

Attendance

Attendance this term has increased once again to our very high standards after the illnesses in November and December 2025. Our whole-school attendance currently stands at **97.5%** which is a fantastic achievement. I am sure this will continue to climb higher during the spring and summer.

Broomfield	Rolls Royce	Tissington	Morley Hayes
97.6%	97.4%	98.8%	96.3%

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. We look forward to another busy and successful half-term ahead at Morley.

Many thanks,
Mr Taylor

Key Dates

23rd February 2026	INSET Day
24th February 2026	Return to School
25th February 2026	Dental inspection for children aged 5
27th February 2026	Swimming starts for Year 3 and 4
24th March 2026	Class 3 visit to Holocaust Centre
27th March 2026	Break up for Easter Holiday
13th April 2026	Return to School
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
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
Thursday 23rd July 2026	Last Day of the School Year