Morley Primary School Newsletter – September 2025

Dear Parents,
It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school for the start of the new academic year. The children have returned with enthusiasm and positivity, and we are already enjoying a purposeful and happy start to the term. The Morley Feeling of Togetherness, Love and Passion is clear throughout school.

Welcome to Our Reception Cohort

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. The children have settled in beautifully and are already showing great confidence and curiosity in their learning. We are proud of how well they have adapted to school life and look forward to seeing them flourish.

Bluebells Farm Trip – Morley Feeling in Action

Our recent visit to Bluebells Farm was a huge success and a wonderful example of our Morley Feeling Togetherness in action. The children represented the school with kindness, respect and enthusiasm. We were delighted to hear from the staff at Bluebells that we were the best school they have ever hosted – a testament to the children's behaviour and spirit. Thank you to all involved.

Penguin Play After School Club

Our new Penguin Play after school club has had a fantastic start. With new resources and games now available, the children have been enjoying a wide range of activities. We are very much looking forward to the Penguin Play Launch Party on Monday 13th October – a celebration of the extension of The Morley Feeling.

After School Clubs

It is with regret that we have had to cancel Basketball Club this half term due to low numbers. However, I have conducted a Pupil Voice consultation with the children to help shape our future after school provision. After half term, we will be offering:

Football – Mondays

Craft Club – Wednesdays

Dodgeball – Wednesdays
Bricks 4 Kids – Thursdays

We hope these new options will appeal to a wide range of interests.

Attendance Matters

We would like to remind all families of the importance of daily school attendance. In line with government guidance, we do not authorise absences for holidays taken during term time. Every day in school counts – consistent attendance supports academic progress, social development, and emotional wellbeing. It is my duty to inform you of the government's policy on term time absences:

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave/Irregular Attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years) -
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave/Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school every day.

Hathersage Residential – Year 4/5/6

We are looking forward to our upcoming Hathersage Residential for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 during the week commencing 20th October. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our Derbyshire locality and strengthen the Morley Feeling Togetherness bond through shared experiences and outdoor learning.

Attendance Update

Our attendance for September is 97.9% – Within this, 68 children have achieved 100% attendance so far.

Excellent attendance remains a key factor in every child's success at school, and we are grateful for your continued support in making it a priority. With your help, we're aiming to **creep even closer to 98% for the entire school year**

House attendance so far this year:

Broomfield	Rolls Royce	Tissington	Morley Hayes
98.7%	98.2%	97%	98%

Online Safety – Parent Resources

Our school website now hosts a dedicated section for **online safety**, including a bank of parent guides. We encourage all families to explore these valuable resources and support safe online habits at home.

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.

Start of the Day

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.

With my very best wishes,
Mr Taylor

Key Dates

20th-23rd October 2025	Year 4/5/6 Hathersage Residential
24th October 2025	Break Up for October Half Term
3rd November 2025	Return to School
17th November 2025	Individual and Sibling Photos
11th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December 2025	Class 2/3 Christmas Performance Morley Hayes
19th December 2025	Break Up for Christmas
5th January 2026	INSET
6th January 2026	Start of Spring Term
12th January 2026	PE at Springwood Leisure Centre for 5 Mondays – drop off 08:45 at Springwood.
13th February 2026	Break up for half term
23rd February 2026	INSET Day
14th February 2026	Return to School
27th March 2026	Break up for Easter Holiday
13th April 2026	Return to School
11th May 2026	Year 6 SATS Week Begins
22nd May 2026	Break up
1st June 2026	INSET Day
Thursday 23rd July 2026	Last Day of the School Year